

Guest Editorial

# We Have A Drug Problem

**We Have A Drug Problem.**  
Yes, Perquimans County, we do have a drug problem in North Carolina and in Perquimans County. In a period of five years, drug arrests have increased five fold. The year 1974 saw 578 juvenile petitions issued and 11,445 drug arrests made. This figure did not show the arrests made in 14 counties.

What can you do about this as parents? The Perquimans County Jaycees are offering a drug education program for you free of charge on Sept. 14 and Sept. 21 at the Perquimans County High School library from 8-9 p.m. Bill Godley, SBI Agent, will present a talk on drugs and how to recognize drugs on the first meeting of the group. At the second session, Judge Grafton Beamon will be present to explain the legal events that follow a drug arrest.

All parents in Perquimans County are urged to participate in these two drug education sessions and become informed of the presence of drugs in our society today. For more information, contact any Jaycee member.

Submitted By:  
The Perquimans County Jaycees

Letters From Our Readers:  
**Editor's Mailbag**



## Grateful Scouts

TO THE EDITOR:

To the people of Hertford and Perquimans County, what could have been a disappointing trip for two Boy Scout troops and adult leaders turned out to be one which will long be remembered. The people of Hertford and Perquimans County took us in on Sunday, August 8, and treated us like royalty. With the threat of Hurricane Belle, Mayor Cox and Sheriff Broughton thought it inadvisable for us to spend the night in our tents. Thanks to them we spent three nights in the American Legion Building and didn't give another thought to the wind and rain.

On Monday morning Mayor Cox took time to arrange local trips for the scouts. And who would ever imagine a town inviting twenty-five people to dinner? (And may we say thank you — it was delicious.) As an added treat, a kind gentleman brought five large watermelons. It didn't take long for those melons to be devoured.

Fortunately, we were able to continue our trip to the Outer Banks on Tuesday and put in a very full day before arriving back in Hertford very late.

Thanks to the watchful eye of Mayor Cox, Sheriff Broughton, Police Chief Gibbs and many kind citizens, we didn't have any worries at all. The hospitality and friendliness of the people will never be forgotten by Boy Scout Troops 166 and 610 of Statesville, N.C.

Will Simmerson  
Leroy and Grace Tucker  
Bob and Edith Bell  
and 20 happy Boy Scouts  
Statesville, N.C.

## Taxes & Election

TO THE EDITOR:

Fortunately, "We The People" always grunt before it is too late. Keeping in mind that we, each of us, are our only tax base, we can slowly adjust our tax structure to respect the personal sovereignty of each of us, provide for our common defense and general welfare, and encourage those of us with the most integrity and ability to lead spaceship earth to more light.

Though we stood mute while his policy of tax, tax, spend, spend, elect and elect was implemented by our Congress, even Harry Hopkins never dreamed that we would allow our national debt to be used to support those who consider themselves above our Constitution and the laws of our republic.

After we use our secret ballot to elect Jimmy Carter-Fritz Mondale, and, to elect candidates with equal integrity and ability to our Congress, the imaginary throne king Henry occupies will be just another whisper on the wind.

HUGH D. DUDLEY  
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Fayetteville, N.C.

### Pirates Offer Season Tickets

Season tickets are now available for the 1976 Perquimans Pirates' football games. The season ticket is \$8 for five home games. The regular price is \$1.50 per game. The schedule of home games is: Sept. 17 — Roanoke Rapids; Sept. 24 — Havelock; Oct. 8 — Northampton; Oct. 15 — Murfreesboro; and Oct. 29 — Gates. Season tickets can be purchased at a savings by individuals, families, groups or clubs. They are available at Woodard's Pharmacy, Brinn Insurance, the Perquimans High School office; or from any coaching staff member. The Perquimans Pirates urge the public to support them in 1976 by attending the home football games.

British poet, Richard Trench said: "We kneel, how weak, how full of pain."

# Taking A Look Backward

Sept. 1938  
By VIRGINIA WHITE  
TRANSEAU

**COUNTY SCHOOL BUSES HOUSED IN NEW GARAGE:** Perquimans County's 13 school buses will be housed in a big new garage before winter gets underway in earnest. The new storage arrangement, with space enough for 20 buses and a workshop is being worked out on the athletic field at the high school. In the same project high school students were greeted Wednesday at the school opening with bright, newly painted classrooms, as the result of WPA work carried on during the summer.

**CLAUDE BRINN ONE OF ELON COLLEGE SQUAD:** Football practice at Elon is already underway and word is received here that Claude Brinn is out with the squad. Elon, whose first game is scheduled for 17th, with V.M.I. at Blacksburg,

## Reunion Is Held

The families of the late Jesse and Sarah Russell Hurdle held their annual reunion on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roberts on the Perquimans River at Billies' Beach.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Mather Hurdle, Debbie and Ellen; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurdle, Mr. and Mrs. Rothie Hurdle and Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Coppersmith, Joey and Jeffery; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd King, Tony, Tracy and Jeffery; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wooten, Lisa, Wendy and Stephanie; Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Weeks, Susan and Sarah; Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Boyce Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Boyce III; all of Elizabeth City.

Those attending from Hertford included: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boyce, Susan and Edmund; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hurdle, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hurdle, Marty, Teresa and Sandy Sawyer; Mr. and Mrs. Maryland Boyce Sr, Cariton Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roberts and Benjamin, Mrs. Ruth Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davenport.

Also attending were Mrs. Lennie Russell Jackson of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Russell of Elizabeth City, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Boyce, Beth and Thomas of Roper, N.C.

A picnic lunch and supper was enjoyed by all, plus an afternoon of swimming, games, looking at old pictures of past reunions, and just getting reacquainted with all the relatives.

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has been holding two daily practices, in the morning and in the afternoon. Ten letter men are back seeking positions on the Elon squad.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:** Newspaper Man Doubts Age Court House Mr. Editor: With true patriotic Edenton fervor and with scorn at your inference last week that Hertford has the oldest court house in the Albemarle or State, give a thought to a couple of facts. On the Main Street of this charming town, and pointing the way to all, is an official State Highway historical marker, No. 11, saying that the Chowan Court House built in 1767 is "the oldest court house in the state." Of course it is, and as C. C. Crittendon, North Carolina history chieftain, inscribed the Chowan sign, to be sure your eminent Charles Whedbee will have an easy time of it convincing Mr. Crittendon he is wrong. However, even your paper is inferentially skeptical about Hertford's ancestral claim. Court was held in Perquimans in both the seventeenth and eighteenth century, as your memoranda says and as

even the merest Albemarle child knows, but not in Hertford in a building designed for that purpose, and don't you forget it. All you need do is to consult the records. The first one, in 1804, 37 years after our court house, says your clerk of the court was directed "hereafter" to

move his documents and establish them in Hertford. A nickel against a turnip, you never had a court house before that date, if even then. If you wish to prove your history comb the font located here. (Signed) Harvey Thomas, Edenton, N.C.

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We appreciate your readership and hope you'll keep watching for this space weekly.

Your Pharmacist  
C. J. Woodard, R. Ph.