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## PCHS band invited to inaugural parade

The Perquimans County High School Marching Band was one of only three bands selected to represent North Carolina in the 1989 Inaugural Parade honoring President-elect George Bush and Vice President-elect Dan Quayle.

Perquimans was selected from over 300 applicants from every state in the Union. Each state has at least one official entry.

Although the local band will not march in the parade, participating units such as Perquimans are chosen by the Inaugural Committee as an honor position, to perform at static locations along the parade route and have the honor of entertaining the President of the United States as he moves from the White House to the Capitol for the swearing-in ceremonies.

The 80 band members and their chaperones plan a four-day, three-night stay in Washington. Three buses will leave the high school early on Wednesday, January 18, bearing many excited people on their way to make a memory that will last a lifetime.

Not only will the trip be a good experience for those from the county who can participate, but people from all over the country will see the name "Perquimans

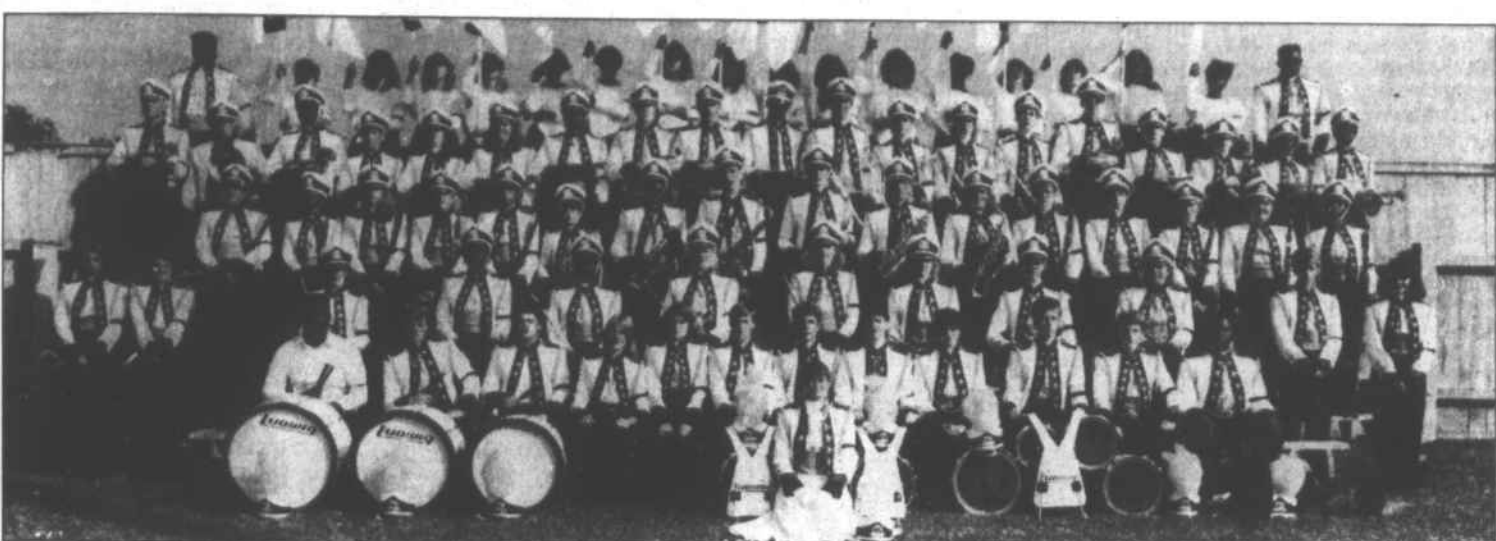
County High School Band, Hertford, N.C." The little county no one can pronounce has a band good enough to entertain the President of the United States of America in the nation's capitol.

The cost of the trip for the 80 band members, two instructors and 20 chaperones is over \$15,000. These funds are being sought from the county commissioners, town councils, board of education and private donations. The band boosters will make up the difference between the public and private contributions in order that the band will get to participate.

Band members have worked hard this year, as is evidenced by the success they have enjoyed at the competitions in which they have participated.

Perquimans should be very proud of the dedication shown by these young people. In order to perform, many hours are spent in the summer heat and humidity marching up and down, practicing routines until they are perfect.

The band boosters are asking anyone who would like to help with expenses for the trip to see Linda Bundy, or to stop by Woodard's pharmacy where there is a donations container on the counter.



This photo of the PCHS band was taken in October 1988 at the annual "Battle of the Bands" held in conjunction with the Peanut Festival in Edenton. The band captured several awards that day. The invitation to the presidential inaugural is the most prestigious honor ever received by the group.

## Commissioners give band donation

The Perquimans County Commissioners Tuesday morning gave the Perquimans County High School band \$5,000 towards the cost of the band's trip to the inaugural festivities honoring George Bush and Dan Quayle.

The commissioners highly praised the band, and expressed a great deal of pride that the unit had been chosen to participate in an historic national event.

"I feel like it's an honor for the band to have this opportunity and I'd like to see them participate," said Chairman Lester Simpson. "I'd like to see the county come up with some funds," he added.

Commissioner Thomas Nixon stated, "To my knowledge, Perquimans County's never been invited to a presidential inauguration."

Although there was some concern expressed over funding the trip with tax dollars, the consensus of the board was that the trip would not only benefit the individuals traveling to Washington, but also the county as a whole.

Band Boosters President Danny Privott and Band Director David Ziemba approached the commissioners on behalf of the students. They submitted a cost breakdown to the group which outlined a \$15,000 plus trip. The costs include lodging and bus fare for the students and chaperones, and meals for the students.

According to Privott and Ziemba, the band must be at the capitol at 7:30 Friday morning ready to play during the parade. They may play for other festivities if scheduling permits. A Thursday tour is tentatively planned.

Privott and Ziemba told the commissioners that the band boosters had a meeting on Tuesday night, and would meet with the town boards and the school board next week.

When asked what would happen if contributions did not equal the \$15,000 needed to finance the trip, Privott said, "We (the band boosters) will make it up."

Commissioner Thomas Nixon read a letter from the N.C. Department of Corrections advising that the shuttle stop at Albemarle District Jail is warranted. The shuttle will begin making pick-ups at the facility on January 4 at 6:10 a.m.

Nixon said the D.O.C. advised that the schedule will run for 90 days, and then be re-evaluated. Adjustments to the schedule may be made at that time.

The shuttle previously ran from Albemarle District Jail twice per week. Although the schedule has

been cut to once per week, the commissioners are pleased that the transportation has been restored.

The Blanchard building renovation was discussed at length. Commissioners Lester Simpson and Durwood Reed volunteered to serve on a committee to assist County Manager Paul Gregory in moving forward with the renovation.

Gregory updated the board on the blueprints, what changes could be made, and the cost that was calculated in 1985. Gregory said the preliminary architectural work has been done.

The question facing the board now is whether to put the new courtroom facility on the second floor, freeing up future office space on the first floor, or to use the first-floor courtroom plans.

Although an elevator would add approximately \$85,000-\$100,000 to the \$215,000 estimate, according to Gregory, the county's best alternative may be to go ahead and install an elevator.

Gregory said that many changes could be made to make the building more space-efficient. He said the plans included too many corridors and other unusable space.

The project will take at least two years to complete. During that time Gregory said the county can expect to receive about \$145,000 from court facilities funds. That would leave approximately \$70,000 to come from county funds.

Gregory explained that should the county consider inclusion in a liability self-insurance plan, the premiums saved from that coverage may amount to the \$70,000.

The board was informed that the county must pay the state approximately \$220,000 for moving water lines in conjunction with the U.S. Highway 17 project. Four miles of new lines must be laid when the new fourlane comes through.

Gregory said the state will bill the county in 1991, and give Perquimans four to six years to pay the funds back.

Chairman Simpson suggested that the board urge the N.C. legislature to waive the charge.

Simpson also asked each board member to speak with legislators about the passage of the one percent land transfer tax bill which was earlier defeated.

"It's one of the fairest taxes I know of," Simpson said. He added that almost-certain growth will further stress county services, and will make the present mapping system obsolete.

## Home Health Care available in Perquimans

Home health care assistance is available in Perquimans County. The program is administered through the District Health Department in Elizabeth City.

"Our purpose is to keep people at home instead of at a hospital or other institutional setting," said Kay Whedbee, Co-ordinator for Home Health Services throughout the Albemarle Area.

According to Whedbee, the program offers intermittent services to homebound patients. The services must be ordered by a doctor.

A wide array of health professionals work together to provide in-home services. These skilled specialists include nurses, health aides, physical therapists, social workers, speech therapists, nutritionists and occupational therapists.

The program's employees not only treat the patients, but provide support services for the families. They teach family members how to care for the sick person, so that the family and the patient can maintain as much independence as possible. They also assist in obtaining medical equipment.

With the aid of these services and professionals, patients are often

able to leave the hospital earlier than could be expected if the program was not available.

The program offers 24-hour on-call services. Patients or their families can call day or night 365 days per year.

"We feel like we have a good service to render," Whedbee said of the comprehensive program.

Also offered are hospice services. This program provides a support group for the terminally ill. Volunteers are trained to assist the patient and family in dealing with the terminal illness.

"We're glad to try to reach out to help people at home," commented Whedbee on the programs.

Both phases of the program are available to all age groups and all income levels.

Health professionals serving Perquimans County are Janet Norfleet, Carol Douglas, Robin Temple, Cassie Spruill and Phyllis Redding. This dedicated staff checks on approximately 40 homebound people throughout the county on a regular basis.

For more information on the home health and hospice services, contact Ann Dowdy, Patient Co-ordinator, at 338-4066.

## Nursing forum to be held in COA auditorium

"Who will care if nurses aren't there?" is the theme for sixteen NURSING CARE forums being held across the state from January 9th to January 12th announced Jo Franklin, President of the North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA), on behalf of the NURSING CARES coalition, which is made up of over ten North Carolina specialty nursing organizations.

The coalition was formed this year to respond to the growing and now critical, shortage of nurses in hospitals and other facilities in the state. Based on a study done in the spring, there is a vacancy rate of 12 per cent in North Carolina and expectations are that it will get worse. Nationally, hospitals are facing vacancy rates of 11 per cent.

The NURSING CARES forums will be held all over the state so that no North Carolinian will have to travel more than thirty miles to attend one. The cities where the forums will be held include Fayetteville, Greenville, Elizabeth City, Winston-Salem, Sylva, Asheville, Rocky Mount, Durham, Hickory, Charlotte, Wilmington, Whiteville, New Bern, Goldsboro, Boone and Raleigh.

In most cities the forums will be held more than once, generally at 12:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. and will last about two hours. The general public, as well as elected officials, will be invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

The forums will focus on the crucial shortage of registered nurses

in the state and possible solutions to that shortage. They will also address the controversial proposal made by the American Medical Association to introduce a minimally trained health care worker into hospitals and other institutions.

As part of the presentation and discussion, the panels will look at the impact of the shortage and the effect that suggested solutions will have on patients, their families, and other health care providers. They will look at the role health care consumers and citizens groups can play in helping resolve the shortage. The panels in each location will be made up of staff nurses, nurse educators, nurse administrators, and other registered nurses who have a special perspective on the nursing shortage.

The forums are part of an on-going campaign by several nursing organizations in the NURSING CARES coalition. Individual members are serving on the North Carolina Council on the Nursing Shortage, the Governor's Task Force on the Nursing Shortage, and the Legislative Study Commission on Nursing.

Nurses are taking an active role in developing plans to decrease the shortage and are anxious to share their success stories with other nurses and interested citizens across North Carolina.

The forum for this area will be at College of The Albemarle Auditorium - January 10, 1989 at 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## Holiday Island resident dies in auto wreck

Rural Road 1347 was the scene of a local man's death on Friday, December 30. William Abner Johnson, Jr., 36, of Holiday Island died from injuries sustained after being thrown from his car as it ran off the side of the road and turned over.

The N.C. Highway Patrol reported that Johnson was driving his 1985 Toyota car at a speed greater than 70 mph when he failed to negotiate a curve.

Johnson was thrown approximately 48 feet from his car as a result of hitting a ditch and overturning several times. Riding alone, Johnson was not wearing a safety belt.

Highway Patrol Trooper Y.Z. Newberry responded to the accident call at 4:25 a.m. Johnson was taken by ambulance to Chowan Hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival.

A native of Baxley, Georgia, he was the son of Mrs. Jewel Adams Hollar of Holiday Island and the late William Abner Johnson, formerly of Baxley, and the step-son

of Ned Hollar of Holiday Island. He was formerly employed with Lone Star Industries as an engineer on a tugboat.

Besides his mother and step-father, survivors include his wife, Lisa Austin Johnson; a son, Darrell Ned Johnson of Holiday Island; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mae Gillard of Baxley, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. Victor (Lynn) Minear of Virginia Beach, VA., Mrs. Donald (Vickie) Harrington of Baxley, Ga., and Miss Sherri Hollar of Lenior and a brother, Steve Johnson of Holiday Island.

Memorial services were held Sunday, January 1 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel On The Sound with the Rev. Wayne Jarrett officiating.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Friendship Church Cemetery in Baxley, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## IRS mails out tax forms

Over 2.8 million packets of federal income tax forms were mailed to North Carolinians on December 26, 1988. The tax packets were mailed to the address provided on your last year's federal income tax return.

With the exception of a few changes, the 1988 federal tax forms remain the same as last year. The instructions for Forms 1040A and 1040EZ were reorganized to make the language, charts and graphics easier to understand.

The Internal Revenue Service states that beginning January 3, 1989, the IRS will offer extended-hours of assistance on its toll-free lines. Taxpayers can get questions answered by calling 1-800-424-1040

between 8:00 AM and 5:45 PM Monday through Friday. Forms and publications can be ordered by calling 1-800-424-3676 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM Monday through Friday and from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturdays.

The IRS advises taxpayers to prepare their federal tax returns as early as possible. Employers are required to make Form W-2 available by January 31, 1989. Mortgage holders are required to provide the mortgagee with Form 1098, Mortgage Interest Statement, by the same date.

The IRS states that early filers will receive their tax refunds within three to five weeks.

## Hertford Saddle Club holds awards banquet, makes donation to Hertford Fire Department

Hertford Saddle Club concluded its show season with an awards banquet held on December 9. Awards were presented to members accumulating the most points in their divisions.

Overall High Point Champion was awarded to Dena White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Towe White. Dena has been riding for nine years, and has shown in both western and English classes.

Chad White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Towe White, earned the Youth Western Division trophy. Chad is a versatile horseman, and has shown on the district and state level.

The Youth English Division winner was Renae Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Owens. Renae has ridden for two years.

Jimmy Kirby received the Adult Division award. Jimmy has been active in area horse and pony clubs

for many years.

The Sportsmanship award went to Patsy Phelps. Patsy served as concession stand chairman for the 1988 show season.

According to club members, 1988 proved to be the largest show year ever, with people traveling for up to five hours to participate in the shows here.

The Hertford Saddle Club is a non-profit organization whose primary focus is on training youth. "Our goal is to help young riders," said Alvah Winslow, club president.

All proceeds from the shows are donated to organizations such as fire departments, the rescue squad and local hospitals.

The Hertford Saddle Club show grounds are located on the Preston Nixon farm west of Hertford on Center Hill Highway.



Hertford Saddle Club President Alvah Winslow presents a check to Hertford Fire Chief Edgar Roberson. Each year the proceeds from the club's show season go to a worthy cause, according to Winslow.

## Hospital honors employees

Thirteen Albemarle Hospital employees were honored at the annual Retirement and 20 Year Service Party held on December 9. Associate Administrator Ernest Malcolm paid tribute to the employees and presented them with gifts. A reception followed for the honorees, fellow employees and guests.

Seven employees completing 20 years of service were: Laura Burgess, nursing service; Doris Brown, nursing service; Lydia Brown, laundry; Barbara Reid, di-

etary department; Delilian Chamblee, central services; Esther Johnson, nursing service; and Jeanette Riggs, personnel department.

Retirees being honored included: Mary Merritt, nursing service; Clarence Harney, dietary department; Gladys Vanscoy, nursing service; Betsy Smith, infection control; Lucille Bartlett, dietary department; and Shirley Godfrey, pharmacy.