

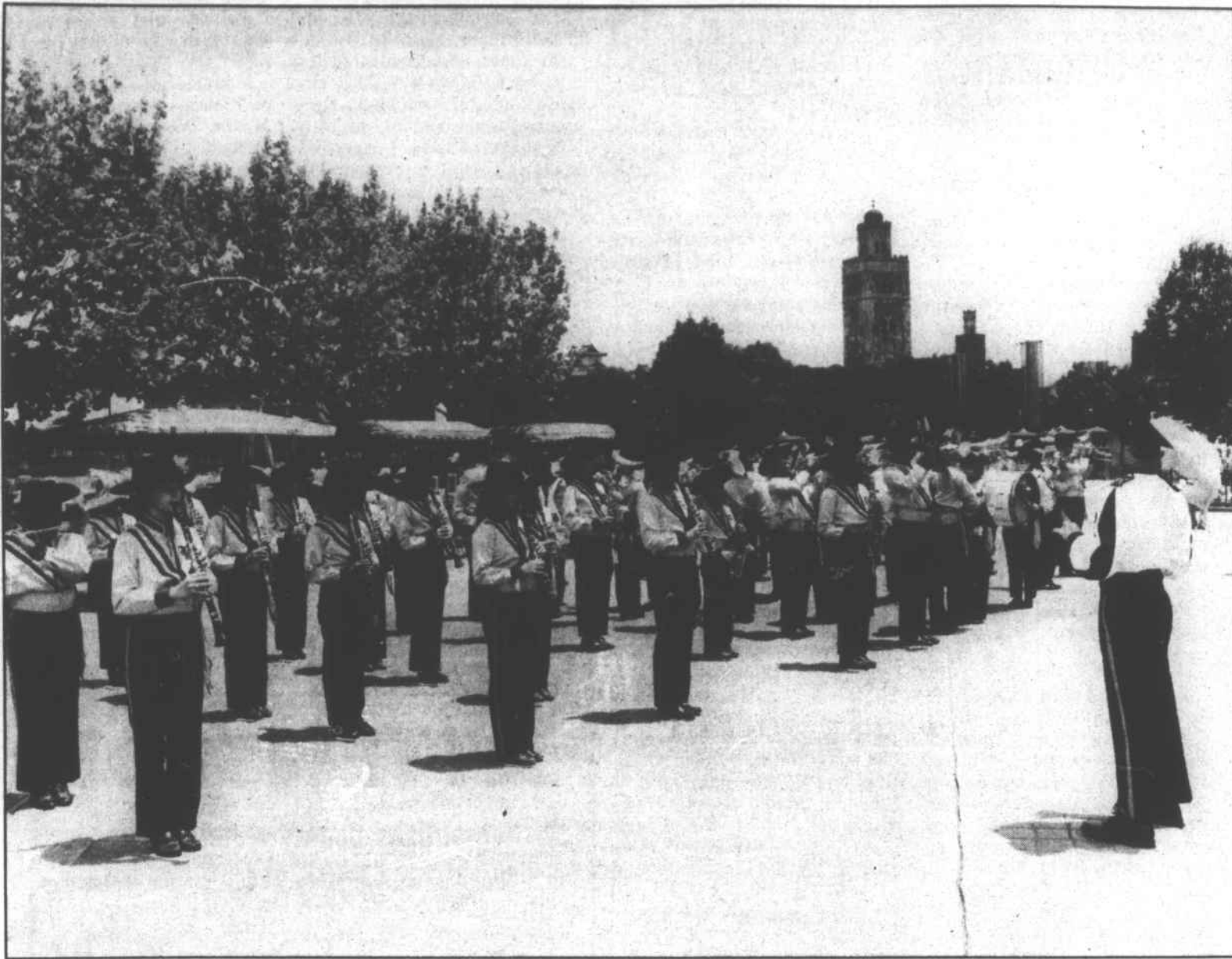
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LOCAL ENTERTAINERS—The Perquimans High School Marching Pirates, under the direction of David Ziemba, were among a group of bands featured at Disney's Epcot Center on May 16 as part of the Walt Disney Festival Program. The pro-

gram focuses on entertainment groups from the United States and around the world. (Copyright The Walt Disney Company 1986).

Marching Pirates featured performers at Walt Disney's Epcot Center

By SUSAN HARRIS

During the past few years, no group has brought more recognition to Perquimans County than the Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates. The band has performed in numerous events, and has left many favorable impressions.

Such was the case when the group traveled to Orlando, Florida earlier this month to participate in an international music festival at Walt Disney World entitled "Around the World Showcase." The week-long festival featured performances by bands from all over the world.

"They represented Perquimans County very well," said Brenda Winslow, a band member parent who made the trip with the group. "They were very good."

The 74 band members who traveled to the Sunshine State

performed at Epcot Center, offering the sole performance on that day as they paraded around the center, stopping periodically to play.

According to band director David Ziemba, inclusion in the program was a great honor. In order to be considered for participation, applicants were required to submit a videotape of their performance. The group was the only band from North Carolina selected to make the trip.

Ziemba told the County Board of Education, when he asked for their permission to participate, that of the many brochures he received concerning band events he chose to apply to the Disney function because of the fine reputation the park enjoys.

The band members and band boosters worked hard throughout the year to raise the funds necessary to make the trip possible.

Fruit sales, solicitation from local businesses, a newspaper subscription drive, and a \$3,000 donation from an anonymous contributor helped tremendously towards the trip's cost.

Two buses laden with tired but happy students pulled back into Hertford on Monday morning around 9:20 a.m., five days after they began their journey. In their minds were many memories; on their backs, tee shirts given to

them at the festival bearing the words "Magic Music Days".

For the band, the trip was magic as their hard work and dedication had paid off. They had participated in an international music event. They had joined ranks with some of the world's finest music makers. They have every right to be as proud of themselves as Perquimans are of them.

D.O.T. Board approves request for local funding

RALEIGH—State Secretary of Transportation James E. Harrington today announced the approval of funding requests for public transportation in small urban and rural areas.

The North Carolina Board of Transportation voted to recommend funding to the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration during its monthly meeting on May 9 in Hickory. Section 18 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act provides capital and operating and administrative assistance for public transportation projects in areas of less than 50,000 population.

The state's annual application is subject to approval by UMTA. This consent should take 60 to 75 days.

The Board endorsed funds totaling \$273,314 for the Intercounty Transit System representing a commitment of \$85,105 in Section 18 funds, \$9,038 in State funds, and \$179,171 in Local funds. Approval of this grant will enable the Counties of Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Chowan, through the Intercounty Transit System (ITS), to continue to provide coordinated human service and general public transportation. ITS operates nine (9) vans and two (2) small buses. The Intercounty Transit System will receive capital, operating and administrative assistance under the program.

Board of Transportation member Kenneth H. Roberson, of Robersonville, who represents Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, and Chowan Counties on the board, commented, "To help relieve some of the public transportation problems contrasted in small areas such as those served by the Intercounty Transit System, it is imperative that we aid these communities as much as possible. What better way is there to encourage growth in these underpopulated areas than to provide easier access throughout the community?"

ITS will provide approximately 51,234 passenger trips during FY87. Approximately 2.5 million passenger trips are provided annually by some 25 Section 18 projects in North Caro-

lina. Secretary Harrington said, "Transportation for every segment of our state is the key to the industrial growth needed in North Carolina. Updating urban and rural transportation is included in my overall goal to upgrade and improve our transportation system throughout the state."

Farmers approve soybean assessment

RALEIGH—North Carolina farmers have given overwhelming approval to continue their self-help soybean assessment program according to Preston Harrell, President of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association. "The assessment rate will continue at one cent per bushel on all soybeans marketed in the state for a six year period beginning with harvest of the 1987 soybean crop and continuing through the 1992 crop," Harrell said.

Official tally of the votes cast in the statewide referendum on May 7, 1986, was 87.20 percent favorable approval of the self-help program by soybean producers to continue promotion, education and research efforts. Monies are deducted at the first point of sale, remitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture who turns the funds over to the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association for administration.

On May 7 referendum turned out 3,579 voters, with Lenior County registering the high vote of 194, followed by Columbus County with 188.

The recent referendum was coordinated by the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association and the Agricultural Extension Service in the respective counties. Polling places were spotted at key locations in each participating county.

Candidates to be selected in run-off

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Voters in Perquimans County will return to the polls on Tuesday to aid in the selection of a Democratic nominee for the North Carolina House of Representatives and to select the candidate for Sheriff of Perquimans County.

Winfred (Winnie) Wood of Camden, who placed second behind the Honorable Vernon G. James, is being challenged in the run-off election by R.M. (Pete) Thompson of Edenton for a spot on the November General Election ballot with James. Thompson polled enough votes in the May Primary to make him eligible to call for a run-off election against Wood. Neither of the two contenders have held prior public office.

James and the winner of Tuesday's election will face Republican Candidate Shirley Perry of Hertford in the General Election on November 4th.

On the local side of the election, J.L. (Joe) Lothian, Chief of Police in Winfall, is being chal-

lenged by Incumbent Sheriff Julian (Little Man) Broughton for the Sheriff's seat. Lothian defeated Broughton by a two-percent margin in the May Primary with two other contenders on the ballot. Broughton called for a run-off following that election since Lothian fell shy of the 50-percent plus one vote needed to win the seat. The Democratic nominee will face no opposition on the November General Election Ballot.

Polling places for the June 3rd Primary are as follows: Bethel-the Community Building; Nicenor-the Community Building; Belvidere-the Community Building; Parkville-The Winfall Community Building; New Hope-the Community Building; East Hertford-the Perquimans County Courthouse; and West Hertford-the Hertford Grammar School.

Polls for this Primary will open at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m. All democratic registered voters in the county are eligible to cast ballots in this election.

Perquimans Quilters Club re-kindles an old-fashioned art form

By NANCY T. SMITH
The Perquimans Quilters are quite a busy group. They have revived the old art of quilt making, and meet on a regular basis to combine their scraps of fabric, their skill and their imagination to produce quality works of the craft.

The group created a banner for Perquimans County in observance of the 400th Birthday Celebration of North Carolina. The banner is currently on display in the Commissioners Room of the Perquimans County Courthouse. Their work is also displayed in the Newbold-White House gift shop in the form of pillows. They've recently completed seven machine covers for the Perquimans County Extension Service sewing machines. And now, they've undertaken a project that will take their work outside of Perquimans County.

One of the club's members, Jackie Fueston, decided that perhaps the club could help meet the needs of children in Ethiopia. So much attention was paid to their need for food; but the children also needed clothes and blankets as well. Mrs. Fueston presented the idea of making quilts for the children to the club and to work they went. The quilts were designed

with utility and children in mind. Sturdy stitching and bright colors went into each one as well as a lot of caring.

The quilts, three boxes full in all, will be picked up the first of June by Church World

Service, an interdenominational group meeting needs worldwide. The ladies are not sure that their work will be used by children in Ethiopia, but are certain that some needy children in a far away

land will benefit from the work; just as we are certain that they will be touched by the skill and care of a group of talented Perquimans County crafters.



Members of the Perquimans Quilters Club display their work that is being sent to

Ethiopia for underprivileged children. (Photo by Debbie T. Stallings.)