

Perquimans People

New year brings changes in Perquimans County Schools

By VAL SHORT

When Perquimans students go back to school next Monday they will find that a few changes have taken place.

Physically, some of the schools have received new paint, gutters and other capital improvements, but that's not all. Curriculum changes and new programs will be features

that students can look forward to this year.

A first for Perquimans County will be an elementary art program, which will be taught to all students in grades one through eight. Rebecca Spivey, who introduced art in the elementary schools through a special grant program last spring, will coordinate the program.

Mrs. Spivey will begin teaching art to students at Hertford Grammar School, where she will remain during the first six weeks. She will then move on to Perquimans Union and then to Perquimans Central. She will repeat the cycle during the second semester.

The program will be designed in coordination with the art program at

the high school, according to Pat Harrell, Perquimans Superintendent of Schools.

"We're excited about it. We'll now have art opportunities for kids all the way through," he commented.

Computer science will also receive special emphasis this year with a new teaching position allocated by the state. The new teacher will be working with elementary students and teachers in the county.

According to Harrell the "helping teacher concept" will be used in which a teacher will work with classroom teachers in instructing math and computer skills.

The teacher will actually go into the classroom and assist the students in using the computer to help with math skills and also help them learn math objectives programmed into the computers.

Harrell said this teacher will also serve as a resource person, helping the teachers secure and develop materials.

Although the position has not been filled, Harrell said the program will be implemented in all elementary schools.

New computers recently purchased by the county will help with the new program. Harrell said each school now had a minimum of two computers in each school. He said the

high school now has a total of 16.

North Carolina history will be taught for the first time in nearly ten years, said Harrell. Eighth grade students in Perquimans and throughout North Carolina will now have that opportunity.

A new "teacher-counselor" concept will be introduced this year at Perquimans Union, according to Harrell.

He said each teacher has been assigned a certain number of students for which each will serve as counselor, advocate and friend.

Harrell said the program will give the students a personal link between home and school. "It will build communication between home and school and give that students an advocate anytime there is a problem."

Harrell said this program at Union ties in with the theme for this school year — "We care."

"We're going to really focus on letting people know we really care — the students, parents and colleagues," said Harrell.

In addition to letting the community know they care, there are three other goals which Perquimans school administrators, teachers and other personnel hope to meet. Harrell hopes that all students in grades one, two, three, six and nine will score at or above the regional and state

norms in achievement tests.

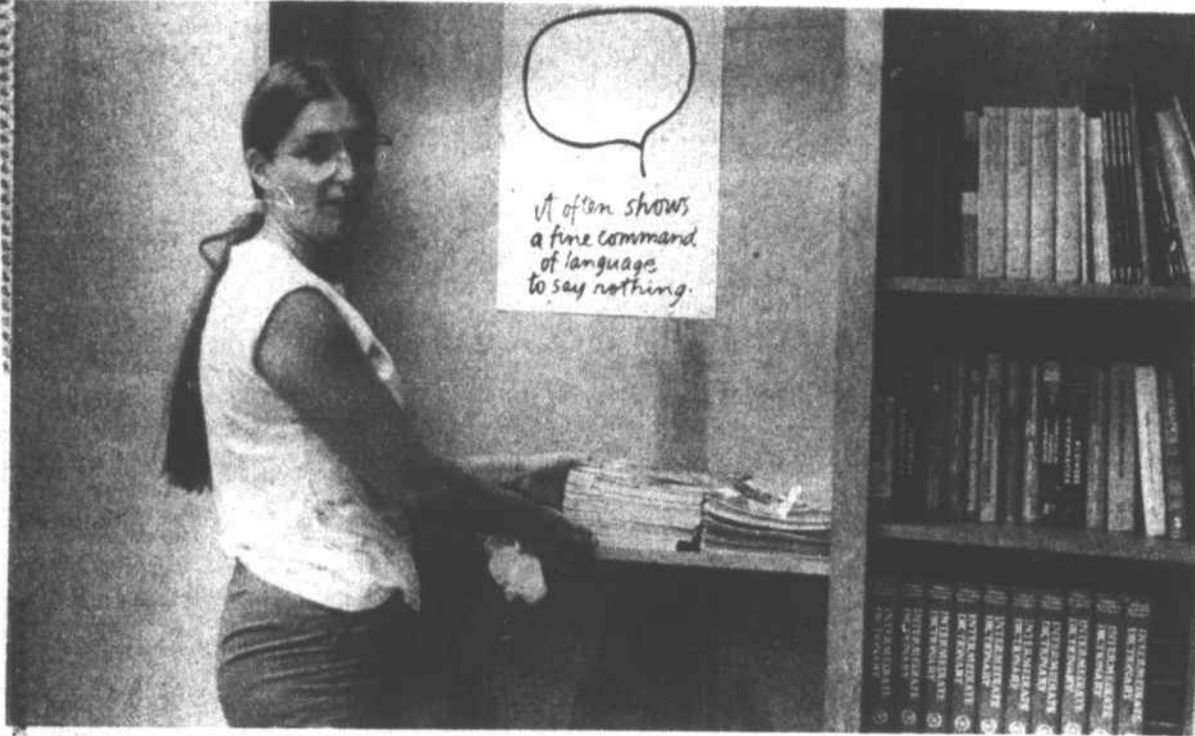
School beautification is another project which will be emphasized this year. "It's the little things which make a difference," said Harrell. Each school will develop a beautification plan which will include student work being displayed, he said.

Comprehensive staff development is the fourth goal for this school year. Harrell said each school will develop a plan in which staff members can improve skills.

The projected 1,700 students in Perquimans schools this year will have 105 teachers, according to Harrell. The county will operate the same number of buses as last year — 35, including a special bus for handicapped students.

Ongoing plans for capital improvements for this year will include renovation of the high school auditorium, lowering the ceilings at Perquimans Union, window replacement at the King Street school, the flood control and drainage project and paving around the entrances, also at Union.

"I feel very excited about the beginning of this school year. People have a very positive attitude about it and I've sensed a renewed commitment to striving toward excellence," Harrell said.



Georgia Kay Stallings, economics teacher at Perquimans High School, unpacks and cleans house in preparation for the opening of school August 29. (Photo by Val Short)

People briefs

Rita Graham and children Richard and Sonya, of Lemon Grove, Ca., are visiting Mrs. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levia Sawyer of Rt. 3, Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Forehand and daughter Julia Paige of Hampton, Va., spent the weekend with Mrs. Lillie Mae Yeates at her home in Whitehat. While there they helped her celebrate her 78th birthday.

Mrs. Earl Ward, Mrs. Mac White, Mrs. McElroy Chappell, Mrs. Lindsey Bunch and Mrs. Robert Phthisic of Belvidere were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Copeland at Nags Head for several days last week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker and family of Henderson were guests of Mrs. G. R. Tucker on Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Woodard spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fox at Candor.

Mrs. Eva Huxter of Richmond, Va., is a guest of Mrs. Edgar White.

Miss Vicki Gregory of Raleigh is a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Ellie Vickers.

Mrs. Bill Nixon and children of Wilmington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Nixon for a few days.

Mrs. Paul Bumbarger of Hickory is a guest of Mrs. J. W. Ward this week.

Mrs. Haywood Divers spent a few days this week in Raleigh with her daughter Mrs. Monnie Ross. She was accompanied by her grandson, Jason Ross, who had spent some time in Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland of Belvidere were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hedrick at Emerald Isle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Britt were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Britt at Newport News, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Symons were guests of Miss Barbara Symons at Greenville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn White of Fayetteville were guests of Mrs. Edwin White at Belvidere on Sunday.

Miss Mary White and Miss Christie White of Fayetteville are guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Edwin White, this week at Belvidere.

The W. M. White family held their reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy White on Sunday. Those attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller, Willis Williams and son West, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Newell and Mrs. Shirley Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Stokely and son Tony, Mr. and Mrs. John Elton

Hurdle Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rennie and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams, all of Hertford, also attended.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Debbie Sutton is a patient in Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville.

Kay W. Lane is a patient in Albemarle Hospital.

Mrs. Laura Fesperman is a patient in Chowan Hospital.

Mr. Dick Long is a patient in Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill.

Dr. John Crawford is a patient at Albemarle Hospital.

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Elementary school supervisor Susan Winslow discusses curriculum changes with teachers at Perquimans High School as they prepare for the new year. (Photo by Val Short)

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Photography	9-1	11-17	Th.	7-10	Vocational Cntr.	\$27
Photography	8-31	11-23	Wed.	9-12	506 Pa. Ave.	\$29.25
Religion	9-1	11-17	Th.	1-3	Sr. Cit. Cntr.	\$10
Religion	9-2	11-18	Fri.	10-12	Wynn Fork Cntr.	\$10
Religion	8-30	11-22	Tu.	7-10	Vocational Cntr.	\$10
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