

## Raleigh finished step-brother's colonization efforts

With the death at sea in September, 1583, of Humphrey Gilbert, the burden of English efforts at American colonization was taken up by his half-brother Walter Raleigh.



Allied to the West Country seafaring families Drake and Bilbert, Walter Raleigh was born about 1554 at Hayes Barton in Devonshire.

He spent some time in university at Oxford before going to France in 1569 to assist the French Huguenots in their fight for religious freedom. Back in England, he entered the Middle Temple in 1575, ostensibly to study law, but more probably to make social contacts.

Like many energetic Elizabethans, Raleigh combined scholarship with adventure. His intellectual curiosity was boundless, and he became an accomplished student in many fields. He was a poet as well, with some verses published as early as 1576.

Adventure beckoned to the soldier-explorer, and Raleigh took part in Gilbert's 1578 colonization attempt, as commander of the "Falcon." After the expedition failed, Raleigh went back to military service for a time.

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As a captain of troops during the Irish wars, Raleigh displayed a bravery tinged with recklessness. In December, 1581, he was sent to England with dispatches for the Queen's court. He was noticed by someone in power, and Raleigh capitalized on earlier contacts to

become a courtier.

The court of Queen Elizabeth was brilliant, one of the glories of English history. It was the route of advancement for the talented and ambitious, the conscientious and the greedy.

Someone else noticed Raleigh, the Queen herself. He quickly became a royal favorite. Legend says Raleigh once pleased the Queen by gallantly spreading his bejeweled cloak over a mud puddle to allow the royal feet clean passage.

It was also reported that a bout of the verbal sparring dear to Elizabethans produced a couplet, with Raleigh's "Fain would I climb, yet fear I to fall." Matched by Elizabeth's "If thy heart fail thee, climb not at all."

Enjoying the royal favor, Raleigh climbed quickly. Both his person and his purse benefited from the Queen's appointments and gifts.

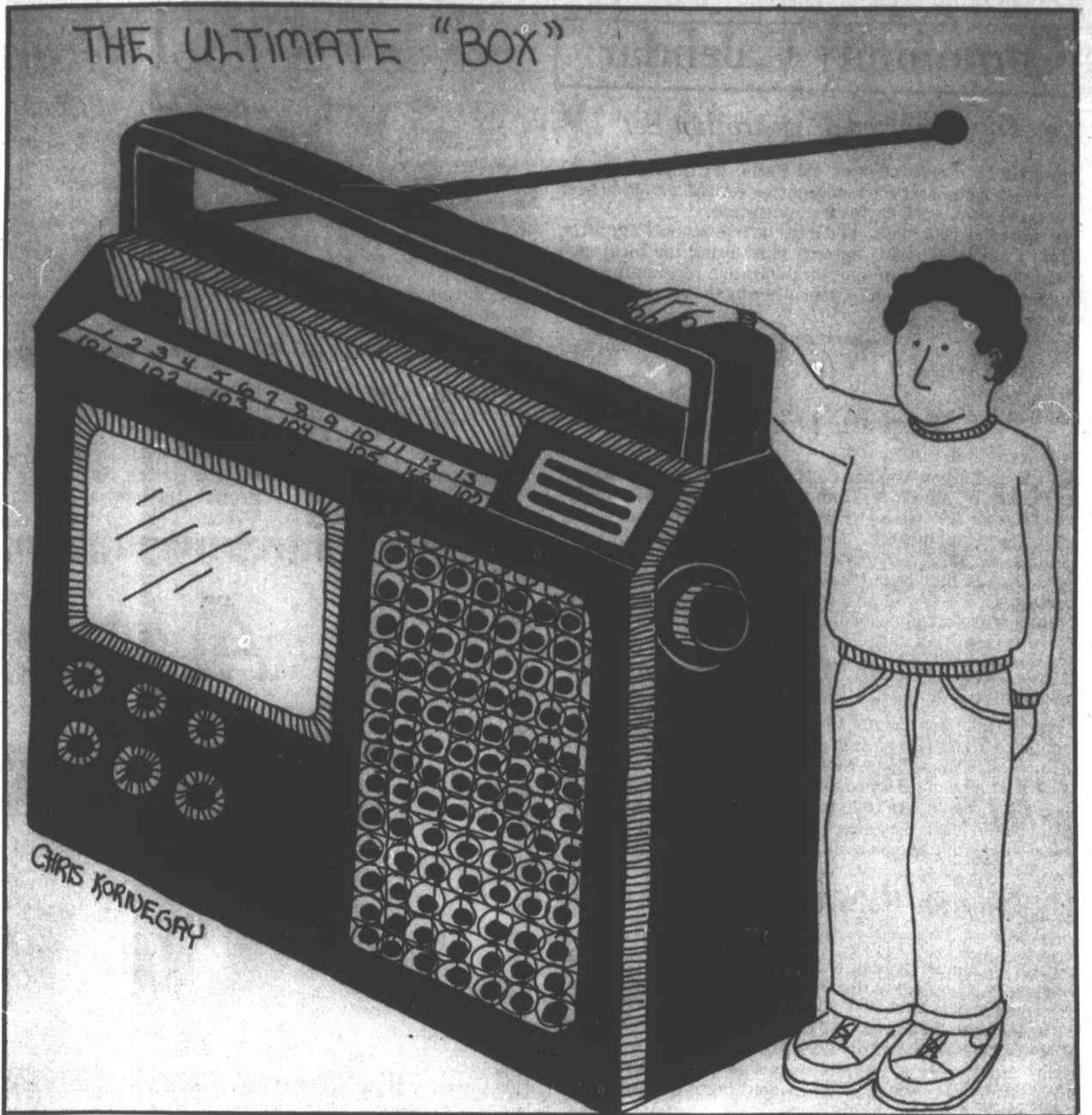
In April, 1582, the Queen appointed Raleigh captain of a foot company, but was so desirous of keeping him near her that she excused him from service in the field. He still kept the title, power and a revenue of the post, however.

In April, 1583, the Queen granted Raleigh a number of manors, and some months later she leased him Durham House to be his London home. In 1584 she licensed him to export certain cloth and granted him a patent which guaranteed him an annual fee from every English vintner.

Raleigh's sense of the adventure and renown to be won from New World exploration was now magnified by the promise of profit from colonizing ventures. Any colony producing wines and buying cloth might enrich him.

Of all the honors and grants flowing from the Queen to Raleigh, the most significant was the patent which enabled him to possess and occupy barbarous lands.

(Part 2 next week.)



## Letters to the Editor

Editor, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

I would vote for the bond if I was of age, but I am only 12 years old. I hope the high school does get built. Please vote "yes"!

Sincerely,  
Scotty Newcomb  
5th Grade

Editor, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

This letter is written to express the need for a new high school building because the old building is dangerous.

We would really like for you to vote "yes" for the bond issue. The students in the 6th grade think it would be nice to have a new building for safety reasons.

Voting for the bond issue is real important because the old school is a fire trap. If you have a fire in each corridor how would the students get out of the building, jump out the windows?

No, because the new building will be built different. The new building will be just one story instead of two.

So PLEASE VOTE YES for the new building.

Sincerely yours,  
Jon Ward  
6th Grade

Editor, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported us. We would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Roberta Phillips for the oxygen equipment that she donated to the rescue squad in memory of her husband.

Thanks to all.  
Annice Peckham  
Captain Perquimans Co.  
Rescue Squad

Editor, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

We would like to let you know about some of the things happening at our schools that center around NATIONAL YOUTH ART MONTH. We would like to invite you to use them in any way you can to help others know about the visual arts in public schools. If you are in our area, please stop by for a visit to see what is going on.

We have designed and painted a billboard sign that has been put up by Smith Advertising Co. on highway 17, 1 1/2 miles north of the intersection of Bypass 17 and business 17 near Hertford and Winfall, North Carolina.

The bill board shows four pieces of

art work from our county schools that have been enlarged and painted by the PCHS Art Club. This will be up for the rest of March and the first part of April.

On Friday, March 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00, we will be having a mini Arts Festival in the Art Room at the high school.

The students will be observing and asking questions of five local artists and craftspersons. This is to introduce them to the fact that there are people in their area involved in the Arts.

We are having an Arts Night on Thursday, March 29, from 7:30 until 8:30. The students will be demonstrating various art mediums, their work will be on exhibit throughout the new building.

There will be a slide show at 8:00 showing the value of art in the public school curriculum.

We also have an art exhibit

downtown in Hertford in the Blanchard building windows. We have art work exhibited throughout the various businesses in town.

This art work will be up for the entire month of March. We have an exhibit of letters responding to our Perquimans County art calendar in Peoples Bank and Trust.

These letters are from various individuals such as Governor Hunt, Senator Helms, Walter B. Jones and others.

We would like to invite you to visit any of these that you possibly can. We hope that you will enjoy these. Thank you for supporting the arts and the public schools in our community and in others.

Sincerely,  
The students of  
Perquimans County  
Deborah P. Coates —  
High School Instructor  
Rebecca Spivey —  
Elementary Instructor

## Nine factors guide "Peace of Mind"

Have you ever wondered why some people seem to be more satisfied with life than others? People, though lacking in material things, that seem to have a wealth of joy in their daily lives?

egotistical, materialistic people score lowest of all in any test for measuring happiness.

It's strange to note that none of the factors above include a strong religious conviction. I find it very hard to believe a person can find true happiness without a belief in something stronger than the promises of this earth alone.

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Have you ever played the "What If" game? All of us at one time or another have wondered what things would be like "if."

A reporter once asked George Bernard Shaw to play the game shortly before his death. "Mr. Shaw," he asked, "you have visited with some of the most famous people in the world. You have known royalty, world-renowned authors, artists, teachers of the world and more.

"If you could live your life over and be anybody you've known, or any person from history, who would you be?"

"I would choose," replied Shaw, "to be the man George Bernard Shaw could have been, but never was."

What an insight! The sad fact is that few people ever become all that they could have been. Though you may not always be able to control what others do to you, what happens to you, where you were born, what physical impairments you have, what others think or expect of you or how high your IQ is, you can control how well you use what you have.

A person's real limits are a negative outlook on life, excuses, wasting time, pettiness, feeling sorry for yourself, and bad habits. The real "if" in life is "if you want to."

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People aren't always what they appear to be. Take television's Mr. T for instance.

Speaking about the Chicago ghetto of his childhood: "They told me I'd never make it because I'm black, because I came from welfare, because I have inferior education, because I came from a broken home, because I grew up around drugs.

"But I'm making it. I'm going back to tell the other kids they can make it too."

## Point of View

by: BILL NIXON

Perhaps these people have "peace of mind." A few years ago, the Sociology Department of Duke University did a study on the subject. Hundreds of people, both happy and unhappy, were studied.

Nine factors were found to contribute to emotional and mental stability. Let me share them with you.

1. The absence of suspicion and resentment.
2. Living in the present and future.
3. Much unhappiness stems from an unwholesome preoccupation with past mistakes and failures.
4. Not wasting your time and energy fighting conditions you cannot change.
5. Cooperating with life, rather than against it. The ability to stand up for what you believe in and not running away from life's challenges.
6. Forcing yourself to be outgoing with others rather than retreating within during periods of emotional stress.
7. Refusing to pity yourself or seek self-justification in easy alibis that make you appear "noble" to yourself and others.
8. Cultivating the old-fashioned virtues of love, honor, loyalty and thrift.
9. Not expecting too much of yourself or too little. When there is a wide gap between the standards you set for yourself and your actual achievement, unhappiness is inevitable.
10. Finding yourself something bigger in which to believe than your own greatness. Self-centered,

## Looking back

20 Years Ago

By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU  
TWO PERQUIMANS STUDENTS INDUCTED IN HONOR SOCIETY AT ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: Hubert Burden and William Preston Nixon Jr. of Hertford were among nine Atlantic Christian College students to be inducted into the Golden Knot Honor Society at its spring tapping ceremony held at Wilson on March 5. Burden is the son of Mrs. Ruth H. Burden of Winfall and J. M. Burden of Woodville. He is a junior majoring in biology with a minor in physical education.

Nixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Preston Nixon of Route 2, Hertford. A senior, he is majoring in chemistry and biology. He plans to attend the Medical College of Virginia next year.

HERRING TIME IN PERQUIMANS RIVER: The river herring fish have arrived as they do each year during the spawning season.

However, due to the cool weather, fishermen here report their catches

haven't been too great up to the present time. Usually when the fish arrive, the banks of the river and local creeks are lined with fishermen and their families equipped with nets dipping the herring out of the water.

The arrival of herring has caused sport fishing to be not so good, as the fish are feeding on the spawning herring eggs, so we are told.

THREE SISTERS HURT IN WRECK: Mrs. Zeanova White of Belvidere, Mrs. Willie Mae Symons and Mrs. Jean White, sisters, all of Perquimans County, received injuries in an automobile accident on U. S. 17 south of Elizabeth City last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Z. White of Belvidere, driver of the car occupied by the sisters, was traveling south from Elizabeth City to Hertford when a car, driven by J. Junior White, 76, of Elizabeth City, failed to yield to the right of way.

He was reported to have been attempting to turn and drove into the face of the automobile occupied by the Perquimans trio. The three sisters were taken to Albemarle Hospital.

## My View

### Applauding concerned local government groups

By SUE ANDREW  
A few years ago we were treated to a get out the vote campaign slogan — "Vote and the choice is yours — don't vote and the choice is theirs." How true that slogan is.

In recent years we have seen the formation of Political Action Committees to persuade legislators and voters to ascribe to their views.

It appears that one little vote really doesn't make a difference anymore, but, take heart, each vote does count and always will if each of us will take

the time to register to vote and then use that privilege and vote!

We applaud the efforts of the Perquimans County Commissioners to have voter registration on Saturday, March 31 and Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We hope that those people eligible to register will take this opportunity to register to vote. It is a very simple process and takes very little time. Use your privilege, many people in this world would, and have, died for the right to vote.

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