

Letters To The Editor

School Bond Alternatives Given

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Sept. 8th issue of *The Perquimans Weekly*, there appeared a notice informing the citizens of Perquimans County of a special election to be held on Nov. 8, 1977. The special election will give qualified voters of the county an opportunity to approve or disapprove the issuance of school bonds in the amount of \$1,850,000. Funds from sale of the bonds, if approved by the voters, would be used for construction of new buildings to form part of the present county high school buildings complex, for the acquisition of necessary land, reconstruction of some of the present buildings and for furnishings and equipment.

The writer feels that county residents will be interested in additional information on this matter and; while that may be forthcoming in future issues of *The Perquimans Weekly*; this appears to be a good time to start.

The Commissioners of Perquimans County and the County Board of Education have been involved in discussions on this matter for a number of months and various notices have appeared in the press informing the public of the legal steps being taken in preparation for issuance of the bonds. While this procedure appears to the writer to have "the cart before the horse," this is not the principle issue of concern here.

As a result of conversations with the various Commissioners (at public meetings) and with the high school principal and the County Superintendent, the following additional information is available regarding the proposed bond issue, its cost to the taxpayers of the county, and the estimated cost of the proposed new school construction, remodeling, reconstruction, repairs to present buildings, etc.

1. Estimated costs for the new high school complex (this includes remodeling, reconstructing some of the present high school buildings) as visualized by the County Board of Education and County School Superintendent might be approximately \$3,000,000. The writer expects that this figure may increase rather than decrease should negotiations ever reach the contract stage.
2. Of this total (approximately \$3,000,000) the proposed bond issue would provide \$1,850,000.
3. Approximately \$500,000 is presently available from the State of North Carolina in State School Bond monies.
4. The Commissioners of Perquimans County have, over the past years, accumulated a special capital school fund for just this purpose. That fund now amounts to approximately \$500,000.
5. The proposed bond issue will require approximately 20 years for repayment.
6. The interest charges to be paid by the Perquimans County taxpayers during the 20-year period would amount to \$1,190,400.
7. The tax rate for Perquimans County now stands at \$.95 per \$100 assessed value — one of the highest rates in the Albemarle area. At present, out of every \$.95 paid in taxes, \$.52 is allocated for the county schools.
8. If the bond issue is approved, the tax rate will need to be increased approximately \$.20 per \$100 assessed value in order to pay for the bonds and their interest charges. The total tax rate would then amount to about \$1.15 per \$100 assessed value.

The writer believes that the voters should not approve the proposed bond issue and suggests the following:

1. That the Board of Education and the County School Superintendent revise the plans for the high school complex and that the present buildings be repaired, refurbished and remodeled with no new construction included.
2. That the \$1,000,000 now available (\$500,000 from the State of N.C. and \$500,000 from Perquimans County Commissioners) be used for the needed repairs, reconstruction and remodeling noted above.
3. That the county adopt a "pay as you go" policy rather than assuming a \$3,040,000 debt for a period of 20 years. (\$1,850,000 bonds plus \$1,190,000 in interest)
4. That these recommendations "make sense" in view of the county's declining population and projected enrollment figures for the high school during the next seven years as outlined below:

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	GRADES				TOTAL
	9th	10th	11th	12th	
1978-1979	166	173	198	166	703
1979-1980	173	198	166	147	684
1980-1981	198	166	147	128	639
1981-1982	166	147	128	132	573
1982-1983	147	128	132	140	547
1983-1984	128	132	140	121	521
1984-1985	132	140	121	134	527

Very Sincerely Yours,
J.P. PERRY, JR.
306 N. Front St.
Hertford, N.C.

Lunch Menus For Sept. 26-30

The following are the lunch menus for Perquimans County Schools for the week of Sept. 26-30:

HERTFORD GRAMMAR PERQUIMANS CENTRAL PERQUIMANS UNION

Mon. Sept. 26
Hamburger on Bun
French Fries
Lettuce and Tomato
Milk

Tues. Sept. 27
Pizza
Green Beans
Chilled Peaches
Coke
Milk

Wed. Sept. 28
Meat Loaf with Gravy
Steamed Cabbage
Whipped Potatoes
Cornbread
Milk

Thurs. Sept. 29
Smoked Sausage
Green Peas
Baked Apples
Cheese Biscuit
Milk

Fri. Sept. 30
Hot Dog on Roll
Baked Beans
Fruit Cup
Cookies
Milk

PERQUIMANS HIGH

Mon. Sept. 26
Hamburger on Bun OR
Chuckwagon with Gravy
French Fries
Lettuce and Tomato
Lima Beans
Hot Rolls
Milk

Tues. Sept. 27
Pizza OR
Cheeseburger on Bun
Green Beans
Buttered Corn
Chilled Peaches
Milk

Wed. Sept. 28
Meat Loaf with Gravy
Steamed Cabbage
Whipped Potatoes
Fruit Cocktail
Cornbread
Milk

Thurs. Sept. 29
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
OR Smoked Sausage
Green Peas
Baked Apples
Tater Tots
Cheese Biscuit
Milk

Fri. Sept. 30
Beef Stew OR
Hot Dog on Roll
Baked Beans
Slaw
Pear Halves
Cake
Milk

In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur of Asheville visited relatives in Hertford for several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin White, who are spending the summer at their cottage at Nags Head were at their home in Belvidere a few days this week.

Don White, student at N.C.S.U., Raleigh, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac White, in Belvidere.

Joe Ward Proctor and son, Dwayne, of Harvey Point spent Sunday at Nags Head.

Looking Backward

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By VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

JUDGES PREFERRED BRUNETTES: RESULTS OF BEAUTY CONTEST: Beauty queens named at the State Theatre Beauty Contests last Thursday and Friday nights and thereby entitled to try-outs for "Miss North Carolina" at some later date in Blowing Rock and subsequent screen tests, were Miss Sybil Layden as "Miss Hertford" on Thursday night and Miss Nita Newbold as "Miss Perquimans County," and Miss Nonie Lou Lane as the "Junior Queen" on Friday night. Miss Layden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Layden and Miss Newbold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Newbold. The Junior Queen Miss Lane is the little blonde daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

John Lane of Winfall. Mayor Darden crowned the queens each night and Manager B.L. Gibbs pinned on the ribbons.

LIBRARY BOARD IS APPOINTED: WILL MEET SEPT. 21: Acting for the County Board of Commissioners, Charles Whedbee has appointed the following members of the Library Board for Perquimans County: Mrs. E.M. Perry and Mrs. J.M. Fleetwood for six years each, Miss Mae Wood Winslow and Granbery Tucker for four years each, and Mrs. L.J. Winslow and David Cox Jr. for two years each. The county has made available the amount of \$300 for purchase of books and another sum in the same amount will be available in the spring. Town of Hertford adds \$180 per year to the total and is to be used by the Library Board for library services.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Edwards, Jr. spent the weekend at their cottage at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Whedbee were guests of Miss Mary Taylor at Stovall for several days last week.

Mrs. Reba Owens spent the weekend in Elizabeth City with her mother, Mrs. Kenyon Bailey.

Miss Sara Winslow, student at UNC-Wilmington, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Winslow.

WINSLOWS OFF TO SCHOOL: Leigh and Jack Winslow, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Winslow, left for school on Monday; Leigh for Fishburne Military Academy at Waynesboro, Va., and Jack for Long Island. Betty Winslow, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. J.E. Winslow, left Wednesday for St. Margaret's School at Tappanhanock, Va. Her mother and Jean Newbold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Newbold, motored her up to Tappanhanock.

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Warnings for alcohol

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The latest alcoholic warning concerns expectant mothers. Three ounces of alcohol per day consumed during pregnancy reportedly increases risks of offspring abnormalities. No one can win with alcohol. Remember once and for all, alcohol is a drug — a potent drug. Let's take it seriously, for everyone's sake!

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Constitution Week Is Noted

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to call to the attention of the citizens of Perquimans County that the week of September 17-23 has been proclaimed as Constitution Week by President Jimmy Carter and Hertford Mayor Bill Cox.

I am requesting the businesses and citizens of the area to fly their American Flags during this week in honor of the 190th anniversary of the writing of this comprehensive document.

Our Constitution, in times of stress as well as in peace, has provided the American people with a more enduring and practical government and a greater degree of prosperity than any other people have ever had.

The framers of the Constitution believed in the worth and dignity of the human soul, in free competition, in the nobility of labor, and in the right to live and work — free from tyranny of state or class. We must maintain constant vigilance to protect these freedoms!

Sincerely,
MRS. MARION SWINDELL, Chairman
Constitution Week
Edenton Chapter DAR

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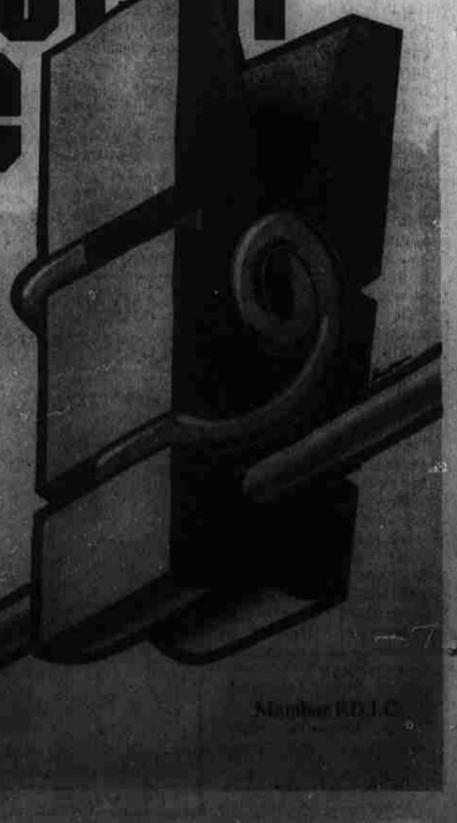
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