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Briefs

Farm/City Program set

The annual Farm-City Week Program sponsored by the Perquimans Extension Service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Perquimans High School cafeteria. Dr. Dave Lineback, specialist in charge of food science at N.C. State University, will speak on food safety. Tickets are available on a first come, first-served basis at the extension office.

Farm tax seminar slated

There will be a seminar on 1990 farm taxes at the Gates County Extension Office on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. The extension newsletter indicated that the meeting will be held in Perquimans; however, the meeting is in Gates County. Extension Tax Specialist Bill Eickhoff will conduct the seminar.

Chapter 1 meeting planned

On Thursday, Jan. 10, Chapter 1 parents and guardians are invited to a special meeting to review the proposed revision of the Chapter 1 Parent Involvement Policy. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the Board of Education office. Refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be given.

Hall to speak here

On Monday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Wendell Hall of the Northeast Regional Education Center in Williamston will present a workshop on building self-confidence and helping your child learn. This session will be offered at the Board of Education office. Refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be given. The session should last approximately one hour.

Harris elected to board

Hertford Town Commissioner Jesse Harris was re-elected as an at-large member of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency Dec. 20 at the monthly meeting of the agency's Board of Commissioners.

Rocky Mount Mayor Fredrick E. Turnage was re-elected chairman. Laurinburg City Manager Peter G. Vandenberg was re-elected vice chairman, and Kinston City Manager Stephen W. Raper was elected secretary-treasurer.

Other at-large Executive Committee members elected were: Hugh T. Howard, Pikeville town commissioner; Jerry A. Walters, Wake Forest town administrator; and Charles W. Whitley Jr., Wilson director of public utilities.

Howard and Whitley are new members of the executive board. Raper replaces N.O. McDowell Jr., Scotland Neck town commissioner, as secretary-treasurer.

The North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency is composed of 32 municipalities that own and operate their electric distribution systems. Participating cities and towns receive their power supply from the agency, which owns interests in several generating plants.

Hertford is one of more than 2,200 "public power" communities nationwide.

County teams bring home trophies

The Perquimans County mens and womens basketball teams earned second place trophies in the first annual Four-County Holiday Basketball Classic held last Thursday and Friday in the Camden High School gym.

"It was good for both of our teams to make it to the championship games," said mens coach Harrell Thach. Perquimans was the only participating school to have both teams compete for the trophies.

Both the Pirates and the Lady Pirates played what were probably their best games of the season during the Classic. The ladies moved to the championship game with a decisive 56-34 win over hosts Camden. The men staged an incredible 26-point fourth quarter come-from-behind win over Camden (57-53) to move into the championship round.

Although neither team earned the top trophies, both played outstanding championship games. The Lady Pirates put together a 9-point scoring run with about a minute and a half left in their game to put it into overtime before falling to Edenton, 37-32. The varsity team was defeated 59-53 after threatening Currituck's lead late in the fourth period.

The Classic was co-sponsored by WGAI radio and The Daily Advance. Mens and womens teams from Camden, Currituck, Edenton and Perquimans participated in the two-day event. The annual Classic will be hosted by each school represented in alphabetical order.

If the quality of play in this year's tournament is any indication of years to come, the Classic is sure to become one of the foremost basketball events in the Albemarle Area.

For a complete re-cap of Perquimans' games, please turn to page 6.

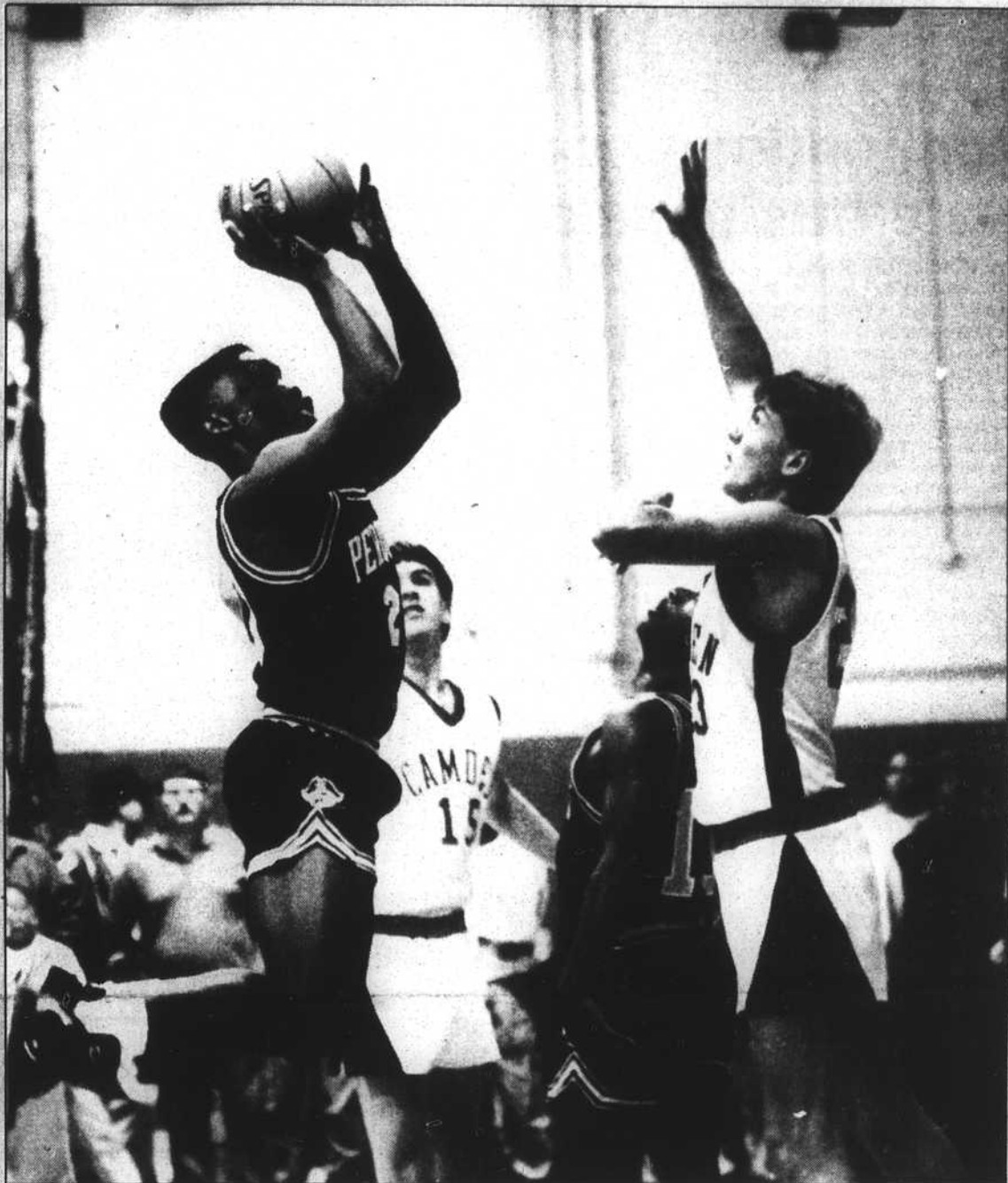


Photo by Gary Cosby Jr.

Ronald Coston shoots two in the Pirates' come-from-behind victory over Camden in the Four-County Holiday Basketball Classic last week in Camden. Both Perquimans teams earned second place trophies during the tournament.

Publisher says added value supports price increase

Increased local news coverage, special sections, and improved overall presentation have added significant value to The Perquimans Weekly, supporting a price increase to mail customers, publisher Richard D. Brown said this week.

Effective January 3, the one-year subscription price of The Perquimans Weekly will be \$13 for subscribers in Perquimans County and \$14 for subscribers outside the county. The new prices represent an increase of less than 17 cents per month, Brown said.

Of course, the cost of producing the publication has risen over the past year, but Brown said the quality of the publication is the main reason for the price increase. He

added that improvements made over the past year make The Perquimans Weekly one of the best community newspapers published in northeastern North Carolina.

The Perquimans Weekly received a Media Award in May 1990 from the North Carolina Jaycees for outstanding support and service to the organization. Nominated by the local Jaycee chapter, the newspaper was one of only three publications in the state to receive the honor. The paper also received commendation from the American Heart Association and the Perquimans Playhouse, Inc.

Brown said that additional improvements planned for 1991 will make The Perquimans Weekly even better.

Chapter 1 sets priority

Students and parents together are a priority for Perquimans County School's Chapter 1 program, according to Chapter 1 program director Chris Barber. This school year, an attempt has been made to promote greater parent understanding of Chapter 1 so students will get better services at school and even greater support of their Chapter 1 work at home.

To many, Chapter 1 means only the special instruction students receive as participants in the program. Most do not realize that in Chapter 1, parents have an important role. This year, personnel working with the Chapter 1 program have been working to build better understanding about the program, what it means for children, and what it means for parents.

Two of the simplest tasks set for the program are to increase attendance of parents and guardians at Chapter 1 meetings and workshops, and to reduce student absences, Barber said. If parents have the opportunity to learn about the program, she feels they will be in a better position to understand why their children should attend school. Children who miss school unnecessarily often get left in trying to

"catch up" on what they have missed.

These two simple tasks depend on participation and involvement. Promoting the kind of working relationship that is needed to create an even more effective program and includes more parent involvement has been stressed this year.

This year, the process of revising the policy on Chapter 1 Parent Involvement has begun. At meetings this past fall, several parents were willing to come, listen, and share their ideas about what they would like to see take place for the program in this county. All interested parents or guardians are invited to come and review the policy written as a result of those meetings. Since the policy has not yet been finalized, there is time for additional discussion and revision.

One thing the policy does provide for is parent training and workshops. A survey circulated in the fall asked parents to mark those items for which they would like some training or information. The number one topic requested was building self-confidence. Parents also indicated an interest in how they can help their children learn.

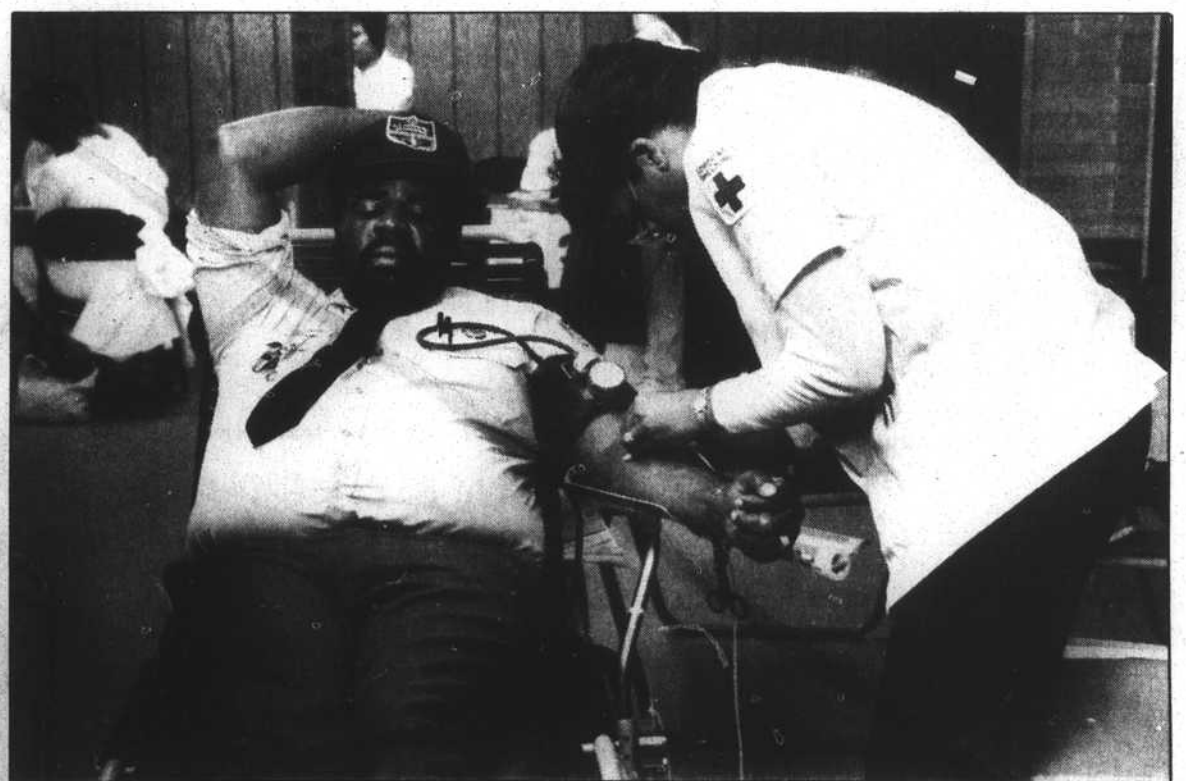


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Giving a final gift

Hertford's William G. Barclift donated blood Thursday, during a blood drive held at the Perquimans County Senior Center. With Barclift is Sonia Wolfrey, of the American Red Cross. The drive netted almost 45 pints of blood and was sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees.

One injured in automobile-train collision

By KEVIN KNIGHT and SUSAN HARRIS

A Perquimans County woman was injured Friday when the car in which she was riding was struck by a train at a railroad crossing in Chapanoke.

Dorothy Whidbee, 35, was treated at Albemarle Hospital for minor injuries.

The accident took place at approximately 2:20 p.m. at a railroad crossing on state road 1224. Dorothy Whidbee's son, Jeffrey Whidbee, was driving a 1977 Chrysler when the passenger side was struck by a locomotive. Passenger Antoinette Whidbee, 15, was not injured.

State Highway Patrol Trooper W.F. Whitley investigated the accident. He said that traveling south on SR 1224, there is an abandoned store just before you reach the railroad track which impairs vision. "You can't see anything coming from that direction until you're about 15 or 20 feet from the track," Whitley said.

Whitley said Jeffrey Whidbee said he did not see the train. By the time Whidbee realized the train was coming, he braked, stopping the car right in the middle of the tracks. The train pushed the car about 50 feet before coming to a stop.

The locomotive had dropped off a

grain car at a Chapanoke grain elevator just prior to the collision. It was making its way back to Elizabeth City when the accident occurred. The estimated speed of the train was about 10 miles per hour, and Whitley said the car was going about 34 miles per hour.

The locomotive was owned by Railtex of San Antonio, Texas and leased by Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad Company of Elizabeth City. The train received approximately \$1,000 in damages, Whitley said. The estimated damage to the Chrysler was \$1,200 and was a total loss.

No charges were filed.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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 RETAIL ADVERTISING MON. 3 P.M.
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