

Construction on small business center is continuing at COA

Construction of COA's new Small Business Center is moving along, and the facility should be finished by late 1988.

The \$4.5 million Small Business Center was approved for funding at the end of 1986 and construction was authorized to begin in March. Construction workers finally began at the site behind A Building on the main campus in April.

"Things were rather slow getting started, but I don't see any reason our planned timetable can't be met," said Gerald Bray, former dean of Administrative Services who took on the job overseeing construction of the center after retiring in October.

Much of the slowdown in the project is blamed on the orchestra pit just completed last month. The groundwater level required the pit to be waterproofed, and great care was

taken to see that the pit was properly constructed.

"The building and steel framing that goes over the pit will begin soon," said Bray. "Then it will suddenly look like a lot has been going on with the building."

Approximately 15 laborers and skilled carpenters can usually be spotted at the worksite each day. So can Bray. Sometimes he shows up during the day so he can talk with construction crew members. Other days, he stops by after workmen leave to check on what they have done and see the progress they have made.

And Bray is impressed by the workmanship he sees. "They are careful with what they do and pay attention to detail," he said. "They are doing a good job."

The new facility will face the waterfront and house offices and meeting rooms for the Small Business Center. However, the nucleus of the center will be a 1013 fixed-seat auditorium that should prove to be well used by the community.

The center's full theatrical stage will include the orchestra pit, fly loft, dressing rooms, work room and reception room. The pipe organ from the old Carolina Theatre will also be moved to the new facility, and music practice rooms will be included along with faculty and staff offices. A lobby will provide an area for social functions in the center.

"This will be a very, very fine theatre," said Bray. "It is an intricately designed facility, and the people of this community will be very proud of it when it is completed."



Students in Mrs. Wolverton's class are seen enjoying "Supermarket Botany". This project was a closure for a unit they studied on plants.

Perquimans Middle School news and weekly highlights

The Prevocational Education Program, a part of the Perquimans Middle School tradition, got off to a roaring start. The students and the teachers encountered changes in the program as they launched their efforts for another year. The former Service Lab became the Exploratory Consumer and Homemaking Lab; the former Business Lab became the Business Exploration Lab. Exploratory Industrial Arts remained the same.

The changes will allow students and teachers the opportunity to focus on specific areas rather than to explore several different areas. In addition, the mini-courses that were instituted last year give students opportunities to widen their horizons by experiencing different areas of learning and enrichment. (Students change courses every six weeks.)

Mrs. V.P. Whitehurst, the Business Exploration teacher reports that her

students and she, with much anticipation and enthusiasm, look forward to a very successful and rewarding year. She asks for and encourages much parent cooperation and support and stresses that "we are in this together."

The Tigers of Perquimans Middle School evened their football record for the year to 1 and 1 by defeating Knapp Junior High 22 to 6 on Wednesday afternoon.

Marlo Green and Clint Winslow combined for 3 touchdowns as they led the Tigers ground game. Perquimans was able to control the line of scrimmage with the play of Chris Lightfoot, Matt Hobbs, Charles Boone, and Andre Mallory.

The defense was able to shut-down Knapp except for one big play. The "D" was anchored by the play of Ruston Howell, Dale Darnell, Rick Godfrey, Jeff Johnson, Anthony Wills

and Terry Holley.

The Tigers play at home Wednesday in a rematch with Gates. We hope that students, teachers, parents, and community citizens will support our boys at home by attending the games.

Students in Mrs. Edna Wolverton's 5th and 6th grade class enjoyed a "Supermarket Botany" experience as a closure to their unit study of plants. Students were divided into 6 groups and "shopped" from a display of roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds that humans consume as foods. Some 40 choices were displayed and groups selected items that were appropriate for each group. Students were also presented with seed packets of the 1987 and 1988 Wildflower of the Year. The seeds were obtained for each student, free of charge from the N.C. Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Area ECIA chapter I meetings set

The Perquimans County Schools will be holding Chapter I-PAC meetings on the following dates:

October 15, 1987, 1:30 p.m.-Hertford Grammar, Gay Howell, Chapter I teacher-Guest Speaker, Sandra Jones, Coordinator, Early Childhood

Education, Elizabeth City University.

October 20, 1987, 1:30 p.m.-Perquimans Middle School, Emma Lawrence, Chapter I teacher.

October 28, 1987, 1:30 p.m.-Central Grammar School, Barbara Holley, Chapter I teacher.

Parents are invited to attend any or all meetings. Thank you for your support.

James P. Harrell, Superintendent
Jeanie Umphlett, Chapter I Director
Estelle Felton, PAC-Coordinator

COA cancels GED testing locally

Although GED classes in the area are continuing to be held, all GED testing at College of The Albemarle has been cancelled for the next two to three weeks due to a break-in at COA's Dare County Center. During

the break-in, GED tests and score sheets were stolen.

Those who are taking GED classes or had planned to enroll in upcoming classes should go ahead and do so.

However, those who have scheduled taking GED tests in the next couple of weeks should call the GED Testing Center on the COA campus to receive a new test date.



Finally, A Guarantee That's Worth The Paper

At NCNB, our people are so committed to error-free checking, we're making the following guarantee. If we make a mistake on your checking account, we don't just make it right. We pay you \$10 for the inconvenience. And this offer applies not to just a few accounts, but to all NCNB personal checking accounts.