



**PARTICIPANTS** — One of the teams participating in girls' basketball play is Perquimans Blue. As of Monday afternoon, the team holds a 2-2 record. Team members pictured above are (l. to r.) front row: Christy Pierce, Cindy Eure, Denise Byrum, Sheila Carver, Sondra Thatch, and Coach Faye Bunch; second row: Coach Grace Eure, Kim Leigh, Shelley Leigh, and Ann Forbes. Other Perquimans teams will be featuring in upcoming editions. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)

## Girls' basketball standings announced

In girls' basketball play last week, Perquimans Red defeated Perquimans Green 8-7. For the Red, Sheena Stepney had four points. Connie Brothers led the Green scoring all seven points.

On Thursday afternoon, the Green team lost another close game, 11-9 to the Blue team. For the Green, Connie Brothers had four, Nadine Johnson had three, and Bernadette Whedbee had two. The Blue team was led by Cindy Eure and Kim Leigh who both had four points.

The girls play next on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the National Guard Armory in Edenton. Game times are 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

**STANDINGS**

Edenton Blue	..... 2-0
Perquimans Blue	..... 2-1
Perquimans Red	..... 1-2
Edenton Green	..... 1-2
Perquimans Green	..... 0-4

## Recreation Happenings

By BILLY WOOTEN



Basketball action is still heavy. The Midget boys were named Northeastern District Champions and will play in the Eastern Regionals the first weekend in March. The games will be held in the Greenville area.

The girls' league is going real well. The next games are Tuesday evening at the National Guard Armory in Edenton. Game times are 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

The adult league play is "what's happen-

ing" on Monday and Wednesday nights at Perquimans Union School gym. Games times are 7, 8 and 9 p.m.

Plans have been made for two girls' softball teams this summer that will play in a league with the teams from Edenton. Ages for these teams are 9-12 and 13-15. The teams will also travel and play several other teams in eastern North Carolina. Make your plans now to play. Also, keep in mind the baseball league for 6, 7 and 8-year olds.

## Adult league results

The following are the results of last week's play in adult basketball.

The All-Stars edged out Community Gas by a 58-56 score. Leading scorers for the winners were T. Parker with 24 points and J. Whitehurst with 17 points. M. Hill had 19 points for Community Gas.

The 76'ers downed the Goldiggers 59-54. H. Jackson was lead scorer for the victors with 25 points. For the Goldiggers, H. Thatch had 20 points followed by D. Matthews with 13.

The Independents enjoyed a 72-42 win over the Warhawks. G. Billups and G. Rouse had 14 points each for the winners. R. Eason tallied 14 and K. Welch shot 12 for the losers.

In other play, the Hornets enjoyed a victory over Pioneer Seed by a 77-56 score. Lead scorers for the Hornets were C. Ford with 16 and P. Riddick with 15. Leading for the Pioneers were R. Lassiter with 17 and T. Nowell with 13 points.

The Independents enjoyed a second victory last week, this time an 81-69 game over the All-Stars. J. Winslow shot 22 and L. Felton shot 20 for the winners. Leading the other team were J. Whitehurst with 30 points and T. Parker with 16.

Community Gas was awarded a forfeit over the Goldiggers.

9. Myron Hill — Community Gas — 10.2	10. Carlton Ford — Hornets — 10.2
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## Speaks to 4-H on recreation

Billy Wooten, Director of the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department, was speaker at the Busy Bees 4-H Club meeting on Feb. 4 at the home of Deanne Ashley.

Wooten described the different types of recreation professions: outdoor, therapeutic, and community recreation. Some of the community recreation programs in Hertford are: bingo for senior citizens, girls basketball, and adult volleyball. Plans for the future include a kite flying contest, pet contest, bicycle rodeo, softball, and baseball. He discussed proposals for the park surrounding the building and gave suggestions for planning recreation. He said, "Know who you teach, their interest, how to get the attention of the group, how to get your point across, show how or practice, and know the benefits to individual development."

Alice White, vice-president called the meeting to order. Andy White led songs and pledges. Amy Powers had the devotion. Deanne Ashley, secretary, recorded eight members present. Melissa Corpew gave a treasurer's report. The group voted to accept the program plans for the year: Tricks with Treats and Fun with Sewing and Crafts projects.

Tonya Walker led the group in recreation. Refreshments were served by Deanne and Karen Ashley.

## People in the news

Mr. and Mrs. Glen White and daughter of Fayetteville were weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin White in Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gregory and family of Raleigh were weekend guest of Mrs. Royce Vickers.

Mrs. Marion Riddick is spending some time in Kankakee, Ill. with her son, Wayne Riddick.

Julian White is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital.

Mrs. Haywood Divers and Miss Jo Hunter spent the weekend in Raleigh with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross.

Kermit Kirby of Norfolk, Va. visited friends in Hertford on Monday. Elliott Layden has returned home after undergoing surgery at Chowan Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harrell spent the weekend in Boone.

Walter Edwards, Jr. spent the weekend in Greenville with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards. Mr. Edwards is a patient in Pitt Memorial Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Dick Brewer spent the weekend in Williamston with her mother, Mrs. Annie Corey.

Mrs. Anderson Layden is a patient in Chowan Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Haskett spent the weekend in Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

Mrs. T.W. Nixon spent the weekend at Virginia Beach, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Quincey.

Miss Sue White of Va. Beach, Va. was a weekend guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Julian White.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Biggers have returned home after spending several days in Raleigh and Pinehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cheson and family of Raleigh spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Cheson.

Roy Vickers of Va. Beach, Va. was a weekend

# Vegetable garden contest planned

"The Perquimans County Chairmen for the Spring Vegetable Garden Contest were elected Friday, Feb. 17 during the County Vegetable Garden meeting," states Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent. The meeting was held at the Extension Office Building. Clarence Felton was elected to serve as the chairman for the large Vegetable Garden Contest and W.H. Jones for the small vegetable garden contest.

In the large vegetable garden contest, participants must have an adequate size — one-tenth acre per person, and one point for each vegetable planted in quantities large enough for family use, a minimum of 15 or more varieties.

In the small vegetable garden, the minimum size is 100 square feet with five or more varieties. The small vegetable garden contest will consist of three divisions. They are as follows: Junior Division — ages 6-12, senior — ages

13-19, and adult division. All vegetable gardens will be judged according to number of different varieties, freedom from grass and weeds, disease control, insect control, adequate size, good stand, pro-

per fertilization, arrangement and location and the condition of garden at time of judging. The prizes will be a gold cup for the winner in each division.

The enrollment for the vegetable garden contest

will be held from March 1 to April 15. Enrollment forms may be secured from the Extension Office Building or from the County vegetable chairmen and 4-H club leaders after March 1.

## Grain reserve program is announced by ASCS

By THOMAS L. RIDDICK

**GRAIN RESERVE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED** — The food and Agricultural Act of 1977 requires the establishment of wheat reserves and gives authority to the Secretary of Agriculture to implement a feed grain reserve when there are abundant supplies.

In view of the current supply situation, the Secretary of Agriculture has implemented a new grain reserve program. The purpose of the grain reserve program is to isolate these stocks from market to:

1. Strengthen current market prices
2. Serve as hedge against the inflationary efforts of a poor crop in future.

3. Be available for meeting emergency needs in the future. Under this program farmers enter into storage contract with the government for a three year period and receive annually, in advance a storage payment of 25 cents

per bushel for corn, wheat, and barley, 19 cents per bushel for oats and 44 cents per cwt. for grain sorghum. The grain remains in storage until the contract expires or prices for the grains reach certain levels unless the producer pays a penalty for an earlier release from the storage contract. Approvals may be issued by the County ASCS office to rotate or substitute stocks in order to maintain a quality product.

Farmers with 1976-crop barley, oats and wheat not yet under a purchase agreement may file by Feb. 28, obtain a loan and immediately enter the reserve. The final date to obtain a loan and become

eligible to enter the reserve program on 1977-crop barley, oats and wheat is March 31, 1978.

Dates will be announced later for entry on corn. Also there has been changed in the farm storage facility loan program. That will increase the amount of storage for which reserve participants may qualify. The change is in determining existing storage available on the farm. Existing capacity used to store grain in reserves will be excluded when determining additional storage needs.

For more information on the farmer-held reserve program, contact the local ASCS office.

## Heart Fund drive continues

Ben Berry, President of the Perquimans County Heart Association, reminds citizens of Hertford that Sunday, Feb. 26 is being observed as Heart Sunday in the residential area. Volunteers, under the sponsorship of the Hertford BPW Club, will be making a house to house canvass Sunday afternoon.

Also, during these last two weeks of February, members of the Home Extension Service Clubs in Perquimans County will be ciling on residents in the rural area.

Berry urges everyone to give as generously as possible when a volunteer calls at your house.

The following release is from the American Heart Association:

**ODDS REDUCED DRAMATICALLY WHEN SMOKERS QUIT**  
People who have smoked for a long time tend to feel that the damage already

has been done and that it is pointless to quit.

Not so! The American Heart Association says that the smoker who quits eventually lowers the risk of death from heart attack until it is nearly as low as the risk of a person who never has smoked.

What may have started out as a youthful exercise in self-expression has become a primary health hazard for smokers of all ages.

A man who smokes more than one pack of cigarettes a day has nearly twice the risk of heart attack than a non-smoker.

Never was nature more forgiving of abuse than through the regenerative process which restores to good health the smoker who takes a look at the odds — and gets out of the smoking game.

Heed this advice from the American Heart Association. The theme of its annual, February campaign is "We're Fighting For Your Life."

## Social Security information

By LEE WALLIO  
Field Representative

A person may now have his or her Social Security check or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check deposited directly to a checking or savings account in a bank or other financial institution.

Many people are already taking advantage of this way of receiving their checks.

There are several advantages to the direct deposit program.

You would not have to go to the bank and wait in line to cash or deposit the check.

There is no worry about losing the check or having it stolen.

Money is available in the account right away, even if you are away from home.

To arrange for direct deposit of Social Security

checks or SSI checks, you should contact the financial institution of your choice and ask for direct deposit form SF-1199.

Completion of this form only authorizes deposits to you checking or savings account.

People choosing direct deposit of their checks must still notify Social Security of any change in their address so that they will continue to receive important notices from Social Security.

Additional information about direct deposit of checks is available from your financial institution or your local Social Security office.

The Elizabeth City Social Security office is located at 111 Jordan Plaza next to Southgate Mall (phone 338-2161) and is open 9:00 to 4:30 weekdays.

## Camping program

A new self-awareness camping program for physically handicapped young adults from across North Carolina will take place from April 17-May 12 at Camp Easter-in-the-

Pines, sponsored by the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of North Carolina, Inc.

Participants will attend the program for varying lengths of time, depending on their personal progress during their stay.

The purpose of the program is to help the handicapped adult develop and improve self-help skills and social interaction abilities. Program activities will be planned and executed by participants on a group and individual level. Guidance will be available from a staff of professionals and volunteers.

The major areas of concern will be personal growth in which the individual will participate in self-awareness and group dynamics, community activities through interaction with the community outside the camp setting, daily living skills through care of personal belongings and personal hygiene, and language arts that will develop the participants' skills in self-projection. Time will also be spent on constructive use of leisure time.

For further information, those interested may contact The Easter Seal Society at P.O. Box 1331 in Greenville, 27234.

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