

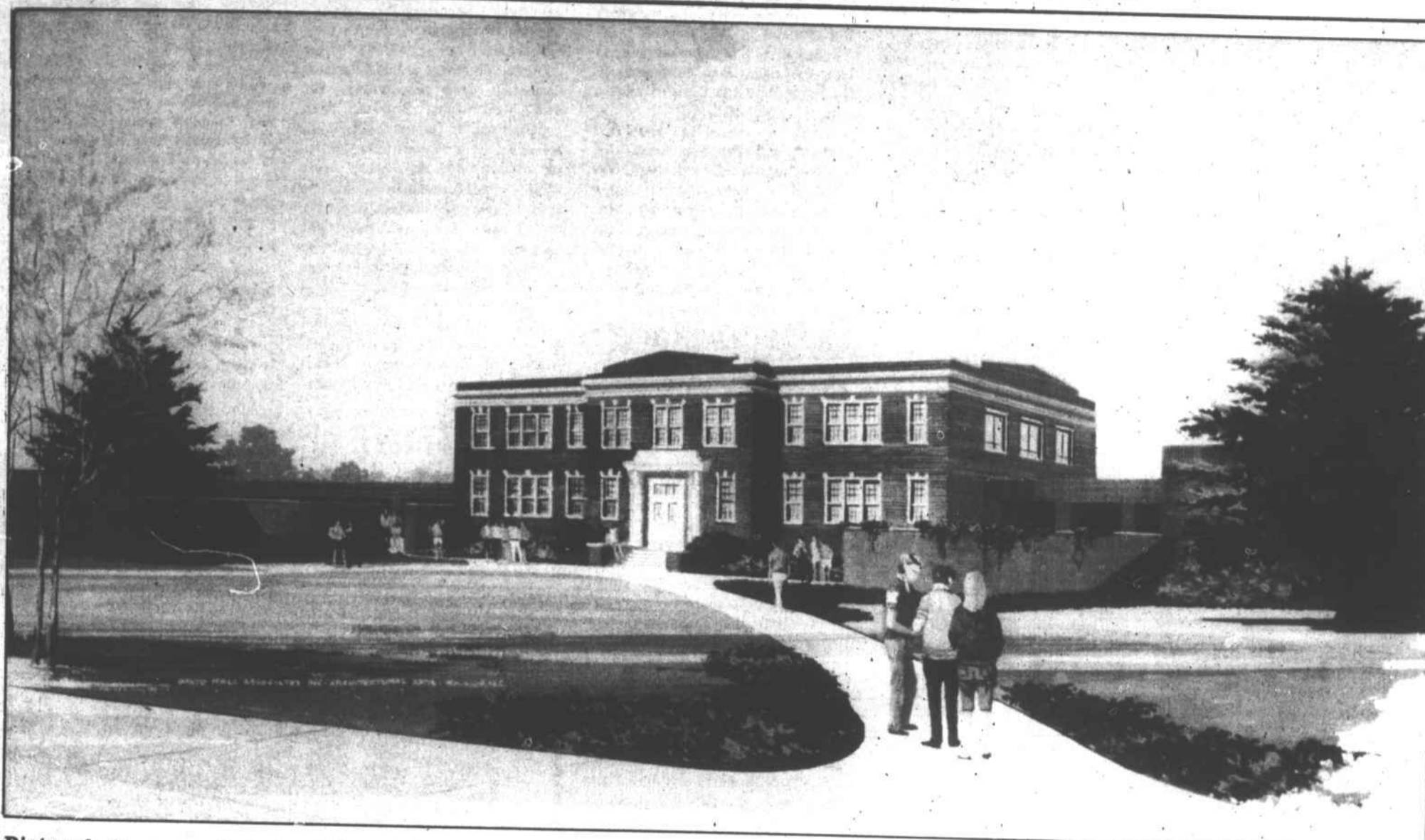
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Pictured is an artist's rendering of a water color completion of work planned for the structure. The work was done by David Hall Architectural Arts of Raleigh, N.C.

## Voter registration deadline set

April 9, 1984 has been set as the last day to register to vote in the May 8, 1984 Primary Election.

Individuals who are not registered to vote in Perquimans County, or those who need to change their address, party affiliation, etc. are encouraged to do so before the April 9 deadline to be eligible to vote in the Primary election.

Anyone who is 18 years old or over, is a citizen of the United States, and has lived in the State of North Carolina, and has resided in their precinct for at least 30 days prior to the May 8 Primary election is eligible to register and vote.

Voter registration forms can be filled out at the Perquimans County Board of Elections Office, located at 104 Dobb Street, Hertford on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Registration forms can also be completed by appointment with the Precinct Registrars in each township.

The Precinct Registrars are Mac White, Belvidere; Evie Dail, Nicanor; Delsie Ward, Bethel; Carol Baker, East Hertford; Earline White, West Hertford; Carole Roberts, New Hope; and Evelyn Ann Smith, Parkville.

## Board of Education selects plans for school complex

The Perquimans County Board of Education made a decision to renovate the 1924 Circa two-story building being occupied by Perquimans County High School, leaving the auditorium intact, and removing the wings on either side of the building to allow for new construction on Monday night.

The high school project will provide more classroom space for art, band, science laboratories and special education, along with a new cafeteria and kitchen area.

The auditorium, which is used for many public events, will remain, but will receive a face-lift during the construction period.

The Board of Education met with the Perquimans County

Commissioners on Monday night to make a final decision on placing a \$2-million bond referendum on the ballot for the May 8 Primary.

The Commissioners expressed a concern that the county might have a

problem with financially supporting the Board of Education for the school project.

The Board of Education presented the Commissioners with an alternative to the higher interest state bonds, and suggested that the county apply for a FHA loan. (Perquimans County is eligible) at an interest rate of seven and one-quarter (7.25) percent.

The Board told the Commissioners that Marvin Howell of the District

FHA Office in Williamston had made a commitment at 7.25 percent interest rate for Perquimans County based on medium family income.

Howell told the Board that if the bonds are not bought at the lower interest rate FHA will automatically purchase the bonds.

The Board of Education suggested to the Commissioners that now is a

good time to apply for an FHA loan, and recommended that they be allowed to proceed with the application as soon as possible.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that obtaining funds through FHA was the best route for the county at this time, and passed a motion to proceed with the application for a FHA loan.

## County Anniversary Committee makes plans for 400th

Perquimans County will join other North Carolina counties to begin commemoration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Roanoke Voyages on Roanoke Island on July 13, 1984.

But, October 12, 13 and 14 will be celebrated in Perquimans County.

When Arthur Barlowe and Phillip Amadas came to Roanoke Island four hundred years earlier, Arthur Barlowe wrote: "And after thanks given to God for our safe arrival thither, we manned our boats, and went to view the land next adjoining, and to take possession of the same, in the right of the Queenes most excellent Majestie."

This tribute and trust in a Divine Being established the precedent for recognition of the Grace of God, and was followed in the settlement of the United States as an English-speaking nation, under English law.

After the disappearance of the lost colony of Roanoke Island, it was three quarters of a century before the English came again to North Carolina, and history tells that as early as 1661 George Durant came to Perquimans County and bought land from the King of Yeopim Indians.

His deed mentions a "George Catchmaid, already settled," showing that other settlers had preceded him.

Perquimans County's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee is joining the Eastern Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends and the Perquimans County Restoration Association to commemorate the Proprietary Period of North Carolina, and the beginnings of Quakerism as the first organized religion in the state.

The first religious service on record after Roanoke Island was held in the spring of 1672, under the leadership of William Edmundson, a Quaker minister.

Later that year, George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, wrote in his journal that he "came to Phelps Point, now Hertford, from a Friends Meeting in Somerton, Virginia."

Another journal entry shows that Fox preached at Joseph Scott's house in November 1672. Other Society of Friends services followed, meeting houses were erected and such ministries were the beginning of organized religion in North Carolina.

Joseph Scott's house is now known as the Newbold-White House and has been restored by the Perquimans County Restoration Association as the oldest house in North Carolina.

A three-day commemoration of the Quaker and Proprietary Period will center around the Newbold-White site on October 12, 13 and 14.

Friday, October 12, will be Perquimans Heritage Day. In 1696 and 1697 Thomas Nichols, a tenant of Joseph Scott's granddaughters, hosted the General Assembly, the Governor's Council, and the Higher Courts there.

An invitation has been extended to the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, Joseph Branch, and the Associate Justices to take part in the ceremonies on October 12.

Later in the day, there will be a dinner at Missing Mill Park, followed by a presentation of the outdoor drama, "The Sword of Peace," which plays each summer at Snow Camp, North Carolina, and tells of the Quaker resistance to war.

On Saturday a Society of Friends Historical Pilgrimage will be made to sites prominent in the educational and religious life of early Perquimans.

Clifford Winslow, a native of Perquimans and clerk of Friends United Meeting with headquarters in Richmond, Indiana, is arranging the tours.

They have been planned by Raymond A. Winslow Jr., Archivist, Perquimans Restoration Association. This pilgrimage is being sponsored by the Eastern Quarterly Meeting, made up of Somerton Friends Meeting, Holland, Virginia; Hersel M. Hill, Pastor; Corinth Friends Meeting, Ivor, Virginia; and Bethel Friends Meeting, Franklin

Virginia, Cafer Marley, Pastor.

Piney Woods, Belvidere, which began as a Preparative Meeting under Wells, Kenneth Spivey, Pastor) and Up River, begun later under Piney Woods as a Preparative Meeting (Rendel Cosand, Pastor), are Perquimans members of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting, and will plan the religious programs.

Mrs. Kenneth Spivey will prepare an exhibit on Quaker life at Piney Woods Meeting House. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Church will offer a sandwich and beverage lunch for those on tour.

Sunday, October 14, will be a very important day. D. Elton Trueblood, a nationally known Society of Friends minister, author and lecturer, will conduct a religious service at the Newbold-White House where George Fox had preached 312 years before.

He will be assisted by Billy M. Britt, Superintendent, of the North Carolina Society of Friends Yearly Meeting.

The musical part of the program will be arranged by Mrs. McKay Riddick and Mrs. Paul Young of Piney Woods Meeting and Rick Pronto of Up River Meeting.

An old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds" will be served, with every family bringing a basket for themselves and guests.

An invitation has been extended through the national magazine, "Quaker Life," for everyone to make this national pilgrimage to the place where the Society of Friends and organized religion began in North Carolina in 1672.

A housing committee made up of members from all county churches

and coordinated by Mrs. Henry C. Sullivan, Hertford Methodist Church, will seek to find "bed and breakfast" accommodations for all visitors.

Further information is available from Kenneth Spivey, Rt. 1, Box 51, Belvidere, N. C. 27919.

America's Four Hundredth will cover the years from July 13, 1984 through August 18, 1987, the four hundredth birthday of Virginia Dare.

Each year of the celebration in Perquimans County, one church will be asked to take the leadership role in the order in which they became active in Perquimans.

According to historian, Raymond A. Winslow Jr., this would be Quakers, Episcopalians, Baptists and Methodists. It is hoped that these occasions may be made memorable, with all faiths celebrating and renewing their dedication to God and Country.

## Closing date set for insuring spring crops

Farmers are reminded that the closing date for application for Federal Crop Insurance on spring crops is March 31. This applies to farmers who have no insurance at all and also the farmers who and also the farmers who want to add other crops to their insurance already in force stated J. J. Bazemore, District Director today.

Crop insurance pays money for more risks more often to policyholders than any other insurance. It covers a wide variety of hazards of nature including drought, excessive moisture, hail, plant disease, insects, frost, freeze, fire, wind and all other unavoidable causes.

A farmers expenses are protected when he has crop insurance. Payments from crop insurance saved many farmers from total financial disaster in 1983 due to the severe drought said Bazemore.

Different levels of coverage are available and these levels may be changed from year to year to suit the individuals needs.

Premiums are not due until a normal harvest season is completed. This is an added convenience to farmers because of the nature of their income.

Remember, March 31, is the last date applications can be accepted. Contact your nearest agent or the agent of your choice soon. Names of local agents can be obtained by calling the District office at 919-794-8215.



Pictured are members of the Perquimans County Anniversary Committee with the Edmundsen-Fox Memorial, (near the S-Bridge in Hertford.) Left to right they are; Rendel Cosand, Pastor of the Up-River Friends Meeting, Jeanne C. White and Kenneth Spivey, Pastor of the Piney Woods Friends Meeting.