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## Area officials hope for, expect critical need funding for schools

The lack of critical need funding allocated by the state for school construction in the Albemarle area during the first round of funding this year was discussed at a meeting of county and school officials last week at a joint meeting of the Albemarle Commission and District 1 County Commissioners Association.

Bill Owens, chairman of the Pasquotank County Board of Commis-

sioners and member of the committee assigned the task of allocating the critical need funds, said the Albemarle area was unjustly left out of the funding process. He said it was frustrating to watch four counties in the state receive approximately \$10 million while counties in Northeastern North Carolina did not receive any funding.

Approximately \$120 million in

critical need funding was allocated among 29 schools systems by the 10-member committee. Another \$10 million in each of the next nine years will be available under the critical need funding plan which is a part of the \$3.2 billion, 10-year school construction plan adopted by the General Assembly last year.

Owens said he proposed a funding formula that would provide funds to county's based in part on

the conditions of existing school buildings. He said school systems with buildings classified for immediate replacement and buildings classified for replacement within five years would have received some funding under his proposed formula, but his proposal was ignored by the committee.

Gene Causby, executive director of the N.C. School Boards Association, said the critical needs com-

mittee took on a difficult task. He said the funding formula devised by the committee was "very questionable," and he did not know what the impact of that formula and the distribution of funds this year will have on the concept of critical need funding in the future.

"I don't know what the future of critical need funding will be in the next few years," he said, adding that there is a possibility of the Gen-

eral Assembly providing more money for the critical need fund, but that may not take place because of the problems with the allocation of the funds this past year.

Ron Aycock, executive director of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners, agreed that the formula used this past year by the committee to allocate funds resulted in "some strange allocations."



### Pirate band performs

Members of the Perquimans County High School band perform during halftime ceremonies of last Friday night's 1-A State Playoff game between Perquimans and Camden.

## County selected for educational, farm job study

Perquimans is one of 17 North Carolina counties chosen by N.C. A&T University for a study of educational needs and employment opportunities in agriculture and related areas.

Dr. Francis O. Walson, Research Scientist, and Donald L. Brickhouse, Research Assistant, both are from the A&T University Agriculture Department to begin a survey in the county. Mr. William Byrum, Perquimans County High School Principal, Mr. Kenneth Stalls, Perquimans County Schools Vocational Director, Dr. Minnie B. Taylor, retired Agricultural Extension Home Economics Agent, Mr. Harold Thatch, Perquimans County High School Agricultural Instructor, small farmers, agricultural businesses and employees will provide survey assistance to A&T University according to Dr. Walson.

The survey is to be conducted through the use of questionnaires designed for each of the seven groups of respondents A&T researchers plan to interview in Perquimans County. Information obtained with the questionnaire will be treated confidentially.

The results of the study are expected to identify the educational needs and employment opportunities for youths and adults in agriculture and related areas. The Agricultural Education Department at A&T State University will use the results to recommend appropriate educational models to make rural youths and adults more employable in agricultural occupations and related areas.

Dr. Walson pointed out that surveying will continue for about one month, among the small farmers, agricultural businesses and their employees to access the educational needs and employment opportunities. The educational administrators, vocational directors, teachers and students in the county will be surveyed also.

Some other counties included in the research project are Robeson, Columbus, Hoke, Brunswick, Bladen, Pamlico, Franklin, Halifax, Warren and Northampton.

The A&T researchers asked that anyone wishing to participate in the study to contact either of the local contact persons or Dr. Francis O. Walson or Dr. A. P. Bell at the University by phoning (919) 334-7711.

## Pirates fall to Camden on late scores, 14-6; end season

Camden scored twice in the closing minutes of the game to beat Perquimans, 14-6, Friday night in the second round of the 1-A State Playoffs.

The Pirates wrapped up their season at 7-5 after tying Currituck of the Albemarle Conference title. The Pirates had beaten Jamesville 39-0 in last week's first round of the playoffs.

Camden rallied Friday night be-

hind the running of senior Ernest Harris, who rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown — a 38-yard romp on a trap play with 1:20 left in the game to knot the score at 6-6.

"We'd contained the trap very well all night," lamented Perquimans coach Spencer White. "We just slipped up that one time."

Coach Johnny Corbett's Bruins found themselves trailing 6-0 late in Friday's second round 1-A state

playoff game at Hertford before Camden rallied for a 14-6 victory in the last minute and a half.

The Bruins had finished fourth in the Albemarle Conference with a 5-4 record.

It was only the third time in Camden history that the Bruins have beaten Perquimans. Just two weeks ago, the Pirates notched a 22-14 victory in the regular season finale for both teams.

Camden, which beat top-ranked

and undefeated Bath in the first round of the playoffs, now advances at the 1-A quarterfinals. The Bruins will visit North Edgecombe, a 21-12 winner over Currituck next Friday night.

After Harris' touchdown run, Stephane Lanoue booted the extra point to give Camden a 7-6 lead.

Perquimans' Reggie Trueblood received the ensuing kickoff at the 25. He returned it 15 yards but fumbled on being tackled. Camden's

Ray Brickhouse scooped up the loose ball and returned it to the Pirate 8-yard line before running out of bounds.

Two plays later, with 26 seconds left in the game, senior Shaun Bigbie dashed in from five yards out, and Lanoue kicked the PAT for the 14-6 lead.

The Pirates then lost the ball again on the kickoff when Maurice Thomas fumbled at the 11-yard line. Camden ran out the clock for

the victory.

Perquimans had taken a 6-0 lead when Scottie Mitchell returned the third quarter kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown. Mitchell received the ball at his own 10, followed some blockers up the middle, found daylight, and dashed relatively unscathed to yard.

The Pirates elected to go for two points on the conversion, but Camden's Brian Webster batted down a Derrick Rogers pass intended for JoJo Parker.

## Four injured in shootout at nightclub

A Hertford man has been treated and released from Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville after being transferred from Chowan Hospital in serious condition following a shooting at a local nightclub last week.

Four people were injured in what is termed by Hertford police as a "shoot-out" at the Rainbow Lounge on Edenton Road Street at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Kenny Felton, 28, of 110 King St., was released from Pitt Memorial on Thursday after being shot five times with a .32 caliber handgun.

Felton, Allen Wilkins, 23, and Jeff Rickard, 19, both of 308 Church St., Hertford, had a confrontation which resulted in a shoot-out with handguns between the three of them, according to Police Chief Marshall Merritt.

Other victims were bystanders Charles Lowder, 29, of Route 4, Box 843, Hertford, who was shot in the arm; Joe Willie Brothers, 27, of 209 King St., Hertford, who was shot in the arm and leg with the same bullet; and Connie Forehand, 18, of Hertford, who was shot in the leg.

Wilkins and Rickard were arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury. Each was released under \$3,000 secured bond. Merritt said the investigation is continuing and more arrests are expected.

Merritt said all the victims except Felton were treated and released from Chowan Hospital.

The investigating officers were P.D. Steve Thomas and Sgt. T.K. Spence.



Staff photo by Scott Yates

School board Chairman Clifford Winslow talks about his days of education in the public schools as a part of American Education Week. Winslow met with a second-grade class at Perquimans Central School last week.

## School Days

### Winslow recalls school days for Central School students

WINFALL — Perquimans Board of Education Chairman Clifford Winslow went back to elementary school last week to describe how school was "back in the old days," for Sharon Tunnell's second-grade class at Perquimans Central School.

The discussion with Winslow was part of the activities for American Education week. Grandparents were invited to come to classrooms to discuss their school days.

Students also participated in a "great mail race," in which students wrote a letter to another child in another state, and students also wrote a sentence on display in the halls discussing "what education means to me."

Winslow, 59, told students it was 53 years ago when he first attended school in a one-room schoolhouse in the Whiteston community. He told the students that he used to have to walk to school two miles every day, and though many parents and grandparents tend to say it was uphill both ways, Winslow did not go that far.

"We had seven grades in one room not much bigger than the room we are in now," Winslow said, adding that there was only one teacher responsible for everything that went on at the

school. The room was heated by a coal-burning pot belly stove. They had a playground, but there was not any playground equipment. Also, students had to share books with other students.

"When I went to school, we didn't have any school lunch program. We took our lunch to school in a lunch box, and I can tell you that it was not nearly as nutritious as the lunches you all eat today. You need to take advantage of the lunch program," he told the students. "You can even learn better if you have a good meal."

During a question and answer session, the students seemed to be curious about the disciplinary rules of the day. Winslow said that they did not have to draw a circle on the blackboard and stick their nose in it. "We did have a dunce stool in the corner, though," he said.

After his first two years of school, Winslow said Perquimans Central School was built and he moved to the new building for his third year. "This school was brand new then," he told the students. "That is when I started riding a school bus eight miles a day. I guess back then I felt like I had practically traveled across the country."

"I thought my teacher was

the finest person I ever met," he said and then asked if the students liked their teacher. The students responded with a resounding answer of yes.

"I hope you appreciate all your teachers. They will make impressions on your life that you will carry with you the rest of your life," he said.

The learning process was much the same as it is today, Winslow said. "The methods may have changed, but we all learned the three R's; reading, writing and arithmetic."

He also said the students today were lucky to be able to enjoy the benefits of a library. "Today, you have all kinds of reading material, and I encourage you to read. It expands your mind and is something you will be able to carry with you the rest of your life."

Winslow said his days in public schools were very rewarding. "The things I learned in my early grades with that one teacher have stuck with me through the years. I hope you boys and girls will take advantage of the opportunities and privileges you have to get a good education and make the most of it."

"We had a good time and I enjoyed school. You boys and girls have so much more — so many more opportunities," he said.