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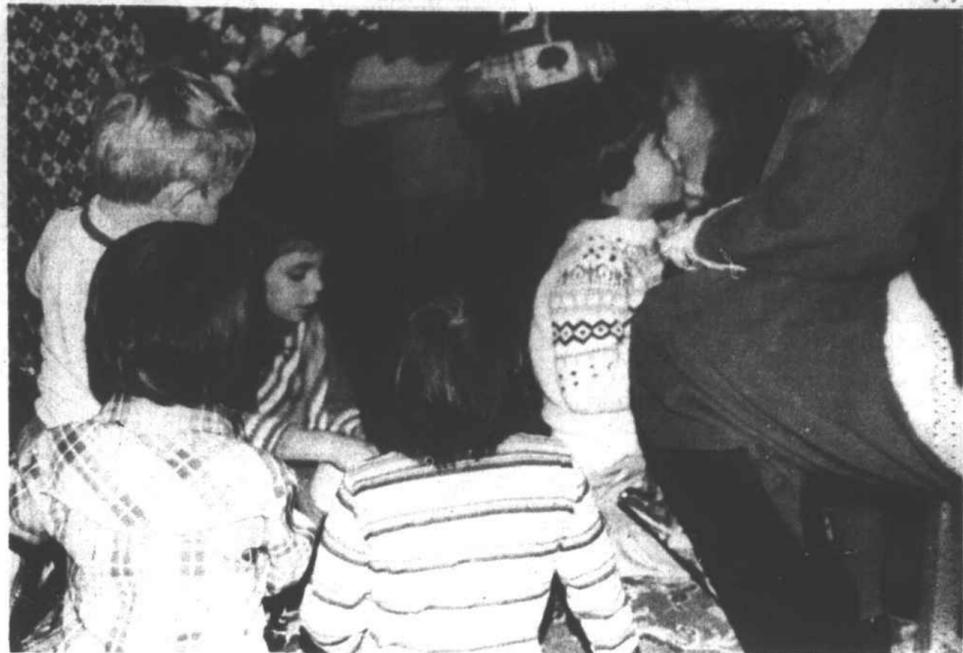
15 CENTS



**WAITING FOR SANTA**—The children at the Pre-Kindergarden Class in the Hertford Methodist

Church waited and waited for Santa Wednesday but it looked like he

wasn't coming. Finally Jolly Ole St. Nick showed up with presents and a



happy "Ho! Ho! Ho!" There are 18 children in the class taught by

Lorraine Stone and Nancy Newbern. The kids meet on Tuesday, Wed-

nesday, and Thursday of each week. (Staff photos by Tony Jordan)

## Businessmen Tour Education Center

**SUFFOLK**—To begin the process of complete public understanding of the Career Education Concept, a group of community and business representatives from the Tri-County area toured the P.D. Pruden Vocational-Technical Center in Suffolk, Va., December 12.

Although educators from the Gates, Perquimans, and Edenton-Chowan areas have visited and

otherwise made close contacts with several other career centers, this was the first instance in which citizens of the three counties had been invited to participate in the process.

The 27-member tour group traveled to the Center by chartered bus as guests of the Tri-County Career Education Center Feasibility

Study, directed by Kenneth L. Stalls of Edenton.

En route Stalls explained the Career Education Concept which is being explored by the Tri-County area.

Stalls first became involved in a three county effort four years ago when he began serving as Local Director of Vocational Education for the three counties. His current position is an outgrowth of the former one. He explained to the group how the Superintendents, Boards of Education and Boards of Commissioners had studied and discussed many times the possible alternatives available for improving secondary education offerings in the local schools. After much reasearch and more study, the decision was made by the Boards of Education to explore the Tri-County Career Education Concept.

Funds to cover the cost of the Feasibility Study were provided through State sources and the

Coastal Plains Resource Commission.

Stalls explained that if the study proves the feasibility of the venture and a center is established, this will be the first time that students in North Carolina Schools have been bused across county lines for the purpose of providing secondary education.

Although the Pruden Center is strictly vocational-technical, and the Tri-County Concept is vocational and advanced academic in nature, Pruden is organized similar to the Tri-County Concept and is also the nearest unit geographically to this area.

Through the visit to the Center, Stalls stated that our people could get some insight into what the counties have envisioned for local students. He also explained that classes designed for 'special' education needs such as disadvantaged and handicapped are possible under this program. Adult

education is also a part of the plan.

The goal of the Tri-County project is to acquire funds with which to purchase a site, construct a center and purchase equipment and materials for it without additional cost to the counties.

"Our Boards of Education and Boards of Commissioners are very supportive of our schools, however, we do have a low tax base in this area, and funds are really hard to come by," Perquimans County Superintendent James P. Harrell stated.

It was also explained that the center would assist the three counties in offering more to the students without loss of the individual county and high school identity. "Students", Harrell said, "might be working side by side in classes or labs all week, and then butting heads against each other in a ball game on Friday night."

Regular academic courses, plus introductory courses to vocations

and some vocational courses would be offered in the home high school. Heretofore, limited enrollment in the county secondary schools have prevented te completion of a full scope and sequence in many areas. "With the center," Stalls stated, "we could better meet State requirements."

In early 1979 a survey will be made of business and industry, parents, educators, and students. "If the people want the center, we will go with it, if not, we will pass our materials on to others who want of pursue a similar concept."

If others are interested in studying career centers or in learning more about the Tri-County Concept, more visitations will be held next year. Those interested or having questions may contact James P. Harrell or Director Stalls for futher information, both located at the County Extention Offices in Hertford.

### Stickers and Plates

### Go on Sale Jan. 2

**RALEIGH**—The Division of Motor Vehicles of the North Carolina Department of Transportation reminded motorists December 18 that validation stickers and plates for 1979 will go on sale throughout the state on January 2.

Renewal cards necessary for obtaining a 1979 sticker or plate were mailed today and should be recieved by December 29. Anyone not receiving a renewal card should notify the Division of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh by mail at 1100 New Bern Avenue or by telephone at (919) 733-3025.

Elbert L. Peters Jr., Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said, "It will take from ten days to two weeks to obtain a card and new plates or stickers must be displayed by midnight, February 15."

Newcomers to North Carolina or those buying a car for the first time should make application for a license plate at the nearest local agency.

With the exception of some special classification, 1979 automobile licenses will be renewed with a validation sticker to be affixed to the upper right-hand corner of the current plate, over the 1978 sticker. Care should be taken to place the sticker exactly as instructed to prevent accidental removal.

An annual license plate will

continue to be issued for all other classifications, including trucks. Any newly acquired vehicle will be issued a plate and sticker unless a plate is to be transferred.

"There are 111 license agencies across the state," said Director of Registration, Gonzalie Rivers. "We hope citizens will take advantage of these offices and buy their licenses early."

Rivers said the division is launching a new communications program this year to encourage vehicle owners to purchase the license plates or stickers before the end of the renewal periods. Carrying the slogan, "Get Yours Early," posters, counter cards, and public service announcements will convey this message.

"We feel this program will aid in the reduction of waiting time and provide better efficiency at our offices," said Rivers.

Perquimans residents may purchase their plates and stickers at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce as in years past. The office is located on Grubb Street in the Municipal Building. Hours will be 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the office will be open from 9:15 until noon.

### Licenses Delayed

An 11-inch minimum size limit on flounder was established by the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Nov. 27 in Morehead City. The Regulation which becomes effective Jan. 1 will affect commercial and sport fishermen.

The Commission passed the regulation as a conservation effort, according to J.J. Smith, Chairman of the Commission. "Other Atlantic seaboard states have minimum size limits. South Carolina's is 9 inches, Florida, 11, Virginia, 12, and New Jersey and New York are both 14 inches," stated Smith.

In other Marine Fisheries news, Edward G. McCoy, Director of the North Carolina Division, stated the sales of the 1979 commercial fishing boat licenses have been delayed once again.

Commercial fishermen are required

each year to have a boat registration renewal decal from the Wildlife Commission plus a commercial fishing license from Marine Fisheries.

In past years if the fishermen wanted the renewal at no charge they first purchased a commercial fishing boat license from the Marine Fisheries and then sent a copy of the license form to the Wildlife Commission in Raleigh along with their renewal form.

This year the fishing licenses will not be issued until at least January 2. Usually the licenses go on sale December 1. If a commercial fishermen wants a no-charge renewal decal before the 1979 license is available, he should send the renewal card to Raleigh now in care of Ms. Gournas, and later send the proper portion of the license form.



**BLOOD LETTING**—The Red Cross was in town Dec. 20 at the Hertford Methodist Church to help save lives by keeping their blood bank full. And

to help the local people know about it, WBXB, FM radio station in Edenton, broadcast from Hertford that afternoon. Dottie Littlebridge,

general manager of the station, was one of 111 donors who gave. Maybe not the most enjoyable experience,

but one of the best things a person can do over the holidays. (Staff photo by Tony 'I gave, too' Jordan)