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A visit with the Burkes

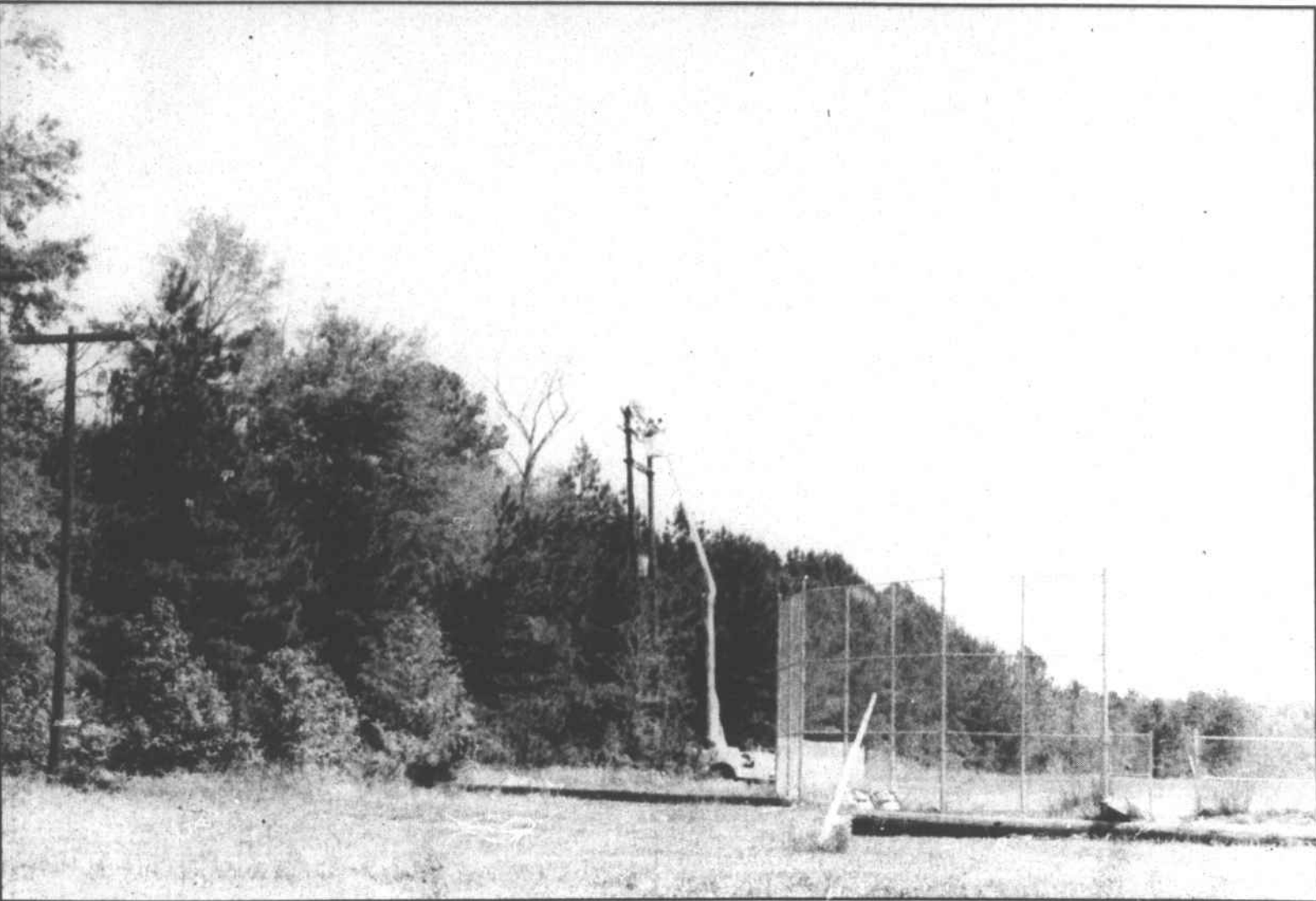
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Playground is safe once again for kids!

On Friday, electrical crews removed the lights from the Middle School athletic field. The lights and their rotten poles have been a source of much controversy, but with their re-

moval the athletic fields at the Middle School will once again be safe for area children to use.

N.C. legislature to reconvene June 2nd

Raleigh—The 170 state senators and representatives will reconvene for the 1988 regular session of the 1987 General Assembly at 12:00 noon today, June 2.

The session will be limited to a few specific matters including bills affecting the state budget for fiscal year 1988-89, bills introduced in 1987 that passed one house and are pen-

ding action by the other, and bills implementing the recommendations of study commissions authorized to report to the 1988 session.

Other matters which may be taken up include non-controversial local bills, membership of state boards and commissions, state or local pension of retirement systems, administrative reorganization, and any mat-

ters authorized by joint resolution passed by two-thirds of the House members present and voting and two-thirds majority of the Senate members.

The 106 members of the General Assembly's Joint Appropriations Committee have been meeting since May 16 to hear budget requests from state agencies. No formal action will

be taken until after the full legislature convenes in June.

The 1988 session is considered a continuation of the 1987 General Assembly. The Legislature, which traditionally meets during the odd-numbered years, also has been meeting regularly for a short session during the even-numbered years beginning in 1974.

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Perquimans County Board of Elections; vital to county

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to scheduling problems and space limitations within the paper the weekly article on a Perquimans County office has not been running. It returns this week, and will run until the series is complete.

When most people think of elections and voting they think of voting booths, long lines, debates, candidates, and making choices, but to one office in Perquimans County, the election process is much more complicated than those things.

The Perquimans County Board of Elections is charged with conducting all the elections, and the election procedures. They must make sure that all the filing deadlines are posted, that all the filing fees are posted and collected, they insure that all the election information is advertised correctly, and they ensure that all the polling places are run properly on election day.

If this sounds like a big job, it is, and it is one that carries much responsibility.

The Perquimans County Board of Elections is made up of three people, and control of the elections board is determined by the party which is in control of the Governor's office. Presently in Perquimans County we have two Republicans, and one Democrat on the board of elections. John O. White, IV, and Charles Murray are the two republicans on the board of elections, and the Democratic member, and chairman of the Perquimans County Elections Board is Buddy Tilley.

Members of the Board of Elections are selected by their local parties and referred to the state for appointment to the board. Appointments are for two years, and are done during odd years. The current board will serve until 1989.

The appointed members of the board of elections have many duties, especially the chairman of the board. After filing deadlines are met the chairman is responsible for printing all the county ballots, and the board of education ballots. He hires all the registrars for the county polling places, and ensures that everything runs smoothly at the poles. The chairman is also responsible for overseeing the entire election process in the county.

The official function of the board of



50th year class reunion held

Members of the class of 1938 gathered on Saturday at Joe's Place for their 50th year class reunion. Members of the class present gathered for a photo before adjourning their gathering.

Class of 1938 holds reunion

On Saturday, Joe's Place in Hertford came alive as members of the graduating class of 1938 from Perquimans High School gathered for their 50th class reunion.

The school song, roll call of the classmates, recognition of the class superlatives, and a walk down memory lane highlighted Saturday afternoon's activities as over 50 gathered to remember their good ole high school days.

In addition to the classmates who gathered, five of the student's former teachers including Mrs. Barbee, Mrs. Liz Jessup, Hannah Holmes, Elizabeth White, and Mrs. Esther Evans were on hand for the reunion.

For many of the guests, it had been over 20 years since they had been together, (since their 30th year reunion), and jokes, laughter, and remi-

nising were the order for the evening.

A good time was had by all in attendance, and the class of 1938 is already making plans for another reunion.

Those in attendance at the reunion included: Mae 'Asbell' Shall, Julia Broughton Rivet, Fred and Betty Campen, Celia Blanche Dail, Doris (Lane) and Burton Meyers, Margaret (Mays) and Leslie Holt, George and Elizabeth (Caddy) Baker, Frances (Bundy) and Ray Perry, Ray and Margaret Jordan, Clyde and Daisy Lane, Addie Ruth (Morgan) Armstrong, Mozelle (Smith) Peabody, Louise (Tarkenton) Bailey, Charles and Doris White, Marjorie (Perry) Winslow, Eugene Winslow, Juanita (White) Sawyer, Elizabeth Knowles White, Hannah Holmes, Mary Louise (Chappell) Meads, Frank Brown, Mary Thad (Chappell)

Batts, Cuthrie and Blanche Joliff, Sybil (Layden) Evans, Marie (Anderson) Banks, Blanche Moore (Berry) and Dill Dillon, Blanche (Chappel) Matter, George and Elizabeth (Elliott) Winslow, Annie Mae (Matthews) Baker, Alice (Roberson) and Jim Johnson, Lila Budd (Stephens) Inman, Jarvis and Eva Ward, Rollo and Renie White, Winman and Jeanne Spivey, Herbert L. and Jesse Williams, and Ellie Mae (White) Vickers.

Those present also took time on Saturday to honor their classmates including Charlie F. Sumner, David Broughton, George Miller White, Ruby Lee Sumner, Clarissa Winslow, Carlton Smith, Eugenia Gregory, Charles Harrell, Jr., Katherine Hendricks, Zack Toms White, Iris Winslow, Walter Bond, and Darius Elliott, who are deceased.

Runion named new chairman of NNCT

Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, Inc. (NNCT) recently held its annual Spring Board Meeting in Elizabeth City. As part of the meeting, the election of new Board members took place, and Mr. Jack Runion of N. C. Power in Roanoke Rapids became the new Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Runion takes over the helm of NNCT from Mr. Isaac "Ike" Battle of Gatesville, who completed a successful two-year tenure as Chairman of the Board. During the course of the evening, Mr. Battle was presented with a plaque for his service and was honored and praised by the Board of Directors and staff for his leadership and guidance.

NNCT is a regional, non-profit economic and community development agency that serves the 16-counties of northeastern NC. It is governed by an Executive Committee that acts for the 60-member Board of Directors between bi-annual Board Meetings. The Executive Committee that will serve with Mr. Runion is comprised of the following: Mrs. Lueta Sellers of Edenton. First Vice Chairperson: Dr. Willis McLeod of Jackson, Second Vice Chairperson; Mr. Joe Parker of Ahoskie, Secretary; Dr. Parker Chesson of Elizabeth City, Treasurer; Mr. Joe Hollowell of Edenton, Chairperson of Agriculture & Natural Industries Committee; Mrs. Mary Lilley of Williamston, Chairperson of Business and Industry; Mr. Yates Barber of Elizabeth City, Chairperson of Conservation and Natural Resources Committee; Mr. Ike Battle, Chairperson of Pride, Education, and Community Services Committee; Mrs. Winnie Wood of Camden, Chairperson of Tourism Committee; Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University; and the following at-large members; Mr. Bill Hodges of Washington, Mrs. Shirley Jones of Camden; Dr. Harold Mitchell of Ahoskie, and Mr. Ralph Plumblee of Plymouth.

NNCT Board members from Perquimans County are Mrs. Lucille Winslow and Mayor Bill Cox.

NNCT has had a very busy year. NNCT was tapped by the Southern Arts Federation of Atlanta, GA. to implement a Rural Arts Initiative designed to promote and preserve regional art and culture. From this, a Northeastern Cultural Alliance has been formed. This Alliance will build strong regional bonds while developing artistic growth, finding funds for the arts, and bringing profes-

sional art activities and performers to the area.

Additionally, NNCT has worked with a public relations firm this year in the promotion of the region in the Hampton Roads area. Brickell and Associates of Norfolk has developed several ideas, including a quarterly schedule of events distributed to the media and a speakers' bureau. NNCT has also co-operated with Historic Albemarle Tour and Brickell and Associates in the implementation of tour group packaging.

NNCT also sponsored its Annual Essay Contest for high school juniors. The winners were honored and recognized at the Banquet. The First Place scholarship amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Jim Brunsey of Currituck County High School. Teacher Susie Spruill was the co-ordinator. Second place honor with a \$300 scholarship went to Christy Waters of Perquimans County High School. Paul Meads was the co-ordinator. Paige Chandler of Cape Hatteras High School was awarded the \$200 Third Place scholarship. Carolyn Cooper was the teacher from Cape Hatteras High who co-ordinated the contest.

Assistance and support have been given on a continuing basis to the Regional Small Business Incubator in Ahoskie, the promotion of a teen pregnancy prevention film, the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park, and several other on-going programs.

Projects assisted with grants or loans this year include: Perquimans-Chowan Partners with Youth; a Nutrition and Fitness Program; 4-H Club David Toma Event; Northampton Mastery in Learning; Albemarle Crawfish Farm; the C. S. Brown School in Winton; Albemarle RC&D Aquaculture Project; Historic Albemarle Tours Fam Tour; the Elizabeth City Area Girls' Club Choices and Challenges Program; the Dismal Swamp Canal Visitors' Center; Roanoke-Chowan SAFE (Services for Abused Families in Emergencies); and a Regional Choral Music Festival.

For more information on NNCT, please call or write one of NNCT's staff members: Phil McMullan, Jr., Executive Director; Joseph Umesi, Assistant Director; Shirley Brown, Research Associate; Beverly Sampson, Information and Communications; and Felicia Whidbee, Secretary. The address is: NNCT; Elizabeth City State University Box 962; Elizabeth City, NC 27909; (919) 335-3491 or 335-3494.

May and June named S.A.D.D. months in NC

Governor James G. Martin has proclaimed May and June as "Students Against Driving Drunk (S.A.D.D.) Months in North Carolina." These months are especially dangerous because of activities associated with proms, graduations and the beginning of summer vacation.

"Automobile crashes caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol and drugs are still the number one killer of young people ages 16 to 21," Governor Martin said in the proclamation.

As S.A.D.D. members, junior and senior high school students from throughout North Carolina are working to save the lives of teens and others. Through local public awareness projects, they are telling others what happens when a person drinks or uses drugs and drives, the governor said.

S.A.D.D.'s motto, "Friends don't let friends drive drunk," encourages young people to use positive peer pressure to help eliminate deaths due to driving while intoxicated.

In 1986, 707 North Carolinians were killed in DWI-related accidents. Ninety-two of those killed were young people between the ages of 15 and 19. Another 3,222 teenagers were seriously injured in crashes involving a drunk driver.

N.C. S.A.D.D. is housed in the N.C. Department of Administration's Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office.

"The goal of the North Carolina S.A.D.D. program," Administration Secretary James S. Lofton said, "is to reach throughout the state and involve students who are concerned and want to help fight this important battle against mixing alcohol and driving on our highways."

School of Science and Math invites student

Durham—Selena E. Overton, a sophomore at Perquimans County High School, has been invited to attend the N. C. School of Science and Mathematics next fall, school officials announced.

Miss Overton, daughter of Ms. Sandra Overton, was chosen for the incoming junior class of 282 from nearly 700 nominees statewide.

As a junior class candidate, Miss Overton underwent a rigorous admissions process, beginning last winter with her nomination by teachers and counselors and her submission of class grades, essays, and scores on

the Scholastic Aptitude and California Achievement tests.

She also was required to take a school-administered test designed to measure creative thinking and writing ability and attend a personal interview on the Durham campus.

An affiliate school of the University of North Carolina, the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics opened in 1980 as the nation's first statewide, residential, public high school for students with special ability and interest in the sciences and mathematics. Students attend the school their junior and senior years.

WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for warm sunny weather this weekend with lows in the 60s and 70s, highs in the 80s and 90s.