

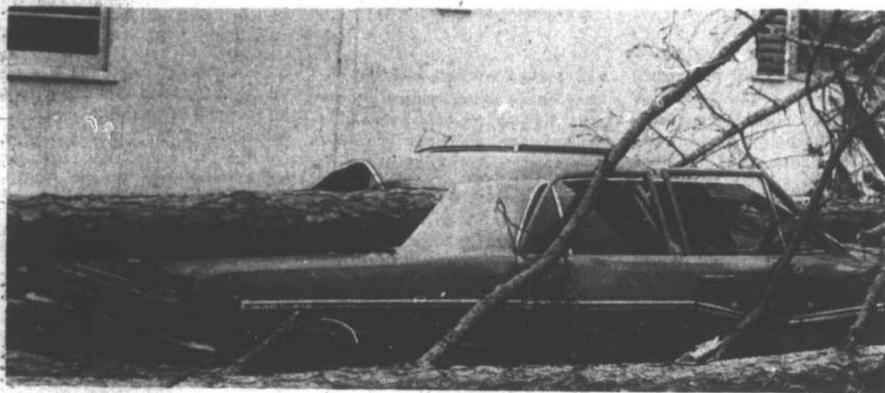
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## Tornado Damage

A tornado touched down in Perquimans County last Wednesday night, wreaking havoc with property and trees across the southern end of the county. Property damage estimates total more than \$2 million. See related story and photos on page 2.



## Updated facilities needed for PCHS

(Editor's Note: The following is the fifth in a nine-part series of articles that have been compiled by the Perquimans County School Administration staff. These articles are being provided in an effort to educate the general public of the needs facing the county today.)

The quality of the art program in our high school depends, in part, on adequate and functional facilities. Poor facilities limit the program and activities that can be offered as well as presenting hazards to the students.

The art room needs to be located on the ground floor with access to the outside by a private entrance. This will cut down on noise and disturbance to other classes as well as provide easier transporting of large works of art.

Access to the outside is very important for spray paint use, sketching scenes and buildings, firing Indian pottery, etc... The art room that is now used is located on the second floor in the middle of the building.

This limits the use of the outside because of traveling down a hallway and being away from the classroom.

Effective storage facilities are a definite necessity to an art program. There is a need for storage space for art supplies, equipment, visual aids, paints and other flammable supplies.

They need to be stored away from work areas. Chemicals used in pottery and silkscreening need to be locked up because some of these are toxic when improperly used.

Equipment such as the pottery kiln needs to be located where it will not be moved but can easily be used.

It is a safety hazard for the kiln to be on a wooden floor since the kiln reaches close to 2000 degrees in temperature during use. Ventilation is a health need of the art facility.

There are many art supplies that give off fumes, not necessarily dangerous, but unpleasant. The roof outside the present art room prevents breezes from flowing into the room on most occasions and when

the air does enter the room it blows the fumes into the hallway.

In every art program, there is a need for proper clean up and display facilities. Presently, the art room has one sink with only cold water for cleaning up activities. The problem would be solved by having more sinks spaced appropriately with hot water for easier cleaning.

The display areas need to serve both two-dimensional and three-dimensional works. Walls serve very well for the two-dimensional pieces; however, display cases or shelves are needed for sculptures, pottery, mobiles and other projects.

The art room also needs to have adequate space for working on various projects, storing work, and allowing for rearrangement of furniture for special projects needs and for adequate supervision.

There is always the need for proper lighting, proper floors and ventilation to insure that accidents will not occur. The lighting needs to be adequate but without glare.

The art room now has ten windows that overlook the auditorium roof. The glare is so bright that there are days when the blinds must be shut completely.

The floors are wooden but should be of a non-skid material to prevent sliding when wet.

The art facilities are a vital part of the Perquimans County High School Curriculum. When they are adequate, safe and used to their potential they help to aid the program: a program where the student learns to see more, to sense more, to recall more and to be aware of his ever changing environment.

The art facility should be a place where the student learns to express himself visually in order to prepare for all the experiences and problems he will encounter in the future. Support the Perquimans County School's Art Programs.

Vote yes for the school bond referendum on May 8.

## E.I.C. administers housing-job projects

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. is currently operating an Employment Assistance project and a Housing Assistance project for eligible families within the Albemarle Area.

These projects are being funded under the Community Services Block Grant administered by the N. C. Division of Economic Opportunity.

Individuals with incomes below the poverty guidelines may receive assistance based upon their housing or employment condition. Clients seeking assistance under the job project must be unemployed and those requesting assistance through the housing projects must be living in substandard housing with incomplete plumbing facilities or overcrowded as determined by the Division of Economic Opportunity.

Pre-screening is provided to job

seekers to determine employment interests, skills and qualifications. Counseling is also provided in areas such as job seeking, completing ob applications, interview techniques and employee/employer relationships.

Supportive Services such as transportation to job interviews, education or skill training, to public assistance agencies, day care centers and consumer counseling is also provided, as needed.

Available job openings are obtained by the Block Grant staff contacting employers to find out what types of qualifications or skills are needed for the available positions.

Clients are matched with job openings. Emphasis is placed on referrals to job training programs.

Families living in substandard

housing which do not have complete plumbing facilities or overcrowded will be assisted in finding decent, safe and sanitary housing.

Standard housing is sought through rental units, new home purchase, home repair or renovation.

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## Group struggles with preservation effort

The preservation of North Carolina's oldest house, now called Newbold-White for its last owners, has been a long and continuing struggle for the Perquimans County Restoration Association.

Why spend all this money on preserving a house, which, by today's standards is not fit for habitation? It has no indoor plumbing, no place for cooking indoors save two huge fireplaces, and no electric lighting.

The Newbold-White House has been saved from destruction because it is a symbol of Perquimans' importance in the earliest history of North Carolina.

Perquimans County has a place in the state's history second only to Roanoke Island, the focal point of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary. This oldest house in North Carolina has seen the history of the state and nation unfold.

It is fifty years older than George Washington, and almost one hundred years older than the United States of America.

A people need some tangible symbols to sustain their pride in the past, and to remind them of their beginnings. The United States has the Statue of Liberty and the Washington Monument.

Perquimans County has the Newbold-White House. During North Carolina's Proprietary period, from 1663 to 1729, the business of the government of North Carolina took place here.

Courts of various kinds met; the General Assembly sat, and religious services were held, all in this small house, making it a part of the heritage of all North Carolinians.

But it is not enough to repair the bricks and mortar, to replace the rotting wood. Historic sites must also be brought back to life by retelling their history and the lifestyle of the occupants.

Who was Joseph Scott, the first owner? What was life like in those days in the 1680's? Why did the Society of Friends hold a religious service at his home in 1672?

These and other questions must be answered if today's children are to know their past.

The Perquimans Restoration Association has moved the Federal period David Newby house to the property to serve as a site manager's house and office.

This house is being restored with major funding by Irving H. Wainwright, of Richmond, Va., in memory of his wife, Harriett Frances Madre Wainwright, a native of Hertford.

Substantial assistance has also been provided through the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Completion of this project will mark a major step forward in the work of the Association.

Interpretation and development of the site can go forward on a daily basis, and visitors will be assured

that the site will be open. The Newbold-White House is included in the Historic Albemarle Tour, and will also be shown in the new Four Hundredth Anniversary Tours now being prepared by Historic Albemarle Tour for national tour brokers.

It also appears in the new North Carolina Highway Map, in "Back to Beginnings."

The first Perquimans Heritage Day was held in September, 1983, and depicted some of the role of the Native American in the county.

A plaque honoring the King of the Yeopim Indians was dedicated. On October 12, 1984, the Newbold-White site will feature Quaker and Proprietary history. A tour of the county will be conducted on October 13 to points of historical and Society of Friends interest.

D. Elton Trueblood, prominent

Society of Friends minister, author and lecturer will hold religious services at the Newbold-White site on Sunday, October 14.

He will be assisted by Billy M. Britt, Superintendent of the North Carolina Society of Friends Yearly Meeting. All churches are invited to take part in this commemoration of the beginning of organized religion in North Carolina.

These special events are being planned not only to commemorate four hundred years of English history, but to give everyone an opportunity to look back on their heritage with pride, and to face the future with faith.

Jeanne C. White, Perquimans County Chairman of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary, and Albert Eure, President, Perquimans County Restoration Association are coordinating plans for these events.

## Basnight to speak at Democratic Convention

Marc Basnight, a Democratic contender for the First District N.C. Senate seat, will be the keynote speaker at the Perquimans County Democratic Convention on Saturday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m. County Chairman Tim Brinn announced today. The convention will be held at the Perquimans County Courthouse.

Basnight, a native of Dare County, is the owner and manager of

Basnight Construction Co. in Manteo. He is well known throughout the Albemarle Area for his work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), of which he is a former board member.

W.D. "Bill" Cox, a fellow board member stated that Basnight did an "excellent job as a member, probably accomplishing as much as anyone had in a great many years."

"Work was begun on Highway 17 and Highway 158 largely due to his efforts," Cox said. On the local level Cox stated that Basnight had helped the Town of Hertford extend curbing and guttering from Church St. to the by-pass and had assisted the town in getting all of the state maintained streets resurfaced.

Heading the convention's agenda will be the election of delegates to the district and state conventions and the consideration of a number of resolutions.

"The county convention is an important link in the series of Democratic conventions leading from the precinct up to the national convention," Brinn said. "We hope to elect strong representatives for Perquimans County at the district and state conventions, and to debate key issues facing the county, state and nation."



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