

## Learning by showing

### Regional 4-H Clubs hold District Activity Day at high school

Perquimans County got a chance to show itself off to residents from all over northeastern North Carolina as the county extension service hosted this year's District 4-H Activity Day Wednesday of last week at Perquimans High School.

The program, featuring the talents of some 654 4-Hers from 17 neighboring counties, was a great success, according to county 4-H coordinator Juanita Bailey.

"My initial thought when I found out we were going to do this was 'My

goodness, what have we gotten ourselves into,' " Bailey said. "But everything went well. Everyone said it was well-organized."

The 4-Hers gave demonstrations in such varied skills as archery, photography, cooking, crafts and livestock production, each demonstration judged for its quality of presentation as well as the skills involved.

"It gives the kids a chance to talk in front of a group of people. It's the best learning experience they could have,"

Bailey said. "It also gives people in the county a chance to see what 4-Hers are doing. I really hope it can make an impact on what were trying to do in 4-H."

Among the 15 participants from Perquimans County, six were given first place or runner-up ribbons for their work, and will be eligible for the State 4-H Activity Day to be held the week of July 18 on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

But as Bailey noted, "All the children are winners just to get up there and talk before a group. It takes a lot of guts to get up there."

Two Perquimans County youngsters won first place ribbons in the event. Anita Twine's "Japanese Marinated Steak" won first place in the Beef Charbroiled competition, while Eric Skinner's demonstration of photographic printing won first place

in the photography category.

Damion Burke's demonstration of macrame bookmarks won a runner-up in the Crafts category, and Chad White won runner-up in the horse demonstration. In the talent competition, Tanya Twine's singing solo and Torrence Mack's piano piece each won blue ribbons.

Other participants were Lawrence Chappell in archery, Frances Jester and Nancy Boynton in dairy foods, Brian Seay and Richard O'Neal in electricity, Cynthia Eure in livestock production, Cornilius Mack in open class, Shelly Brothers in public speaking, and Tim Byrum in wildlife.

Bailey also acknowledged the work of the 127 volunteers from Perquimans County who acted as organizers, hosts and judges for the event. "We couldn't have done what we did without a lot of volunteers from Perquimans County," she said.



Tanya Twine, left sings a solo during last week's 4-H District Activity Day, while Damion

Burke, right, demonstrates making macrame bookmarks.



Twine won a blue ribbon in the talent show for her singing,

and Burke was a runner-up in the crafts category.

## County Chamber discusses plans for Indian Summer Festival

By SUSAN HARRIS

Plans for the forthcoming Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Indian Summer Festival were discussed at a meeting of committee chairpersons on Monday night at the municipal building.

Mary Harrell, general chairperson for the event, announced that the festival will run from Thursday, September 16 through Saturday, September 18 with each day having its own mini-theme.

Thursday will be Farm-City Day with many farming displays planned which promise to be both interesting and educational.

Colonial Day will be celebrated on Friday with the merchants sponsoring "old-fashioned bargain days" for which a few surprises are planned, and the restoration association tentatively scheduling some kind of tour

of the historic landmarks in Perquimans County.

Friday will be capped off by an American Legion-organized supper of either fish or chicken, and a home football game in which the Pirates will take on the Hurricanes of Northampton County West. Half-time activities will of course feature the famed Perquimans High marching band.

On Saturday Fun Day will begin with a run-a-thon being put together by Mac Sligh and George White. Anyone interested in participating in the run should contact either co-chairperson.

The county 4-H clubs are planning a fishing contest for young people ages 9-19. Persons interested in this event should contact Juanita Bailey at the county extension office.

Booths filled with arts, crafts and

all kinds of delectable edibles will fill downtown Hertford on Saturday. Any individual or organization is invited to participate in this extravaganza.

Rebecca Spivey is responsible for art booth rentals, while Miriam Haskett is handling the booth arrangements for the craftsmen. Food booths may be rented from Richard Bryant.

Applications for booth rentals are also available at the Chamber of Commerce office and from the Perquimans Weekly office.

While people browse through the streets tasting the culinary delights available and doing some early Christmas shopping at the arts and crafts booths, entertainment from singers, dancers, musicians — all kinds of talent — will be taking place downtown and in the park, if enough talented people and groups come



The official logo of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Indian Summer Festival.

Begins July 1

forward to participate.

At present there is no entertainment chairperson, but any group who will perform is asked to contact Mary Harrell.

The festival finale will be a street dance. Those who remember the county tri-centennial success will surely look forward to this fun-filled event.

The following is a list of chairpersons for various aspects of the three-day Indian Summer Festival. Feel free to call on them if you need them.

Everyone's participation is encouraged in order to make this festival not only successful, but a time of fun and fellowship for the people of Perquimans County, and perhaps a

time to brag a little on all the beauty and talent that lies within our midst.

Rebecca Spivey — fine arts, Bill Cox — sites, Albert Eure — restoration association, Anne Young and Suzanne Haste — Newbold-White House, Richard Bryant — food, Juanita Bailey — 4-H.

Also Becky Winslow — merchant's activities, Eddie Miller — sound equipment, Chris Christensen — secretary, Henry Stokes — electrical requests, Miriam Haskett — crafts.

Gene Boyce — treasurer, Roy Reed — legal, Charles Ward — construction, Paul and Mary Ruth Smith — street dance, Mac Sligh and George White — run-a-thon, Mac Sligh — senior activities, Ben Berry — farm-city day, Val Short and Susan Harris — publicity.

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## School board meets with new sales tax committee

A committee of county citizens appointed by the Perquimans County Board of Education met with the board last Monday to discuss ways of generating support for the proposed state-wide one cent sales tax, a portion of which will be earmarked for school facilities.

The citizens group, dubbed the Committee of Ten, is made up of two residents from each of the five townships in the county. These residents, appointed by the board-member representing that township, will try to spread the board's view that the state-wide one cent sales tax is the best way to finance school construction, an urgent need throughout the state as well as in Perquimans County. The school board office estimates that the total facility needs of the county would cost \$8.000 million.

So far, the board has appointed eight of the ten members. They are: from Bethel Township — Mac Chappell, Jr. and Donald Matis; from Hertford Township —

London; from New Hope Township — Reggie Webb and Ernest Sutton; from Parkville Township — Claude Brinn; from Belvidere Township — Affie Spivey and Johnny Winslow.

At the meeting, board members explained their position on the state-wide tax, which was proposed by State Treasurer Harlan Boyles. According to the proposal, revenues collected from the tax would be divided among the 100 counties in the state by population. Forty percent of the money would be earmarked for school facilities, 40 percent for county general funds, and 20 percent for water and sewer construction and maintenance.

Board members argue that the state-wide tax would give Perquimans County a great deal more money than the other proposal which has been made, a local-option tax, administered by choice in each county, with the county receiving only the revenue it generates.

The General Assembly will likely bring up the subject of the sales tax in

its January 1983 session. By that time, Perquimans County board members — who have received little encouragement in their drive from other counties and state education associations — hope to have convinced enough legislators to be able to pass the state-wide tax.

In another issue brought before the board, School Superintendent Pat Harrell reported that because of an unusually high kindergarten enrollment for this coming school year — 139, compared to 104 last year — the two county grammar schools can expect to have more combination-grade classes next year, unless the state's teacher allocation to the county is increased.

Harrell estimates that it would take four more teaching positions in the schools to eliminate the combination classes. Because of the surprisingly high enrollment, the county has received one new teacher position which it had lost because the state projected enrollment to be lower than last year.

By MELANIE MORRIS

The Perquimans County Commissioners awarded the revaluation contract to Pearson's Appraisal Service, Inc. at their Monday night meeting.

Pearson's submitted the low bid of \$69,000. According to Keith Haskett, the firm has excellent references in Virginia, but has not done a revaluation in North Carolina.

The revaluation is scheduled to begin July 1, though the commissioners speculated that it will not get under way until later in the month. The new figures will be available for the 1984 tax levy.

The commissioners agreed to pay \$500 in dues to the Historic Albemarle Tour on behalf of the Newbold-White House at the request of Suzanne Haste and Ann Young. The dues will come from funds left over from the 1981-1982 fiscal year and entitle the Newbold-White House to appear in the Historic Albemarle Tour brochure. Haste and Young reported that the Newbold-

White House has had 506 visitors since April 1.

Jimmy Weeks of Skills, Inc., a sheltered workshop for the disabled in Elizabeth City appeared before the commissioners to request \$1043. Skills, Inc. is being set up to provide vocational training for disabled people.

The state has made a \$75,000 grant to the workshop which will serve Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties. There will be room for 25 people in the program.

If the commissioners do approve the contribution, there is no guarantee that any Perquimans County resident will be admitted to the program. However, no one can be denied admission solely because their county has not contributed to the program.

In other business: County Attorney John Matthews presented three alternative referendums regarding the recreation department. The commissioners tabled the issue until they had time to

study the referendums.

Roy Chappell and Douglas Layden were reappointed to the Perquimans County Bond Commission. Mary Inez Harrell was appointed to the commission to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Ashley.

Commissioner Charles Ward was appointed as Perquimans County's representative to the Region R Emergency Medical Services Council.

Durwood Reed reported that payment to James F. Jackson & Associates was due July 1 for liability coverage of county employees. The payment of \$30 per person provides coverage of \$1,000,000.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will hold a meeting Monday, June 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the Court House to finalize the new budget.

The County Commissioners meeting scheduled for July 5 has been changed to July 6 at 10:00 a.m. due to the 4th of July holiday.