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Briefs

Memory Lane Club to meet

The Memory Lane Senior Citizen Club will have a covered dish luncheon on Monday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Perquimans County Senior Center. Everyone attending should bring a gift. Gifts should be limited to around \$4.

Cancer Society sells books

The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is selling cookbooks. The recipes in the book come from all 100 of North Carolina's counties. About 75 percent of the \$7 cost of the book will be returned to the county. The cookbooks are available at Hertford Savings & Loan Association and Woodard's Pharmacy, or by calling 426-7850.

Live nativity scene set

Bethel Baptist Church will present a live nativity scene on Dec. 17, 18, 20, and 21 on their church lawn from 7-8 p.m.

Hertford PTA tonight

The Hertford Grammar School PTA will meet on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The second grade classes will present "Around the World at Christmastime."

Chorus concert planned

The PCHS Chorus Concert is planned for Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3:30 p.m. A variety of seasonal music will be performed under the direction of Lynwood Winslow.

Site menus announced

The Nutrition Site menu for the week of Dec. 17-21 is as follows:

Monday-Smoked Sausage, macaroni and cheese, buttered green peas, dinner roll, margarine, pineapple pieces, and milk.

Tuesday-Brunswick stew with chicken, cold pickled beets, green beans, crackers, margarine, chocolate cake with white icing, and milk.

Wednesday-Lasagna, tossed salad, corn, French bread, margarine, hot spiced apples, and milk.

Thursday-BBQ chicken, broccoli, blackeye peas, whole wheat bread, margarine, oatmeal cookie, and milk.

Friday-Battered fish portion, coleslaw, stewed potatoes, cornbread, margarine, fresh orange, and milk.

Clinics scheduled

The Perquimans County Health Department clinic schedule for December is as follows: Dec. 17 Prenatal a.m., family planning p.m., Dec. 18 WIC all day, Dec. 19 Child health a.m., Dr. Slade p.m. Dec. 20 Adult health all day, Dec. 21 General p.m., WIC all day.

Please remember, all clinics are held on an appointment basis and there is a charge for services based on income.

Boosters sell tickets

The Perquimans County Special Olympics Booster Club is selling raffle tickets for \$1 each. First prize is a VCR donated by Atlantic Satellite Systems; second prize is a \$50 savings bond donated by Centura Bank; third prize is an AM/FM clock radio donated by Lowe's. The drawing is set for Thursday, Dec. 20.

For more information, contact Kathy Ansink at Hertford Grammar School or Vanessa McPherson at 264-3539.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NEWS RELEASES 3:00 PM
RETAIL ADVERTISING 3:00 PM
CLASSIFIED & LEGALS 3:00 PM

MONDAY PRIOR TO THURSDAY PUBLICATION PERQUIMANS WEEKLY
119 W. Grubb St.
426-5728
8 AM-5 PM, MON-FRI.

Local educators work to raise SAT scores

The Perquimans County School System has taken steps to improve SAT scores, according to county testing director Paul Ward.

For about 18 months, a committee comprised of mathematics teacher Kathleen Brickhouse, English teacher Kay Whitley, and guidance counselor Elaine Pritchard has worked to raise scores locally. The educators have attended numerous workshops and meetings, gathered SAT materials used in school systems in other states, and worked with students both in and out of the classroom. Media center coordinator Victor Eure has worked with the group to secure computer software to aid students preparing to take the SAT.

"Many hours beyond the regular work day have been spent in these endeavors," Ward said. "Few people have been aware of the efforts on their (the committee members) part, but the students who have been helped know and appreciate these teachers."

Ward told the board of education last Monday night that the emphasis on higher SAT scores has been successful.

"Elaine Pritchard shared the October SAT results with me, and I

must say that they were impressive," Ward told the board. "Of 16 identified seniors who took the October SAT administration for at least the second time, 12 improved in verbal and nine improved in math. Score increases ranged from 20 to 120 points."

Perquimans students' October SAT scores ranked No. 1 in the region. The average scores were 100 points above the state average and 41 points over the national average.

The most outstanding success came on the math section of the test. "A rarity for the SAT administration was a perfect score of 800 on the mathematical section by Sarah Winslow," Ward said.

Winslow has taken algebra I, geometry, algebra II, and is presently enrolled in advanced math. She has participated in several math contests on a regional and state level.

Pritchard told the board that one of the major obstacles to improving SAT scores is having no control over who takes the test. She said that sometimes those students who do not perform well have not prepared for the test by taking the higher math courses. Also, she related, students in Perquimans until recently began taking algebra in



Sarah Winslow

the ninth, rather than eighth, grade. Many other systems have offered algebra I at the junior high level for several years, which meant students there had more math before initially taking the SAT.

Finally, Pritchard said, SAT

scores in North Carolina are compared to the national average, but without sufficient explanation. She said that students west of the Mississippi River generally take the ACT, rather than SAT. The students from the western states who take the SAT are generally those students applying to Ivy League colleges, and therefore are top students.

Pritchard told the board that over 50 students have participated in after-school SAT preparation workshops at the high school over the past one and one-half years learning both math and verbal strategies involved in the SAT.

Now much of the workshop information is being integrated into regular curriculum, Pritchard said. Help is also available through SAT resources in the media center.

Perquimans teachers also encourage students to attend the free preparation workshops held at Elizabeth City State University about one week prior to each SAT administration. In addition, Camden High School has invited Perquimans students to attend their work sessions.

Whitley and Brickhouse gave board members an overview of the work being done in their depart-

ments to better prepare students for the SAT.

Whitley said that verbal scores are more difficult to improve than math scores. She said that teachers in the English department have designed course work which will help students be more prepared for the SAT, such as stressing vocabulary, implementing required reading lists, asking more SAT-type questions on regular tests, practicing sentence completions, and reviewing grammar and composition. The instructors also work on higher-level thinking skills.

Making students aware of the types of math problems they will see on the SAT is a part of the math program, said Brickhouse. Practice tests, workshops, and other study materials are utilized. She said the average math score for the 26 students who took the SAT in October was 505.4. The average score for the 13 advanced math students was 589.2.

Ward said he is pleased with the efforts of the faculty and the progress of the students in raising SAT scores.

"There are still the winter and spring administrations yet to occur," he said, "but we are excited about what is happening at Perquimans High School."

Channel 1: good show

The controversial Channel 1 programming has received positive reviews at Perquimans High School, according to media center coordinator Victor Eure.

"I think the responses (to the programming) have been overwhelmingly positive," Eure told board of education members last Monday night.

Channel 1 offers news and relevant information to students at Perquimans High School in daily 12-minute segments. The features are timely, Eure said, referring to recent segments on Iraq and Kuwait. Eure said the Middle East programming dealt with cultures and the issues surrounding the United States' involvement in the Persian Gulf.

Each day there is a theme to the programming. "That theme is usually relevant to our curriculum," Eure said. One theme centered around advertising. Eure said that teachers could incorporate advertising into classroom studies in most subject areas, including English, economics and art.

He added that advertisements, the major cause of the Channel 1 controversy in North Carolina, had been tasteful and often made positive statements to students. "They have donated much of their commercial time...to drop out prevention ads and drug abuse prevention ads," Eure said.

Another big plus for the school system is the availability of the two VCRs and one 19-inch color TV for every 23 students installed by Channel 1. Also, most of the programs give the school system unlimited rights to programming, so the media center is able to increase its video library. If a teacher needs resources on a particular subject, the tapes are available for use.

"I think the teachers see it as a long-term benefit," Eure commented.

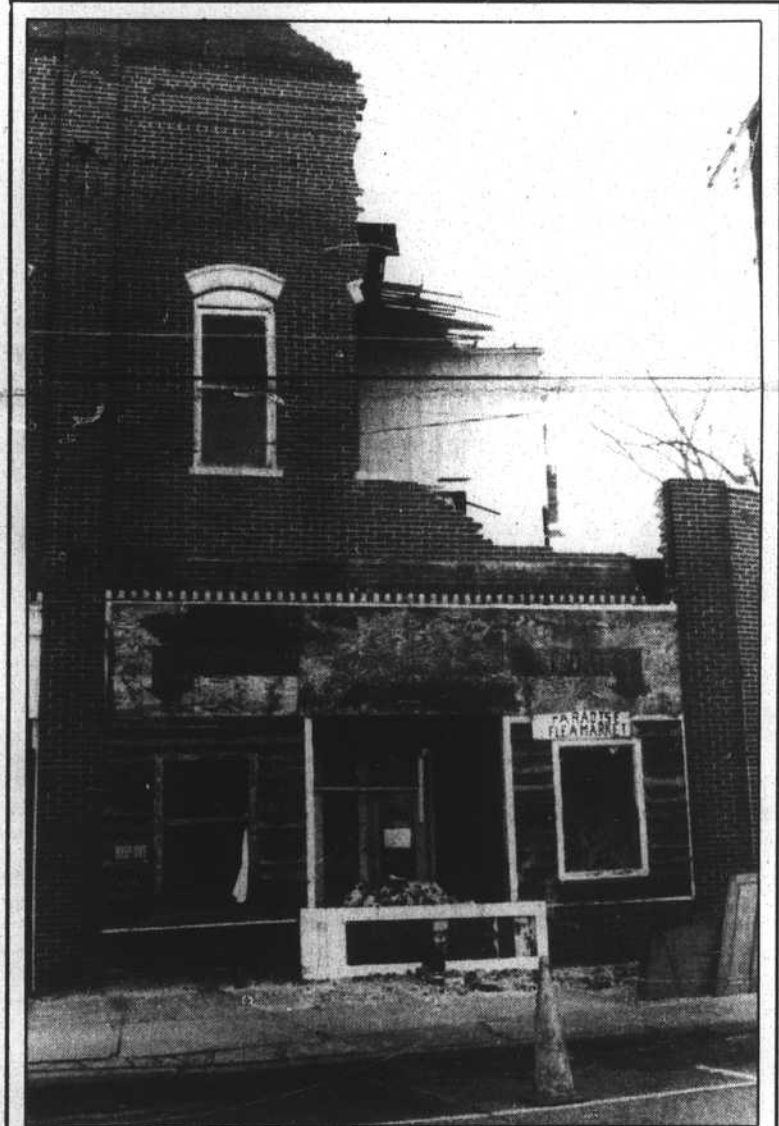


Photo by Susan Harris

Coming down

The walls of the Broughton building on the corner of Market and Church streets have finally begun to come down. The condition of the building caused the town of Hertford to begin foreclosure proceedings against former owners Claude and Alma Brinn. The building was purchased last month by Mary Lucille Broughton Johnson, and demolition work began soon after the papers were filed with the register of deeds.

Council debates plans for police station

Where and when to rebuild the police station sparked spirited debate among Hertford town councilmen Monday night.

Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox presented four bids to the council for tearing down the structure, leaving the floor and foundation in tact. The bids were: Tildon Whitehurst \$9,500; Jack Hurdle \$5,350; Fred Sawyer \$1,820, and Owens Landscaping \$1,500. The council awarded the project to Owens Landscaping.

Cox also reviewed a plan discussed Monday by representatives of the town, the town of Winfall, and the county to study the feasibility of jointly constructing a building which would house the law enforcement departments of all three bodies. Each government entity was to discuss appointing two representatives to a study committee at their next meetings.

Councilman John Beers said he felt that the council should enter executive session to discuss the issue before appointing members to the committee.

"There's no need to appoint anyone if we're not interested," he said. He added that there may be matters that councilmen should discuss in executive session relating to the committee which should not be discussed at an open meeting.

Councilman Erie Haste said that he felt that the mayor should go forward with plans to replace the building "with all possible and reasonable speed." He said that at this time, he feels the building should be rebuilt in the same location with plans to house the police department,

Chamber of Commerce, and license bureau. "Ultimately, I think the police department will come out of there," Haste added.

Haste suggested that Cox gather information on the cost of reconstructing the building.

Councilman Jesse Harris said that he doesn't feel the town should rebuild on the present site, but that he wanted to know how Hertford residents feel about moving versus rebuilding on the site.

"We don't have the money to put it anywhere else," Haste said.

"You're jumping too fast," Harris countered. He added that he doesn't think the town should spend any money on plans until a decision has been reached on where to locate the building.

"We're only getting figures," councilman Billy Winslow stated.

"I think there's a certain amount of preliminary work that I can do that won't cost anything," Cox said. He stated that he would gather some preliminary figures to present to the board.

"I'm strong that it shouldn't go back here," Harris said, pointing to the former police station.

After the discussion, the council appointed Cox to the law enforcement building study committee, and authorized him to appoint the second member.

In other business, the council: unanimously approved a \$2,000 donation to the Perquimans County High School band to be used for their trip to Florida.

authorized town attorney Walter Edwards Jr. to study a Raleigh satellite dish ordinance and make a recommendation to the board concerning an ordinance dealing with the location of satellite dishes.

set up a meeting with Billy White to discuss Beech Grove Development.

Beamon is chief judge

Chief Justice James G. Exum Jr., of the State Supreme Court has appointed District Court Judge Grafton G. Beamon of Elizabeth City as Chief District Court Judge in the First Judicial District.

Judge Beamon, who has been on the District Court bench since 1974, succeeds Judge John T. Chaffin of Elizabeth City, who retires this year.

"Judge Beamon is well qualified by experience and temperament to carry out his new responsibilities in an equitable and efficient manner," Chief Justice Exum commented in announcing the appointment.

Chief District Court Judges by law are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

As Chief District Court judge, Judge Beamon will assume extensive administrative duties, including arranging court sessions,

assigning judges, supervising the calendaring of non-criminal matters and supervising his District's Magistrates.

The First District includes Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties.

Judge Beamon earned a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1963 and his law degree from the UNC Law School in 1966. He was in the private practice of law in Elizabeth City before he went on the bench.

The Judge has been active in civic affairs in the Elizabeth City area as well as in matters involving the legal profession.

Judge Beamon is an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City and has served the Diocese of East Carolina since 1974 as a licensed Lay Reader.

Partners With Youth to close tomorrow

The Perquimans-Chowan Partners With Youth, the Governor's One-On-One Volunteer program, will officially close tomorrow.

With the establishment of the organization, said board member Diane Hooftagle, a hope, a dream was born. This program was designed to offer an alternative to those youth involved with the juvenile court system by matching them with an adult volunteer. The volunteer would serve as a role model, a dependable friend who would help the youth to become an acceptable and responsible community citizen.

What began as a sincere and willing desire to help the youth of Perquimans and Chowan counties has become an extremely difficult challenge. This program is a voluntary, non-profit organization, partially funded through Social Services Block Grants. The balance of the funding was to be raised within the community from local businesses, churches and church groups, fund-raising projects, and individual contributions. Volunteers and Board members were to

be recruited from the community.

Some of life's hopes and dreams fight for life and manage to survive. Others, regardless of the struggle for life, die a slow and agonizing death. Partners with Youth has struggled for life since the very beginning. Every possible means available has been used to publicize and promote this program and its benefits to the youth within our community. Attempts to recruit sufficient adult volunteers to work with the youth have been unsuccessful, as well as attempts to maintain an active Board of Directors.

On Oct. 29, the Executive Director, Karen Dashiell-Ames, submitted her resignation to the President of the Board of Directors, effective Nov. 13. During her tenure as Executive Director, Dashiell-Ames worked diligently to bring this program up to the required state standards, and helped in numerous ways to promote this program within the community.

With the resignation of the Exec-

utive Director, the Board of Directors, at a called meeting on Nov. 6, voted to dissolve the Partners With Youth Program. There were a number of reasons cited by the Board for this decision: The program has been unable to meet the state requirements in terms of youth-adult matches; the lack of sufficient adult volunteers; the lack of sufficient community support from Perquimans and Chowan counties, and the Board of Directors has less than 10 active members.

Board members said they regretted having to dissolve this program, but said they were thankful that Partners With Youth has been able to help some of the youth in Perquimans and Chowan counties. The Board also said they appreciate to the volunteers who have given freely of their time and effort, as well as their talent and support of Partners With Youth. In addition, they said many area businesses, local churches, and the other individual contributors who contributed to the support of this program.