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**Jamboree scheduled**

Joe's Place will come alive this Sunday with the sounds of "Intruder", "Albemarle Sounds", and the "Crusin Coyotes" during the annual Perquimans County Jaycees Valentines Day Jamboree.

The jamboree will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will feature barbecued chicken and all the fixins, and an afternoon of good music.

Tickets for the jamboree are \$8.00 per person, and can be purchased from any member of the jaycees or at Joe's Place in Hertford.

**Hardison to visit Hertford**

On February 16th Perquimans County will play host to Mrs. Arleen Hardison.

Mrs. Hardison is the wife of Senator Harold Hardison, who is running for Lt. Governor of North Carolina.

Local "Friends for Hardison" will be hosting a luncheon in her honor from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. at the Albemarle Commission Building.

For more information on the luncheon contact Jean Humphlett at 426-5374.

**Winslow attends federal NBA conference**

Seventeen North Carolina school board members were participants in the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Federal Relations Network (FRN) 15th annual conference held in Washington, D.C., January 31-February 2.

Clifford Winslow of Perquimans County school board was among those attending. All are members of the FRN and the North Carolina School Boards Association, which is an affiliate organization of the NSBA.

In addition to attending seminars designed to improve the board members' legislative awareness and impact, the conferees met with their representatives and senators to discuss federal issues that affect local school districts.

The NSBA Federal Relations Network consists of up to three local school board members in each of the 435 Congressional districts across the United States. Network members are selected by their state school boards association to follow federal legislative issues and serve as advocates for the needs of local school districts.

Throughout the year, members of the Federal Relations Network keep their representatives and senators informed on issues from educational funding programs to tax laws that may affect school districts. Each winter, they attend a three-day conference that includes in-depth briefings on current legislative issues as well as an opportunity to meet with members of Congress.

The NSBA is an organization of more than 95,000 local school board members nationwide in more than 15,000 local school districts. The primary mission of the NSBA is the advancement of education through local citizen control of -and accountability for -the nation's public schools. Only in North America is education policy decided by local school board members directly accountable to the community.

The North Carolina School Boards Association, headquartered in Raleigh, is composed of 140 local boards of education. The association serves it's 901 local school board members with training workshops and seminars, school board policy development, representation of school board interest before the General Assembly and state and federal agencies, and with various publications.

The stated purpose of the NCSBA is to initiate and augment positive educational improvements.

**Nelson appointed to state pharmacy board during recent winter meeting**

Edenton-Chowan Hospital's Director of Pharmacy Wallace E. Nelson was installed on Thursday, February 4, as a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Society of Hospital Pharmacists during its annual winter meeting in Winston-Salem. The six-member board is elected by the more than 600 members of the association and manages its fiscal and policy matters.

Nelson has been the pharmacy director at Chowan Hospital since 1982, assuming that position after serving as staff pharmacist there for four years. He received his Bachelor of



**Perquimans host for Quiz Bowl!**

Members of the Perquimans County Quiz Bowl team took second place last Wednesday in the district competition. Above members of the team are seen during their match with Plymouth High School. Perquimans defeated Plymouth in the first round of competition.

**Perquimans hosts quiz bowl Wednesday**

Do you know who the 14th president of the United States was? Do you know the chemical symbol for tungsten? Well these were just some of the many questions asked at the district quiz bowl last week.

This year's district quiz bowl was held at Perquimans High School on Wednesday, and competition included teams from Columbia High School, Creswell High School, John A. Holmes High School, Perquimans High School, and Plymouth High School.

This year John A. Holmes High School of Edenton won the competition, but Perquimans High School gave them a run for their money taking second in the competition.

The quiz bowl is an annual event, which is sponsored each year by the

Pettigrew Regional Library system, and consists of round robin type of competition between the participating teams. Matches consist of three rounds, and a team must lose two matches to be eliminated from the competition.

Perquimans did well on Wednesday. In the first round of competition, the team did well defeating Plymouth High School by a wide margin, the Perquimans team advanced to the final round of competition by defeating John A. Holmes, but Edenton beat Perquimans twice in the final round of tough competition for their quiz bowl victory.

Officials for this year's quiz bowl included: moderator, Frank Roberts, Perquimans County, Judges: Sylvia Brobst, Washington County,

Jean Humphlett, Perquimans County, and Sarah Tynch, Chowan County. The quiz bowl moderator for this year's competition was Maria Hoffman, Perquimans County librarian.

Awards for the quiz bowl were presented to the teams by N.C. State Representative, R.M. "Pete" Thompson of the first district.

Members of the Perquimans County quiz bowl team include: Calvin Hobbs, captain, Kathy Ayscue, Mollie Fehrman, and Stuart Rayburn, alternates for the team are Troy Boyce, Tripp Brown, Ernie Hobbs, and Leonard Mansfield.

The team sponsor is Carroll M. Harrell. Congratulations to the team for their performance.

**Vocational education week observed**

Each year during National Vocational Education Week, the Perquimans County Schools Vocational Department has displayed and exhibited students' work. Vocational Education Week will be observed February 20-13, 1988. "This year more than ever we need to exhibit Student Work and inform the general public how vocational tax dollars are spent," stated Kenneth L. Stalls, director of Vocational Education for Perquimans County Schools.

**Director and students attend band clinic**

Over the weekend, six of local band students, and David Ziemba, our local band director had the honor of participating in the North Carolina Bandmasters All Eastern District band clinic.

Students, from throughout junior and senior high schools in Eastern North Carolina, chosen to participate gathered this weekend at East Carolina University's music school for the clinic and concert, which ended the clinic on Saturday evening.

Ziemba participated this weekend in the clinic, and directed the junior concert district band on Saturday evening, during their concert at Wright Auditorium. Ziemba was chosen last year from directors throughout the district, during the clinic, for his expertise and knowledge, and was asked to return this year to direct the junior concert band during their performance.

Ziemba and the students who attended the clinic participated in

practical demonstrations will be conducted in the Southgate Mall, in Elizabeth City, beginning on Wednesday, February 10, through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 13.

Stalls also outlined the offerings in the Perquimans County Schools, which include Business and Office Education, with a model program in Computer Science, Automotive Mechanics, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Agriculture, Welding, Drafting and an Occupational Explorational Program in the junior high

school.

The purpose of the Fair is to inform the general public of extensive and comprehensive vocational programs in the schools offered to students that desire and need vocational training in order to continue their education or compete in the labor market.

The Theme of the Exhibit is, Vocational Education - "Learning a living." Approximately 35 programs will be on display representing approximately 10 counties.



David Ziemba directed the all-eastern district band this weekend at the eastern district band clinic. Above Ziemba conducts the junior high concert band as they prepare for their concert on Saturday evening.

classes from 9:00 until 4:00 on Friday and Saturday. The students chosen from Perquimans County for the district band included: Machele Davis and Tracie Brown, senior high school

concert band, Matt Matthews, junior high school symphonic band, Renee' Turner, Kacey Keyser, and Sean Vail junior high school concert band.



Wallace E. Nelson

**Power outage leaves county in the dark**

Many residents of Perquimans County found themselves in the dark Saturday, when a problem at North Carolina Power's Winfall sub-station caused a power outage for most of the county.

The problem occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, when according to North Carolina Power officials a faulty insulator knocked out the transformer causing residents in Hertford, Winfall, and a few in Perquimans County to be without power.

Later that afternoon at approximately 5:15 p.m., utility workers from N.C. Power tried to transfer the electric load to the second transformer at the Winfall sub-station, but it also went out under the additional load, causing many more residents of Perquimans County to lose power as well as northern parts of Chowan County.

Power was restored to most residents of the county at around 9:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, and by

11:30 p.m. everyone except the residents of Hertford, and a few residents of Winfall served by the tilty lines from the Hertford utility plant had power restored.

Repairs were finally completed early Sunday morning in Hertford, and by 8:00 a.m. everyone had power.

According to Mayor Bill Cox of Hertford, the problems at the Hertford utility plant were directly caused by the problems with the Winfall sub-station. Cox added that the problems which caused Hertford to be without power for so long were not in the town's lines

According to town officials, county officials, and law enforcement officers in the area, no significant problems resulted from the black-out. Most businesses closed when the power outage occurred, and according to local officials, people just stayed at home and waited for the lights to come on.

**Construction to begin soon on new school office building**

Members of the Perquimans County School board learned last Tuesday that the new school administration building may be completed as early as July.

Superintendent Pat Harrell told board members at a special board meeting last Tuesday evening that all the contracts totaling \$215,450.00 have been signed, and that the general contractor, Rick Gardner of Elizabeth City, N.C. may begin working on the project as early as the end of this month.

The project is expected to be completed in six months if all goes well, and there are no unexpected problems.

The school board had hoped to have the project already underway, but bids for the project came in over the allotted budget, and school board officials had to make several changes in the building plans before work on the project could begin.

The new administration building will be constructed on a lot adjacent to the high school just off of Edenton Road Street in Hertford.

School board officials also learned Tuesday evening that federal regulations have changed regarding asbestos removal from school facilities.

New regulations adopted earlier this year by the Environmental Protection Agency are requiring that all buildings used as school facilities must be inspected for asbestos by a licensed and E.P.A. approved inspector.

Sperintendent Harrell told members of the board that regardless of what school systems had done in the past regarding asbestos removal, the buildings would have to be inspected for any form of asbestos. In the past schools were only required to look for and remove "friable" asbestos, but Harrell told members of the board on Tuesday that the new regulations require that all forms of asbestos be checked for in the buildings.

Harrell went on to tell board members that the new regulations state that all the buildings must be inspected, and a plan adopted planning for it's removal by October of this year. The new regulations also state that the plan must be implemented by the school systems by October of 1989.

Harrell told board members Tuesday that the new regulations

shouldn't really cause the school system any major problems, and that there should be no cause for great concern because any asbestos found in the building could be dealt with through an approved maintenance plan. For example, years ago floor tile used in schools contained asbestos, according to Harrell the new regulations would not require removal of the tile, but there are certain maintenance procedures for dealing with that tile.

Employees who work for the schools doing any kind of maintenance work would also be trained in the new maintenance procedures outlined in the plan.

Harrell stated that he had no idea what these new regulations would cost the county, but stated that school systems throughout North Carolina feel that the work involved will be quite expensive.

In other business, the board of education took the following action: members of the board approved the purchase of a stage curtain for the Perquimans Middle School in Winfall, the board voted to purchase an all-risk insurance policy being offered by the North Carolina Board of Education. The new policy will cover fire, lightning, and will also offer coverage for theft and vandalism.

The board learned Tuesday, that work will begin soon on the roof at the high school administration building. Harrell told members of the board Tuesday that an inspection done by an independant engineering firm had confirmed that the roof was not put on the building properly. A copy of the engineering report, pictures, and a letter stating that the board will go to court if necessary will be sent to Coley Roofing Company, Inc. of Connecticut. Coley has been contacted on several occasions by the board and refuses to work with school officials regarding the roofing problem. The roof, which was installed just over eight years ago, is covered under a 10 year warranty. According to the independant study, it has been determined that Coley is responsible for the repair work to be done on the building. Harrell told members of the board that he would keep them abreast of the situation regarding the roof, and Coley's response to their latest letter.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned.

**WEATHER**

**Weather forecasters are predicting cool clear weather for the remainder of the week.**

**Temperatures will feature highs in the 30s and 40s with lows in the 20s and 30s.**