

COO Program

COO, which means Cooperative Office Occupations, is a program designed for the high school senior who is interested in a career in business. It combines on-the-job training and classroom study, thus giving the student an opportunity to gain valuable work experience and an additional unit of credit.

In 1975, the COO Program was integrated into the school curriculum, making this COO's seventh successful year. Mrs. JoAnn Stallings, instructor who retired this year after 32 years of teaching service, got the program off to a good start. Brenda Dail is presently teaching this exciting course and hopes it will continue to grow and excel.

This year there were ten outstanding students in the program. Nine of the ten students held part-time jobs. This is a different type of course, since it is not textbook related. It is an informal class because of the limited number of students. The students learn that it takes cooperation, ability to meet deadlines, good attendance, and accuracy in order to run an efficient business. There are many advantages to the student from this program. Also, the business community plays a very important role. We have been fortunate in having the cooperation of the business community. We appreciate everyone who helps to make the COO Program GREAT!

Child Nutrition

Perquimans County Schools cafeterias dressed up their dining rooms with new chairs, murals, hanging baskets, bulletin boards, wooden wall decorations, and new table decorations. The dining rooms are very pleasant with the tables rearranged for smaller group seating.

A few pieces of energy-saving equipment were added.

Tasting parties were given and many classes came into the kitchens to see dinner rolls being made and to sample fresh, hot school-made cinnamon buns.

Offer vs. Serve lunch was extended to grades 5 and 6. The response was very positive since the students only need to pick up 3, 4, or 5 different items he/she plans to eat out of the 7-plus items offered. Grades 5-12 tried a Choice Breakfast with cereal

Auto Mechanics

The Auto Mechanics Department, under the direction of Elonzo C. Joyner, had a good year at Perquimans County High School.

Outside activities of the class included the VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, members participating in a leadership contest in Manteo. This contest took place in October.

Also in October, fund raising projects, including the magazine sales, were held by VICA students.

In March, VICA members participated in a leadership and skills contest held at Roanoke-Chowan Technical Institute.

Business

The Business students at Perquimans County High School, under the leadership of advisors, Mrs. Marion Byrd, Mrs. Brenda Dail, and Mrs. Linda Dowd, have enjoyed several activities during the past school year.

In the FBLA District Leadership Conference held in October, local students who took awards were First Place Public Speaking, Shelley Brothers and Third Place Poster Contest, Joy Meads and Karen Thompson.

Other activities included participating in the Typing Contest held at East Carolina University, attending the State Leadership Conference in April, sponsoring a homecoming float and a bake sale. Finally, to finish off a busy year, the Business Department held a cookout which was enjoyed by all.

and a choice of fruit or juice offered each morning in addition to the other bread and/or protein item. Many new supplemental items were offered to enable the students to have something nutritious for lunch if he/she could not purchase the entire meal.

The High School TMH class washed, dried and folded the many dish towels used daily and helped with other chores as needed.

1981-82 was a year to prove the good management abilities of the cafeteria managers who did an outstanding job of working with students and personnel to ensure participating students were served attractive, nutritious, economically-priced meals in the most pleasant surroundings available.

Perquimans Union School

In an effort to preserve the past, the seventh grade gifted and talented class interviewed local residents and wrote interesting accounts recording their memories of the past.

These accounts have been compiled into a book entitled Kiskitano Sun, which was entered in the North Carolina Junior Historian Literary competition. The book tied for the first place award, and the class received a plaque to be placed in the school.

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Mrs. Parthenia Hill, who was last year's Teacher of the Year at Perquimans County Union School, was recently awarded a certificate and a plaque from the North Carolina Jaycees recognizing her as Outstanding Young Educator for the Albemarle area. Prior to that, the Perquimans County Jaycees named her Outstanding Young Educator in the county.

Mrs. Hill was recognized for her excellent performance in teaching a fifth and sixth grade combination class at Perquimans Union School.

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The choral music program at Perquimans County Union School was conducted by Mrs. Carolyn Lavezzo. Music classes were taught in grades five through eight. The school chorus was comprised of seventh and eighth graders. Concerts were given at Christmas and in the spring. On May 11, the chorus performed at the Capitol Square Arts Festival in Raleigh. The final performance of the year was given at the eighth grade graduation ceremonies on June 9.

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Our student council opened this year with the election of officers. The officers were: President - Brock Winslow; Vice President - Sharla Tilley; Secretary - Ellen Lane; and Treasurer - Marshall Tillett.

The goal of the student council is to develop leadership abilities and knowledge of the democratic process. Some projects sponsored this year were: Halloween Costume Contest, fifth and sixth grade cookout, Valentine Dance, eighth grade prom, and school supply store. Faculty advisors were Mrs. M. Brothers and Mrs. P. Hill.

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The Perquimans Union School library sponsored two book fairs during the school year. The displays made new books available to students as well as provided an easy way for the library to get some new books.

Mrs. Dillon's earth science classes held a science fair. The science fair gave all students a chance to participate by making a project on some branch of science that had been studied during the year. The projects were displayed in the science lab. Each student taught the class about his/her project. The projects also served as a review for the final exam.

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Union students participated in Field Day activities May 14. Fifth and sixth grade activities were held in the morning and the seventh and eighth grade in the afternoon. Physical education teachers, Mr. Billy Stallings and Mrs. Margaret Brothers, directed the program for the day. Events enjoyed were: tug of war, 600-yard run, 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, crab walk, sack race and frisbee throw.

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A dramatic musical presentation concerning feats of historical characters was presented to the student body on May 13, 1982. The seven members of the Sheffield Ensemble Theater were sponsored by the Arts Council of the North Carolina Department of Education. Some of the characters portrayed were Joan of Arc, Wilma Rudolph and the Wright Brothers.

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Students from the seventh and eighth grade physical education classes performed a gymnastics show for the P.T.A. this year. The program consisted of performances by the girls on the balance beam and on the floor. The boys displayed their tumbling techniques by doing group and individual stunts.

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Two student teachers were assigned to our school this year from Elizabeth City State University. Mrs. Jonathan Downing was with Mrs. Lois Hook in seventh grade language arts, and Miss Patricia Holloway was with Mrs. Daphne Higgins in the area of exceptional children.

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During the last week in March, all classes were involved with taking achievement tests. From the test results for each child, a fairly accurate view of strengths and weaknesses in the areas of reading, language, spelling and math is available. In order to share test information, parent-teacher conferences were scheduled in May.

The eighth grade class at Perquimans County Union School journeyed to the high school for High School Orientation. The Guidance Club presented an informative program, after which the students were given a tour of the school.

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The prevocational education classes boast a successful and rewarding year. The students demonstrated pride and eagerness to excel in their work accomplishments. Class work was displayed in the classrooms and in the showcase near the main entrance.

In addition to regularly assigned class work, some students helped prepare name plaques for our state officers. This was highlighted by thank-you letters from Treasurer Boyles and Lieutenant Governor Green. They also helped with door plaques for our school administrative offices.

Our instructional program was enhanced by the addition of new equipment which helped in motivation of students and individualization of activities for all students who enrolled in the program.

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In addition to their regular teaching duties, our faculty has been actively engaged in committee work throughout the school year working toward accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. These committees have studied the strengths and weaknesses of every facet of the school program. As a result of this self-study, some improvements have already been implemented, and others will be affected as time and funds allow. Based on our efforts in this area, we are expecting to receive accreditation for our school following the visitation of the team on September 15, 1982.

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Union's physical education department organized intramural activities for the seventh and eighth grade students. Sports played were basketball and volleyball. Games were played during lunch periods between homeroom teams.

Standings in this year's program were: Basketball (Boys) - Mrs. S. Leete's eighth grade homeroom and Mr. R. Wright's seventh grade homeroom; volleyball - Mrs. M. Brothers' homeroom (girls) and Mrs. Durant's homeroom (boys).