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A visit with the Ainsley's

EDITOR'S NOTE: On May 3rd, 1988, the voters of Perquimans County will go to the poles for the democratic primary, and both local, state and national offices will be voted on. This is the first in a series of articles on the candidates, and their views about the issues facing the voters in Perquimans County. .

This year the voters in Perquimans County will be chosing four candi-

dates for the county board of com-

missioners. Three commissioners for

a four year term, and one commis-

sioner for a two year term. The com-

missioner elected for the two year

term will be fulfilling the unexpired

term of W. W. "Welly" White, who

resigned recently from the board to

serve as the Perquimans County

Clerk of Superior Court, and two of

the candidates seeking four year

terms to the board of commissioners

are incumbent candidates and are

running unopposed in this election.

They are Thomas Nixon, and Wayne

Winslow; however, the third incum-

bent commissioner up for re-election

is the current chairman of the board

of commissioners, Lester Simpson.

Mr. Simpson faces two opposing can-

The other two candidates seeking a

seat on the Perquimans County

Board of Commissioners for the four

year term are Edward H. Allen and

EDWARD "Ed" ALLEN

didates.

Leo Higgins.

Crop walk rally set

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For the third year in a row students from Perquimans High School have won first place in the district math contest. Above the students who participated in the contest pose in front of the school with their winning trophy.

High school students win first place!

Students from Perquimans County once again placed 1st in the district mathematics contest held Thursday, March 24th at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City.

This is the third year in a row that students from the high school have won the competition, and since the contest moved to Elizabeth City State University several years ago, Perquimans High School has always placed either first or second in the competition.

This year students from Perquimans High School participated in all the categories offered in the senior division of the contest including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Comprehensive Mathematics.

The contest consisted of each student taking an 80 written exam in his field of mathematics, and students were judged individually and overall. Perquimans finished first overall in the competition with 14 students placing in the top ten. Perquimans won first place over such schools as Currituck High School, Camden High School, Manteo High School, North Pitt High School, Northeastern High School, and many others. No one from Perquimans High School par-

Chef's Spectacular planned

The Perquimans County Extension Service and the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers are again sponsoring a Local Chef's Spectac-

This exciting opportunity will be held on Thursday, April 14, 1988 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Perquimans County Extension Office. The cost is \$2.00, which will be used to help cover the cost of supplies for the

This year three of the five presentors will be sharing interesting ways to prepare poultry. These include Perquimans Weekly Editor, Gina Jepson, who will be preparing Italian Stuffed Chicken Breast. Gina's Italian heritage is rich with lots of recipes that just melt in your mouth.

Mrs. Lucy Johnikins will share chicken casserole. She says it's easy to prepare because everything is just poured into a casserole dish, including raw spaghetti, and baked. It's especially good for the working women, because it can be mixed, frozen unbaked and just popped in the oven when you need a quick meal.

Mrs. Emma Burke will demonstrate Cuban Chicken. This is a festive main dish suitable for a buffet supper. It's combination of colorful vegtables, ham and poultry will please any palate.

Mrs. Florence Christensen and Mrs. Barbara Rose will both demonstrate bread items. Mrs. Christensen will demonstrate a Six Week Bran Muffin that is very popular. This recipe can be mixed and held in the refrigerator for up to six weeks, allowing you to cook only what you need for each meal. Moravian Sugar Cake is the speciality that Mrs. Barbara Rose will demonstrate. She will share a long and short method for making this cake.

Moravian Sugar Cake is unique in that it has a delicate texture and a leasing aroma as result of mashed otatoes used in the recipe.

Mark your calendars and call the erquimans Extension Office at 426-5428 to register for this exciting proticipated in the junior division of the

Several of the students who took part in the competition will now move on to run-off competition at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. The run-off competition will be held on April 26th.

Students were selected to participate in the math contest by the high school math faculty which consists of Ms. Robin Ward, Mrs. Kathleen Brickhouse, and Mr. George White.

Those students who participated in the contest and their places in the competition are as follows: Algebra I. Charity Cartwright, 6th place, James Gard, Shelia Hurdle, Matt Matthews, 3rd place, Crystal Musick, Tarsha White, and Sara Winslow, 1st place. Algebra II: Cathy Banks, Andrea Bass, 9th place, Dawn Benton, Nancy Boynton, Tracie Brown, 6th place, Jennifer Kraft, Chad Nixon, Ryan Overton, Derrick Rogers, Stallings, 3rd place, Tisha Paula Turner, Christy Waters, John West, 1st place, and Lori White, 4th place. Geometry: Valerie Burke, Chad Bundy, 8th place, Cip Chappell, Chris Evans, Ernie Hobbs, 7th place,

Vaughn, Kenneth Waters, Chad White, Shawn White, and

Comprehensive Math: Terri Baker, 10th place, Machele Davis, Molli Fehrman, Joanna Haskett, Calvin Hobbs, Alan Kirby, Amanda Kornegay, Bob Luke, 6th place, James Newby, and Brian Seay.

Those students going on to the runoff competition include: Algebra I, Charity Cartwright, Matt Matthews, and Sara Winslow. All three of these students are 9th graders. Algebra II, Tracie Brown, Paula Stallings, Lori students are juniors with the exception of John West, who is a tenth grader. Geometry, Leonard Mansfield, and Stuart Rayburn. These students are in the 10th grade.

No students will move on to run-off competition in the comprehensive category. Only the top five in that contest could continue. The students who competed in the comprehensive

Yvette Leigh, Jim Luke, Leonard Mansfield, 6th place, Selena Overton,

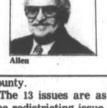
White, and John West. All of these

Center. competition were all seniors



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Edward "Ed" H. Allen is a resident of Holiday Island, and has owned property and resided in Perquimans County for the past 13 years, and his campaign slogan is "heritage with a future". Allen feels there are 13 major issues as well as others that must be addressed by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners for the citizens of Perquimans



Three area men vie for seat on





County

The 13 issues are as follows: (1) The redistricting issue, (2) jobs, we must look into the exodus from this county, (3) tourism, (4) waste treatment, (5) placement of a traffic light at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 17 South and the road going to Bethel and Snug Harbor, (6) updating of our library facilities, and the Blanchard Building, (7) tax base; what are we getting for taxes paid?, (8) U.S. Hwy. 17 North Welcome Center at the Va. line, (9) Softball lighting at Union School, (10) trash collection at Holiday Island, (11) paving of our county's roads, (12) zoning, and (13) fishing - Albemarle Sound; we must assist commercial fisherman in improving their catch.

In discussing and expanding on some of these issues in a recent interview, Allen stated the following. With regard to the redistricting situation, he feels that it is not appropriate to comment on that issue at this time. He stated that he is certainly glad that the board of commissioners has formed a working committee to look into this matter. On the other issues outlined by Allen he had the following remarks; Jobs - Allen feels the county should encourage light industry. He also stated that he feels the young people of Perquimans County need something to look forward to here in terms of jobs. He added that he is not at all interested in seeing Perquimans County become an asphalt jungle, but he would like to see some new industry, and is certainly happy about the industry that is here presently and expansion of that industry. With regard to tourism, Allen states that he feels we need to promote this county, and look for the best way to let people know what's here, and encourage them to come and view this lovely area, which is so full of history

Allen also briefly discussed the establishment of sewer districts in Perquimans County. He stated several communities in the county, such as Holiday Island currently are having problems with sewage disposal, and he feels some way must be developed to deal with these situations. He also feels the establishment of sewer districts must be looked into with regard to the county's current and continuing development.

In terms of the other issues outlined above, he discussed briefly as follows: THE LIBRARY, he feels it is important for someone to look for the money needed for it's expansion. He feels the library is important and it supports education. TAX BASE: Allen feels this is a real concern, the county needs to let people know what the money is going for, and be responsive to the residents, and community's needs. WELCOME CEN-TER: Allen feels it would benefit the county to support this project. He

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Bass tournament scheduled Saturday

This weekend, the Perquimans County Jaycees will hold their annual river bass tournament, and community yard sale. They will also raffle off a floral print on Saturday worth \$500.00 with proceeds from the raffle going to the Duke Cancer Research

Registration and weigh-in for the bass tournament will be held at the Hertford Municipal Boat Ramp prior to 7:00 a.m. launch time A total of \$1,000 in cash prizes will

Jaycee for an entry form.

be awarded. Anyone interested in entering the tournament should contact Sara Winslow, 102 Phelps Street, Hertford, N. C., or any Perquimans County

The community yard sale will aslo take place on Saturday. Spaces are still available. They are being rented by the Jaycees for \$10.00. The yard sale will be held at the Perquimans County Recreation Department and will begin at 8 a.m.

Also chances are still available for the limited edition floral print painting, to be raffled off on Saturday. Chances are \$1.00, and they are available from any Jaycee. Print is on display at Darden's in Hertford.

PCHS to remain in conference group

Perquimans County High School athletic teams will compete again next year in the 1 A classification, but school officials say they do not know what conference Perquimans County

will be playing in. This decision was made during a special meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, March 29th due to the Easter holidays, and will remain in effect for the next four

vears. Every four years, school systems and North Carolina High School Athletic Association Officials re-evaluate high school's athletic classifications, and redefine conferences as part of a classification and confer-

ence alignment program. The decision by the Board of Education to remain in the 1A classification supports the position taken by school administration officials, and

officials at the high school. According to Perquimans County Schools Superintendent Pat Harrell, the board could have requested to play up in the 2A classification, but they did not feel this would be fair to the students. Members of the board and school administration officials stated they felt that requesting to play up in the 2A classification might have hurt many of the teams chances for making the play-off round of competition yearly.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association will determine conferences in the next few weeks taking into consideration several factors according to Harrell.

The NCHSAA will look at geography, rivalry, tradition, and other factors when assigning schools to a particular conference, even though Perquimans High School has always participated in the Albemarle Athletic Conference, several options are currently being discussed.

Harrell stated that the classification and conference realignment is done every four years, because of shifts in population, which cause shifts in student enrollment at many schools which might change their athletic classification. A prime example of this change is Manteo High School, which will become a 2A school next year. Manteo was formerly a 1A school, and a member of the Albemarle Athletic Conference

along with Perquimans High School. In other business, Harrell reported

to the board that Cooley Roofing Company is continuing to work on the high school administration building roof, and that things are going well with the project.

Harrell also reported to the board that the new administration building project is progressing well. The foundation has been poured, and things are continuing on schedule.

Board members also learned that the state has installed a satelite dish at the high school, which will be used for satelite programming offered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

The satelite programming will offer school systems programs in the areas of staff development and instruction, but according to Harrell, the Perquimans County School System will use the system primarially for staff development. Harrell stated that most of the courses offered under the program are already being taught to local students, but added if there were classes being offered which are not being taught, students would have the opportunity to take

The satelite program is a statewide program, which is new this year, and each school system in the state received a satelite dish and other equipment at a very minimal cost to them. Thus far, according to officals, the only costs incurred locally have been for a dedicated phone line for the system.

In addition to each school system getting a dish the 52 smallest high schools in the state also received a system; however, Perquimans High School did not qualify as one of those 52 schools.

Harrell stated, school officals decided to locate the dish at the high school, because they felt that would be the best location in the county for staff development, and instructional

The board also approved payment on some of the outstanding bills from the high school construction project, thus taking some of the final action to close-out the project, and Harrell reported to board members on the proress of the voting rights committee established by the county, which met

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



The recreation department does many things. Above Andy Downing works with area students who will be participating in the upcoming special olympics. This is just one of many ways that he is active in many residents lives.

Perquimans County Recreation Dept.;

Keeps county residents active!

Perquimans County residents receive many services such as helpful information, but in addition to those services the Perquimans County Recreation Department provides area residents with a variety of recreational programs.

Throughout the year, the Recreation Department offers a number of sporting events for youths and adults ranging from soccer to volleyball with baseball, tee ball, football, softball, and basketball inbetween.

In addition to running these various sporting programs, the department must also find coaches for all the youth teams, officals for all the games, make-up league schedules, find sponsors for some of the teams, such as tee ball teams, and keep and store all the equipment.

Throughout the year, the Recreation Department has a busy schedule of offerings and activities are being held at a variety of locations

aroughout Perquimans County.

All of the basketball, softball, and volleyball events are held at Perquinans Middle School, football and aseball are held at the high school, occer events are held at Central ool, and t-ball is played at the

Recreation Department.

Andy Downing, who is the director of the Perquimans County Recreation Department, has quite a busy schedule. He laughs when asked if the department will be offering any new programs, but says they are always willing to try new things if the interest exist, such as their upcoming fishing clinic for kids on April 16th.

The department is also considering the possibility of offering tennis lessons, if an instructor can be found. In the past, they have offered craft classes for both adults and children, and hopefully they will be offered again.

In addition to playing locally, many of the teams, such as soccer teams, and midgett football teams, travel to other areas such as Elizabeth City, Plymouth, Edenton, and Gates County to play games on a regular basis. This is always exciting for the youth involved, keeps interest in the various sports growing.

Currently the Recreation Department is operating on a \$45,000 budget, and Downing says the department is growing all the time. Programs, such as soccer and t-ball, have shown the most growth recently, but he adds that people are always looking for better and more quality ways to spend their leisure time.

Pattie White, the director of the Perquimans County Senior Center also assists Andy with the Recreation

Department. She types the schedules, runs them off, and helps answer the phone when Andy's out, she also helps supervise some of the games as she's needed.

The department also has an advisory board made up of area residents in the recreation department, which offers guidence and suggestions for the department. Andy Downing has an excellent

background for running the Recreation Department. He attended and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, and prior to coming to work for the Recreation Department, he worked teaching Physical Education for the Perquimans County Schools at the elementary level.

Downing is a native of Perquimans County, and he and his wife, Jonathan, have three boys, ages 8, 5, and

If anyone has any questions concerning the Recreation Department or any of their programs, contact them at 426-5695 or visit Andy at the partment located at 300 S. Grubb Street in Hertford, The department is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily Monday through Friday.