

Middle school news

Students at Perquimans Middle School enjoyed a short week last week due to the January 18 holiday in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Tuesday was an optional leave day for faculty, while students enjoyed Tuesday as an additional "day off". Wednesday brought us back to work to complete the mid-semester and end of the third six weeks grading period. Report cards will be distributed on January 27. The basketball teams traveled to Murfreesboro on Wednesday and returned with one victory and one defeat. The Lady Tigers scooped up a victory with a score of 30-22. The Tigers, however, lost their game by eight points, with a score of 24-26. Nevertheless, the Tigers are conference champs to date. The final home game will be Wednesday, January 27, against Manteo.

Students in Mrs. Edna Wolverton's class enjoyed a Tasting Party presented to them by Mrs. Newby, lunchroom manager. These 5th and 6th graders have studied nutrition and how foods and nutrients are important throughout the world, regardless of the recipe! To prove this point and to compare foods from the four basic food groups, students, with their parents' help, prepared foods from several different countries. The dishes were brought to school, warmed, and eaten at a delightful "buffet"! The foods were delicious and each student enjoyed a fill of spaghetti, taco, oriental casserole, Mexican cornbread, Japanese vegetables, Nacho Potatoes, eggrolls, stir fried beef, Nacho Supreme, an omelette, Swedish meatballs, Mexican sausage, and an American sweet potato pie! What a lunch! Students have also maintained a food intake diary for a three day period. Special forms have been completed where each student can examine what food groups

he needs to either eliminate or add servings from on a daily basis. These diet diaries will be sent to the California Raisin Advisory Board. All participants will receive a Dancing California Raisin Button in return.

Treats From Home

Sixth grade students in Mrs. Reid's room are receiving special treats from home this year. At the beginning of this school year, the parents and guardians of these sixth graders were asked to participate in a mini-lesson program that would run through this school year. Each participant was asked to present one mini-lesson in which they would share information in an area of their interest, talent, or expertise.

Through the mini-lesson program, students have already taken an in-depth look at the ISS (In School Suspension) Program at Perquimans Middle School with Mr. Luther Overton. Also, thanks to Mrs. Barbara Gustafson and Mrs. Margaret Brothers, all of the sixth grade students at PMS now have a better understanding of what to expect in the adolescent stage of growing-up, and how better to cope with that time in their life.

Topics of several of the mini-lessons that the students can look forward to soon are "Cinquain Poetry", "Farming the Perdue Way", and "The Musical In and Out About Several Instruments".

The sixth grade students and Mrs. Reid would like to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to all the moms, dads, and guardians who have already participated in the mini-lesson program, and to those who will participate in the upcoming months of this school year. We are so appreciative of the time you take from your busy schedule to come and spend with us in sharing information.

"In lieu of another view"

by Win Crawford

All week I was trying to pull some humorous aspects of life together to portray some laughter in this grey time of the year. The mystery surrounding the Lost Colony collided with that of the military's establishment at Harvey's Point. I was trying to draw some parallels between the two. The vagueness concerning them was so abstract this was impossible to accomplish.

I thought about a reporter friend and his associate and what they discovered when they went tromping off in the marshes of the Dare County mainland. They found a pair of dug-out canoes. This is not uncommon. Canoes and old boats have surfaced before. What was so special about this find was that one of the canoes had some lettering on it. They returned their discovery to the depths of the marsh until the future could provide more time and expert assistance to properly assess this claim.

The mystery's equation lay unsolved and the day remained grey. The hours swayed and drifted taking no course. Looking at the river from the front porch I saw two squirrels. These small creatures had been gathering pecans from the trees in the yard. They moved like a nerve hit by caffeine. With pecan in mouth they were burying as many as they could as fast as they could.

Wednesday, at mid-day became a time of neutrality. The warming temperature told nature to wait a minute.

I noticed these two characters perched on separate limbs over looking the river eating the pecans instead of stashing them in nature's refrigerator. It would have been a beautiful sketch or a well framed picture. Silhouetted on separate limbs, it was obvious these two considered the scene in front of them, their river view window.

This took hold of my heart. Here these animals were, so busy all week trying to keep one step ahead of survival. Now they had a minute to enjoy the fruits of their efforts. Self preservation was in motion. Amongst an odds, man, dog, cats, especially the intellectualization that it's o.k. to pass a few of these in the pot by way of the rifle because we need to keep an environmental balance. Hogwash!

That has to be disputed. Our existence and pollution alone provide enough weight to counter the balance of nature.

Fifty years ago it took the light-house keepers two days to pick up the wild fowl that committed suicide by jumping into the lighthouses along the coast in their annual migration. That included everything from swan to canvas back ducks. Now if I look hard enough I can count six mallards, two of which are females. Yes, it's a relief to hear the swan and geese when they fly over in the early morning or evening. In comparison, it's nothing like in years past.

Please don't mis-understand me. I love dogs. Some are better friends than people friends I have. Cats cer-

tainly have their own character, and I like to shoot cans with a 22 on a slow week-end afternoon. I think we need to look at the many worlds around us, especially if we can become creative enough to see the animals side of the picture. Again, collectively, we need to realize where the balance is today as compared with the past.

Some of the beauty of Perquimans County lies in its remoteness. But we are nearing that fine line of what is and what once was. It is said that poets are the barometer of the days, if so then the following applies.

In all my time of livin'
And in my time of givin'
I spend to much of it taken'
An in the end I'm shakin'

Aids conference scheduled

A "First Responders and the Risks of AIDS" teleconference planned for 2-4 p.m. Jan. 28 at College of The Albemarle is turning out to be an information-packed conference, so participants are asked to be seated in the college's lecture auditorium by 1:30 p.m. for the program.

COA, in cooperation with the Burroughs Wellcome Company, is bringing the teleconference and educational program to area law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, firefighters and health personnel at no cost. However, thanks to the in-depth job being done by Burroughs Wellcome, additional information will be provided those attending before the satellite communications portion of the program begins at 2 p.m.

For more information about the AIDS teleconference, call 335-0821, ext. 250.



Students in Mrs. Wolverton's class recently enjoyed a tasting party presented to them by Mrs. Newby the cafeteria manager at the school. The students were studying foods and nutrition.

52nd Farm Bureau convention held recently

Asheville—Policy decisions covering a wide range of farm problems were completed by voting delegates to the 52nd annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

W.B. Jenkins, who was unanimously re-elected president of the organization, said the approved resolutions become official state Farm Bureau policies. Resolutions dealing with national issues are forwarded to the American Farm Bureau convention for consideration.

Jenkins announced a membership gain of 16,000 member families for the year. All 100 county Farm Bureaus reached quota.

Re-elected by the voting delegates to serve with Jenkins for another one-year term were Vice Presidents Atlas Wooten, Greenville; S.E. Johnston, Fletcher, and J.M. Wright, Jr., Reidsville.

Delegates, representing county Farm Bureaus throughout North Carolina, approved a multitude of resolutions which will guide the organization in 1988. In the area of land use, delegates went on record opposing the use of state and federal funds to force local governments to comply with plans of the state and federal bureaucracy.

In other areas, voting delegates: Recommended that the county property tax be reduced and supplemented with a county sales and/or income tax if it is in the best interest of farmers.

Recommended that only real estate owners be eligible to vote on bond issues which affect real estate taxes.

Recommended reinstatement of investment tax credits, income averaging and capital gains treatment for farmers.

Recommended that the federal government be required by the constitutional amendment to operate a balanced budget except in time of war or national emergency.

Recommended that a person who engages in any farm labor contracting activity solely within a fifty-mile radius of his place of residence be exempt from the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Workers Protection Act (MSPA).

Recommended that all imported food products meet U.S. Department of Agricultural pesticide requirements.

Recommended the United States cease the funding of projects and grants for research, production or transportation of any crops in competition with United States farmers.

Recommended more emphasis on establishing companies in North Carolina which would process, handle and distribute North Carolina farm products.

Recommended a state tax credit

Opinion forum set

College of The Albemarle will soon offer "Great Decisions '88," a national opinion forum designed to help area residents increase their understanding of U. S. foreign policy and stimulate citizen participation in world affairs.

Beginning Feb. 2 and running through March 22, eight topics will be considered on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. in room 231 of Building A on COA's main campus. A maximum of 20 students may participate in the foreign policy education program COA has sponsored for 14 years.

This year's forum will again be moderated by James Flannery, a former CIA agent who has led the forum since 1982. Issues to be covered include Mexico and the United States

as ambivalent allies. U. S. trade and global markets and the risks and opportunities involved, Gorbachev's reforms in the Soviet Union, the dangerous drift of the U. S. and the Middle East, reassessing the threat of the global environment, South Korea and the future of its democracy, Western Europe and the superpowers, and U. S. influence in foreign policy.

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