

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:
 Recently I attended a meeting in one of our neighboring towns' school, and I was amazed at the beautiful and modern classrooms, and facilities.
 Are we willing to keep our children, grandchildren or our friends' children from having less than the best we can give them. We need to modernize as well as expand our school buildings.
 In 1927, when I graduated from Perquimans High School, the buildings were fairly new. Over the years there has been an increasing in the number of students which requires more room. The school buildings are in need of improvements.
 Our children, grandchildren, and our friends' children deserve the best possible school facilities we can give them.
 I want to commend the Board of Education and the County Commissioners for their careful study of all the possible methods of bringing about the needed improvements to bring our schools up to date.
 May we count on you to come to the polls and vote FOR the Bond Referendum on Nov. 8.
MRS. ROXANNA C. JACKSON
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To The Editor:
 We can not relive yesterday. We have to live for today and anticipate the future. We feel that this is what each citizen that votes yes for the School Bond on Nov. 8 will be doing.
 We know that higher taxes are one of the big arguments against the issue, but how many citizens are against the new offices and equipment purchased to update our county governmental, protection and bookkeeping systems. Why be against updating our schools? We stand a good chance of our taxes being raised for more welfare if we do not try to do all we can to educate our children so they can make a decent life for themselves.
 Please let's give a lot of thought to everything connected with this issue before we make up our minds and if we have questions contact Mr. Harrell or someone on the board who can give us first hand information.
FENTON JR. AND MARGIE EURE
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To The Editor:
 We don't want to increase taxes, but it is inevitable a building will have to be built sooner or later. We had rather support a \$1.85 million bond referendum now, than to pay double later on. "Think About It."
 Better facilities are needed for better programs, to attract new people and industry, to provide more jobs for people and to cut down on welfare.
 If our forefathers hadn't had the foresight to build the present building, many of us would not have had the chance to attend a good school.
 Our children today are our citizens of tomorrow so let's vote YES and prepare them.
DILBON AND ANNE YOUNG
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To The Editor:
 The Youth of Perquimans County need our help. It has been said many times that the youth of today will be the citizens and leaders of tomorrow. Although this is very true, the quality of leaders that our county, state and nation will have in the future will depend on a great deal on the decisions that we make today. A positive vote in favor of the school bond referendum on Nov. 8 is one of the ways in which we have an opportunity to shape the future of our county. In what better way can we help to build a more progressive county then by providing the best possible education for the students of today and tomorrow.
 We encourage all the citizens of Perquimans to vote "YES" on Nov. 8 for the Perquimans County School Bond.
WAYNE AND INGRID ASHLEY
 Ovent Garden
 Hertford, N.C. 27944

To The Editor:
 I'm most sure that the citizens of Perquimans County are for progress. To secure a new and an enlarged school would be another step in that direction. This would be an asset to Perquimans County. We all realize that this added facility would provide more adequate learning experience which would help to raise the educational standards of our youth. I can see further progress which a new and enlarged school could offer, especially a Band consisting of 40 or more members. This type of music would create more of a school spirit and also a community spirit. All of you probably remember when we had such learning experience provided for our youth and how much spirit it helped all of us. If you support this Bond Issue, this will help Perquimans

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MRS. M.B. TAYLOR
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To The Editor:
 Just two weeks ago Perquimans County High School celebrated its annual homecoming week. Students had the opportunity to participate in many activities that brought the school spirit to a peak. All of these festivities were well organized and enjoyed by both the faculty and the students.
 P.C.H.S. has quite a few clubs. The Biology Club, the VICA Club, the Health Careers Club, the Art, Club and the Beta Club, just to name a few. Student participation in these clubs is large in quantity and high inequality. For this we are proud.
 The Student Council of P.C.H.S. speaks for itself. From sponsoring gifts and food for the needy at Christmas to planning the entire homecoming week, the Student Council has long had a good reputation.
 Many students at P.C.H.S. participate in various athletic programs. Baseball, football, softball, and track are some of these programs. An in recent years many of these teams, both male and female, both Varsity and Junior Varsity, have celebrated conference title wins.
 Sad to say, P.C.H.S. does not have a school band. However, the Perquimans County Marching unit brings pride to the school everytime they take the field. Even though they are separated from the school, all of the participants in the unit come from P.C.H.S. The long hours of work, planning, and practice are taken on by the students involved and their advisor. They are invited year after year to various parades and football games. Again and again they not only bring pride to our county but also to our school.

The school newspaper, "Propinquity," and the school annual, "The Galleon" not only bring the students up to date on the events of the year but also are permanent records for the memories of the high school years. Again, Student participation proves to be the driving force that make both of these publications successful.
 All of the above were not just listed to praise the students of P.C.H.S. for their efforts but also to let residents of Perquimans County know that the majority of the students who attend P.C.H.S. DO CARE, DO TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT WE DO, AND DO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM.
 ALL of the above were listed also to show that can be done in some inadequate facilities. Just think what could be done in modern and better facilities.
 Yes, the students at P.C.H.S. are proud. But it's up to you, the voters of Perquimans County to give us something we can really be proud of - a new school.
 Please, VOTE YES!
PAUL MILLER
 Student at Perquimans High School
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To The Editor:
 We were very glad to read the responses of so many people in last week's paper concerning the school bond issue. Most of all we were relieved to know that there are people who are really "Concerned Citizens" concerned for the future of my children and others like them, attending public school and not just concerned for cost, taxes or self-interest.
 We would also like to praise many of the teachers in our system for the job they are doing, sometimes under the worst of circumstances. No system public or private is perfect but we are very sure ours is working to better itself in many ways and voting for the bond is one way we can all do our part to help. We should never categorize students or teachers as all bad or good. Surely each of you, regardless of when you were in school, remembers a bad teacher or unruly students. Our system today and tomorrow can be no better than the citizens of Perquimans demand and help it be.
 We were both attending the old Hertford Grammar School the day it burned to the ground. The memory of that cold day and the fear of the fire is still very real to us. We only lost coats and personal objects that day, we were all lucky, what if there is a next time? The story may not end so well. A YES vote from us may head off any such problem in the future.
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Realizing its Responsibility to The Citizens of Perquimans County, The Board of Education has taken the following action to improve facilities at Perquimans High School:

- Board requested Division of School Planning to conduct local school facility survey. Survey indicated Perquimans High School to be top priority for needed improvements.
- Board has spent three years conscientiously studying the survey and planning for future facility improvements. Decisions have been made to benefit both present and future students.
- Board requested County Commissioners to take action which would allow Perquimans County voters to decide the need for new and renovated facilities at Perquimans High School.

These points of action reflect commitment on the part of the Perquimans County Board of Education. Join us in this commitment for the future of Perquimans County.

VOTE YES ON NOV. 8
 FOR \$1.85 MILLION IN SCHOOL BONDS

This advertisement paid for by all members of the Perquimans County Board of Education in unanimous support of this action:

- George Baker
- Clifford Winslow, Board Chairman
- Emmett Long
- Preston Stevenson
- Ralph Harrell