

# County Schools Keeping Busy

October has already proven to be a busy month in the Perquimans County Schools and for school faculty members and personnel. The following is a summary of some of the school and school-related activities.

A program was presented Monday, October 6 to students at Perquimans High School entitled, "Shades of Shakespeare." The requested performance was made possible through the Department of Public Instruction's Division of Cultural Arts. The performance was made by The Southeastern Shakespeare Company, composed of free-lance actors under contract with the State Department. The program consisted of various scenes, including the famous love scene from "Romeo and Juliet," a dramatic fight scene from "Macbeth," and hilarious scenes from "The Taming of the Shrew." Enjoyed by the students and teachers, the performance was part of a continuing effort to provide insight and appreciation for various cultural activities.

On October 2nd and 3rd, Pat Rudy and Haitha Hayes, two consultants with the State Agency, worked with elementary reading teachers at Perquimans Union School and Hertford Grammar School. One day was spent in each school helping teachers with problems they had identified using the new basal reading materials adopted by the schools this year. Teacher and principal reaction was very positive and the consultants have been asked to visit the schools again in the near future.

Carol Lewis with the Department of Public Instruction' Division of Media, spent Oct. 7 working with librarians in the county's schools. The purpose of her visit was to help the librarians with any problems they may be experiencing and to encourage them to identify some of their concerns. Future staff developments sessions such as this have

been planned for the rest of the school year, one to be held each month.

Pre-tests were recently administered to students in both the pilot and controlled classes in the Reading Improvement Project (RIP) at Perquimans Central Grammar School. The California Testing Basic Skills (CTBS) test was used and this action was done in accordance with state guidelines for the RIP program. The testing was supervised by Mrs. Margaret Maston. The reading program has gotten off to a good start with teachers and aides involved participating in a staff training workshop held at Nags Head recently. Concerning the RIP program, school officials have indicated that they are very excited in being able to participate.

Mrs. Carroll Harrell and Mrs. Elizabeth Britt represented the Perquimans schools in a meeting held recently with Richard Baker, the Executive Director of the Alliance For Progress in Powersville, N.C. The discussion concerned possible future programs in the six counties in the gifted and/or talented program. Dr. James J. Gallagher, Director of the Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, talked with the group on some ideas that may develop into future proposals and also the future funding of programs. Gallagher is nationally recognized for his work in the area of gifted education.

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Oct. 16-18), four kindergarten teachers and four kindergarten teachers' aides attended an annual state conference on Early Childhood Education held in Winston-Salem, N.C. Speakers and consultants for the conference were state and national figures. Those attending felt the conference to be both beneficial and worthwhile with many new ideas expressed.



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## Ladies Auxiliary Holds Fall Bazaar

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Belvidere Chappell-Hill Volunteer Fire Department held their annual fall bazaar on Sept. 26 and 27. The bazaar, in its third year of operation, netted a

## FHA Members Attend Rally

Members of the Perquimans High School Future Homemakers of America recently traveled to Ayden, N.C. for the District I FHA Rally. Hosting the rally was Ayden-Griffon High School. The rally consisted of mini-sessions on various subjects, including "Drugs And You," "Mental Health," "The Elderly and You," and "Fashion, Then and Now." Each session lasted 50 minutes. Session consultants included personnel from East Carolina University, the State Department of Public Health, Pitt County Schools, Pitt County Mental Health Center, Pitt Technical Institute, the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, Pitt County Health Department,

Saturday crowning of Miss Barbara Layden as fire department queen. The auxiliary members would not have enjoyed the said that if it had not been for the support of the various churches, civic organizations and individuals, the bazaar would not have enjoyed the success that it did.

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The middle child of eleven, Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Price Sr. of 407 Tatem Lane. She attended H.L. Trigg Elementary School, P.W. Moore High School, Northeastern High School and Elizabeth City State University ('72-'74).

After earning good grades all through school, she fell in love with the poetry of Shakespeare, Swift, Blake, Milton and others during an E.C. State course taught by Bernard Peterson called "Language Arts Honors." Her own poetic impulses

were spurred by this course, but she chose not to copy the styles of these masters in favor of a simpler, more understandable style all her own.

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## Whiteston Homemakers Club Meets

"It is not the amount of money you spend, but the planning of a menu that makes a good meal." These were the words of Mrs. Eloise White when the Whiteston Homemakers Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Carrie Gregory. Continuing, Mrs. White added, "You need different sizes and shapes of food garnished with color to sharpen the appetite." She proved her point as she demonstrated and served a meatless main dish, Bean Cheese Salad. Mrs. White also distributed menus and buying tips to the members, emphasizing the four basic food groups for good health.

The meeting also included a devotion given by Mrs. Myra Riddick in which she quoted from John 3:16. There were several announcements of coming events including a Crafts Workshop on Oct. 28 with each club providing one craft; Farm City Week to be held Nov. 22 and the Christmas Open House. It was decided that each member would bring a "quicky craft" with the materials needed to make it, to the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the club collect. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Bertha Lane is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital for observation and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Divers are spending a few weeks in Chapel Hill with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Cannon, Jr. of Panama City, Fla. were guests of Mrs. C.E. Cannon on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stalling spent the weekend on the Skyline Drive.

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