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School board adopts policy on smoking at Monday meeting

The Perquimans County Board of Education met Monday night and approved the following policy on smoking and the use of tobacco products. The policy will go into effect on July 1, 1987.

SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Policy: The Perquimans County Board of Education believes that smoking and other uses of tobacco products are unsanitary and injurious to a person's health. The ultimate duty of the Board of Education is to protect the rights of students to a free and appropriate education, including an environment free of activities and symbols that influence students toward the use of substances

and behavior that are detrimental to healthful living. The Perquimans County Board of Education believes that the use of tobacco products is not necessary nor appropriate for children or teenagers; that acceptance of tobacco use by students connotes school approval, if not sponsorship of such habits; that the use of tobacco at early ages is a possible health hazard and quite often a social liability; and that this Board has a legal and moral obligation to our students and citizens to promulgate policies which protect the health and future of our students.

The following policy statements shall govern Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products by students and

employees of the Perquimans County School District.

1. Use of tobacco products in any and all forms shall be prohibited from use by students on school premises or during school activities.

2. Due to the significant impact of the adult model on students, the use of tobacco products by employees in the presence of, or possible visibility of, students shall be prohibited on the school premises, on trips, school activities, sport events, and practice sessions.

REGULATIONS:

The following regulations shall be followed in enforcing this policy:

1. Incorporation of the "risk to health" of tobacco use shall be a se-

rious and integral part of the middle school and high school curriculum and guidance effort.

2. In conjunction with the elimination of the use of tobacco by young people at schools, an increase role of education, counseling, community involvement, and alternatives to suspension-a system of support- must be developed and implemented.

3. No employee shall use tobacco products in the possible presence of students. If tobacco products must be used by school based employees, there must be established at each school definite places for such use of tobacco products in the most discreet and professional manner possible.

4. The term tobacco use shall include smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other oral use of tobacco products.

5. These regulations apply at school, athletic events and practice, field trips, and all school events in which students are assigned to the supervision of designated staff members. Students and employees are encouraged to abstain from smoking or using tobacco products when attending a school event or activity as a spectator.

6. Principals shall publicize to each student in his/her school and to all employees assigned to his/her school this policy and the disciplinary procedures and action for noncompli-

ance with this policy. This shall occur at the beginning of each school year.

7. The penalties and disciplinary action for noncompliance with this policy shall be included in the Discipline Policy approved by the Board of Education.

The Board also discussed the construction projects at the High School and Union School. Work is still continuing at both projects with no new major developments.

The School Board meeting on Monday, December 1, 1986 has been cancelled. The next meeting of the board will be Monday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m..

4-H awards given

The Perquimans County Extension Office held their annual 4-H Club achievement program Wednesday, November 12, 1986, at 7:30 p.m..

The achievement program is held each year to honor local 4-H clubs, and their members.

This year's program was emceed by Damion Burke of the Pooles Grove club, and the awards were presented by Jason Harrell, Grand National Winner in Horticultural Marketing. Also included in the program was the parade of clubs, and a 4-H slide show presented by Juanita Bailey.

This year's winners were as follows:

Corn yield contest: 1st place-Matt Williams, 2nd place- Leah Harrell, 3rd place - Jeff Williams.

Outstanding 4-H club members: Dena White - Indian Riders Club, and Damion Burke - Pooles Grove Club.

Outstanding County 4-Her: Damion Burke.

Outstanding 4-H Record Books: Clover Bud group - Jimmie Jordan, Junior group - 1st place Damion Burke, 2nd place - Chrissy Davenport, and Dena White. Senior group - 1st place - Chad White, 2nd place - Sheri Webber.

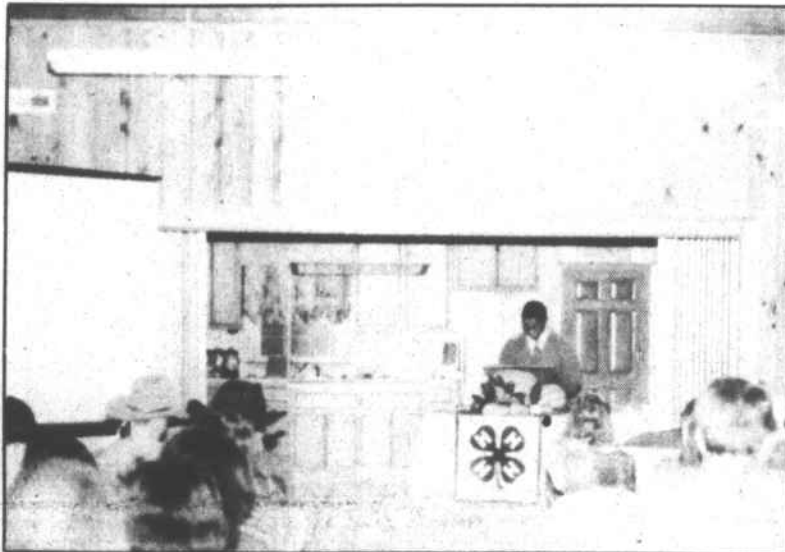
Outstanding 4-H Adult Leader - Emma Burke, Pooles Grove Club.

Outstanding County 4-H Club: Pooles Grove.

Club with the largest attendance at Achievement Night - Pooles Grove.



Pictured here are the winners of 4-H awards from left to right they are Damion Burke, Emma Burke, Sheri Webber, Jimmie Jordan, Leah Harrell, Chris White, Dena White, and Chrissy Davenport. Below Damion Burke is shown as he emcees the program on Wednesday.



Perquimans County fire tax proposed Monday

Members of the six volunteer fire departments of the county gathered Monday evening at the commissioner's meeting to request a county wide fire tax.

The group gathered in the hopes of gaining support from the commissioners for the tax which would help with the costs of operating all the volunteer departments.

The group sighted many reasons for the tax. Rising cost of equipment and building upkeep have taken their toll on all of the departments. County fire fighters feel that people should be willing to help with much needed financial support, and they suggested that a 3 to 4 cents tax be imposed on

all property.

The commissioners listened to the group and asked many questions. Commissioner Thomas Nixon stated he would not be in favor of the tax unless it excluded farm land. Commissioner Wayne Winslow suggested an alternative fire fee which would eliminate taxing farm land, but would still provide additional financial support for the departments.

The board stated their support for the departments, and acknowledged their financial needs. After much discussion, the board decided to table the request until more work could be done. They plan to have a work session with the department chiefs in the

future to discuss the problem and come up with mutually satisfactory solution.

Approved by the board at Monday's meeting was the acquisition by C-4 media corporation of Albemarle Cable Television for the area. The new company hopes to provide better and more service to the county. A representative stated that C-4 Media corporation will provide service to area with 20 homes per mile versus 30 homes per mile presently.

The commission also scheduled a public hearing to be held December 15, at 7 p.m. The hearing will cover the subject of Duckweed in the river. Several state officials including Da-

vid Demont will be on hand to explain the problem, and offer a solution if any is possible. A resolution honoring Winslow-Blanchard for 50 years of service was accepted by the board.

Also discussed at Monday's meeting was a proposed sub-division near Holiday Island, payment of election officials in the county, alternate office space for several county offices, and the heating and cooling system of the ARPDC building.

Specifications are to be developed for a new heating and cooling systems for the building. Cost is not known at this time. Action will be taken on this issue at a future meeting.



Pirates are shown here as they gain control of the ball on Friday against the Bulldogs.

Pirates reach second round in playoffs

For the first time in several years the Perquimans Pirates have advanced to the second round of the 1-A play-offs after defeating the Belhaven-Wilkinson Bulldogs 30-16 Friday night.

The Pirates employed their usual running game Friday, and rushed for 192 yards against the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs passed for 227 yards, and ended the game with negative two yards rushing.

The Pirates forced Bulldog quarterback Freddie Sawyer to pass the ball 29 times Friday. Sawyer completed 16 of the 29, and had three interceptions. The Bulldogs also lost three fumbles during the course of the game.

The Bulldogs gained the first score early in the game. Sawyer completed three passes for a total of 42 yards in three plays. At 2:25 left in the quarter the Bulldogs scored a touchdown on a halfback option from Derek Griffin to Andre Windley.

The Pirates began their scoring drive in the second quarter as Mike Thatch scored with a run from the five yard line.

The Bulldogs fumbled the ball on their second possession and the Pirates got the ball on the Belhaven-Wilkinson 15 yard line. Six plays later Harrell scored from the one yard line for a 14-8 lead.

The Pirates fumbled the ball early in the third quarter, but the defense

pushed Sawyer back for a two point safety, and the 16-8 lead.

Johnson scored on a 30 yard pass from Harrell to make the score 22-8, and Mike Thatch scored again.

Ryan Johnson sparked the Pirates as he picked up a fumble on the 44 yard line, but the Perquimans drive was stopped by a Bulldog interception.

The winning drive came when Guan Skinner picked off a pass and ran for a touchdown from the five yard line with 36 seconds left in the third quarter.

The win Friday makes Perquimans record 9-2 for the year. This week they face the Warriors of North Edgecombe.

Burglar arrested Thursday

A robber was apprehended last Thursday night at Chappell's Store in Winfall. The arrest came as the result of prompt co-operation and quick response of local law enforcement officers.

Officer Tim Spence of the Winfall and Hertford Police departments was working last Thursday in Winfall when he received a call from Sydney Sheldon of Sheldon's Mini Mart. Sheldon reported a suspicious person who appeared to be checking out his store, and other stores in the area.

After receiving the call Spence traveled to the area in his personal car to observe the individual, but found no reason to arrest the young man. He returned home. At approximately 11:20 p.m. that night the dispatcher called to report a robbery in progress at Chappell's Store.

Spence proceeded to the scene and called for assistance at once. Winfall Police Chief Lothian, Police Chief Merritt, of Hertford, Officer Harvey, of Hertford, and Highway Patrolman Garriss all responded to the call.

The burglar, Grady Eugene Brinn, II, was arrested at the store. Brinn was still in the store when the officers arrived, and came out with no incident.



Brinn, age 19, was slightly injured during the break-in. He was treated by Seymour Chappell of the rescue squad at the Hertford Police Department where he was processed.

Brinn is currently being held in the Albemarle District Jail under \$5,000.00 bond.

A probable cause hearing will be held November 26, 1986 in Perquimans County district court.

Open Door week observed

The Perquimans County Commissioners early this month approved a resolution declaring the week of Nov. 16 thru the 21st Open Door of Perquimans County week.

The Open Door of Perquimans County is an organization which is run primarily by local churches and volunteers. Its purpose is to assist those in need of food, clothing, and money who are not eligible for assistance from other sources.

The Open Door has recently moved all their operation to the ice plant at 305 W. Grubb Street in Hertford. Located there are the intake office, the food pantry, and most recently the thrift store.

The intake office of the Open Door screens people who need financial and other assistance. Volunteers man the office, and are available when-

ever needed. The Open Door is listed in the phone book, and messages are checked and answered on a daily basis.

The ministers of the community who are involved with the Open Door first had the idea for Open Door Week.

According to the Reverend Henry Bizzell of the Hertford United Methodist Church the ministers wanted to gain more publicity for the program, and solicit the county's support.

During the week volunteers will be visiting other churches to speak about the Open Door and its' needs. A food drive is being conducted by Josh Boone for his Eagle Scout Badge.

The Open Door is always in need of donations and volunteers. For more information call 426-7776.

Annual banquet set

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet on Monday, December 1, 1986, at Anglers Cove.

Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following at 7:30 p.m.. The Bob Thomas Trio will provide entertainment for the evening.

This year's program will include a

salute to a number of businesses who have been serving the county for fifty years or more, and door prizes donated by local merchants will be given away.

Tickets for the banquet are \$8.00 and are available at the chamber of office.

Conference attended

The Perquimans County Board of Education was represented at the NCSBA Annual Conference in Winston-Salem, NC on Thursday-Saturday, November 13-15, 1986 by Chairman, Clifford S. Winslow and Superintendent, Pat Harrell. They joined over 800 other local board members and superintendents from across North Carolina.

Delegates to the 'Confrence took action on these items:

(1) Election of the 1987 Officers and Directors: Candidates for Office were Pennie Battle of Gates County for President, Shelby Shore of Yadin County for First Vice-President, Bob Cabaniss of Cleveland County for Second Vice-President and James Membrane of Guilford County for Treasurer.

Candidates for Board of Directors were: Lorraine Moore of Sampson County, Dr. William Lawrence of Durham City, Gerald Lankford of Wilkes County, Culver Dale of Haywood County and Robert Young of Mitchell County.

(2) 1987 NCSBA Legislative Program: the process for development of the Program officially began at the eight Regional Fall District Meetings across the state where board members voted on the legislative issues. The totals were then brought to the Annual Conference where the Delegate Assembly took final action.

Highlights of the Program agenda included:
Opening keynote address by the Honorable Governor James G. Mar-

tin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13th.

Luncheon address by Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, of Rutgers University at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14th. Also recognition of the Raleigh Dingman Award winner and members of the NCSBA All-State School Board.

Clinic Sessions on Thursday, Nov. 13th, 4:30-5:30 included:

'Raleigh Dingman Award Winners Discuss Roles & Responsibilities of Board Members'

'Where are High School Athletics Headed?'

'Academics & Advanced Placement Courses in Smaller School Systems'

'Development of School Board Policy'

'Conducting Board Meetings: Open Meetings Law & Rules of Parliamentary Procedure'

'How Can We Improve Teachers' Success in the Classroom?'

'Ways to Improve School Programs from Local Sources'

Clinic Sessions on Friday, Nov. 14th, 2:15-3:15 and 3:30-4:30 included:

'Strategies for Successful Bond Issues & Getting the Most from Your Construction-Building Dollar'

'School Lunch-\$1.95. How Soon?'

'Communicating With Your County Commissioners'

'Superintendent Evaluation'

'Establishing & Maintaining An Effective Board-Superintendent Relationship'