



**PLAYFUL LEARNING** — These kindergarten students at Hertford Grammar School enjoy playing in the classroom sandbox. Although the activity is fun, it is also an expressive outlet, teaches the children how to get along with others, and is a form of exercise.



**EXERCISE PERIOD** — One of the kindergarten classes at Perquimans Central Grammar is taught by Julia Bryant and Gladys Hall. Shown here, the students get some afternoon exercise on the playground slides.

# Learning Can Be Fun

By KATHY NEWBERN

Learning can be fun. Although all teachers throughout the nation have not yet implemented this idea, it is being carried out in the Early Childhood program in the Perquimans County schools. The program is aimed at children enrolled in kindergarten through the third grade. Perquimans County has four kindergarten classes with 26 children to a class, even though the program is fairly new. Each class is staffed with one teacher and an assistant. Three of the classes are funded with state money, but in order to serve more of the county's children a fourth class is being funded with local money.

The projected state timetable is that by 1978 all 5-year olds in North Carolina will have an opportunity to attend a state supported kindergarten. The Early Childhood program is personalized and child centered. It is designed so that children may be happy with themselves and develop at their pace. Pat Harrell, assistant superintendent of county schools said, "We recognize the fact that children come to school with experiences of their own and that they view these experiences differently, and this should be their reason for learning."

The program is geared toward constant involvement in a variety of activities. One way that the county schools has been able to do this is through the

implementation of interest centers, where students may work independently or in small groups. This supports the idea that children can learn a lot of things if given the opportunity as well as the concept that learning can and should be fun.

County teachers who work with kindergarten through third grade have received special instructions in order to better implement the Early Childhood program. These teachers recognize the factors mentioned above and based on this, they design their curriculum and classrooms to be child centered instead of teacher centered. One of the reasons that the program is successful is due to the cooperation among these teachers and their willingness to share and exchange ideas. The teacher assistants have played an integral part in helping to construct and successfully carry out the ideas involved in the program.

A tour through the classrooms might yield at first glance, an appearance of all fun and no work. But an informed observer would realize that each activity has a purpose behind it. As Harrell put it, "It's structured fun, not unstructured free play." Through the various classroom activities, the program is aimed to aid the child in physical, social, and emotional growth. The children learn to work and play together. Creativity plays a major role in the program by allowing the children to explore their abilities.



**TEACHERS** — The reason for the Early Childhood program's success is mainly due to the teachers. Kindergarten teachers at Hertford Grammar School are pictured above. They are: (l. to r.) Mary Harrell, Sandra Culpepper, Glenda Brooks and Millie Ward.



**TAKING TURNS** — The other kindergarten class at Central Grammar School in Winfall is taught by Maxine Wiggins and Edna Cooper. The students enjoy a fun break and get their exercise at the same time. (Staff photos by Kathy Newbern)



**MEETIN HELD** — A fairly large crowd attended a recent meeting of the Coastal Resources Commission held at Angler's Cove. Shown in the foreground above are Mr. and Mrs. Erie Haste. (Ray Ward photo)

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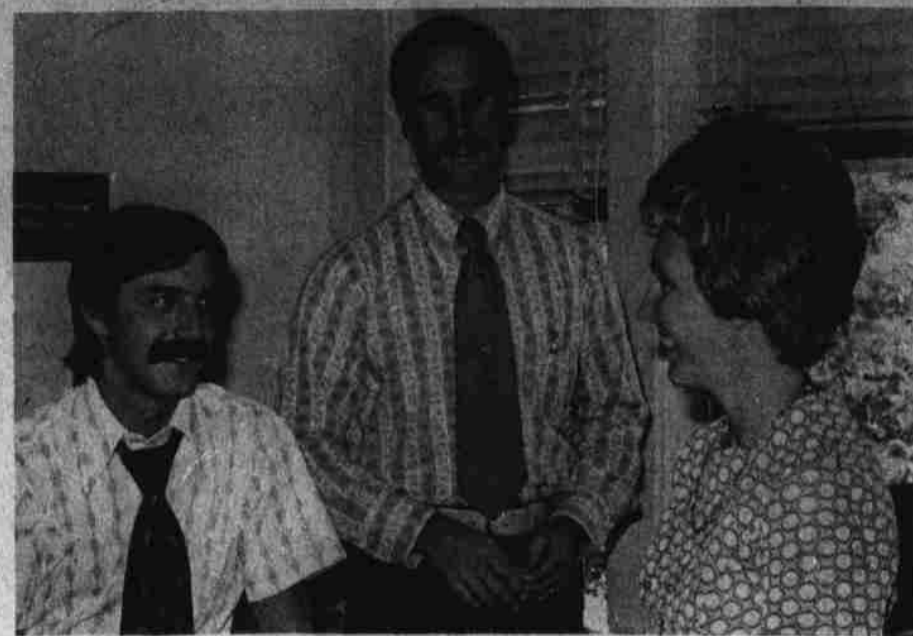
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# A Look Backward

SEPT. 1936  
By VIRGINIA WHITE  
TRANSEAU

**HERTFORD MUSIC CLUBS TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEET** The music clubs of Hertford, under the leadership of Mrs. R.M. Riddick, who is director of Junior Music Clubs of the Northeastern District of N.C., and of Miss Kate M. Blanchard, will be well represented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern District of the N.C. Federation of Music Clubs to be held at Manteo on Saturday of this week. Howard Broughton and Reginald Tucker, representing the Melody Makers Club, will sing a duet: Miss Mary Feild and Miss Mary Louise Chappell, of the Chaminade Club, will give piano numbers; Misses Anna Penelope Tucker, Blanche Moore Berry and Maude Keaton will sing a trio; Miss Jean Newbold will give a soprano solo, and Elizabeth Darden will play the piano. There will also be a chorus from the Perquimans High School Glee Club to take part in the program.

28 oz. jar Apple Butter, 18 cents; At J.C. Blanchard & Co., Inc they advertised a 10 pound can of Karo Syrup for 65 cents; Cocoa, 2 lb tin 19 cents; Libby's Milk, 3 cans for 25 cents; Pure White House Apply Cider Vinegar, per gallon 29 cents.



**NEW FACULTY MEMBERS** — College of the Albemarle recently welcomed three new members to its faculty. Shown above are from left, Julian Aydlott of Elizabeth City, mathematics; John Pritchett of Columbia, S.C., biology; and Rose Williams of Camden, associate degree nursing program. (COA Photo)

**SPORTS TALK:** Claude Brinn, who graduated from Perquimans in '35, is slated for a back field position at Louiseburg this year. Henry Stokes, of the class of '36, is out for center on the Louisburg team. Rob Morris, of Hertford, and Al Ward, a new resident here are playing on the Fork Union team this year, Morris taking care of a line spot and Ward holding down one of the end positions.

**WEEK-END SPECIAL AT CENTRAL GROCERY:** Coffee, 26 cents lb.; 3 can String Beans 25 cents; Sugar per pound, 5 1/2 cent; Table Salt, 3 pkgs, 10 cents; Kellogg's Corn Flakes, 3 pkg. 25 cents; Fresh Frank, lb 20 cent; Flour, 12 lb bag 45 cents; Chuck Beef, roast or steak, 15 cents lb. Best Beef Steak, lb. 25 cents; Full Cream Cheese, lb. 25 cents;

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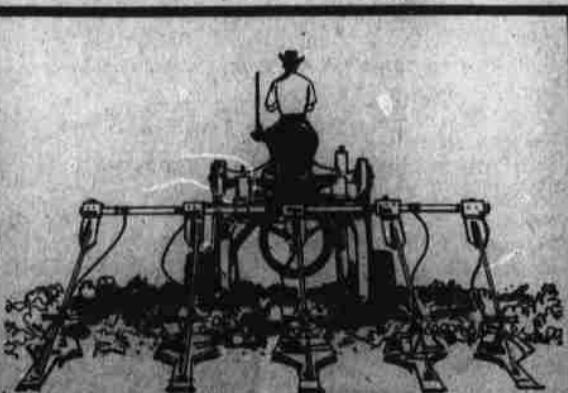
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