

Letters To The Editor

Ours Are Out

We Still Say Yes

To The Editor:
We would like to urge the citizens of Perquimans County to vote FOR the school bond referendum on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Even though all of our children have graduated from high school, we still strongly support the public school education — feeling it is necessary to the orderly growth of youth.

We are aware that what was provided for us in the form of buildings and education was done by others in the 1920's at much expense to them — maybe more than to us, comparatively, because of the difference in availability of money at that time and now.

Much has been said about the scale of decreasing future school attendance issued by one of our state offices. This was not correct for last year as we had no decline in the school census, and this year there will be only a very slight decrease. We must assume this statement to not be entirely correct.

Also, the question is being asked as to why we can't renovate the present building rather than construct a new one. Along with the \$500,000, our county commissioners have in a capital reserve fund to use for this project, we do have \$539,000 available from the 1973 Statewide Bond Referendum. BUT, very seldom, if ever, does the state permit this money to be used for renovation of a building over 50 years old. If we were able to do this, where would our students attend school during the 1½ to 2 years it would take to renovate? The other school buildings are already overcrowded.

Renovation costs would be as much if not more than construction of the new building. We would find almost all of the walls to be supporting walls; thus, enlargement of the rooms would be very expensive and this, in turn, would eliminate some of the present classrooms. We need more, not fewer rooms. Elevators would have to be installed along with other aids to meet the requirements for providing facilities for the handicapped.

In an Oct. 10 letter to our school superintendent, Mr. Lacy Presnell, Director of Division of School Planning for the State, states that they have reviewed the findings and recommendation of the survey report and recommend REPLACEMENT not RENOVATION. They do not feel it is economically feasible to renovate and ".....it may, in fact be impossible to renovate this building into a condition that will meet the current building code....." The state energy laws now being written will further complicate matters.

NO additional land is being purchased through this bond referendum and the present building will not be torn down. In fact, the present auditorium, lunchroom, library and King Street buildings will all be utilized along with some of the downstairs rooms.

We complain about our children having to leave the county to find work and this is true. But one of the first questions asked by prospective industry is about the availability of schooling, if the schools are filled to capacity and is there room for expansion.

To us, our first and most important consideration should be our children and what is best for their future. Our taxes will be raised but when broken down by the cost per day or week, this is a small amount compared to the benefits which will be reaped by our children who are our future.
MARION AND BETTY SWINDELL
Dobb St.
Hertford, N.C.

moon; we live in a world where it will soon be possible to alter the genetic structure of living things, both plant and animal; we can go from place to place faster than we ever could before; we have even witnessed the life and death struggle of the Vietnam War day by day on television.

Time is moving faster and space is getting smaller. Our world is not the same as it was yesterday and tomorrow it will change again, so too will our nation, our state, our county, our town.

Neither time nor progress will wait for us. Neither time nor progress will tolerate piecemeal alterations in our educational structure.

No man has the right to ask another to stand still, to not participate in progress. No man has the right to deny another the opportunity to try.

If we do not vote yes on the school bond referendum, we will be removing ourselves from the natural course of events; we will be allowing progress to move on without us. We will be denying others the right to try.

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Violation Of Zoning

To The Editor:
In August, 1977, the Perquimans Weekly reported that the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission had moved into office space at two locations in Hertford, N.C. The report did not include the fact that use of one of these locations as office space for ARPDC, specifically the house located at 217 N. Church St., is a violation of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Hertford.

In accordance with the requirements of the zoning ordinance, I filed a written complaint about this zoning violation by certified letter on August 18, 1977, with the appropriate official of the Town of Hertford. As of October 18, 1977, no action has been taken by the Town of Hertford to correct this violation. It is ironic that ARPDC, an agency presumably concerned with town, city and county planning, is involved in a continuing zoning violation which makes a mockery of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Hertford and the planning purposes for which that ordinance was adopted.

MRS. JOANN MORRIS
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Displays Determination

Navy Gunner's Mate Seaman David A. Harrell, son of Jack W. Harrell of Rt. 1, Hertford, is participating in the major NATO exercise "Display Determination."

He is serving as crewmember aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Albany, homeported in Gaeta, Italy. His ship is operating as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

His command has joined naval forces from Portugal, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and the United Kingdom for the combined exercises which includes convoy operations, amphibious assault landings and antisubmarine warfare maneuvers.

"Display Determination" is designed to train NATO naval forces in combined sea operations, refine

NATO procedures and ensure that operational plans are current. Participating units will test NATO Standardized doctrines, equipment and armaments, plus command and control procedures for coordinated action by NATO Sea, land and air forces.

The operation will evaluate allied capability to control Mediterranean sea lanes plus reinforce and resupply ground forces in Southern Europe. Acting as opposing forces, NATO units will simulate surface,

subsurface and air attacks, along the convoy routes. A series of amphibious landings also are scheduled at Saros Bay, Turkey, with follow-on exercises continuing ashore.

Police Reports

The Hertford Police Department has released the following reports for this week:

ACCIDENT

Larry Wayne Chilton of 207 E. Grubb St. was charged with following too close by Officer R.L. Harvey following a minor accident on Church St. Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 5:10 p.m. According to Harvey, Charles Edward Forehand had stopped for a red light on Church St. and the Chilton vehicle traveling behind him failed to stop in time and struck the vehicle in the rear bumper. There was approximately \$100 damage to the Chilton vehicle and \$50 to the Forehand vehicle. There were no injuries.

ARRESTS

John Edward Brown of 210 Covent Garden St. was arrested by Chief Merritt and Officer J.R. Logan on Sunday at 8 a.m. Oct. 16, for making a false report of a stolen vehicle. Brown was taken before Magistrate B.T. Dail Sr. who released him on a \$50 cash bond.

CITATIONS

Leroy Ferebee of 103 White St. Hertford was charged with failing to stop at a duly erected stop sign by Officer R.L. Harvey on Monday at 5:20 p.m. Oct. 17.

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

A 1974 Chevrolet truck that was stolen from Conner Mobile Home in Elizabeth City on Friday, Oct. 14 was recovered by the Hertford P.D. on Sunday, Oct. 16. According to Chief Merritt, Henry Clay Stokes of 104 Front St. called the police and reported that the truck had been parked at the rear of his residence since late Friday night. Chief Merritt responded to the call and determined that the vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was impounded by the Hertford P.D. for the Pasquotank P.D.

BREAK-INS

Someone broke out the glass in the front door of Dixie Auto Supply, entered and took approximately \$40

in change from the cash register and several socket sets valued at approximately \$100. Seven dollars and fifty-eight cents in change was recovered on the outside of the building that was dropped by the perpetrator in his haste to get away. The incident occurred on Thursday, Oct. 13, between the hours of 8:50 and 10:20 p.m. according to chief Merritt and Officer J.R. Logan. The case is still under investigation and a suspect has been tentatively identified.

Someone broke out the side window at Pyrofax Gas and entered the building on Friday, Oct. 14. According to Officer J.R. Logan who investigated the incident, nothing was stolen. Logan stated that the building was ransacked in an attempt to locate money, but the management never leaves money in the building over night.

TIME SAVER

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Do you ever wonder how a retarded person sees the world? In the poem, *Think of Me First As A Person*, Rita Dranginis has captured just such sentiments. Request your copy through our Clipping Service, Box 5051, Raleigh, N.C. 27607. Our compliments.

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To The Editor:
A little over fifty years ago, the citizens of Perquimans County realized that the educational facilities that then existed were no longer adequate. So they pooled their resources and built a new high school.

They believed that in order for the county to participate in the social and economic changes that were taking place, the county's educational structures had to also change. Their foresight was not unwarranted; their belief in inevitable social and economic changes was correct. We have participated in a rage of progress, social, economic, and technological.

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After all, who do you think carries the raw materials to these new plants? The finished goods to market? In large measure, we do.

And, as the South's population grows, who do you think brings the things these people need? The cars, the carpets, the appliances, the clothing, the sporting goods and the food? Largely, we do.

But, we're not growing just to keep up with the ever-increasing population. We're growing to be prepared for an even bigger South in the future.

According to the federal government, the

railroads will get an increase in freight volume of 143% by 1990.

And the railroads' share of market will go up by a big 24%.

Will we get the lion's share of these increases when they come? Maybe. But whatever happens, we're getting ready for them by expanding right now. We're putting in a new \$40 million computerized freight classification yard in North Carolina. We're adding to our microwave communications system, which is already the largest in the South. And we're laying two tracks where one used to be enough to handle all the traffic in the area.

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