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### Hertford Grammar School PTA Meets Tonight

The Hertford Grammar School P.T.A. will meet tonight Thursday at 8 p.m. Theme of program for meeting will be "What it is like to be a student". Frank Roberts, president, urges all members and parents to be present and support your P.T.A.

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### St. Valentine's Day

We have in history several Saint Valentines and most are linked to February 14th. There are several versions of how Valentine's Day became a day for lovers but probably the most reasonable explanation is that the custom grew out of the general belief of the Middle Ages that birds began to mate on February 14th.

As early as the fifteenth century English writers refer to the day as one when birds (and maybe humans!) choose mates. And it became the custom in many countries for names of youngsters to be drawn from boxes on the 14th. Gifts were then exchanged between the boys and girls paired.

Costume balls are a feature of Valentine's Day and in countries where Mardi Gras or Fasching celebrations are extravagant there is always a gala celebration that day or night. In this country youngsters often exchange Valentine cards, which frequently hint at tender or timid affection. Sometimes they're left by the door, unsigned.

Few will forget their first Valentine, when nature first begins to work its magnetic force on unsuspecting children starting life's long road.

### Whiteston 4-H Club Meets

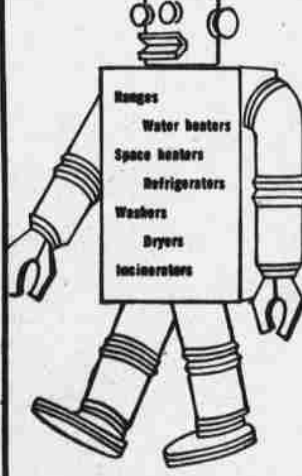
The Whiteston 4-H Club met January 24, 1972 at the Whiteston Community Building. The meeting was called to order by the president, R.P. White. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were said. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with 14 members present. The collection was taken.

Billy Griffin, Assistant Agricultural Agent, met with us. He asked us to choose our projects and had us fill out a project sheet. He then showed us slides on Pollution in North Carolina.

We had recreation. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

The meeting was adjourned.  
Reporter: Claudia Winslow

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## Washington Report

WASHINGTON — Anti-smoking forces in the government and on Capitol Hill have launched a new attack on the tobacco industry.

And this time they are broadening their target to include users as well as manufacturers and advertisers of tobacco products.

The assault was opened last week in hearings staged by the Senate Commerce Consumer Subcommittee chaired by Senator Frank Moss of Utah, a long-time foe of the leaf industry, with an immediate indication that the goal will be an imposition of further restrictions on the tobacco trade.

The proposal being used as a focal point for the hearings is a bill (S. 1454) which would give the Federal Trade Commission authority to set arbitrary cigarette quality standards.

Even before the hearings opened, however, Chairman Moss made it clear he has other targets in mind as well.

One would be consideration of legislation restricting smoking in public places and on interstate transportation facilities.

Another would be an effort to expand the Cigarette Smoking Act of 1969 to include little cigars such as the R.J. Reynolds new Winchester brand.

And, finally, the plan would call for additional pressure on the broadcast industry to increase the number of anti-smoking commercials despite the ban on radio and television advertising of cigarettes.

I consider these proposals

unwarranted, excessive and a serious threat to North Carolina's agricultural and industrial economy and to the broadcast industry in the state.

For that reason I expressed my strong opposition to them in testimony before the subcommittee on the first day of the hearings and will continue to oppose them with all the resources at my command.

Because the issue is of such vital interest to the state, I am including in this report the full text of my statement to the subcommittee.

Mr. Chairman: As every member of this subcommittee knows, North Carolina leads the nation in tobacco production and manufacturing.

Even so, some of you may not be fully aware of the part that tobacco plays in the state's total agricultural and industrial economy.

Let me stress, then, that in appearing here this morning I am speaking for an estimated 200,000 Tar Heel farm families who depend on this crop for a living, and for a multi-million dollar industry that employs thousands of other wage-earners as well as influencing employment in many other enterprises.

They have a vital stake in these hearings and in the proposals for further restrictions on the leaf industry which it appears you are preparing to consider.

So, I might add, has every North Carolinian and every American who believes in basing decisions on facts rather than assumptions and who cherishes the right to make independent judgments on the products he chooses to use.

If I correctly interpret the goals outlined for your subcommittee, I am impelled to say they represent a further excursion into the realm of federal control which has already exceeded the bounds of justification and necessity.

It seems that what you may be trying to enact is a sort of mini-prohibition law for tobacco and its users.

I don't think you are going to get it.

Let me assure you that I share your interest in the elimination of any elements of tobacco that can be shown to constitute a health hazard.

I have consistently supported, and will continue to press for, scientific research by the government and the tobacco industry to achieve that purpose.

Attempts of the Surgeon General and the Department of HEW to make a case on the basis of generalities, unsupported assertions and assumptions, have in my judgment served only to cloud the issue and to delay the search for true and verifiable facts.

Certainly they provide no foundation for the kind of legislation it appears that you have in mind and in the form proposed in one bill you already have before you.

I speak of course, of S. 1454, which would propose a maximum limit on the tar and nicotine content of cigarettes.

That bill purports, first of all, to identify an "incriminated agent" and proposes to set standards for which no precise scientific basis has been determined.

### State Medical Society Meets In Edenton

Recent medical advances in the treatment of heart disease, renal disease and stroke was presented to physicians from Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties when they gathered in Edenton on February 9 for a meeting of State Medical Society District 1.

The meeting, organized by William DeMaria, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at Duke University, was held in the Edenton Restaurant from 4-8 p.m. Edward G. Bond, M.D. Councilor for the 1st District, served as moderator.

"Recent Advances in the Treatment of Heart Disease" was addressed by Robert Rosati, M.D., Instructor in Medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine. The second afternoon speaker was James Clapp, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke. His topic "Recent Advances in the Treatment of Renal Disease."

Following dinner, Ng Khye Weng, M.D., Associate in Medicine, Division of Neurology, at the Duke University Medical Center, discussed "Recent Advances in the Treatment of Stroke."

The District 1 meeting was one of a series of meetings sponsored by the North Carolina Regional Medical Program in cooperation with the Duke, U.N.C., and Bowman Gray Schools of Medicine and the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

### District 1 School Boards To Meet

The Annual meeting of the District 1 School Boards Association will be held at Manteo Elementary School, Manteo, North Carolina, on 9 February 1972, with registration beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The committee members and school administrators in "Public Education — Keep it Working." School units included in the district are: Bertie County, Edenton-Chowan, Dare County, Hertford County, Camden County, Currituck County, Gates County, Perquimans County, and Elizabeth City-Pasquotank.

Following registration, the afternoon program will consist of a panel discussion on "Teacher Tenure: Implications and Application" led by Andrew Vanore, Assistant Attorney General, State of North Carolina.

Robert E. Strother, Assistant State Superintendent of Human Relations and Student Affairs, State Department of Public Instruction, will be the principal speaker for the evening session. His address will follow a banquet to be held in the Manteo Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:15 p.m.

These area conferences of the North Carolina School Boards Association annually attract over 4,000 school board members, committeemen, educators, and other interested persons. An attendance of about 150 is anticipated for the District 1 meeting. Louis Midgette, Chairman, Dare County Board of Education, is currently serving as District President and Seth B. Henderson, Superintendent of Dare County Schools is District Secretary.

The Association was organized in 1937 and through its history has been dedicated to seeking improvements in North Carolina Public Education. From its offices in Raleigh, the Association works with school board members and school committeemen at the local level. The late Dr. Guy B. Phillips of Greensboro was the principal organizer of the Association, and served as executive secretary for many



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years. Dr. Raleigh E. Dingman currently serves as the Association's Executive Secretary.

### Albemarle Regional Planning And Dev. Commission To Meet

The Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission will hold their annual meeting on March 9th. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Outstanding speakers from all facets of area development will be on the program, according to Wesley A. Cullipher, Executive Director.

### Club Meets

The Northeastern North Carolina Ostomy Club will meet Sunday, February 13, 1972 at the Rural Electrification Building in Hertford, N.C. The meeting will be called to order at 2:30 p.m. After the business session a social hour will be held. All members are urged to attend.

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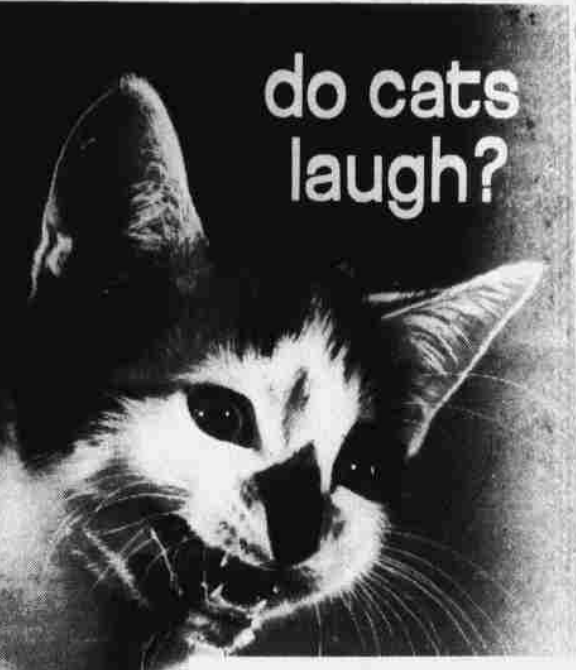
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### do cats laugh?

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Religion is another human characteristic evident in animals. Our belief in and worship of God, coupled with our conscientious adherence to moral principles — these things are found in the animal world.

Whether cats laugh is not a question of moment. But whether man is living up to the religious capacity God has given him is a matter. Our awakening to our spiritual potential is a great moment!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans 12:7-14	II Chronicles 6:14-21	Proverbs 15:8-13	Romans 15:8-13	II Corinthians 1:18-22	Colossians 1:10-14	Matthew 13:1-12

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Break out the candy, flowers and other goodies, and tell her she's the light of your life. If you know what's good for you — you'd darn well better!

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