

# Weekly Perspective

## Sticky situation

There's not much way to get out of the marching unit-band situation without somebody feeling like their toes have been stepped on.

It appears to be too late for a merger, and the options are some sort of shared performance time arrangement or the end of the marching unit.

If the shared time arrangement comes about, band members will probably feel that as much time as they have put into preparing to pick up their instruments and march, half of an already too short halftime performance will be too little.

In the event that the marching unit disbands after 17 years, many persons are going to feel that they didn't get a fair shake.

Whatever the outcome, we hope that the hatchet will be buried and peace will reign once more in the world of high school football halftime entertainment.

The marching band deserves the support of all of the people in Perquimans County, both in its fund raising efforts and its performance.

## Letter to editor

This may seem contrary to nature, but in reality it makes sense. A Child must be born again. In other words, he/she must be changed from an animal into a civilized person. This process of regeneration is largely a matter of habit formation.

As soon as a child is born, I believe the parents should go about building up his habits, ideals and attitudes in a systematic way.

I believe three of the great sins of some parents are: giving their children too much authority, no guidance, and giving no co-operation to teachers.

I believe if parents would work closely with teachers there would be less crimes in our schools and, in turn, less crimes in the society in which we live.

Finally, a habit is a definite response to a definite situation. Again, it is an act, something we do right or wrong, in the society in which we live. Habits are desirable. Especially in matters of morals, manners, and customs.

I am urging parents to rekindle their efforts and work closely with teachers. Again, it is an act of co-operation.

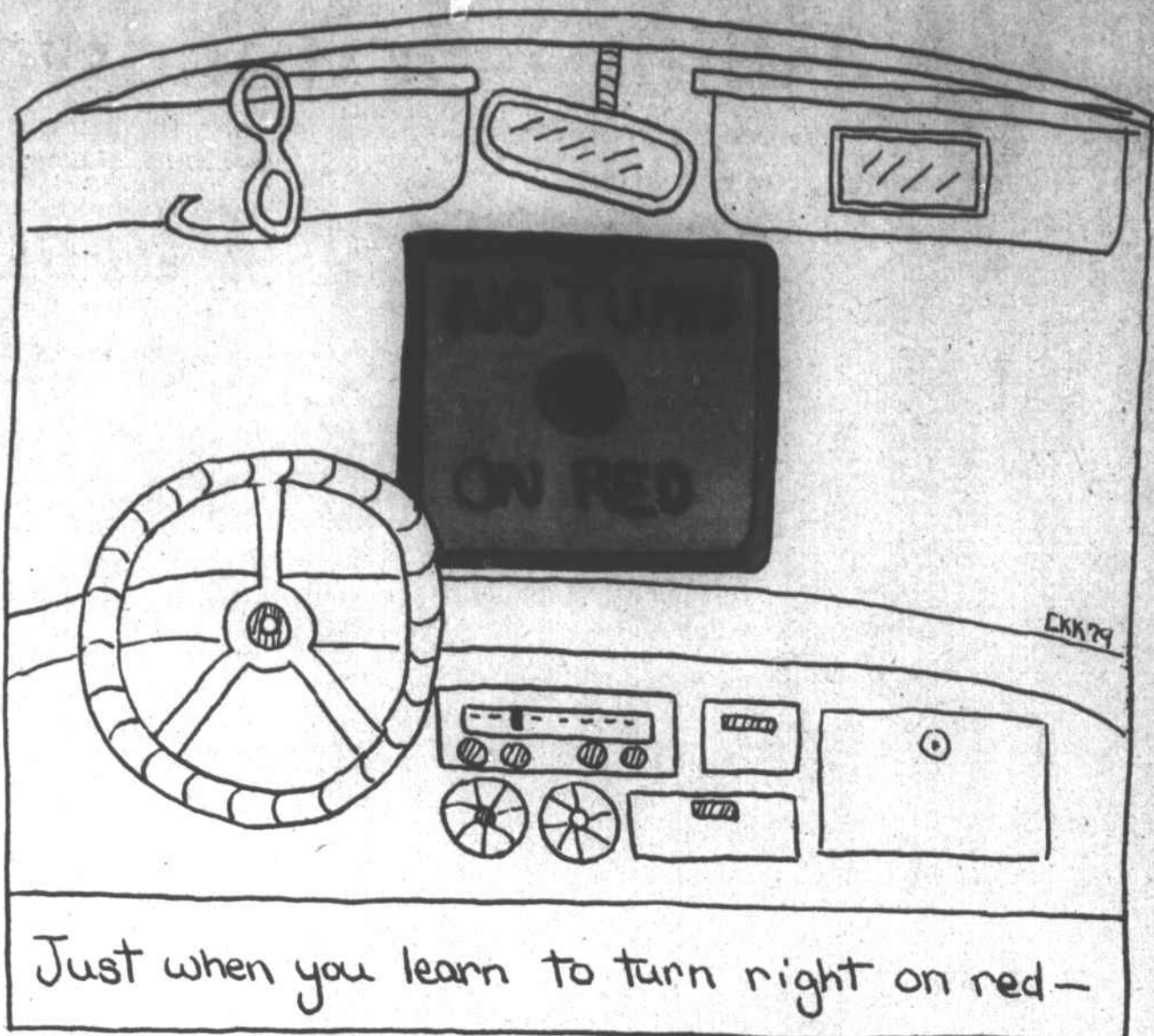
G.W. Cooper  
Local Scout Leader

## Editor's Note

Letters to the editor are welcome. Each must be signed and include complete address.

The subject matter should be of interest to the community, not a personal gripe. Letters may be edited for clarity and space limitations.

No more than one letter per person, concerning the same subject, will be published each month.



## Taking a look back

By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU  
October 1941

**ANNOUNCE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP:** One of Hertford's oldest service stations changed ownership on Oct. 1, when W. W. (Bill) White, purchased the interest of J. H. Towe, and assumed active management of Joe & Bill's, located on Dobb Street. Mr. Towe, who has been connected with the business since it was founded in 1934, will retire from retail business and devote his time exclusively to the wholesaling of Sinclair products. Mr. White recently resigned a position with the Atlantic Discount Corporation of Elizabeth City in order to devote his entire time to the management of the station.

**PAULINE WHITE NEW REPORTER ON WEEKLY:** Miss Pauline White, salutatorian of the 1941 class of Perquimans

High School, has accepted a position as news reporter on THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY. Miss White began her new duties this week and will assist the Editor in gathering and writing the news of Perquimans County.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barecliff, of Hew Hope, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blanchard announce the birth of a daughter on Sunday morning, Sept. 28, 1941.

**CHOSEN DRUM MAJORS OF PERQUIMANS BAND:** Margaret Divers and Cleo Trueblood were selected by the student body of Perquimans High School Band for this year.

## My turn

MIKE McLAUGHLIN



The first dentist I ever went to was the old fashioned sort. He must have gone to medical school around the turn of the century.

Didn't believe in novocaine. He'd come at you with this antique drill, really loud, his age spotted hands quivering slightly.

It was almost more than a seven year old could stand. The fear of going under the drill had to be weighed against the thrill of missing a half day's school.

But I remember that my Dad always left the old man's office in a good mood. He would even buy me a soda pop on the way home as a reward for sitting through another session in the chair.

Since that time I've sat in the chairs of the most modern dentist offices, and had my gums deened with so much novocaine that I looked like a chipmunk with its mouth stuffed full of acorns when the work was done.

I've floated on laughing gas and even had one dentist who hummed popular dance tunes from the fifties while he worked. And you've got to have a staff of at least five white clad angelic women or your not a modern dentist.

These guys are super image conscious, and if you even wince, they'll get out the needle and give you another shot.

There's one pain though, that all the progress of modern dentistry has not been able to conquer. That's the one you get in the vicinity of your hip when you go to the receptionist and ask for the bill. Nine times out of ten it's pure torture.

At the last dentist's office I went to, the receptionist had me fill out a little 20 questionaire.

It was my first visit, so of course I wasn't in for any drilling. These days you have to go two times, once for the x-rays and hygiene, the other for the tooth plugging. That way you get to pay twice.

But anyway, I was filling out his questionaire, all about my allergies, what kind of dressing I like on my salad, you know, the usual stuff that pertains to dentistry. I guess the guy was going to read the questionaire and get to know the new patient.

The last question tripped me up. 'Would you like for us, in this office, to do everything we can to save your teeth?'

I had to think about this one. I turned it over and tried it on and chewed it up and swallowed it.

There was a space provided for 'If no, please explain.'

After due consideration, I wrote 'I don't think so doc. I mean, I like my teeth and all, but they're too far gone to try and save. Just pull 'em all out and give me a set of clackers. Might save a buck in the long run.'

And I'm not just picking on dentists either. Everything's gone sky high these days, I pulled into a service station the other day for a fillup.

Instead of the traditional 'Check your oil?', the attendant asked cheerfully, 'Check your wallet?'

## Woodburning stoves are what you make them

**RALEIGH**-With cold weather fast approaching and the possibility of fuel shortages this winter, many people will be turning to woodburning stoves as an alternative heating source. Extreme caution should be taken in the purchase and installation of woodburning stoves. An inexpensive method of home heating could prove to be an expensive disastrous project in the long run.

Chimneys should be cleaned thoroughly before such installation and wood should be selected that has been seasoned at least six months, preferably one year.

The flames could start a chimney fire.

Before installing your stove, think twice about where in the house you will put the unit, not only from the standpoint of heat loss but from the safety standpoint as well.

Green wood has too high a moisture content for satisfactory use. You should build the fire in such equipment in a shallow bed of ashes, making sure to open the damper near the stove before starting a fire. Never douse gasoline, kerosine or other flammable liquids on wood to get a quick fire. Another way of asking for trouble is to use the stove for trash burning.

The horizontal section of the stove pipe should be no more than 4/8 as long as that section of the flue above the point at which the pipe and the flue connect. Make sure that there is sufficient clearance between the stove and combustible floors, walls, and ceilings. The stove should be placed on a fireproof base. A cracked window should be considered

for ventilation especially if the house is tightly insulated. A wood stove should not be connected to a fire place chimney unless the fireplace has been sealed off. Never leave a woodburning stove unattended or overnight.

Kenn Brown, Director of Consumer Services for the Department of Insurance, says although the use of woodburning stoves is not new, their use is a relatively new source of home heating in recent years. Consequently, Brown says, little information thus far on the actual effect that woodburning stoves would have either on a fireplace or a homeowners'

policy is available. Brown said presently there is no surcharge or higher rating under the homeowners' insurance program because of the installation of a wood-burning stove. Insufficient loss experience does not allow detailed effect on the installation of such stoves and the effect that they may have on homeowners' insurance rates or an insurance company's underwriting guidelines.

Brown says citizens should advise their insurance company of the installation of such equipment. The primary

concern of the insurance companies, Brown said, is the proper installation based on local fire codes and the amount of use of the stove.

While there is no law prohibiting the installation of woodburning stoves, the woodburning stove can not take the place of a centrally controlled heating system. The paid loss in the event of fire resulting in the use of such equipment could be reduced as much as 25 percent.

Brown said it is important when purchasing wood-burning stoves to buy from a reputable dealer.

## Seeks nomination

State Senator Beverly Lake announced last week that he is seeking the nomination for Governor of North Carolina on the Republican ticket.

Lake has changed his party affiliation to run on the Republican ticket in the 1980 election. "I am pleased to announce that with the pledged support of many North Carolinians, both Democrat and Republican, I am a candidate for the office

of Governor of North Carolina," said Lake in a news conference last week. "Within the Democratic party, I have fought for responsible government, lower taxes and sound moral principles. I have served in the North Carolina Senate as a conservative Democrat," he said. "Like most North Carolinians, I support less government and more personal responsibility," Lake said.

## Healthy child everyone's concern

This week, of October 7 through 13, is Public Health Week in North Carolina and the theme this year is "Healthy Children are Everyone's Responsibility."

The theme was chosen to exemplify the community obligation we owe to our neighbors, our families, our own children and ourselves.

Not only do each of us owe it to all the children we come in

contact with to be healthy role models for them to follow, families need the support and backing of their community to help them raise healthy children.

"Many of the programs available at the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan District Health Department are designed to help families have healthier children. Others are designed to help

adults be healthier as they raise their children and to create a healthy community for children to grow up in."

To emphasize the importance of personal responsibility for good health, the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan District Health Department sponsored poster contests for grades K-3 and 4-6, in all 4 counties. Some of the poster entries

will be on display at Southgate Mall on Saturday October 13 as part of the Health & Community Services Fair scheduled for that day.

During this fair the public will have an opportunity to learn about the Human Services available in their community and meet the people who provide these various services.

## Electric membership meeting held

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large director in District 5.  
Three incumbent directors

were reelected. They were: James A. Whitehurst, District 1; Walter R. Lowry, District 3; and John N. Bunch, Jr., District 5.

In his managers and officers report, Brown presented an update on VEPCO's recent rate increase requests. He stressed that the recent roll-back in

VEPCO's retail rates affected the company's direct retail customers only. AEMC buys its power from VEPCO wholesale and its customers will not benefit.

## Vandals strike Jaycee meeting hall

Vandals struck the Perquimans County Jaycee Meeting Hall located on 103 Market Street sometime within the last two weeks.

The incident was discovered Monday night as Jaycees assembled for an officer's meeting.

The room was a shambles of broken trophies, catsup-smattered walls, smashed plaques, and torn up books.

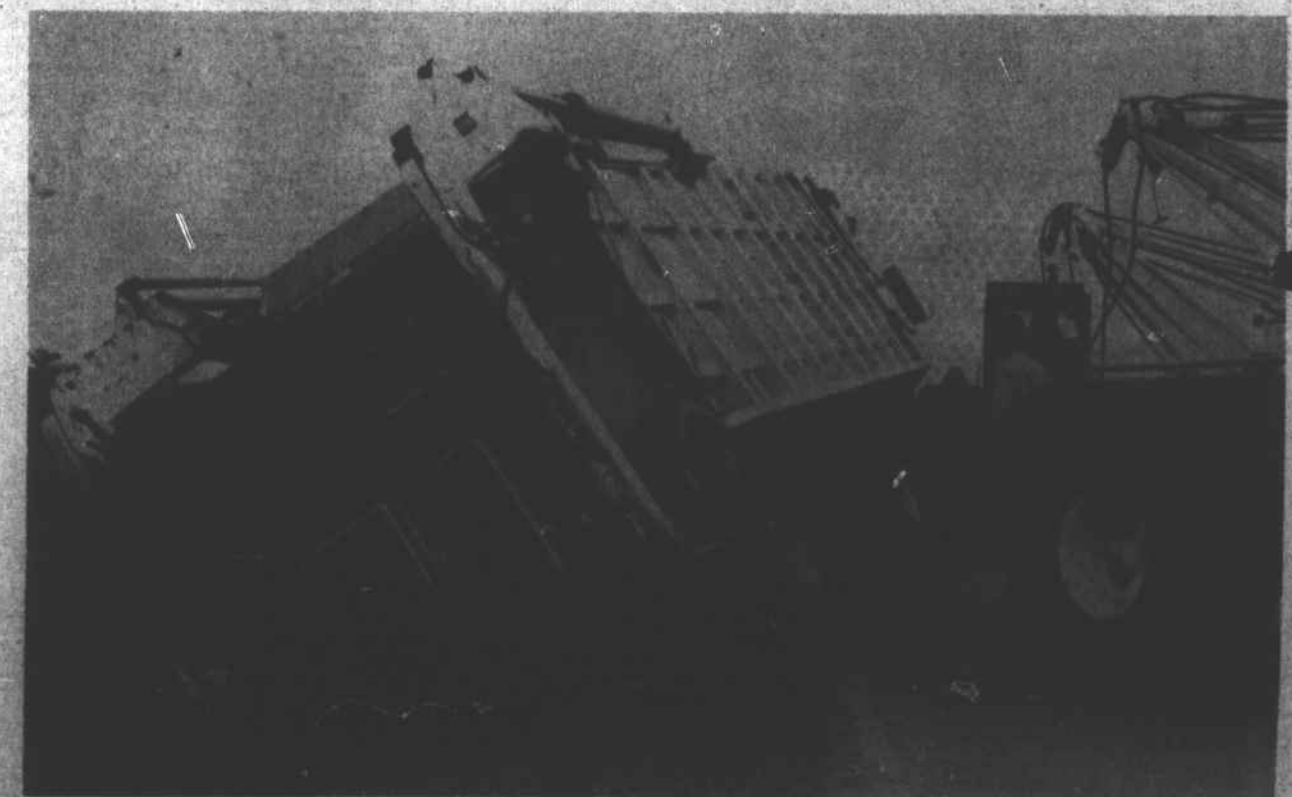
According to investigating officers, the room was left unlocked. No other offices on the hall were damaged.

"Definitely more than one person perpetrated this," said Officer Robert Morris of the

Hertford Police Department.

The incident is still under investigation and Morris said if apprehended, the culprits would be charged with malicious damage to property and breaking and entering.

Evidence collected on the scene included some fingerprints and a palm print.



A trash compactor was stuck for the day after it tipped into the ditch on the Two Mile Desert Road, Friday morning. (Photo by MIKE McLAUGHLIN)

## Compactor overturns, stuck

A 60,000 lb. trash compactor owned by the Perquimans-Chowan County Sanitary Landfill turned over on its side on the Two Mile Desert Road Friday morning and traffic was blocked for much of the day as efforts to upright the

vehicle were largely unsuccessful.

The driver of the vehicle, Dale Kenn Harris of Durants Neck, told the investigating officer that he met an oncoming tractor trailer truck that was crowding the centerline.

He eased the compactor over onto the shoulder of the road to avoid the truck and the weight of the vehicle caused the damp wet shoulder to collapse.

The compactor was wedged into the ditch and was virtually stuck there.

Three wreckers owned by Robert Sawyer of Elizabeth City and two farm tractors owned by E.W. Miller, Jr., finally got it out at 6 p.m.

Highway Patrolman M.J. McArthur said that it was impossible to determine who was at fault in the accident and filed no charges.

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