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Pirates claim victory over Edenton Aces



Victory in sight

Head Coach Pat Morgan looks on as the Pirate defense holds the Edenton line claiming a 3-0 victory in last Friday night's game. (Photos by Ken Castellloe)

BY KEN CASTELLOE

In a game like all the past, last Friday night's battle between Perquimans and Edenton provided the fans with a most exciting and heart-stopping game. When the dust was finally clear and the lights went down, the Pirates had come away with yet another victory against the Aces by a score of 3-0.

With the largest crowd thus far this season looking on, Richard Thach put the pigskin through the uprights from 20 yards out with :53 seconds left in the third quarter for the only score in the ball game.

In a game in which the spectators were held on their toes until the final seconds, turnovers made the difference. Edenton lost five fumbles and the Pirates lost four, but the Pirates managed to maintain their confidence and fight back.

Head Coach Pat Morgan said, "Our guys played as well as we've played all year, except for the turnovers." He praised the defense for being at the right place at the right time.

The Pirates accomplished their goal of keeping the Edenton offense on the sidelines. The Pirate offense ran 66 plays to Edenton's 48. In the third quarter, the Aces ran only two plays versus the Pirates 20 plays.

The Pirates were forced to punt after their opening drive of the third quarter stalled. The punt from midfield was fumbled by Ed Alston of the Aces and Vincent Foster recovered the ball on the Aces 28-yard line.

Thirteen plays later, the ball was on the Edenton 3-yard line. With

fourth and goal, Thach was called upon to put the Pirates on the board. From this point on, it was the Pirate defense that protected the win.

The Aces came back to pose a threat early in the fourth quarter with the ball on the Pirate two-yard line, but an option pitch from QB Joe Hollowell was fumbled and the Pirates recovered.

Then with 3:28 to go in the game, Edenton got the ball again on their own 43-yard line. After several plays, the Aces were again inside the Pirate 10-yard line. This time the ball was on the seven, but on the next play the ball was loose again with Marlow Ferebee recovering for the Pirates, assuring another victory.

Coach Morgan commented after the victory that, "Turnovers kept the game score close and low, but we moved the ball well against a good defensive team."

Offensively, Thach led the Pirates with 88 yard on 29 carries. Alton James carried the ball 14 times for 69 yards.

Defensively, Percy Davis and Rodney Gordon led with six tackles each. Terry Johnson and David Parker had five each.

Vincent Foster, Marlow Ferebee and Kenny Perry all had several tackles and assists.

The Perquimans J.V. team also shut out the Aces Thursday night with a score of 6-0.

The Pirates open their 1983 conference season Friday night at home against the Murfreesboro Raiders. This game will also be the Homecoming for Perquimans High School.

Disaster relief loans are now available small businesses and area farmers

By JANE WILLIAMS

Perquimans County has been named as one of 55 counties across the state that qualify as drought disaster areas because of unusually hot and dry conditions that have prevailed throughout the summer.

The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Farmers Home Administration have issued releases concerning loans available to eligible businesses and farmers that have suffered economic injury due to these conditions.

For a business to qualify they must be directly affected by the impact on farm income as a result of the extended drought. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are working capital loans and are made only to provide relief from economic injury caused directly by the disaster and to permit the business to maintain a reasonable working capital position during the period affected by the disaster. SBA cannot authorize the refinancing of long-term debts nor provide working capital which was needed prior to the disaster.

Businesses must be able to furnish balance sheets and operating statements so that SBA may compare results preceding the disaster with those during and since the disaster period.

No economic assistance will be made to a business which does not

meet SBA's definition of a small business or is determined by SBA to be able to obtain credit elsewhere.

Loan assistance to businesses is limited to a maximum of \$500,000; however, the amount of the loan will be based upon the business' actual economic injury.

The maturity of these loans may not exceed thirty (30) years. The interest rate for eligible victims will be eight per cent per annum and the deadline for filing for financial assistance is March 23, 1984.

Businesses requiring further information or assistance should contact the SBA Disaster Assistance Office, 75 Spring Street, SW, Suite 822, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, telephone (404) 221-5854.

Loans are available to farmers to help cover their losses and enable them to continue sound, profitable farming operations.

In confirming the state designations Larry W. Godwin, State Director of the USDA's Farmers Home Administration said, "No one is more aware than Farmers Home Administration officials of the extra burdens placed on North Carolina's farmers by the losses of crop and livestock income because of the dry weather and record breaking temperatures."

"We have instructed all FmHA employees in the designated counties

to be attentive to the needs of the farming community, and to provide whatever assistance is possible consistent with sound lending principles and the agency's regulations," Godwin said.

"Basically, a person must have an overall 30 per cent loss in their crops to qualify for these loans. This year our agency is only carrying the loss loan program and individuals can borrow up to 80 per cent of the actual production loss or \$500,000, whichever is less," said Melvin Howell, Supervisor for FmHA in Chowan and Perquimans Counties.

Howell also added that qualification for loans could not be determined until harvest has been completed.

For applicants unable to obtain their needed credit elsewhere, the interest rate for disaster loans will be five per cent. Applicants that are able to borrow money through other channels will be charged a higher rate.

Loans to recover from production losses of crops will normally be scheduled for terms up to seven years, as needed. Under conditions of special need, terms of not more than 20 years may be authorized for actual losses. However, real estate is normally needed as security when terms exceed seven years.

When the loan funds are used for

annual recurring production expenses for the year following the disaster, these loans are scheduled to be repaid when the principal income from the year's farming operation is expected to be received.

FmHA loans carry several significant conditions.

Applicants must agree to maintain records acceptable to FmHA on their farming operations.

Applicants must agree to operate in accordance with a plan of operation jointly developed and agreed upon with FmHA.

Applicants must agree to obtain FmHA's prior consent whenever changes are needed in the agreed upon plan of operation, property pledged as security for loans is disposed of by sale or otherwise, and proceeds from the sale of mortgaged properties are to be spent.

Loan funds may be used for essential farm related purposes such as cash operating expenses, critical term loan payments, family living expenses, and similar uses that will facilitate the continuance of the operation on a sound and profitable basis.

Applications for disaster emergency loans are available at the County FmHA office. All applications must be filed within six months of the date of the disaster designation.

School replacement topic of meeting

By SUSAN HARRIS

The Board of Education again discussed the urgent need to replace the 1924 two-story building now in use at the high school at their Monday night meeting.

As a first step in the replacement planning process the Board will procure the services of an architect. Once suitable plans are drawn the Board will be able to access the cost of the project.

Also to be considered is the financing of the structure.

Darrel Spencer of the State Department of Public Instruction contained the projected distribution of the new one-half per cent sales tax. Using tax collections from 1982-1983 it is expected that Perquimans County will take in \$71,639. The county should receive around \$157,446 based on a per capita formula.

The Town of Hertford will receive 16.3 per cent of the funds, leaving the projected balance of \$123,438 for the county, by law 40 per cent, or roughly \$49,000, is earmarked for capital improvement projects in the schools.

In order not to raise taxes to pay for the high school replacement, the Board discussed requesting the entire county's share of the new tax funds. These funds would make a bond issue an affordable financing method.

Perquimans County School Superintendent Pat Harrell informed the Board that the state is requiring for the first time a transportation budget. This year's budget is set at \$244,446.

Transportation, including bus drivers' salaries, gas, maintenance, and all other costs, has historically

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County schools entertain foreign dignitaries

By KEN CASTELLOE

The Perquimans County school system was recently visited by two dignitaries from the trust territories of the Pacific under the International Visitor Program of the U.S. Information Agency.

Mr. Paul Gorong Say, principal of the Yap Island Elementary School and Mr. Timius K. Anien, principal of Rita Public Elementary School of the Marshall Islands, visited our schools on September 29 in order to observe how small school administrations teach students using limited resources similar to their own.

The two guests made their first of six stops in the U.S. They were accompanied by Mr. Grover Lee, a U.S. Escort from the State Department and Mr. Wendall Hall, the host from Region 1 of the N.C. State Board of Education.

The Superintendent of the Perquimans Co. School System Pat Harrell extended a warm welcome to the guests and served as a guide throughout the schools visited.

The tour began with a visit to the Hertford Grammar School where several classrooms were observed. Hertford Grammar has approximately 400 students currently enrolled in classroom study. Mr. Say

commented on the size of his school as being only 111 students and that they could be taught in only one of the buildings now used for Hertford Grammar.

After leaving Hertford Grammar, the group proceeded to Perquimans Central School to visit the Special Education Classes for Mentally Handicapped children. Also while visiting Central, the group observed the learning facilities for children with below average abilities.

During the tour of the Perquimans Union school, Mr. Say said, "In our schools we do not have any types of machines and audio-visual facilities for our students. We have a teacher and chalk board and that is it." He was very impressed with the use of computers to teach our students important skills that must be learned.

Mr. Anien was most impressed with the way classes are set up in our system. He said, "Teachers guide students and each student seems to be interested in their work. I would like to see that take place in our system on the Islands."

After touring the schools, the guests were entertained at the Board of Education office with a reception given by staff members.



Pictured are: Paul Gorong Say, Timius K. Anien, Pat Harrell and members of his staff, during the recent visit of the Perquimans Co. School System. (Photo by Ken Castellloe)

Resident claims unfair tax practices

By JANE WILLIAMS

Ruth Eure of the New Hope Township petitioned Perquimans County Commissioners to investigate a situation that exists between the county's tax office and New Hope Township during their meeting on Monday Morning.

Eure charged that the Perquimans County Tax Office has been changing values listed by taxpayers in that township without the prior knowledge or consent of those taxpayers.

"If this situation is not resolved within a reasonable length of time, I will go down any avenue necessary to resolve this matter," Eure said.

County Tax Supervisor Keith Haskett cited two incidents in which the original listings for personal property taxes were changed because of low appraisal values and wrong information given to the tax lister. Both cases in point involved Eure directly.

Eure stated that she had discussed the situation with a clerk in the tax office and was informed that many things had been changed on the New Hope books.

Eure accused the tax office of forgery because they had changed

information without prior consent on a signed document.

Haskett told the group that the Machinery Act says that all property should be listed at 100 per cent value.

The Board asked County Attorney John Matthews to work with Haskett in an effort to resolve this matter.

Ron Sessoms reported to the Commissioners that some county residents may be bothered with a slight reddish discoloration in their water during the next few weeks, due to the use of hexachlorine phosphate for cleaning out pipes in the county system. He assured the Commissioners that this would be a temporary problem and that things should settle down in two or three weeks.

The process is being used to keep iron from oxidizing in the lines and precipitating out.

The Board heard a report from Melvin Howell of Farmers Home Administration concerning emergency loans for area farmers.

Bill Jester, Agriculture Extension Chairman gave a report concerning his departments activities during September.

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