

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Local Briefs

### Youth pens winning entry

A Perquimans youth was recently named one of 104 winners in the Young Writer's Contest, a competition for elementary and junior high school students conducted nationwide. The winners were selected from 12,000 submissions.

Christopher Gregory, a sixth grade student at Perquimans Middle School, received the honor. Christopher was recognized for a story he submitted.

The prize winning selections will be published in late April in the "1989 RAINBOW COLLECTION: Stories and Poetry by Young People". Funding for the book is made possible by a Ronald McDonald Children's Charities grant. More than 25,000 copies of the publication will be distributed to major public school systems, all children's hospitals, state Special Olympic chapters, Reading is Fundamental Ronald McDonald houses and Big Brother-Big Sisters of America agencies.

All participating students and schools receive certificates.

Christopher is the son of Paul and Nellie Gregory and the grandson of Helen Sumner and Elsie Gregory.

### Cancer Society raises \$1,600

The Perquimans Unit of the American Cancer Society raised over \$1,600 at their pancake and sausage day benefit. The Bethel, Parkville and Durants Neck Rurians cooked country sausage and flipped pancakes for 370 people throughout the day.

Several local businesses donated the supplies for the meals.

### Democrats to hold meetings

The Perquimans County Democratic Party will have precinct meetings in all of its seven precinct polling places Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., County Chairman John H. London said. Each precinct must have 11 persons present, and will elect a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons, a secretary, a treasurer and delegates to the County Convention based on the number of votes cast in the last election. Consideration of any resolutions and other new business will be discussed. This is our time for a new beginning.

### Hertford police arrest seven

Roy Jackson Privott, 46, of 323 Stokes Drive, was arrested on February 12 and charged with driving while intoxicated.

On February 22, James William Bogue, Jr., 23, of 714 Parsonage Street, Elizabeth City, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and carrying a concealed weapon.

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Arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated on February 23 was Roland Neal Cartwright, 24, of Route 4, Box 984.

Vera Lee Thatch, 24, of 107 White Street, was arrested on March 3 and charged with injury to real property and resisting arrest.

On March 5, Grandy White, 40, of Meads Trailer Court, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

Bud Barcliff, 48, of Route 3, was arrested on March 4 and charged with shoplifting.

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## Perquimans hosts poster contest



These county soil and water conservation winners are all smiles as they proudly display their projects which captured local prizes.

By: Ginger O'Neal  
 Perq. Co. Secretary

Once again, the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District and the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation sponsored the annual poster contest in Perquimans County for students in grades four through six. The local contest, sponsored by the Perquimans Conservation Committee, got underway the week of January 30 through February 17.

The topic for this year's contest was Soil and Water Conservation in North Carolina. Students were asked to reflect this in their drawings. Posters were judged on the local level on February 21 with the winners as follows: first place: fourth grade-Misti Powers, Central School; fifth grade-Kelly Layden, Middle School; sixth grade-Hope Jennings, Middle School. Second place: fourth grade-Cindy Rayburn, Hertford Grammar; fifth grade-Kristi Roberson, Middle School; sixth grade-Amy Morgan,

Middle School. These students won cash prizes and went on to compete at the district level of competition with award winning posters from Pasquotank, Chowan, Currituck and Camden counties. The district contest was held at the ARPDC building in Hertford on March 1.

Winning students from this contest will now go on to compete at the area contest with 16 counties on March 15 in Elizabeth City. Winners from that round will go to the state competition in Raleigh.

Winners of the Albemarle District poster contest were: first place: fourth grade-Jennie Newbern, Currituck County; fifth grade-Nicole Williams, Chowan County; sixth grade-Corey Bembry, Chowan County. Second place: fourth grade-Matthew Swicegood, Chowan County; fifth grade-Joanne Drury, Currituck County; sixth grade-Mike Luzcz, Chowan County.

Congratulations to all the winners for submitting excellent projects.

## Henson joins schools staff

PERQUIMANS SCHOOLS NEWS RELEASE-Ted Henson, Director of Instructional Support Programs for Perquimans County Schools, is a native of Franklinville, North Carolina. He received His B.A., M.Ed., and Curriculum Specialist Level I certification from Campbell University, where he was named Distinguished Alumnus in 1983. He has taught for the past twenty years in the Vance County School System.

He will work with the exceptional children's, Chapter I and testing programs in the Perquimans School system.

In 1976, Henson was named Outstanding Young Educator of North Carolina by the Jaycees. The following year he was named the North Carolina Teacher of the Year. During this year, he had a leave of absence from the classroom and traveled throughout the state and southeast speaking and conducting workshops for teachers. In the role, he served as chairman of the State Teacher Recognition Committee for the North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers.

In 1978, Henson was named Outreach Assistant for the Canadian Studies Center at Duke University.

In this position, he has conducted workshops and seminars for teachers throughout North Carolina and the southeast. In addition, he has helped direct summer institutes in seven provinces of Canada and at the University of Hawaii.

In 1988, Henson was named the Outstanding Social Studies Teacher for Region 3. Last summer he was chosen to be one of four elementary teachers from North Carolina to be trained as teacher consultants in Geography by National Geographic. This training involved an intensive one-month seminar at the N.G.S. Headquarters in Washington, D. C. This summer, Henson will be on the staff for the two-week North Carolina Summer Institute at Appalachian State University. This institute is open to any teacher, K-12, wishing to sharpen their skills in teaching geography.

Just prior to moving to Hertford, Henson was named as one of eleven finalists for the Teacher of the World Award by the North Carolina World Center in Raleigh. In the immediate future, he will conduct two workshops at the North Carolina State Social Studies Conference in Charlotte on March 9-10, 1989.



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## Board asks state to enact changes

The Perquimans County Board of Education voted to send a resolution and proposed legislation to enact electoral changes in Perquimans County to local legislators Monday night.

**Facilities needs**  
 Dr. Martin informed the board that facilities needs should be examined closely due to the upcoming budget workshops. The board members will visit all buildings Monday to see if the meet the Basic Education Plan requirements.

Since enrollment in Perquimans Middle School is up, and is expected to remain high over the next few years, that school will be examined very closely.

The state sets facilities utilization and equipment guidelines

which must be met under BEP. The guidelines address occupancy, classroom size, evaluation procedures, accounting records, local long-range plans and annual progress towards compliance.

**Land transfer tax**  
 As requested by the county commissioners, the school board endorsed the one percent land transfer tax bill submitted to the legislature for passage. The monies would be used for school construction and capital outlay expenditures.

**Tributes, memories, gift policy**  
 Assistant Superintendent Jack Boyce submitted to the board a policy on tribute, memorial and gift presentations to the school system in the form of art work, furniture, appliances and equipment.

**Calendar change**  
 The day missed due to the snow storm will be made up on April 24. This date was originally scheduled as a teacher work day. Should any additional days be missed between now and the Easter holidays, the board decided that the day will be made up on Good Friday, March 24.

**Odyssey of the Mind**  
 Boyce apprised the board of the upcoming Odyssey of the Mind competition in Wilmington involving students from Perquimans Middle School. The board approved the overnight field trip for the students.

**Dr. Martin to meet with governor**  
 It was announced that Dr. Martin was scheduled to meet with Governor Jim Martin and the su-

perintendent of the State Board of Education on Tuesday to discuss the career ladder program. On Wednesday, she will join other superintendents from across the state to further discuss the program.

**Bus routes**  
 The board approved bus rerouting as was recommended by the N.C. Department of Public Transportation due to safety factors. The department reviewed some concerns of the local board about entering private subdivisions to pick up students.

The communication received by the board from the state emphasized that student safety is the only reason they felt that extensions to the state's policy should be made at Hollowell Mobile Court and Long View Estates.

## Board votes to raise water deposit

County Water Department Supervisor told county commissioners Monday morning that the \$25 deposit renters are now required to pay to get water turned on is not enough. "We're having too many people to leave owing more than that," Haskett told the board.

Haskett quoted recent losses of \$84.45, 88.68, 30.00, and 85.00 as examples.

At present, there is a \$15 tap fee for all customers to have their water turned on. Renters must pay the additional \$25 which is refunded after receipt by the county of their final water bill.

The commissioners voted to raise the renter's fee to \$40 at the recommendation of Haskett, who said that other counties in the area used the \$40 figure.

**Gun control ordinance**  
 County attorney John Matthews submitted shooting and firearm ordinances for review by the commissioners. The ordinances were drafted after a delegation of Snug Harbor residents approached the board several weeks ago, and asked them to adopt stiff laws to control the shooting problem in the subdivision.

In addition to prohibiting the use of firearms, the proposed ordinance disallows shooting or projecting stone, rock, shot or other hard substances from a sling shot, bean shooter, air rifle, pop gun, bow or other similar device in the Snug Harbor Subdivision.

Penalties for violating the ordinance could result in a \$50 fine or 30 days imprisonment.

**Clarification of snow day absences**  
 County Manager Paul Gregory told the commissioners that the policy regarding employee absences due to inclement weather needed clarification and uniform implementation.

The commissioners agreed that the intent of the policy was to consider days that the offices were closed as administrative days off. They further agreed that personnel who do not report for work on days the offices are to remain open will have the option to take a day of leave or have their pay docked.

**Electoral legislation**  
 A resolution requesting the electoral changes agreed upon in the joint meeting of the commissioners, school board, NAACP representatives and electoral study committee was approved. The resolution, along with a copy of the proposed legislation enacting the new standards, will be sent to all three state representatives with a request to introduce the bill in the legislature.

The bill must be approved by the U.S. Justice Department after its passage on the state level. It should be effective by October.

**Other business**  
 In other business, the board agreed to forgive a \$206.50 water bill sent to Erie Haste. Haste loaned the old FCX building to the county to house its annual Festival of Skills crafts fair. The water was turned on for the festival, and a leak allowed the loss of 91,000 gallons of water.

agreed to review the agreement between the county and the N.C. Extension Service which expires every four years.

reappointed Thomas Nixon to the jail committee for a two-year term.

## Paper asks for support

Help the PERQUIMANS WEEKLY realize the goal of publishing a more local, interesting newspaper. We need "news-hounds" in each community to keep us informed of events there. We want to know about civic meetings, out-of-town visits and visitors, those who have been ill and other items of interest to our readers.

Have you taken a photograph of a community happening in which we might be interested? Or do you perhaps have an old photograph which might bring back memories for some? If so, please share them with us. You will get credit for having submitted the picture, and it will be returned after publication.

Your assistance in our continuing effort to improve the county newspaper is appreciated.