

# Perquimans County Middle School news and highlights for week

The North Carolina Writing Test was administered in Perquimans Middle School November 10, 1987. Anxiety was high as no one knew what the writing assignment was going to be until the zero hour...9:00 Tuesday morning.

The sixth grade prompt was clarification: "Choose a place where you like to eat or would like to eat. Name the place and tell why you would like to eat there."

The eighth grade prompt was persuasion: "A television program is having a contest titled 'The Best

Place to Live.' Write a letter convincing the producer of the program that where you live is the best place to live."

Student responses to "How did you feel about the test?" were varied.

Mrs. Linda Needham's 6th graders said:

"It was hard, but I did it!"

"I was nervous, but I felt better as I began writing."

"We had been writing, so I felt prepared."

"It was an easy prompt to write

about."

"Actually, it was fun."

Mrs. Sue Leete's 8th graders said: "Relieved; tense; different from any other writing assignment."

"Difficult...I could think of reasons, but had trouble persuading the producer."

"I didn't like having to take it."

The writing will be scored by readers trained by the state, and the test results will be returned to our school system in the spring.

Mrs. Mazzie Williams and Mrs.

Linda Needham's 6th grade students have been seen on the school grounds flying paper airplanes they designed as a part of a science lesson on forces of flight. The Rev. Raymond Needham spoke to Mrs. Needham's class and demonstrated the forces of thrust, drag, lift, and gravity. Mrs. Williams' class wrote poems about their airplanes. Here is one:

My Paper Airplane

It flew through the air  
So wonderfully free,  
It turned with great care,  
And came back to me

I really don't know  
Why it tilted just a smidgen,  
Did it look like a crow,  
Or did it look like a pigeon?

It looked like a lark,  
Well, that's what I think.  
It flew like a spark  
and landed in the sink.

I revived by pet plane  
With the family's blowdryer,  
But I got a big pain  
When the paper caught on fire.  
Michael Williams

6th Grade

Fifth and Sixth graders in Mrs. Edna Wolverton's class are beginning a science unit "Conserving our Resources." As a part of the study, the students have placed a container in the teacher's lounge to collect aluminum cans for recycling.

Students will also enjoy a visit from Mrs. Ginger O'Neal from the Department of Soil and Water Conservation who will present a puppet show demonstrating good conservation practices.

## Governor announces new acquisition plan

Raleigh—Governor Jim Martin announced that the state will begin purchasing key portions of the Buxton Woods, North Carolina's largest remaining maritime forest, for use as a natural area.

The Governor will ask the Council of State to approve the purchase of four tracts in the Buxton Woods at its meeting December 1. The tracts, totaling 150 acres, will cost \$750,000. They are now owned by Mr. Robert Ferrell of Currituck and Mr. Ralph Blades of Elizabeth City. Future purchases of the central part of the maritime forest are planned as funds become available and agreements are negotiated with landowners.

"This exceptional area warrants an extraordinary measure of protection," Governor Martin said. "Our goal is to keep the heart of this special place undisturbed so that future generations will continue to enjoy its benefits of natural beauty, unique plant communities and community water supply protection."

The area, which will be managed by the Division of Coastal Management in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, will be left in its natural state for research, education and public enjoyment. Agreements may also be reached that would allow portions of the acquired area to be used for community water supply.

Buxton Woods, which covers almost 3,000 acres near Cape Hatteras, is regarded by scientists as an extremely important natural system. Rare plant communities are found

among the wetland and relic dune systems of the woods. The woods are also the recharge area for the aquifer that is the sole supply of drinking water for the communities of Buxton and Frisco.

Additional protection strategies for the Buxton Woods are still being considered. The Coastal Resources Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed designation of the woods as an area of environmental concern, which would require that the development projects receive a Coastal Area Management Act permit. Dare County adopted the first zoning ordinance for the woods in September, and special maritime forest regulations are being developed. The county planning board has also proposed including special protection measures in the county's land use plan update.

Secretary Tommy Rhodes, speaking for the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, noted that it is very important for the land acquisition initiative to be carefully coordinated with the other protection initiatives.

"To be fully successful," Rhodes said, "we will have to have the active cooperation of Dare County, local citizen groups, landowners, the General Assembly, our congressional delegation and the federal government. This is a large undertaking that will take several years to complete, but I believe the special value of Buxton Woods will bring us together to get the job done."

## Anticipating frosts

Cold hands can be avoided in bad weather by covering regular garden gloves with old rubber gloves.

Wait until a killing frost to cut and remove the fern-like growth of asparagus. Established plants will appreciate two to three pounds of superphosphate per 100 square feet.

Harvest sweet potatoes before the vines are killed by frost. Save a couple to sprout inside.

Harvest and store green tomatoes if a killing frost is predicted. Place on a screen in a well ventilated area, or loosely wrap in newspapers and keep in a cool dry place.

Gather cucurbit foliage as soon as frost kills it and burn instead of composting. This will rid the garden of any cucumber beetles and squash bugs.

Protect blooms of snow peas and snap peas with a fibrous material such as Reemay. Rolls of yard-like fabric may be anchored with dirt or stones. Leave a little lee-way for the plants' growth. Water and warmth will penetrate.

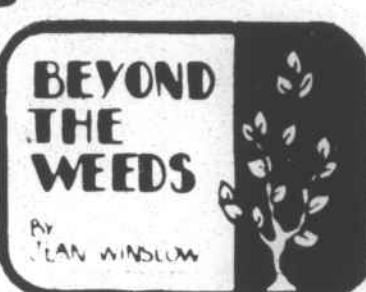
Protect blooms of snow and sugar peas with a fibrous material such as Reemay, which lets water and warmth in, and keeps frost out. Yard-wide fabric comes in rolls that can be draped over the plants and anchored with dirt or stones. Leave some lee-way for the plants' growth.

Mulch roots crops such as carrots with chopped leaves.

Turn open soil over to expose insect larvae to birds. Plant a winter cover of rye or oats in unused garden areas to turn over in the spring. This will improve the humus content of the soil.

Set the lawn mower blade low and mow beneath all orchard trees. Pull dry weeds around trunks. Rake up debris and discard. Check with any Extension agent about correcting any suspected mineral deficiencies now.

Nut trees can be host to the twig girdler, a varmint that lays eggs in girdled twigs in late summer and early fall. The resulting grubs feed on the wood until the following August. They then metamorphosed into adults and start all over again. Gather a d. brun girdled twigs now.



Check shrubs and trees for poison ivy while the leaves are easy to spot and plants are still growing. Materials approved for poison ivy are 2,4-D amine, Amitrole, Roundup and Banvel. These are listed in the N.C. Agricultural Chemicals Manual prepared by NCSU. Following directions exactly, as herbicides can present problems to both the human body and surrounding desirable plants.

Top dress tulips with a slow-release high nitrogen fertilizer. Information on the proper types of fertilizer to use and which tulip cultivars perform the best when grown in the South is available by the N.C. Agricultural Research Service at N.C. State University. Write Publications Office, Box 7603, School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695.

Take some cuttings of geraniums for rooting. Actually don't cut, snap the soft, green stem about four inches in length. Remove flower buds and all but four upper leaves. Root in water, moist sand, or vermiculite. Avoid sunlight until roots are one to three inches long. After potting, gradually move the individual plants into full sun.

One final thought about the garden:

Don't forget each plant's need for water—even in winter. Soil doesn't dry out as quickly in fall weather, but it eventually will in the absence of rain or irrigation. During rainless weeks slowly soak the soil around the plants.

Water individual plants by making small holes in the bottom of an old bucket or large can and filling with water. A one-gallon milk jug will do for a small plant, use a five-gallon can for a small tree. Set container beside plant. Water will slowly seep into the soil.



Governor James Martin

## Chorus participates in choral festival

Thirty-seven Perquimans County High School Chorus members traveled to Greenville to participate in the American Choral Director's Association Festival held Friday, November 13th. High school choruses from all of Eastern North Carolina met at East Carolina University to perform for each other and to be critiqued by university faculty. The P.C.H.S. Combined Chorus sang two numbers which they have been preparing for their upcoming Christmas concert, after which an adjudicator made comments to them and the audience and worked with them briefly. Written comments received by Director Lynwood Winslow from two judges were favorable and commended the chorus on their ensemble effect, vocal energy, full choral tone, attire, and stage presence.

## Information about nickels for know-how

EXTENSION NEWS  
by: Stanley J. Winslow  
County Extension Director  
NICKELS FOR KNOW-HOW REFERENCE - Nov. 24, 1987

Wayne Nixon of the Bagley Swamp Community serves as our director on the Agricultural Foundation which oversees the Nickels for Know-How monies. Prior to his appointment, Paul Smith, Jr. served in the same capacity. I would like to thank both of them for their service to the county and to N.C. Agriculture in this important task.

Please plan to vote on November 24. Following is a list of Polling places:

ASCS Office  
Agricultural Extension Office  
Farmer's Feed and Seed Co.  
Hertford Supply Co. Inc.  
Rob Turner's Store  
W. S. Winslow's Store

What is Nickels for Know-How?  
Nickels for Know-How is a self-help program for farmers. Farmers assess themselves two nickels for each ton of feed and fertilizer they purchase. The money is used by North Carolina State University for agricultural research and education.

How is the money collected?

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture collects the money from the manufacturers of feed and fertilizer. The manufacturers build the extra cost—2 nickels per ton—into

Who decides how the money is spent?

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation. Based at North Carolina State University, the foundation has a farmer member from each county.

Who started Nickels for Know-How?

Farmers did in a referendum held Nov. 3, 1951. The General Assembly authorized a vote on this self-help program after it had been requested by the N.C. Farm Bureau and the State Grange.

How long will the program continue?

Farmers have an opportunity every six years to decide if they wish to continue the program. The next referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 1987. If two-thirds of the voters vote "yes" in the referendum, the Nickels for Know-How program will continue for another six years.

Who can vote?

All users of feed and fertilizer in North Carolina and family members.

Where can I vote?

Numerous polling places will be established in each county, much like they are for commodity referendums. A complete list of polling places can be obtained from your county agricultural extension office. the price of their products.

How much does the program cost me?

Nickels for Know-How yields about \$450,000 annually. This is an average of \$6.50 per farm.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners are requesting sealed bids from all interested parties for an IBM System 32 Computer - 13K of memory. The IBM System 32 was formerly used for billing in the Perquimans County Tax and Water Departments. For information regarding this computer system, you may contact the County Manager's Office at 426-8484. All bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 1987 and will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 1987 in the Commissioners Room. The Board of Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

N. Paul Gregory, Jr.  
County Manager

## Summer ventures program announced

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics is a five week, summer residential, research-based, cost-free program created by the North Carolina General Assembly to provide enrichment opportunities in Science and Mathematics for academically talented rising Juniors and Seniors (Present 10th and 11th grade students).

Students selected for this program will study both Science and Mathematics at one of six participating schools: Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, North

Carolina Central University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and Western Carolina University.

Parents are asked to encourage their sons and daughters to take advantage of this enrichment opportunity.

Interested parents and students should contact James S. Midgette, Counselor at Perquimans High School.

Deadline for receiving applications is January 29, 1988.

## Red Drum tournament scheduled in Avon

(Ocean, NC)—The Fourth Annual World Championship Red Drum Tournament will be held in Avon, NC, November 21-23, 1987. Over \$4,500 in awards will be given away during the three day tournament with categories for red drum and bluefish, both individual and team competition. Entry fees are \$25 a day.

A casting tournament sponsored by Sportcast USA will kick off the event on Friday afternoon, to be followed by a reception and rules meeting for contestants on Friday evening at the Kona Kai Hotel. Tournament fishing

will begin at 12:01 AM on Saturday and conclude at 4:00 PM on Monday evening to present awards.

The tournament is an annual fund raising event for the North Carolina Coastal Federation. The Coastal Federation was established in 1982 to increase public awareness of and involvement in coastal resource management.

For more information contact: NCCF, Donna Agnew, 1832 J. Bell Land (Ocean), Newport, NC 28570, (919) 393-8185.

## School lunch menus

The following is the school menu for the week of November 23-27, 1987.

Monday—breakfast—honey bun or cereal, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch—pork patty-bun, or steak-bun, hash brown, green peas, onion rings, fruit, milk.

Tuesday—breakfast—danish or ce-

real, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch—roast turkey-dressing-hot roll or managers choice meat, corn, green beans, candied yams, cranberry sauce, milk, THANKSGIVING TREAT.

WEDNESDAY—FRIDAY  
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

## BE WISE — ADVERTISE!

## The Sale Before Christmas!



# 50% OFF SALE

Nov. 18-23

## D&B Shoes

Hwy 17 Across from Be-Lo  
Mgr. Sonja Davenport

'TIS A MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS...

*When all through our store, You'll find goodies, and prizes, and bargains galore.*

*We've dressed up The Cotton Gin in holiday style, Hoping good friends—like you!—will stop by for a while.*

*You're cordially invited to help us welcome in the holiday season at our popular annual*

### Open House!

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
November 21 & 22  
Refreshments & Door Prizes  
1 to 4 p.m. both days  
9 miles north of the Wright Memorial Bridge  
919-491-2387

#### SPECIAL EVENT! AUCTION

LIMITED-EDITION CAIRN GNOME

"Telly," a brand-new creation by renowned Cairn Studios sculptor Tom Clark, will be sold at auction from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. We invite you to come view the in-store premier of the video *The World of Tom Clark* and see "Telly" for yourself—because this limited-edition piece will be retired by Cairn Studios immediately after the sale.

The Cotton Gin

I would like to thank you for all your support during the Nov. 3 election.  
Congratulations to the present elected officials.

Thank You  
Rev. John London