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Oliver Felton To Play In All-Star Game

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The Thirteenth Annual Boys Home All Star Game will be held Saturday, July 26 at 8 p.m. in Greenville. However, this year's game may be of more interest to county residents since for the first time in several years, a Perquimans player will be included in the line-up.

Oliver Felton, a 1975 graduate of Perquimans County High School, will be playing offensive fullback and defensive linebacker for the North All-Stars when they take on the South Elite. Coaching the team representing the North will be Daryl Allen of Ahsokie. Coach for the South will be Jerry Carpenter of Gastonia Ashbrook.

Felton, an outstanding football player throughout his high school career, is well qualified to represent his school and county. He was named All-Conference during his junior and senior years. His last season saw

him win the titles, All East and All America. As a senior, Felton was team co-captain and was credited with 21 tackles in one game. He will be attending East Carolina University in Greenville next year on a grant-in-aid. Felton has not limited his athletic abilities to football. An All East performer in track, he holds the school records in the shot put and discus throw. Felton has proven some of the myths about athletes untrue. While being an outstanding sportsman, he also served as president of the high school Monogram Club and was an honor student.

Felton was among the 60 all-star football players that reported at ECU Sunday for a week of drills preceding their appearance in the Saturday night grid clash.

The All-Star game is sponsored annually by the North Carolina Jaycees. Net proceeds from the game benefits the Boys Home at



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Lake Waccamaw which is sponsored throughout the year by the organization.

Members of the Perquimans County Jaycees have tickets for the Boys Home All Star Game and may be purchased for \$2. At the gate, ticket price will be \$2.50. Several local Jaycees will be attending the game to support the state organizations worthwhile project and to cheer the local player on to victory.

Local Input Urged In County Land Plan

Although much of coastal North Carolina has experienced rapid growth and development over the last twenty years, Perquimans County has remained largely rural and agricultural. This has been fortunate in that it now affords elected officials and concerned citizens the opportunity to profit from the mistakes and successes in other coastal counties. Hopefully this will result in carefully planned growth in Perquimans County, with

the natural scenic beauty and relaxed pace of life that is now enjoyed and being preserved as much as possible.

It was thought until quite recently that all "development" was good because it meant more jobs, increased tax revenues and more businesses in the area. But now private citizens, elected officials and professional planners are beginning to realize that there are problems and costs associated with

development. Development can mean pollution of the air and water, increased costs in the area of public services and change in the way of life associated with an area. One of the important questions which must be answered is whether or not a certain development, be it a housing subdivision or a manufacturing plant, benefits or harms the area. This is a difficult question and one which should be decided by local citizens. This is what local planning is all about; local citizens deciding what to do in their own community and their own county.

Too often when the word "planning" is used, the first reaction of many people is to view it as restrictive. Often the feeling is that someone else will be telling a man what to do with his land — land which may have been in his family for generations. But the main emphasis of planning is to protect the rights of property owners and other citizens as well as the environment and natural resources in the area. A man has the right to do with his property as he sees fit, as long as he does not infringe on or injure his neighbor's rights or property.

If a landowner sells his property and a polluting industry is built, the rights of other property owners in the area are violated. If clouds of poisonous dust or other waste products from the new plant are settling on nearby fields or polluting streams and waterways, local planning can help to prevent something like this from occurring in the county. Local planning then, is a statement of goals drawn up by citizens and planners which reflects what most of the people would like to see happen in their own county. Not everyone can be satisfied, but by getting local people to do the actual planning, as we are trying to do in Perquimans County, more people can be satisfied than if the plan were written by state or federal agencies.

Local citizens are asked to contact their local member of the Citizen Advisory Committee and give their opinions so each voice shall be heard.

Academy intends to open a second section of that grade before school resumes in the Fall." In conjunction with Chappell's remarks, Headmaster Parrotte suggested that the Academy will accept applications in the Kindergarten and that the Academy has already begun preparations in their

Larger Role For Government

The N.C. Coastal Resources Commission recently has taken action to give local governments a much larger role in the identification of areas of environmental concern under the Coastal Area Management Act.

Development within areas of environmental concern (AEC's) will require a permit prior to construction. Previously, only the Commission could designate AEC's. Now local government will be able to include recommendations for AEC's as part of their land use plans.

The Commission has also given the local governments a stronger hand when it comes to determining which dunelands are areas of environmental concern. Commission guidelines had defined dunelands as extending from the inland perimeter of the ocean beach to the line of estuarine water encroachment on the south side of the Outer Banks. That definition took

physical plant for the second section. Information concerning the Academy program and applications for grades Kindergarten through six, eight, nine, eleven and twelve are available at the Academy office or may be obtained by calling the Academy at 338-6141.

Thomas Eure, chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission, said the commission had made the change to increase local government participation based on recommendations of the Coastal Advisory Council.

The Commission has requested that local governments submit drafts of their land use plans by November 23. That date had been the deadline for submission of final land use plans. Action by the General Assembly this year moved the deadline for final plans to May 21, 1976.

Eure said the extended deadline will give the public time to review any recommended changes by the Commission in drafts of local government land use plans.



BOATING SAFETY — The pictures above show some of the scenes from Sunday's Boating Safety Program sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees. J.E.B. Stuart, vice commander of the Coast Guard Flotilla 16-1 was on hand to perform the 39 Courtesy Motorboat Examinations (CME). Of those inspected, 21 boats received the CME decal. Stuart said the program was very successful. He said, "I found very few equipment deficiencies. The participation from the public was tremendous and the help from the Jaycees, excellent." Stuart felt this year's program was "just as good if not better than last year."

Some Academy Classes Still Open

Headmaster Donald J. Parrotte today announced both the closing of admissions in two classes and the availability of class positions on several grade levels at Albemarle Academy for the 1975-76 academic year. According to the Headmaster, grades seven and ten have been closed to admissions; however, several positions still remain in each of the remaining grades. Parrotte further stated that grades two, four and eight are rapidly nearing the point where they too will be closed to further applications.

The most gratifying factor concerning

enrollments has been the increase in enrollment as compared to last year's figures at this time," stated Parrotte. Enrollment at the Academy is presently up 15 per cent over last year's enrollment at the end of June.

At the same time the Board of Directors of the Albemarle Educational Foundation announced intentions to further expand the Kindergarten program at the Academy. According to Board Chairman, Calvin Chappell, "Enrollments in the Kindergarten program have been astounding. If such interest continues at the present rate, the

Principals Attend Conference

Two principals in the Perquimans County School System have just returned home from attending the State Superintendent's Conference for Principals. The conference was held in Wilmington July 20-23.

Locally, Tommy Maston, principal of Central Grammar School and Bill Tice, principal of Hertford Grammar School were in attendance.

Highlights of the summer conference included a session with Dr. Jack Frymier, chairman of faculty curriculum and foundations at Ohio State University. Also included was Dr. Robert Lassans,

associate commissioner for institutional development with the U.S. Office of Education.

Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent, and members of the staff of the State Department of Public Instruction also appeared on the program and worked with principals on an individual basis.

Approximately 800 principals from across North Carolina registered for the four-day conference.

Pat Harrell, local assistant superintendent, said, "We feel the conference is a worthwhile activity and we are pleased that we were well represented."



WINNING TEAM — Members of the 1975 Pirate Baseball Team honored recently at a dinner, are pictured above. They are, left to right: 1st row: Clyde Elliott, Marvin Hunter, Chris Harrell; 2nd row: Tony Jordan, Scott Perry, Matt Miller, Jimmy Woodell; 3rd row: Tosh Towe, Kenneth Ray Boyce, Kelvin Roberson, Mike Pierce and Wayne Baker. (Not pictured are Clark Winslow, Don Matthews, David White and Mark Winslow.)



HONOR PLAYERS — Some of those present Thursday night to honor the high school baseball team were Pete Hunter, coach; Shelby Mansfield, COA baseball coach and guest speaker; and Tom Applegate, Commander of American Legion Post 126. Shown also are Kenneth Ray Boyce (left front), the team's Most Valuable Player and Wayne Baker, the team's Most Improved Player. (Newbern photos)

Pirate Baseball Champs Honored

By KATHY NEWBERN

An appreciation supper for the 1975 Pirate Baseball Team was held last Thursday night at the high school cafeteria. The supper, sponsored by the Hertford American Legion Post 126, was held to honor the conference champions.

Legion Commander Tom Applegate welcomed the players, their parents and special guests. Concerning the achievements of the Pirate team, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox said, "We really think we have one fine group of young men here growing up in our community."

Also recognized were William E. Byrum, high school principal and Pete Hunter, baseball coach.

Hunter recognized the All-Conference players: Clark Winslow, Kelvin Roberson, Kenneth Ray Boyce and Marvin Hunter. Most Valuable Player for the year was Kenneth Ray Boyce and Most Improved Player was Wayne Baker. Hunter cited the team batting average for the season as .297 and the Pirates totaled 112 runs in 16 games. The team's

scorekeeper Scott Tilley was also recognized.

Guest speaker for the evening was Shelby Mansfield, baseball coach at College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. Mansfield praised the team highly saying, "I think they did an outstanding job. You people had the best baseball team in the Albemarle. One of the most dominant high school pitchers I can remember from this area was Pete Hunter. Probably one of the most famous baseball players and from what I've read, one of the most prosperous baseball players from this area is of course your own Jimmy Hunter."

Mansfield explained to those present that baseball is the toughest game there is,

being both physically and intellectually demanding. He said baseball teaches young men to control emotion as well as learn self-discipline. The COA coach also pointed out the influence American Legion Posts have on the sport. He said, "Some 85 per cent of boys in the major leagues today played in an American Legion program." In closing, Mansfield said, "I saw these young men here play twice a year and you have some outstanding talent."

Following the dinner and comments from guests, each ball player was awarded a trophy purchased by merchants of Perquimans County.

New Stiff Penalty

Anyone willfully damaging or stealing a highway sign now faces a stiff penalty. A new law passed by the 1975 General Assembly, effective July 1, 1975, provides for a penalty of up to \$500 or six months in jail or both for any person found guilty of willfully

defacing, damaging, knocking down, or stealing a highway sign.

The new law was prompted in part by a traffic accident last December in Robeson County. Two people were killed in a two-car collision resulting from the removal of a stop sign at the intersection of two Robeson County secondary roads.

North Carolina State Highway Patrol Commander Col. E.W. Jones said enforcement of the new law is the responsibility of the Patrol and all other law enforcement agencies in North Carolina.

Office To Close

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and License Bureau will be closed Friday afternoon, July 25, at 12:30. Office hours will resume Saturday, July 26, at 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon.