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The band performs above during the "Trucker Classic" last weekend in Churchland, Virginia. The band received third place overall, and came home with five trophies.

## "Marching Pirates" place third in band competition

The Perquimans County High School "Marching Pirates" attended their first band competition of the 1987 season on Saturday, September 19th at the "Trucker Classic" in Portsmouth, Virginia and came home victorious.

The band performing in Class AA received a superior rating and finished third in their class. They were also the third highest scoring band in

all the classes competing. The "Marching Pirates" were also awarded first place percussion and first place flags as well as second place horn line and second place rifles, coming home with five trophies from last Saturday's contest.

Among the panel of judges for the contest were Mike Cesaria, Consultant of the DCI Champions "Garfield Cadets" and George Naff, Director of the "Spirit of America" Marching

Band.

The five highest scoring bands of the day Saturday were: Class AA: Thomas Dale High School, Richmond, Va., 82.8, Class AA: Roanoke Rapids High School, Roanoke Rapids, NC, 82.4, Class AA: Perquimans County High School, Hertford, NC, 82.0, Class AAA: Bertie High School, Windsor, NC, 80.6, and Class A: Oscar Smith High School, Chesapeake,

Va., 74.6.

The "Marching Pirates" will be performing at three more contests this season. On October 3 they will compete at the Edenton Peanut Festival, "Battle of the Bands", on October 17th they will compete at the Tidewater Festival of Marching Bands in Chesapeake, Va., and on November 14th they will compete at the Cary Band Day in Cary, NC.

## Berry, Stevenson are promoted by Peoples Bank

Rocky Mount, N.C.—Peoples Bank and Trust Company has promoted Robert L. (Steve) Stevenson to Senior Vice-President and Area New Business Development Officer for the Northern Region. Stevenson is working with the City Executives in Hertford, Elizabeth City, and Edenton to solicit new business and cross-sell to current customers in those areas. According to Andy Warren, Northern Regional Executive, "Steve was the perfect man for that position. A person of Steve's knowledge and qualifications will definitely enhance and strengthen Peoples Bank's commitment to the northeastern area."

Stevenson joined Peoples in 1946 and has served as Hertford City Executive since 1967. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Stevenson is a member of the Hertford Rotary Club and the American Legion Post 106. He also serves as Director-Finance Chairman for the Perquimans County Restoration Association and Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Executive Com-

mittee for John Wesley College in High Point.

A native of Hertford, Stevenson attends Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church. He is married to the former Deanna Kickel of Saint Louis, Missouri, and they have three children, Gary, Joy, and David.

Peoples Bank has also named Daniel B. "Ben" Berry as the new City Executive of Hertford. According to Andy Warren, "Peoples is very fortunate to have someone of Ben's abilities to assume and continue the leadership in that office." Berry joined Peoples in 1974 as a Management Trainee and has later served as Assistant Cashier and Cashier. He has also served as Assistant City Executive of Hertford since 1981.

Berry attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro and later completed the N.C. School of Banking Mid-Management and Advanced Management programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981 and 1983, respectively. He is also a 1987 graduate of The Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University.



Robert L. "Steve" Stevenson

Berry is a native of Hertford where he is involved in many areas of community life. He is the President of the Lions Club, Chairman of Business Day for the American Heart Association, and a member of Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission.

Berry is on the Board of Directors for the Albemarle Area Junior



Daniel B. "Ben" Berry

Achievement, the Albemarle Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, and the Perquimans County Committee of 100.

Berry attends Woodville Baptist Church where he is a Deacon and finance committee member. He is married to the former Sylvia Gregory of Hertford and they have two children, Justin and Britt.

## Area residents seek help with covenants

The Perquimans County Commissioners listened but took no action Monday evening as a number of concerned residents from Holiday Island came before the board to ask their help in enforcing restrictive covenants on the island.

Members of the Holiday Island property owners association led by Mrs. Helen Matthews and other citizens concerned about property owners who are ignoring restrictive covenants required by the property owner's association came before the board to make a plea for help.

Mrs. Matthews told board members Monday that the property owners association is concerned about all restrictive covenant violations on the island, but they feel the major problem exists with building taking place on the island where it should not be, as well as eye sores such as trash, appliances, boats and much more in yards all over the island.

The residents asked the commissioners on Monday to require that each building plat submitted to the Perquimans County building inspector, Aubrey Ownley, for a building permit be required to have the seal of Holiday Island before the permit would be issued. The seal would insure that the plat met all of the restrictive covenants required by the property owners association, but Perquimans County attorney, John Matthews stated that the county could not enforce such a requirement at the risk of a law suit.

"Our building inspector is only required to make sure that the building meets state building codes, it has nothing to do with restrictive covenants," said Matthews. Matthews went on to say that he felt that the

county had no authority to enforce the restrictive covenants of Holiday Island.

Matthews and other members of the board stated to the residents on Monday that they felt the community's only action against violators of the restrictive covenants was to take legal action against them.

"You'll make believers of them when the sheriff arrives at their door with a law suit," said Matthews.

The property owners told the board Monday that on several occasions they have approached violators and have been told by them that they can do what they want concerning building without regard for the covenants because they have a building permit issued by the county. The residents also added that they wanted to avoid law suits in this matter if at all possible because they are trying to foster community spirit, and law suits would only cause hard feeling, and pit neighbor against neighbor before solving the issues at hand. In addition property owners are concerned because for many years violations of the restrictive covenants have been ignored, but now the property owners association has decided to do something about all of the violations before the problem gets to far out of hand.

The board of commissioners did tell the property owners that they sympathize with their problems, and that possibly in the future the county might move to adopt zoning ordinances which would require property owners to meet with the restrictive covenants before obtaining a building permit, but for the time being the community will have to deal with the problem themselves.

## Tractor pull planned

The Perquimans County Jaycees will be sponsoring a four-wheel drive truck and tractor pull this Saturday, September 26th, at the Albemarle Pullers Association Track in Chapin eight miles north of Hertford.

The weigh-in will be held at 10:00 a.m. with the pull getting started at 12:00 noon.

The tractor pull will feature 14 classes. Trophies will be awarded in all classes, but the hot rod class. The hot rod class will feature a cash purse.

## School receives funds for suspension program

Raleigh—Governor James G. Martin announced approval of the renewal of more than \$765,888 in funding for 49 of approximately 100 In-School Suspension Programs, including \$17,646.00 for Perquimans County.

In announcing approval of grants from the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Youth Services, Governor Martin said, "The In-School Suspension Program has been very successful in helping to redirect young lives. I am happy to see that it will continue giving young people the opportunity for a brighter future."

The program serves as an alternative educational program for those students who have violated school rules. Without the program these students would be subject to out-of-school suspension.

The goal of In-School Suspension is to reduce out-of-school suspension, expulsion and drop-outs by providing, in a classroom setting, opportunities to keep up with regular classwork assignments. Counseling with the In-School Suspension teacher-counselor is also available to students so that they might improve attitudes toward succeeding in school and improve behavior.

During the 1985-1986 school year, 34,905 students were served by the In-School Suspension Program. The average length of participation in the program is three to ten days.

For further information, contact Jake Boyce, Perquimans County Commissioners, Board of Education, (919) 745-4171.

## Agricultural program for clean water expanded

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Agriculture Cost-Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control has received \$3,575,922 to expand the program by 23 counties and to provide technical assistance to all 100 counties, effective August 1987.

In 1986-87, the program reached 33 counties and technical assistance was limited to those counties.

This program shares costs 75-25 with landowners to install Best Management Practices (BMP's) that will reduce the flow of sediments, nutrients and pesticides into streams, rivers and lakes.

Presently, the 33 participating counties share state funds of \$3 million. These counties have spent almost 100 percent of the allocated funds—ranging from \$40,000 to \$125,000 per county—on practices that protect water.

"North Carolina is looked upon as a leader in the conservation effort," said Gov. Jim Martin, "because of the Agriculture Cost-Share Program."

This program was supported in Gov. Jim Martin's 1987-89 budget and also in a House bill endorsed by the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The appropriation for 1987-88 will fund: \$2,915,922 to expand the program into 16 mountain counties and 7 counties in the Neuse River Basin not

presently in the program; \$660,000 for statewide technical assistance to be matched with local funds;

Cost-share allocations are based on which counties contribute the greatest share of nonpoint source water pollution and on the availability of technical assistance from the district office.

The local soil and water conservation districts review and approve all applications, conservation plans, and request for payments.

The Commission allocates the money and approves BMP's. The N.C. Division of Soil and Water Conservation in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development provides administrative assistance to district field offices on the operation of the program.

Since its beginnings in July 1984, agreements have been signed with 2,400 landowners to install BMP's on 200,000 acres. Erosion control measures on 85,000 acres will save 570,000 tons of soil per year in the next 10 years and keep sediments, nutrients, and pesticides out of our streams.

Some practices eligible for cost-sharing are conservation tillage; diversions; filter strips; field borders; stripcropping; cropland conversion to grass, trees or permanent wildlife habitat; water control structures; and animal waste management systems.

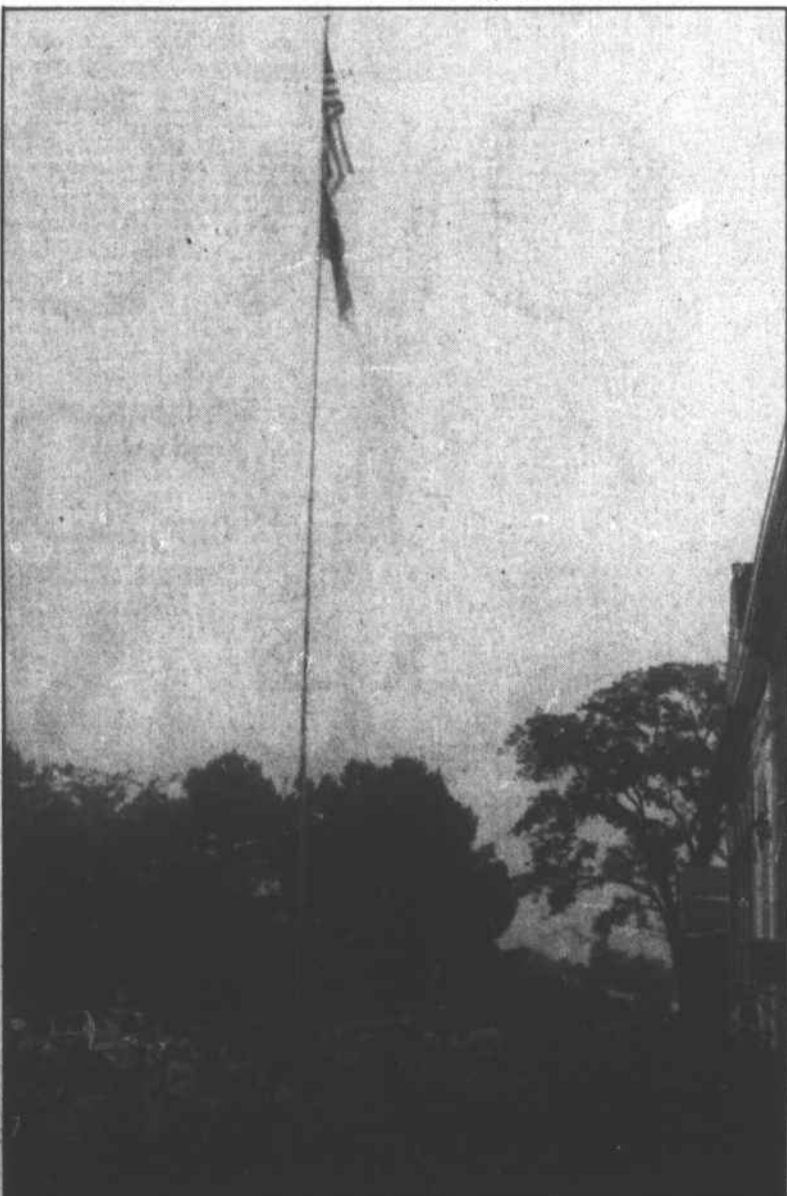
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## Weekend Forecast



Weather forecasters are calling for partly cloudy weather throughout the weekend with a 20 to 30 percent chance of showers.

Temperature lows will be in the upper 50s with highs in the mid 70s.



Above students at Central School gathered to say the Pledge of Allegiance to commemorate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution.