

# Recreation Happenings

By BILLY WOOTEN

The basketball trip was a big success. Basketball for girls will begin in February, provided we get enough coaches. Thanks go to those in the county who contributed to the trip, Winslow Oil, Don Juan, Brian Insurance, and Albemarle EMC.

The Midget basketball season will begin on January 13 at the high school gym. The schedule will be in next week's paper.

The adult basketball league has seven teams and will begin play on Thursday night, January 11. All games will be at the Union school. They will be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Let's wish a good New Year to everyone. Hopefully the resolution for everyone is "get involved in recreation". If you remember last year's resolution, "Recreation is for everyone", you know that has been proved. Now let's all get involved. See ya' next week.



**ACC ACTION**—One of the exciting moments in the N.C. State-Penn State basketball game. Those that attended were Billy Wooten, Emmet Winslow, Jim Underwood, Wayne Procter, Tony Jordan, W.E. Pierce, Eddie Pierce, Horace Reed, Mack Nixon, Chad Nixon, Doug Sawyer, Kenny Nixon, Bobby Winslow, Chris Boyce, Richard Thatch, Meads, Tony Meads, Brad Hurdle, Alan James, Ray Hall, Marvin Sutton,

Jimmy Skinner, Eric Skinner, Ferrent Downing, Washington Lyons, Rodney Lyons, Jeffery Modlin, Johnny Gallop, Alex Cox, Andy White, Guan Skinner, Billy Holoman, Cliff Haskett, Don Holoman, Teton Reed, Stacy Owens, Marshall Tillet, Xaiver Everett, Brock Winslow, Robert Phthisic, Charles Elliott, and Gene Appleton. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

# Perquimans win Murfreesboro Classic

**MURFREESBORO**—Mike Holley hit a basket to put the Pirates up by one point, and Garry Bryant drilled in two free-throws with three seconds left to seal the win as Perquimans defeated 3-A Plymouth for the championship of the Murfreesboro Holiday Classic Saturday night.

The Pirates got to the championship game by slipping by Murfreesboro 58-57 Friday night. Ellis Everett picked off a Murfreesboro pass in the final seconds and went in for the layup and Garry Bryant made a critical rebound at the other end of the court as time expired.

The two games were the first wins for the Pirates after losing five. It was the third time Perquimans had played Plymouth this year. The Vikings had beaten the Pirates 98-79 and 94-90.

After falling behind early, the Pirates made a

game of it as they pulled within five with four minutes to play. Perquimans took the lead with less than three minutes. From then on, the teams exchanged the lead to set up the shot by Holley and the last seconds Bryant free-throws as the Pirates won 77-74.

The Pirates' Most Valuable Player and leading scorer in the championship game, Edward White, chipped in 10 of his 24 points in the third quarter to bring the Pirates back from a Viking 43-39 halftime lead.

The jumping ability of Holley and White kept the Pirates close. Together they brought down 30 rebounds, Holley with 17 and White with 13.

The first game of the tournament was even closer for Perquimans. They led Murfreesboro by three entering the final

period, 42-39, but a strong Raider rally cut the lead quickly. With 3:50 left in the contest, the Raiders led by seven.

Ed White came in with a pair of jumpers and Everett scored four but that did not seem enough as the Pirates were down by one point with 12 seconds on the clock. Everett's layup with eight seconds left made the difference in the first win of the season for the team.

Fred Rountree came off the bench to score 10 points and snatch down 12 rebounds. Mike Holley finished the game with 10 rebounds and White had eight.

Combined scoring for the tournament was: White, 33 pts.; Holley, 20 pts.; Bobby Tolson, 19 pts.; Bryant and Everett, 18 pts. each; Roundtree, nine pts.; Levon Skinner, six pts.; and Victor Askew with two points.

Perquimans gets a rematch with Murfreesboro this Friday night in Hertford. Come out and support all three teams. The jayvees play Friday afternoon while the girls and varsity square off in the evening.



**WINNING WEEKEND**—By the expression on this little cheerleader's face, you would think the Pirates were losing. They may have been losing when this picture was taken, but the Pirates were victorious when the last horn blew. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

## Tiger girls' Lose

## Boys Win

The biggest lead the Pirates held was at half time with four points. ECJH came back after trailing 34-32 at the end of the third quarter to tie at 52 in regulation time.

In the girls game, the Yellow Jackets ran to a 25-18 win over Perquimans. Leading scorers for Perquimans was O'Neal, Jackson, and Ormond.

On Jan. 2 the Pirate jayvees host Camden.

Johnny Frierson hit a

pair of freethrows in the waning seconds and Fonzie Miller scored eight of his points in the overtime period Tuesday to lift Perquimans High jayvees to a 62-60 overtime victory over Elizabeth City Junior High.

Frierson led the Pirates with 27 points in the game. Nate Carson added nine while Craig Perry scored eight. Robert Mallory had four while Alvin Flythe scored two.

## People in the News

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Stallings and Eddie spent Christmas in Knoxville, Tenn. visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian

White, Jr. and Miss Joanne White of Forest Hill, Md. have returned to their home after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Julian White, Sr.

## Children May Carry Diseases

A recent survey among school children across the state revealed a hidden problem that could be a catastrophe just waiting to happen. An estimated 180,000 children in grades six to 12 are not fully protected against the "deadly six" childhood diseases: polio, measles, rubella (German measles), diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus. These children constitute a potential for epidemics that could be among the worst this state has ever seen. Earlier this year, for example, an outbreak of measles in just one of our counties numbered 40 cases before an emergency effort could bring it under control. This type of thing, health authorities assure us, could happen at any time with any of these contagious diseases.

State law requires all beginning students to show proof of vaccination before admittance, thus placing responsibility for enforcement of a health law on school officials. Clearly, some school authorities have been lax in their duty, or we wouldn't have so many apparently infected students in school today.

In a society, we will not tolerate even one case of smallpox in North Carolina, yet many adults appear to be willing to accept the risks of twisted limbs, loss of hearing, brain damage, and even death, from polio, measles, and other diseases that can be prevented as easily as smallpox. The shots are safe and available from your family doctor, or free of charge at the County Health Department.

State health officials are urging school authorities to take strong, positive action to get proof of vaccination from all students, and to exclude from school those who have not been vaccinated until they correct the situation. The state's Attorney General has held that this is permissible so long as parents have been given adequate opportunity to do what is right before the child is suspended.

This approach can be effective. Last year in Alaska, over 89,000 students were excluded from school for failure to meet immunization requirements. Two weeks later only 201 remained out for this reason, and in two weeks less than 50.

We like to think that not a single parent in this county would deliberately expose a child to disease, or to exclusion from school. But, paraphrasing the old saying, "The road to catastrophe is paved with good intentions." A seat belt can't help you unless it is buckled; the best vaccine in the world is no good sitting in the refrigerator.

We must be more concerned about these diseases. We must do everything we can to prevent the catastrophe that could happen among our young who have not been properly vaccinated.

If you have any question as to whether this applies to your child, please check by the Health Department for information. Your child doesn't know the consequences; you do.



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