

Prize ornamentals need photographing

- Prune camellias, crape myrtles.
- Wait to remove mulch from tea roses if there is much wind.
- Asparagus beds need a good feeding and a proper dose of lime. Check alkalinity by taking soil samples.
- Take pictures of prize ornamentals and valuable trees. Should injury occur you will have documentation for any insurance or tax claim.



BEYOND THE WEEDS
by Jean Winslow

Brand New Pretties, part 2
Several nurseries are offering miniature crape myrtles, the 'Dixie' line by Hines. This is a real winner for our area. Save some containers and hanging baskets for these. They come in the regular myrtle colors, including bi-color, and attain a height of about 24 inches.
Another future favorite for hanging baskets will be a new vinca rosa in the 'Sunbunch' series. White with a pink eye, 'Morning Mist' develops into a mound 12 to 15 inches high.
I've never grown gazania, but it's time. Herbst can provide you with summer bloom if you hurry up and sow 'Golden Margarita' and 'Sundance Red.' These daisy-like lovelies love sun, indifferent soil, and requires little care.
There are some new dianthus offerings out in yellow (Yellow Harmony) and a pure white called 'Swansdown.' However, if you missed Wayside Gardens' 1982 intro called 'Danielle,' you can order this salmon beauty for an affordable price this year.
It's the same for their 'Mt. St. Helen's' heuchera (coral bells.) This plant is really worth \$3.75 apiece, as it will perform faithfully year after year.
We use a lot of coleus in our yard for semi-shade spots. The 'Draseries,

with 'Golden' and 'Sunset' will brighten many a corner where pansies have ceased to bloom.
If you like pink, Wayside Gardens offers Sidalcea 'Elsie Hough,' tall stems of delicate fringed petals for shady spots.
'Lemon Snowflakes' is a yellow sedum from Fleming Flower Fields which would beautifully complement the deeper rusts and oranges of older varieties. Sedums do extremely well in this climate. You can count on them practically forever.
Burpee says you'll love their new hollyhock 'Pinafore.' It is only 36 inches high with 4-inch semi-double blooms in varied shades.
Pan Am, on the other hand, says you can start 'White Avalanche' begonia from seeds and have a superb year-round container plant.
They've got some poop in there about delphiniums. Let's pass on the delphiniums.

Oh, yes, our finale. Bring on the mums. How about 'Petit Point' from Park? In shades of white, gold, purple and bronze, they are touted as being highly frost resistant.
We also have 'Mellow Moon' and 'Gold Country,' both with huge (4 1/2 inch) blooms on sturdy compact plants, flowering in September. These are from Farmer Seed Nursery.
If you're really into fall color, you owe your garden the Chrysanthemum 'nipponicum,' or Nippon Oxeye Daisy, not new but rare. Be the first on your block.
Here's some flowers I picked at random: 'Desiree,' 'Lunette,' 'Plume d'Or,' 'Domoto,' 'Sweet Surrender,' 'Fascination,' 'Starina,' 'Mon-Cherie,' 'Charisma,' 'Fukuju-kai,' 'Dollie Ette,' 'Matin Bells,' 'Mariesell.' Know why? Say the names out loud. Beautiful, pleasurable syllables flow through the lips. You can taste the magnificence of nature...
So.
Get your pens out and finish your nursery orders. Don't forget new Totes. Rubber knees. Deep Heet. 'Cause our next list will be ornamental shrubs and trees. They have to be planted in holes. Holes you have to dig yourself, since so far no nursery has offered pre-dug holes. I wish they did, and sometimes wonder why someone doesn't.
Packaging problem, I suspect.



Perquimans Pirate's Number 15, Ronnie Ferebee, goes up to block a Dixon player as he shoots for the goal. (Photo by ERIC SKINNER)

Perquimans pirates move on to victory

By ERIC SKINNER
Perquimans defeated Dixon Bulldogs 81 to 71 in last weeks semi-final game, and also defeated the East Carteret team, to satisfy their long awaited revenge, to advance to the final game in Currituck against Murfreesboro.

The buzzer sounded and the Pirates were off, taking Dixon to what was a must win for the Pirates. Dennis Hunter says, "I wasn't a part of the team last year, but I knew from the start that we had to have a second show at East Carteret."

The first quarter was a sure game of good old fashion basketball, in which neither team pulled away by more than 4 points. It was anybody's game at the end of the first quarter, as the Dixon bulldogs walked off the court with a score of 14-12 Dixon.

The second quarter was a different game as the Pirates came from behind and set the fans as well as Dixon on fire by scoring 21 points offensively and keeping the Dixon Bulldogs to 14 points.

Pirate James Riddick snatched down all the rebounds for the Pirates in the third quarter but Dixon held the Pirates to 14 points, scoring 20 themselves. Melvin Coston and Troy Jackson teamed up to make three super plays. At the end of the third quarter, the Bulldogs still trailed 57-48.

The fourth quarter was a big period for the Pirates second year veteran, Charles Leigh, as he went to the board scoring, rebounding and

making several good plays. They left the game with another win and a final score of 81-71.

PERQUIMANS DEFEATS EAST CARTERET

The Pirates tried not to think about their loss last year to the East Carteret team who beat the Pirates out in the first round playoffs, by only two points.

The first quarter was a close one, as both teams played with caution. Points from Riddick and Coston with the rebounding power of Frierson and Leigh still wasn't enough to give the Pirates the lead. Ward, an East Carteret player took the ball to the hoop, giving Carteret the lead with an ending first quarter score of 14-12.

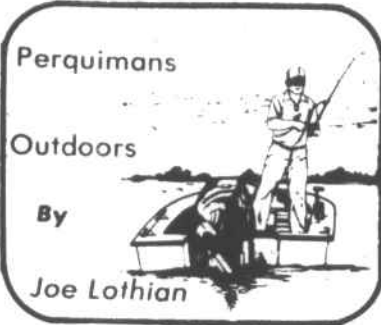
Coach Webster was off the bench in the second quarter, as a foul called on Jackson not only upset the coach but upset the crowd as well. The Pirates came from behind in the second quarter and scored 19 points compared to Carteret's 14.

The third quarter was opened up with both teams playing hard. Carteret, running into the Pirates defense and an on-time steal by Troy Jackson, followed by a steal by Melvin Coston, gave the Pirates a 9 point lead. At the end of the third quarter, the score was 54-45, Pirates.

Beginning the fourth quarter, Carteret tried to over throw the Pirates defense, but weak shooting from the floor and freethrow line, allowed the Pirates to walk away with another game, leaving the final score 71-62.

Still time for stories

By JOE LOTHIAN
With the exception of turkey season next month, hunting season is over for another year. If you want to get in just a little more story telling time though, you still have one more week. On March 11-12, the Annual Dixie Deer Classic will be held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in the Graham Building. The program will start Friday evening at 5 P.M. and it will be all day on Saturday. Anyone bringing in a head can have it measured, regardless of size, by Boone and Crockett representatives for listing in the N.C. register. There will be seminars held by big name outdoor writers including world famous archer and bow hunter Fred Bear. Of course, there will be hundreds of trophy heads to take a look at including the worlds record whitehead head. By the way, the worlds record spread is about 35 inches. Should really be something to see. Admission is \$3.
With all the rain fishing has been,



Perquimans
Outdoors
By
Joe Lothian

in a word, slow. I've seen some nice speckled perch caught but they've all been taken by tourists. I haven't heard from any of the local fisherman. There have been a lot of tourist in the area fishing lately so maybe it's a good sign. Hardee's is sponsoring a series of Bass Tournaments that are one day affairs and one is scheduled for the Pasquotank and Perquimans River Area. I don't have any prize or fee information as of now but I'll try to let you Bass Anglers know some more next week. See you next week.

Boosters will meet

The Perquimans County Band Boosters will meet Monday, March 14 at 7:30 P.M. at the High School Library. All members are urged to attend.



Diamonds are a proper gift to give on both the 60th and 75th anniversaries.

The Report

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News from Perquimans County Schools

By PAUL WARD

It's hard to believe, but it is that time again. About 450,000 students will participate in this year's State Annual Testing Program scheduled to be administered between March 5-31 in all N.C. public schools.

A reading and a math test are given to students in grades 1 and 2. Achievement tests in reading, math, language arts and spelling are administered in grades 3, 6 and 9.

Perquimans County students also are tested in grades from 5, 7 and 8. The 1983 annual testing marks the 6th year that the state's program has been in operation. Statewide test results will be available in early July.

The Spring Competency Testing program in N.C. high schools will be conducted March 22-23. In order to graduate, a senior must complete the minimum graduation requirements and successfully complete both parts of the competency test.

It is very important that parents remember students need plenty of rest and proper nutrition during the testing period. Parents also need to maintain a pleasant home environment and keep extra activities to a minimum. "Parents are a valuable resource in ensuring a successful testing program," states Paul Ward, testing coordinator.

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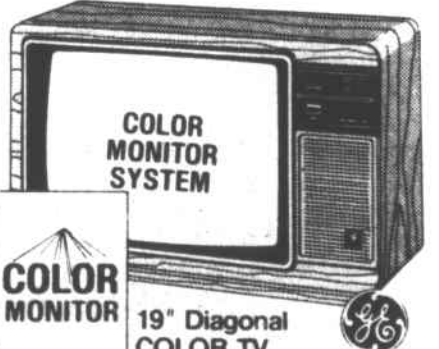
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