

**To The Editor:**

# Readers React To Local & State Issues

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Having taught for thirty-six years at Perquimans High School, I naturally have a great love and concern for the school and the children who go there. When I retired in 1972 this in no way lessened my interest.

In 1927 when I started teaching at P.C.H.S. there was only the main building on the campus. Now look at the complex.

I believe the first building added was the bus garage. Then the gymnasium and the agriculture department were built. Much later the King Street School was annexed, and recently the library building was erected.

Just as these developments took place to fill needs, so now a bond issue is necessary to fill the need for much needed improvements for our old school. NOW is the time for a new high school.

It has been proven that environment has a great deal of influence on children. I know of nothing more that would improve the morale of the student body at P.C.H.S. than to have new, modern, upto-date facilities provided by tax-paying adults who care.

With unemployment so high, we need to do all we can to see that the children of our county get the very best education possible so that they may not have to join the hordes of the unemployed.

I want the best school possible for our grandchildren as well as all children. What better heritage could we possibly leave them? Wealth gets away, but training and education are enduring.

When I was teaching I frequently hope that I taught more than just English and French. I hope that the more than 3,600 students I taught through the years, somehow on the side learned civic responsibility and a concern for others, and a true sense of values.

I trust that these thousands of former pupils will accept their civic responsibility and vote overwhelmingly YES for the school bond issue on Nov. 8, so that their children and grandchildren will have better facilities for learning that they had.

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**To The Editor:**  
At this time, I feel that most of the voters in Perquimans County have some information concerning the school Bond Referendum to be voted on November 8. The amount is \$1.85 million. This, with other funds available from the County and State, would provide money needed for renovation and construction of new facilities at the Perquimans High School.

I feel strongly that the need is great. In our present complex, the majority of the students use the two story brick building that was constructed in 1924. A 53 year old structure is hardly adequate to meet the educational needs of our youth in 1977. Viewed from the outside, it is beautiful, I think. However, upon entering, the appearance is drab. The halls are narrow, rooms are small, and the heating is inadequate. The Science Lab leaves much to be desired. Environment does affect the learning process and can be a morale builder for students and teachers.

Shall we continue to house our students in our present out-dated buildings, or shall we take a progressive step forward and provide facilities more conducive to a better learning and teaching situation?

We have much that is good going for us in the areas of administration, instruction, and a dedicated School Board. They need our support.

Reaction to this Bond issue — pro and con — has been honest and commendable. We are aware that education all over the country is receiving much criticism. This offers Parents and educators a clear cut challenge to improve the educational climate. Certainly adequate facilities are a "MUST."

Schools are the greatest institution we have for promoting our democratic way of life. Let each one now exercise this right. Study the facts. Go to the polls, and vote your conviction on Nov. 8.

Remember, the youth of today and of the future will be affected, from an educational stand point, by the results of this vote.

Let us give our students and Perquimans County High a boost and VOTE FOR the School Bond Referendum. There is a need!

THELMA ELLIOTT  
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**To The Editor:**  
We, the members of the Perquimans County School Advisory Council, unanimously endorse the school bond referendum to be held on Nov. 8, and urge each voter to consider the facts.

We believe our students deserve the best facilities that can be made available to them. We want our students to be in comfortable surroundings with adequate temperature control. We also want the unity that the new and renovated facilities would bring between the existing buildings.

We are cognizant of building code requirements and feel that student safety and well-being should not be considered lightly. New construction is going to be a necessity sooner or later. We feel new construction should be now before inflation further shrinks the monies already available. We feel new construction should be now before increased buildings costs require a greater amount of bonded indebtedness.

We encourage you, the voters, to consider the needs of the students. They want and deserve your continuing support.

WAYNE ASHLEY, MARY BRYANT, HENRY DAUGHTERY, ESTELLE FELTON, A.L. LANE, REV. WALTER LEIGH, REV. WILLIE VAUGHAN, ANNE WINSLOW, JOHNNY WINSLOW  
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**To The Editor:**  
There is no one in Perquimans County who can afford to vote against the bond referendum. If for no other reason

than the longer we put it off the more it's going to cost. The new construction is inevitable. We can ask neither the faculty nor the student body to do the job we expect of them if we do not give them our support.

It takes years to build a year and minutes to destroy it with one no.  
CLIFF TOWE  
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**To The Editor:**  
We would like to encourage the citizens of Perquimans County to vote for the school bond referendum on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Now is the time to build what has been needed in our county — A Modern High School. At this point in time, a school such as we have now; that is almost six decades old should feel every tax payer that our boys and girls have been short changed for a long time. It is time we had Concerned Citizens ready and willing to build a school which will meet the standards needed for these times, and serve the future generations better. As supporters of public education, tax payers, North Carolinians, and above all, voters, we question, why renovate? Let us go to the polls and vote yes for a new High School.

LAURA AND ISAAC LOWE  
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**To The Editor:**  
Our young people deserve the very best in modern education so let us get together and help up date OUR HIGH SCHOOL. VOTE YES ON NOV. 8.  
JAN O. SPRUILL  
Hertford, N.C. 27944

**To The Editor:**  
Loves means absolutely nothing unless we put it into action. Let's show our young people that we really love them by modernizing our high school. VOTE FOR THE BOND REFERENDUM on Nov. 8.  
PERCELL McCLENNEY  
Hertford, N.C. 27944

**To The Editor:**  
There are many reasons to vote YES for the School Bond Referendum. Our young people need the best that we can give them. They need quality education, they need space to have the programs that are essential to better training in order to enter the job market upon graduation.

Our young people should not have to leave the community in order to find employment, but one of the first questions that a prospective industry ask is what kind of schooling is available. This is a major concern of all of us living here now.

Vote YES, lets take a positive step forward for better schools for our children and for progress in our community. Education is the basis for better living.  
BILL COX  
Hertford, N.C. 27944

**To The Editor:**  
As a resident, employee and parent of Perquimans County, I am in favor of the School Bond Referendum and will support it with my vote. During the past year, I have had the opportunity to visit schools in other counties. I've seen many new schools. The thought that entered my mind then and now is that our students deserve a new building and new and better facilities as much as any other county.

The old high school building has served us well; however, I believe that it is time to accept that it can not meet the changing needs of our students as well as it has in the past — simply because it (the building) has not changed. There are only two exits in the main building upstairs. Should fire or some other unnamed, but possible disaster occur of what worth would our intentions be to build, restore, prepare, the new school soon? Vote now, soon often is not soon enough.

School pride, student morale, teacher morale, all of these rest upon our shoulders. If we wish to boost these ideals in our county and at the same time upgrade the quality of education in Perquimans County, now is the time to do so. Vote.

Finally, I say without reservations that Perquimans High's building needs a "face lift" and that we can restore

it, by our positive votes to the beautiful face it once had.  
ROSA S. TALLEY  
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**To The Editor:**  
We are writing to express our concern in regards to the school bond referendum. We would like to convey to the people of Perquimans County, at the end of each fiscal year, a good business man will take inventory of his assets. We would like for the people of our county to take inventory of their assets and realize this much needed facility is way past due. So on November 8 mark your ballot "yes" for the school bond referendum.

EDDIE AND LOUISE BABER  
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Hertford, N.C. 27944

**To The Editor:**  
First, we would like to thank those people in the community who have taken a stand in favor of the school bond; especially those who have no children that would not benefit directly from its passage and unselfishly support it anyway.

Next, as so many things become obsolete or inadequate with changing times, we feel the present high school facility is now in this position. As grand as the Model T was in it's day, it could not meet the needs of people in our fast-space world today. And who would have attempted to travel to outer space in Wilbur and Orville Wright's plane? So we must not attempt to educate our children in outdated facilities.

Another reason we favor the school bond, besides the obvious benefits to our children and community, is that in this instance we have a direct opportunity to say exactly how we would like these tax dollars spent. We feel there is no better way to use tax dollars than to provide a pleasant, comfortable and adequate learning environment for Perquimans County's children.

We will vote for the school bond on Nov. 8 and hope others will too.  
MARY AND JOHN CORPREW  
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Hertford, N.C. 27944

**To The Editor:**  
FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION  
As you consider the school bond referendum on Nov. 8,

Help Hold Down  
Future Electric Costs  
Vote FOR  
Amendment 4

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of North Carolina

please keep in mind that all the material possessions we give our children can never replace the education which will play such an important role throughout the rest of their lives. In our fastmoving world, pressures continue to mount on parents, children, government, society and schools. Numerous social problems are created which compound the other problems that are as yet unsolved. As long as we sit at our tables drinking coffee and only complain about these problems, they will continue to exist and plague us. Let's be a group of people who can stand up and say.... We took that first step of positive action.... We voted YES!

PAUL G. WARD  
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**To The Editor:**  
If not for the young people, and they are what is really important, if not for an educational facility which Perquimans County can add to its many attributes, then the voters of this county should vote YES to the School Bond Referendum for its practicality. One need not mention the continued high inflationary rates, especially in building materials, and common sense dictates that a new building will inevitably be constructed. If later, a higher cost and a less purchasing power of our tax dollars will be in effect. Let's get a "bargin" for our young people. VOTE YES on Nov. 8!

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**Your Vote Of  
CONFIDENCE**  
FOR  
**JOHN G. BEERS**  
FOR TOWN COUNCILMAN  
ON  
**NOV. 8th**  
Will Be Greatly Appreciated  
**Concerned-Able-Experienced**

**NOTICE TO VOTERS**  
The Perquimans County Board of Elections has appointed the following Registrars for the special State and County Election.

— for —  
**Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1977**

**POLLS OPEN**  
**6:30 A.M. 'Til 7:30 P.M.**

Bethel: Mrs. Delsie Ward	C. R. Ward's BP Ser. Station
Nicanor: Mrs. Evie B. Dale	Community Building
Belvidere: Mr. Mack White	Community Building
Parkville: Mrs. Evelyn Ann Smith	Community Bldg. (Winfall)
New Hope: Mrs. Betty Eure	Community Building
East Hertford: Mrs. Carol Baker	Perquimans Co. Courthouse
West Hertford: Mrs. Archie Lane, Jr.	Hertford Grammar School

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TOWN OF  
**WINFALL**

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1977**  
POLLS OPEN 6:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.

**EVELYN ANN SMITH**  
Community Bld. Winfall

Perq. County Board of Elect.      W. L. Tilley  
Chairman

**NOTICE TO VOTERS**  
TOWN OF  
**HERTFORD**

The Perquimans County Board of Elections has appointed the following registrars for the Non-Partisan Municipal Election for the Town of Hertford.

**Tuesday, November 8, 1977**

Court House East Hertford	Mrs. Carol Baker
Grammar School West Hertford	Mrs. Archie Lane Jr.