

All-State Honors Band

Spring was the time for individual students to try out for the All-State Honors Band, held on both the Senior and Junior High School levels. Tryouts were held at East Carolina University for the senior high students and at Atlantic Christian College for the junior high students. A clinic and a concert were held at these colleges. High School students accepted into the Eastern District State Band were David Milam, trumpet, and David White, french horn. Seventh, eighth and ninth graders were elected to play in the Junior High Eastern District Band: Brock Winslow, trombone; Karin Hite, clarinet; Scott Dizon, clarinet; Clay Wagoner, trumpet; Harold Bailey, baritone horn; Alice White, flute; and David Johnson, trumpet. Brock Winslow, an eighth grader, was elected to play in the All-State honors Band in Raleigh. This group is made up of the best players in the entire state.

The Color Guard prepared

a show of flags and rifles for the Winter Guard Conference at Chowan College on February 27. Those students who participated in this effort were automatically allotted a spot on next year's Color Guard. New majorette, rifle squad and flag team members were chosen after tryouts in April and May. The last full month of school brought testing of musical inclination and a show of band instruments for the county's fifth graders. This year, forty of the county's fifth graders elected to begin instrumental instruction in the fall.

Throughout the year, band students and band boosters have been involved in fundraising. The students sold fruit in the winter, fish fry tickets for Band Day and the high school students held a chicken fry. All the money made at these events goes to buy equipment and supplies and to help send students to summer camp to prepare for the 1982-83 band year.



GO PIRATES!



Compensatory Education

It began in 1965 with the passage of, what was up to that time, the largest federally funded aid package to education—the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. School units received federal dollars with little or no specific guidelines on how the monies were to be spent except that they were to be utilized to enhance the reading of students who were from low-income families and were below grade-level in Reading.

School units across the nation used this newly acquired money for many worthwhile educational activities. Unfortunately, other uses of this money also ensued. Over the years, the ESEA Title I program evolved into what its proponents and critics have labeled as 'the best money spent on education'.

In Perquimans County, we have Title I programs in all our schools. These programs are serving approximately 500 students who need supplemental educational assistance regardless of family income. The program provides monies for supplies and materials that the Title I

staff can use to ensure instruction is at the student's ability and interest level, and to ensure the student has access to the varied instructional materials which will hold his interest and stimulate a motivation to learn—important factors in developing a desire to read.

Title I rules and regulations require each of our staff members test their students with a pre-test in the fall and a post-test in the spring to determine not only our what the student has learned, but to ascertain how well we have instructed. Our programs are audited yearly by several auditors to determine not only our fiscal integrity, but to determine also if we are operating the instructional components within the guidelines, and for the best interest of the students.

The ESEA Title I Program is fully accountable for the learning that takes place, and our goal is to constantly reduce the number of students served—a goal which we have achieved with the help of our Title I staff, principals, classroom teachers and involved parents.

Banner Year for Band

Students in the Perquimans County band program began their 1981-82 school year early, during the hot days of last summer. Instrumentalists, both junior and senior high, and all color guard members attended summer camp. In August, the high school band began practicing for the first football game against Gates County.

The fall sports season was marked by weekly performances at halftime and by several contests. On September 26, the high school band performed at Currituck County's band festival in the morning and then went to Manteo's first Seafood Festival, bringing home top honors. The Marching Pirates were judged First Place Band in Class A and the drumline received First Place honors in that portion of the contest. The Peanut Festival in Edenton on October 3 brought two more trophies to the Pirates, First Place Rifle Squad and Second Place Drumline.

In mid-November, with football behind them, the Marching Pirates began gearing up for the Christmas parade season. The band marched in Edenton, Elizabeth City, Hertford and Gatesville, receiving the trophy for First Place Band in the Gates County parade. The Hertford parade brought a Second Place Band trophy in the 60 and under Class for Union School's Eighth Grade Band in their first marching expedition. The Seventh Grade Band at Union School participated in the Elizabeth City and Hertford parades on a float, winning Third Place honors in Hertford.

Concert band season was also underway before Christmas. The Seventh and Eighth Grade Bands performed at a meeting of the Union School P.T.A. in the fall and the high school band gave a Christmas performance on December 17 at the high school auditorium. In April, the Pirate Band travelled to Rocky Mount to the State Band Contest, scoring Excellent in sight reading and Good in prepared music. The spring concert, in which all bands, sixth grade through high school, was held on April 6. All county bands also performed on May 8 at the annual Band Day Festival. This year, the county held its first Carolina Moon Jazz Band Festival, attended by Edenton, Manteo and Gatesville stage bands. In May, the Eighth Grade Band gave a concert at the Newbold-White House for Living History Day.



Title I Parent Advisory Council

ESEA Title I Parent Advisory Councils meet a minimum of four times per school year in each school.

The PAC meetings provide information for parents on guidelines and program operation. The meetings allow parent contact with the Title I teachers; they also provide a format for workshops. For example, we hosted a newspaper workshop with Donna DiGreggio, a consultant of the Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star. Other programs of the year featured Mrs. Jean Newell, Title I Reading and Math teacher at H. L. Trigg Elementary School. Her demonstration was beneficial to those parents whose children need to improve their reading comprehension skills. Mr. Paul Gregory, Social Services Director, presented a program in which he stressed the importance of getting an education and keeping students in school. Reverend J. H. London, minister at the First Baptist Church, told the parents the

importance of the home, school and church working together in rearing children. Mrs. Alice Jones, of the Public Library, and Mrs. Juanita Bailey, Associate Home Economics Extension Agent, demonstrated ways parents can cut down on grocery bills and still have nutritious meals.

District Advisory Council meetings are held four times yearly also.

The District Advisory Council officers for this year were Mrs. Nancy Schwarz, Chairperson; Mrs. Willie Harvey (deceased), Vice President; Ms. Phyllis White, Secretary, and Mrs. Gloria Mitchell, Assistant Secretary.

