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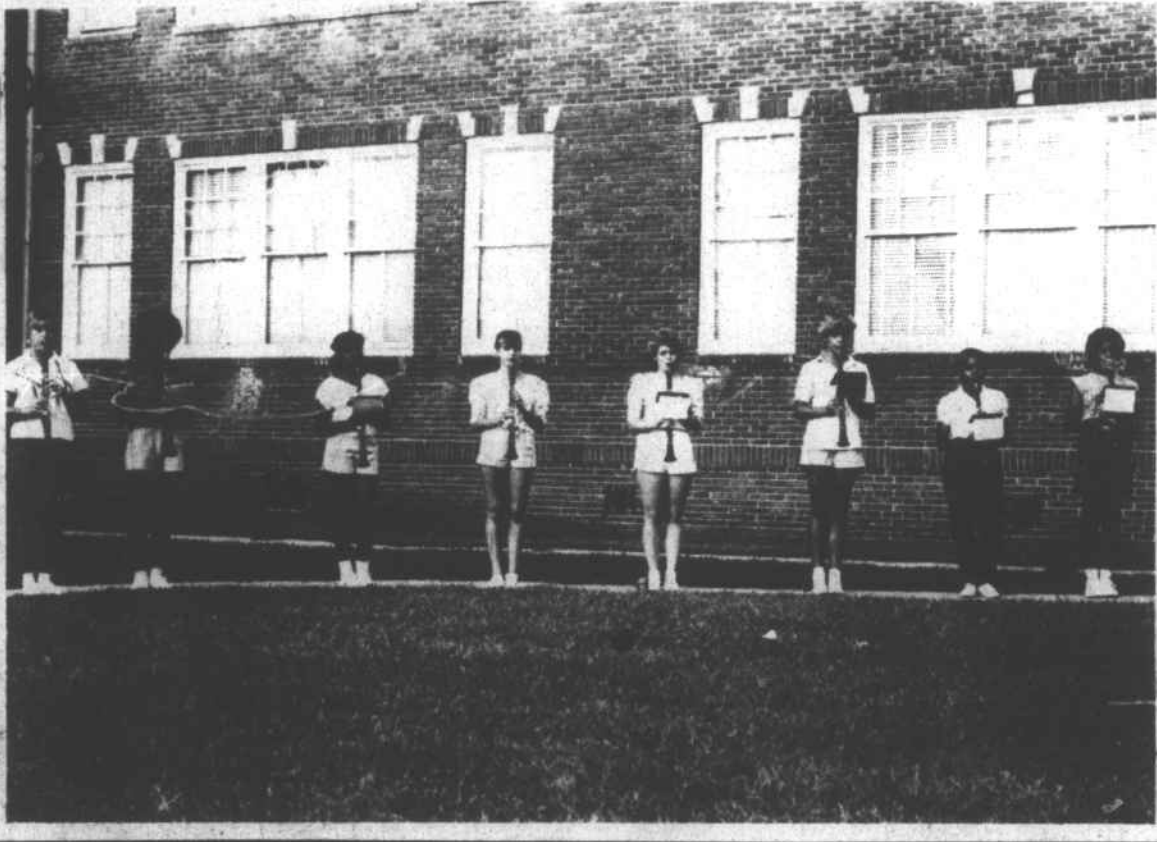
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## 'Practice Makes Perfect'

If practice does indeed make perfect, then music lovers are in for a real treat this fall. The Perquimans County Marching Pirates have been practicing regularly for about six hours a day to prepare for the upcoming fall season. The students will leave on Friday at 5:00 a.m. to attend a four-day band camp at Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia. (Photo by Tim Bryant.)



## Board of Education works to trim costs of PCHS renovation

By SUSAN HARRIS  
The Perquimans County Board of Education began looking for ways to further trim costs of the Perquimans County High School Renovation-Construction Project during their regular session Monday night. Present bids and administrative costs for completion of the original plans and specifications would run approximately \$400,000.00 over the \$2,000,000.00 bond referendum passed by county voters.

Board members again studied blueprints, while discussing possible cutbacks in the total square footage to be constructed. Mack Nixon, a local building contractor and board member, told the board that decreasing the square footage would be the only means to substantially cut the project costs.

A suggestion by architect Sam Ashford to postpone the addition of the new cafeteria met with opposition as board members expressed feelings that the present facility is inadequate. Also to be completed in its entirety will be the auditorium renovation, which will include full stage lighting, floor refinishing and seating.

The board agreed to find out how much could be saved by deleting two classrooms on the end of one new wing, and using the second floor of the 1928 building for band storage areas. Other cuts will also be studied in order to bring the project costs in line with the available funds. The estimated cost per square foot is \$45 to \$50.

Ashford will obtain written estimates of cost reductions from contractors who bid on the project, and will present them to the board in a special session on Monday, August 12, at 8:00 p.m.

"We're going to have to make some tough decisions so we can get started," Chairman Clifford Winslow said. The contracts

must be finalized by August 25th.

The 1985 high school football team may be playing under the new lighting system if the poles can be delivered by August 12. The lighting equipment was delivered last week and a crew is scheduled to begin assembling the system in mid-August and could have the lights ready for use by August 26. The poles are on order through Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation (AEMC), according to Superintendent Pat Harrell. AEMC representative Bob Brooks is to put a tracer on the poles in an effort to insure their prompt delivery.

The crew will go to another job before installing the high school lighting if the poles do not arrive in time.

The Fair Labor Standards Act and its effect on non-certified school board employees was discussed at length by the board. Most affected will be teachers aides. Presently aides work 35 to 37 hours per week and are paid for 40 hours. The state board of education will deal with that issue in their Thursday session.

A contract has been awarded for the Perquimans Union School Flood Control and Drainage Project. Construction will begin on August 12 or 13, and must be finished within 60 days of the starting date in order to be in compliance with the terms of the contract.

Preston Stevenson was nominated to run for vice-president of the North Carolina School Board Association District Organization.

Harrell told the board that state budget allocations were received last week. He announced that a new maintenance position had been funded by the state.

The board granted permission to James Luszc, Troy Higgins, Ingrid Higgins, Stephanie Ham-

mer, Hope Stallings and Cliff Stallings to attend Perquimans County Schools during the 1985-86 school term pursuant to their releases from their school districts.

## Brinn Insurance merges with Dowd and Associates after 30 years in business

By SUSAN HARRIS  
After 30 years of operating as Brinn Insurance Agency the business merged on August 1 with John Dowd and Associates.

According to the Claude Brinn, founder of Brinn Insurance, he will maintain an ownership interest in the company, but primary interest and controlling stock will be held by John Dowd and David Twiddy.

The merger will allow a broader service capacity to customers, as the property and casualty coverage offered by Brinn will now extend to include life, health and hospitalization insurance.

John Dowd and Associates was originally founded in Edenton in 1979. The company moved to Hertford in January of this year when they bought out Johnson-White Insurance Company. David Twiddy of Edenton will now work in Hertford on a full-time basis as agency manager.

The new company is housed on the corner of Church and Grubb Streets in Hertford, where renovations have transformed the former bus station into colonial-style office quarters.

Brinn hopes to have a little more spare time now that the full responsibility of

## Keaton named to fill position as county finance officer

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
Following an executive session at the close of a Monday morning business meeting the Perquimans County Commissioners announced the appointment of County Manager Randy Keaton to fill the post of county finance officer effective October 1, 1985.

The appointment came following the acceptance of the resignation of Durwood Reed which will take effect on September 30, 1985.

Reed's letter of resignation was received by the commissioners at their July 15 meeting, but was not accepted until Monday morning after Reed told the board that he was proceeding with his retirement plans. Reed has served as the county's finance officer for 33 years.

Following Reed's departure from the meeting Commissioner Thomas Nixon voiced a motion to accept Reed's resignation "with regrets." The motion, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Winslow, carried unanimously.

Keaton, who will now take on the dual roles of county manager and county finance officer, was hired by the board last September as the county's first manager. He began his duties late last October. The board appointed Keaton's secretary, Sharon Ward, as assistant to the finance officer.

With the additional duties Keaton will receive a salary increase to Grade 73, Step One on the Perquimans County salary rate scale, while Ward will gain an increase to Grade 58, Step One.

In other action taken Monday the board:

—Approved the appointment of Becky Felton Boynton to the Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee pending her acceptance of the position.

—Adopted the CAMA Land Use Plan Update.

—Tabled a request from Elsie Muse for County water until funds are available to add new water lines to the county water

system.  
—Approved a contract between Hertford Attorney John

Matthews and the Perquimans County Social Services Department for legal services.

## Death claims Sullivan

Henry Clay Sullivan, 71, of 114 N. Front Street died Monday morning, August 5, in his home.

A native of Suffolk, Va., he was the husband of Mrs. Margaret Dail Sullivan. He was the retired manager of Hertford Savings & Loan Association, the retired manager of the Hertford Housing Authority and the former owner-operator of the S & M Drug Store.

He was a member of the Hertford United Methodist Church, a member of Perquimans Masonic Lodge 106, A.F. & A.M., and a former president of the Hertford Rotary Club.

Besides his wife survivors include two sons, James Clay Sullivan of Greenville and Jerry Jessup Sullivan of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Anne Taylor of Charlotte; a stepmother, Mrs. Jeanette O'Sullivan of Norfolk; and two grandsons, Bobby and Paul Sullivan.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Hertford United Methodist

Church with the Rev. Henry Bizzell officiating. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery with Swindell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



HENRY C. SULLIVAN

## Nominations sought

Nominations for outstanding county volunteers will be accepted through August 19, 1985 according to information received earlier this week from North Carolina Governor James Martin.

Locally, response to the nomination procedure has been slow, but county co-ordinator W.D. Cox hopes that the extension that was granted by Gov. Martin will give residents the opportunity to send in nominations for their choice of outstanding individual volunteers and outstanding group volunteers.

The recognition for volunteers is through the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards program. Each county will be represented by one outstanding individual volunteer who donates their time and services to community work, and by one group volunteer, a church or civic organization that goes beyond normal boundaries to do community service work.

Individuals wishing to nominate a person or a group for these awards should send a letter of nomination to W.D. Cox, Hertford Municipal Building, Hertford, N.C. The deadline for submitting nominations is 5:00 Monday, August 19th. Local winners will be chosen from the field of nominations by a local panel, and will be honored in the fall at a banquet with Governor and Mrs. James Martin.

turned home and officiated locally for one season.

Then he was asked, because of his knowledge of the game, to run the time clock for the school's home games when the lighted score board was installed. "I haven't missed a home game in 25 years," Brinn said.

Not only has Brinn given his time to the school ath-

letic programs, but also has provided financial support as well.

Brinn is a 30-year member of the Hertford Lion's Club. In 1970-71 he served as District Governor. He is also a member of the Hertford United Methodist Church.

He and his wife Alma have two daughters, Claudia and Beth, and three grandchildren.



CLAUDE BRINN