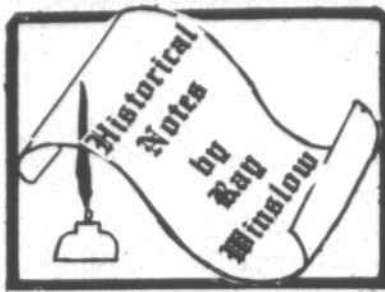


PERSPECTIVE

Explorers encounter natives

The bank and pinnacle sent exploring by Walter Raleigh reached the coast of what is now North Carolina in July 1584. Scouting the outer banks for several days, the expedition under Philip Amadas and Arthur Barlowe selected a landing point.



Finding an opening in the outer banks, the English sailed in and cast anchor. After giving thanks to God for a safe arrival, they took to small boats "and went to view the land next adjoining."

Ashore on that July 13, 1584, the small party of subjects of Queen Elizabeth of England took possession of the land. With due ceremony, they claimed something like 1,200 miles of coast for the Queen's most excellent Majesty.

(Such is the restless nature of the coast that the site of the ceremony is now probably a mile

out in the Atlantic somewhere eastward of Nags Head.)

No doubting it was now theirs, the Englishmen proceeded to view the land. Their proprietary eyes admired the abundant grapes, high cedars, and "goodly woods...full of deer, conies, hares, and fowl." They found the land pleasing and promising.

Other persons already had a claim upon the land, however, as the English learned on the third day after their ceremony of taking possession. Three persons in a canoe were spotted, and one of them eventually allowed himself to be taken aboard the English ships.

The visitor was entertained with a taste of English wine and food "which he liked very well," and was presented with a shirt, a hat, and other gifts. He returned the hospitality immediately by catching a canoe full of fish for his hosts.

On the following day some forty or fifty men of the land appeared with Granganimeo, brother of their king Wingina. A mat was spread upon the shore near the English vessels and the great man sat down in wilderness state.

The English leaders soon

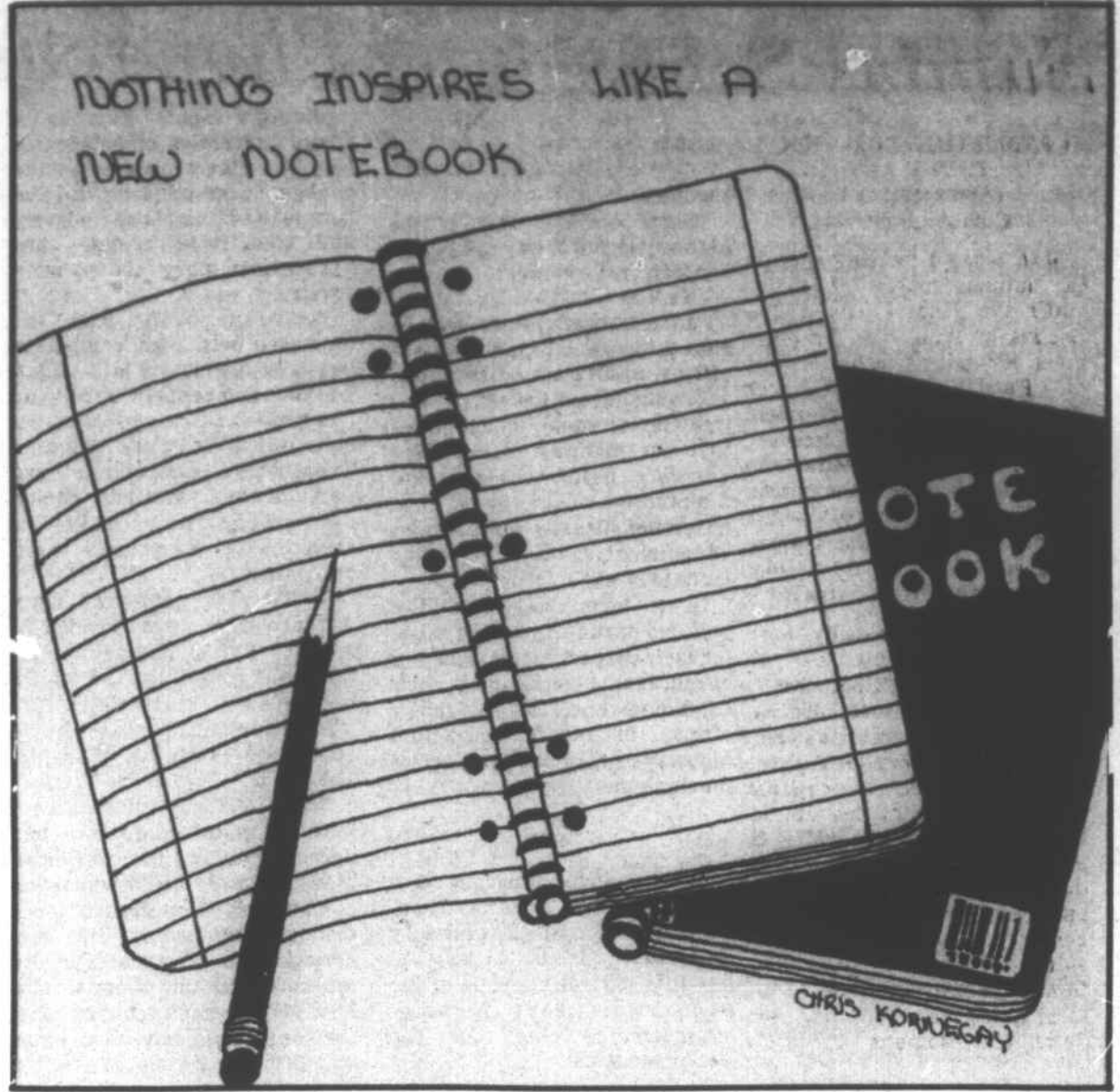
joined Granganimeo, and the representatives of two diverse cultures took on another's measure. With smiles and gestures of friendship, those who occupied the land welcomed those who would take the land from them, but neither then knew what the other had in mind.

A few days after this cordial meeting, trade began. Barlowe wrote that Granganimeo was fascinated by "a bright tin dish...which he presently took up...and...made a hole in the brim...and hunt it about his neck...We exchanged our tin dish for twenty skins..."

Granganimeo's people coveted English hatchets, axes, knives, and especially the swords, but the English were not such fools as to part with weapons which could be used against them if initial friendship waned.

One day Granganimeo dined aboard an English vessel, and on another he brought his wife and several children to visit the strangers. The English noted the trusting natives were "of color yellowish, and their hair black for the most."

(Part four next week.)



Taxpayers can't afford the luxurious gifts of politicians

Now that the short summer session of the legislature is over, most state politicians have very little to do until the new year. For many, this is the perfect chance to be seen in the districts, making sure their name is not forgotten. One popular way to do so is to be the bearer of gifts.

Point of View
by: **BILL NIXON**

Chances are, your local paper has had a story or photograph, or both, of your senator or house member presenting a check to someone or some organization. In a few instances, both a senator and member of the house made presentations together.

At least four area papers I review on a regular basis had such coverage recently. The benefactors have been historical projects, local community theatres, and the auditorium of a former all-black school. In each case, it was noted this funding

was approved by the summer session of the legislature, and the requests for additional funding would be made in future sessions as well. The stories noted further that such funding came in the form of "grants from the state." When translated, what this really means is "Pork-barrell" legislation, or another gift from the taxpayers.

Let's not be misunderstood. Historical restoration is a worthy cause, as is funding of community theatres. Preserving a part of our past or providing a means of local expression of the arts is important. But should state funding of such projects be provided? I don't think so.

In a single district, such institutions were recently on the receiving end of a total of \$82,500 in state money. If this is an example of such gifts throughout the state, the cost to North Carolina taxpayers runs into the millions. This is a luxury the people of this state can't afford.

As noted, I do believe in many of the projects involved. For many, financial support of the taxpayers is necessary to keep the projects going, and such money is usually spent for a good cause. However, financial

support of such efforts should come from local sources, either as direct contributions from individuals or corporations, or from individual fund drives. There are far too many other projects that need state funding, projects that will bring equal benefit to all North Carolinians.

As a whole, Tarheel citizens are a generous lot. We don't mind helping our neighbors, especially when there is evidence of need. That's why most citizens would prefer to see hard-earned tax dollars distributed on a more equal basis. Our tax trough can afford only so much pork.

In many of these same publications, there are articles outlining upcoming policy for school meals, or how to get them free. From the charts, the assumption is that nearly every family is eligible for some assistance.

To determine the amount of assistance available, the household need only supply a limited amount of information — info that is seldom confirmed. Due to a lack of manpower to check all applications, many families will receive the requested reductions or cost-free lunches.

Victory time approaches again

Football season is back again. This year, for a change, I'm ready for it. Normally a steady diet of football would not seem so appealing to me, but for some reason or another, unknown to me, I'm looking forward to the games.

A Chat With Jane
By Jane Williams

I've always enjoyed high school and college games, when I could be there in person. It's sitting in front of the t.v. watching them that always got to me.

Being there has a lot of appeal. Being there when your team wins has even more appeal.

Thankfully this year I won't have to spend any time trying to decide which side of the field to sit on during high school games.

Being a bonafide resident of Perquimans County entitles me to sit on the Perquimans side when they play Edenton this year. I have to admit that last

year I chickened out and stayed at home. This year, barring any unforeseen disaster I will be on the Perquimans side.

College games are an entirely different matter though. No matter where you sit there's always someone who is obnoxiously cheering for the other team.

Being a Duke fan, I'm probably the one that is classified as the "obnoxious oddball." I live in a home that also houses three very devoted Tarheel fans, and they aren't the least bit understanding about my attitude towards the Blue Devils.

There aren't many Duke fans in Perquimans County, or Chowan County either for that matter, so finding an ally is tough.

I think that the most fun I ever had at one time in my life was in November of '82 when Duke defeated the Tarheels in Wallace-Wade Stadium in Durham.

There I sat in all my glory, dressed head to toe in "Duke blue" with a group of people that were my friends when we entered the stadium.

That's the trouble with having a "Heels" fan for a friend. When they lose, if you don't lose with them, they don't like you anymore.

After I forced them to sit and watch as the goal posts were uprooted and marched around the stadium, they were ready to leave Durham forever...and leave me there too!

On that particular day it would have suited me just fine. Anyway, they got their revenge in '83 when the Blue Devils traveled to Chapel Hill.

Now we're approaching a new season, and this year, come November we'll be in Wallace-Wade Stadium again. I've got my tickets, my "true blue" sweater, and up until game time I'll still have my friends. Somebody will leave disappointed—I'm betting it won't be me!

Letters to the Editor

Editor THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY
This is not a response to any letter or comment, but an effort to clear up one issue, and that is the use of taxpayers money to fund a proposed shopping center in Hertford.

In order to help deprived communities the Federal Government has made available loans at a low rate of interest to help in the development of industries, business and other projects that will provide an increase in tax base and jobs.

This loan can be only 25-percent of the total investment. The Town of Hertford does not approve the project, it is approved by HUD officials in competition with other communities from all over the United States.

If the project is not a sound one, it will not be funded.

No local taxes are being used to go in this project: only funds from Federal monies, which if not used in Hertford will be given to some other community that qualifies.

The Town of Hertford and Perquimans County need growth, more jobs, better facilities for shopping and many things that perhaps other towns take for granted.

As Town Manager, I feel that when we have a chance to grow and when people are interested in building in our town, my job is

to encourage proper growth, to help with the planning and to assist any way I can.

It is not unusual for federal funds to be used as an incentive to investors to invest and locate in depressed areas. Example—Farm-home loans, small business loans at a reduced rate of interest.

The town is not asking for a free grant for the developers, but a loan at a lower interest rate and when that money is paid back it will go to the town to be used again.

I have no way of knowing if the town will be successful in this effort or if the project will be approved, but at least we should give it our best shot.

There is a great need for improvements.

I sincerely hope that this has explained the tax question.

Sincerely,
Bill Cox, Mayor
Hertford, NC

Editor THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY
I want to thank you for the article you ran on me in the August 16th issue of your paper. It was a very good article and extremely well done. I felt very pleased and at the same time very humble and unworthy, but truly appreciative.

I love Perquimans County and its people and to be featured in the county newspaper means a great deal to me. The Lord has

blessed me with a full rich life. The opportunity to work for forty years in the public schools of North Carolina is a blessing for which I will always be grateful. And your article is another.

Perquimans County is fortunate indeed to have such a talented writer on the staff of its newspaper. Thank you very much. You have made this "old retired" lady very happy.

Sincerely,
Madge Van Horne
Columbia, N.C.

Editor THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY
The Perquimans County Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee wishes to express its appreciation to everyone who helped to make the Jim "Catfish" Hunter Baseball Clinic a success. As you know, this was the first clinic that Jimmy has held in this state. Fifty-eight boys, ages 12-15, from across the state received personal baseball instructions from Jimmy, our own baseball hero, and learned the history of baseball through films and exhibits. It was quite thrilling to watch the participants with their eagerness and desire to learn the game. I wish that all of you could have been part of this event commemorating America's Four Hundredth Anniversary through the historical game of ball.

We are very grateful to the following persons and firms who contributed their time and

efforts to the cause:

Jimmy Hunter and his family (Helen, Todd, Kim, and Paul); Marvin Hunter, Pete Hunter, Roy Perkins, Lin Jordan, Marvin Hunter, Jr., Kelvin Roberson, Diane White, Bill Tice, Jimmy Byrum, Ben Berry, Buddy Tilley, and Rebecca Spivey.

Also, Joan Mansfield, Fred Fearing, Rodney Lassiter, Mrs. Young Berry, Roger Whitley, Howard Williams, III, Reggie White, Gray Chesson, Amanda Kornegay, Tanya Howell, and Doug Sawyer.

Special thanks to the Coca Cola Company, Perquimans County Lunchroom personnel, LaClaire R. Anderson, Bill Cox and Wonder Bread.

Sincerely,
Anne E. Young, Chairman
"Catfish" Hunter Baseball Clinic
Jeanne C. White, Chairman,
Perquimans County
Four Hundredth Committee

Editor THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY
This letter is in recognition of our Home Demonstration Agent, Paige Underwood, who has received quite an honor recently. She has been made president of the state organization. This is truly, quite an accomplishment and I hasten to say, a well deserved one.

Let us all congratulate Paige and wish her success and satisfaction in her new office.

Grace Colson
Hertford

Looking back

By VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

JAYCEES BAKING NEW SNUG HARBOR BEACH & BOAT CLUB: The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce has pledged its support to the new Snug Harbor Beach and Boat Club, located four miles south of Hertford on the state road route No. 1340 in Perquimans County. The new Snug Harbor Beach and Boat Club has much to offer in way of entertainment. It is sponsoring a fishing rodeo at present with weekly prizes, trophies and cash with the grand prize to be given away in September.

CLAUDE BRINN AT LIONS CONVENTION: Claude Brinn, attended the 47th International Lions Convention held this year

in Foranto, Canada. Brinn was a delegate from the Hertford Lions Club. There were 94 countries represented at the convention. Mrs. Brinn and children, Claudie and Bess accompanied Mr. Brinn to the convention in Canada and on their way stopped by the World's Fair in New York where they spent two days before continuing on to Canada to the convention.

MISS BETH HURDLE ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF 4-H CLUBS IN STATE: Mary Beth Hurdle of Perquimans County was elected vice-president of the North Carolina 4-H Council in an election that climaxed the four-day State 4-H Club Week held on the North Carolina State campus.

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