

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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Shown here are students of the Perquimans County Headstart Program as they release balloons on Thursday, Oct. 23 to celebrate the 21st birthday of Head start

## Head Start celebrates 21st birthday on Oct 23rd

On Thursday, October 23, children from across the nation joined in a celebration of the 21st birthday of the Head Start Program.

Approximately 25 students gathered at Union School at 12 noon to take part in the synchronized celebration. Balloons were released by the children, and later they enjoyed cake and ice cream.

The Head Start program has been operating since 1965, and currently

some 500,000 children from across the nation are enrolled in the program.

Funding for the Head Start program is received from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration of Children, Youth, and Families.

It is a comprehensive developmental program for children ages 3-5. The program is based on the premise that all children share common

needs, and that children from low income families, in particular, can benefit from a program designed to meet those needs.

The program covers all aspects of the children's lives including education, family, neighborhood, health, nutrition, mental health, and parent involvement.

Currently the Head Start Program is having their annual membership drive for more information on the program contact Joyce Felton at 426-7355.

## Symposium scheduled on family violence

RALEIGH—Human Resources Secretary Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., today announced that a special symposium on Family Violence Awareness and Prevention will be held on Thursday, November 6, 1986, at the Kermit E. White Continuing Education Center at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City.

The theme of the symposium is "Prevent the Hurt." It is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Human Resources Regional Coordinating Committee, and the Area Human Service Agencies in 12 eastern North Carolina counties: Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, and Dare.

"This symposium underscores the fact that the treatment and prevention of family violence required the combine efforts of all North Carolinians—parents, concerned citizens, and professionals from social services, health services, law enforcement, medicine, and the judicial system," Kirk emphasized. "It is only by working together that we can hope to successfully solve this tragic problem in our society, and to help troubled families lead a better life."

He added that he and Governor Martin are committed to a plan of action to deal with family violence that focuses on prevention. The plan is now being developed by DHR's Task Force on the Prevention of Family Violence, chaired by Kirk. The task

force will examine how to better serve families under stress to prevent the problem from occurring.

He explained that family violence included the verbal and physical abuse, neglect, or exploitation of any family member. It affects all ages and income levels, and may include children, spouses, the elderly, and the disabled. Family violence costs society a great deal in personal pain, shattered lives, lost productivity, and is a tremendous financial burden for taxpayers.

In addition to Secretary Kirk, the scheduled speakers at the Symposium include Judy Henson, a Psychologist at the Tideland Mental Health Center in Washington; Julia Reeves, Director of the N.C. Department of Administration's Domestic Violence Project in Raleigh; Fletcher Saunders, a Crime Prevention Specialist with the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety in Raleigh; Pat Kepler, Director of the Albemarle Hopeline in Elizabeth City; and David Gordon, an attorney for the Eastern Regional Child Welfare Services in Greenville; and Nancy J.R. Wells, Executive Director of the N.C. Department of Administration's Youth Advocacy Involvement Office.

For more information contact Glenda Sawyer or Andrea Held at the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan Health Department in Elizabeth City at (919) 338-2167.



Shirley Perry is pictured here as she campaigns on Grubb Street.

## Pirates defense stops Raiders

The Pirates bounced back this week from their first conference loss against the Hurricanes of Northhampton West to defeat Murfreesboro 28-0.

The defensive continued to shine and added to their streak of scoreless quarters by their opponents. The Pirates defense has not allowed a point in 20 quarters of play in the Albemarle Conference this season.

On Friday night the defense scored two touchdowns in the second half.

Russell Parker recovered a Raider fumble in the end zone for a score, and Xavier Everett intercepted a pass and ran 30 yards for the Pirates final touchdown of the game.

The Pirates defense has now chalked up five touchdowns in conference play, something the team is extremely proud of.

The defense played a major role Friday night as they allowed the Raiders only 59 yards rushing the whole game. Murfreesboro was then

## Board approves budget

The Perquimans County Board of Education learned last week at their monthly meeting that this year's budget will be \$34188 dollars less than the budget used for operating last year.

The board met last Tuesday evening and approved this year's overall uniform budget which includes all funds. The budget for the year is set at \$6,319,407.00 dollars. Last year's budget was \$6,353,595.00, and according to Pat Harrell, Superintendent of the schools, the difference can be seen in federal funds.

The board also discussed the continuing construction project at the High School. Mr. Harrell reported that the project is approximately two-thirds complete. The board learned that the project is slightly behind schedule at the present time. Mr. Harrell stated that they hope to have the project completed by the spring hopefully in April or May.

The Union School project is almost complete. There are minor things to be completed by each of the four contractors. The furniture has been ordered for the cafeteria, and hopefully

it will be in by November.

Plans were also discussed for an alternate parking situation for vehicles and buses at Central School in Winfall. Currently vehicles such as buses and service trucks park behind the building and the children must travel through the parking area to get to the playground. Mr. Harrell stated that the board would like to come up with a solution as they did at Hertford Grammar School. The matter will be discussed at future meetings after some additional information is gathered.

State enrollment projections for the period of 1986 through 1991 were also reviewed by the board. Perquimans County enrollment is projected to increase 11.3 percent by the year 1991. This is the fourth largest increase in the state behind Dare, Currituck, and Onslow counties. According to the report few counties are projected to have an increase, and the board sees the county's projected increase as a positive sign of growth for the county.

Board members also made plans for some of the members to attend the state meetings the week of November 13th.

## Council reviews audit

The Hertford Town Council met last Tuesday evening in a special meeting to go over the audit of the town's financial statements.

According to a letter written to the council from Terry Chappell, CPA, who conducted the audit the town should be commended for its efforts to improve its financial condition. The town's fund balance increased this year by approximately \$116,000 dollars. Increases were seen in the util-

ity funds, and in the general funds of the town. These increases were for the year ending June 30, 1986.

Chappell did site some problems with the town's maintaining a record of its general fixed assets, but added that the town is currently in the process of establishing its fixed asset records.

Mayor Bill Cox stated that he was generally pleased with this year's audit of the town financial statements.

## Young serves as intern

John Young a resident of Hertford spent this past summer in Washington, D.C. serving as an intern.

Young spent five weeks working in the office of Congressman Walter B. Jones for the committee of Merchant Marine Fisheries, doing everything from secretarial work to meeting other congressman and senators.

Young who is a graduate of Fork Union Military Academy and a freshman at Elizabeth City State University this fall, stated that his experience in Washington was most interesting. John said he toured all of the government buildings while in Washington, and had the opportunity to meet such political leaders as Tip O'Neal, and Ted Kennedy. He also toured the capital buildings with Senator Wolfe from Virginia.

The intern program is open to any high school or college student who is interested in learning more about state or national government. The student must obtain an application, gets several recommendations, and wait. Many things are taken into consideration when selecting interns,

and John stated that he obtained recommendations from community leaders such as Mayor Bill Cox, and others.

While in Washington the interns work in the offices of government but also attend lectures, and seminars that are valuable for their education. Young stated that he attended lectures which covered important and current issues facing government, parliamentary procedure, and even had some of the senators and congressman come in to explain how and why they voted in certain issues.

Young added that it was not all work while in Washington. He enjoyed many other activities such as playing softball for Congressman Jones' softball team. He commented that each congressman has their own team, and the teams participate in a small league.

Young is now active in the ROTC program at ECSU. He hopes to major in criminal justice and someday become an FBI agent. John is the son of the late Dilbon Young and Ann Young.

forced to go to the air, but found little relief with five interceptions by the Pirates. Everett had two interceptions, and Stanley Cobb, Darnell Mallory, and Anthony Johnson each had one.

The Raiders maintained bad field position as a result of the Perquimans kicking game.

The Pirates finally put together a scoring drive late in the first period. Mike Thatch made a one yard plunge into the end zone for the touchdown,

which gave Perquimans an 8-0 lead.

In the second half Milton Harrell through a 30 yard touchdown pass to regular quarterback Anthony Johnson.

The Pirates obtained 296 yards rushing on the ground, while passing for their season high of 87 yards.

Mike Thatch gained 128 yards in 20 carries, and Johnson had six carries for 80 yards rushing. Milton Harrell completed four of 11 passes and gained 84 yards.

## Player arrested for participation in brawl

Rodney Welch, a Perquimans County High School Varsity football player has been arrested in conjunction with the fight that took place last Friday night at the conclusion of the Perquimans, Northhampton West football game.

Welch who is a junior, and plays running back for the Pirates turned himself in to the Hertford Police Department last Thursday and was released on his own recognizance according to Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt.

Rodney Welch has been charged with inciting a riot, he is to appear in court to answer the charges on November 12, 1986. The charge is a misdemeanor, and carries a punishment of a fine, or imprisonment not to exceed two years, or both. The sentencing will come at the court's discretion.

Merritt emphasized the seriousness of the situation at the game Friday night and stated that Rodney Welch was singled out from police officers observations at the game as well as viewing game films.

Full ramifications from the game with Northhampton West are not yet known, but according to school officials there may be some penalty imposed by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. The NCHSAA is currently reviewing game films.

Merritt also stated that the incident will be reviewed by the District Attorney's office, and that other warrants may be issued.

## Canidates night held

Gearing up for next week's elections, the Holiday Island Property Owners Association sponsored a 'meet the canidates' night last Wednesday, October 22.

Mayor Cox spoke for Vernon James, Paul Smith speaking for Marc Basnight, Terry Williams speaking for Terry Sanford, and Mr. Askew represented Jim Broyhill.

## Volunteers honored

On October 10, 1986, Governor Jim Martin presented community volunteer service awards to four residents of Perquimans County at his eastern office in New Bern.

The four from Perquimans County were Ben Berry, Evelyn Ann Smith, Mary Harrell, and Lucille Winslow.

Mr. Berry was presented an award for the Hertford Lions Club of which he is President. The club was honored for their activities dealing with the blind and for their work with the needy as Christmas.

Evelyn Ann Smith was honored for her volunteer work with the schools. She has been active with the PTA organizations, done volunteer work in the schools and was honored for her overall involvement.

Mary Harrell was honored for her many hours of service to the community through church activities, and Indian Summer Festival as well as many other activities.

Mrs. Lucille Winslow was honored for her work with the Perquimans County Historical Association, and her many hours of hard work done to preserve the history of the county and North Carolina.



Pictured above are volunteers honored from Perquimans County by Gov. Jim Martin. Left to right are Lucille Winslow, Evelyn Ann Smith, Mary Harrell, Ben Berry, and Gov. Jim Martin.

# Don't forget to vote your choice Tues., Nov. 4th