

School

Students earn savings bonds in essay contest

County businesses allowed the middle school prevocational program to distribute \$650 in U.S. Savings Bonds Friday during an awards ceremony.

Ten students earned savings bonds for performance in an essay contest held in conjunction with National Vocational Education Week. Students on all three grade levels wrote essays titled *Learning a Living: What It Means to Me*. Language arts teachers screened the essays and submitted the best three from their respective classes for judging.

Brandy Hollowell was overall winner for the sixth grade and received a \$100 savings bond. Sectional winners in the sixth grade were Shanita Bailey, Trey Lewis, Zachariah Brown and Natalie Long. Each student received a \$50 savings bond.

Matthew Leicester earned the top prize in the seventh grade. Kregan Winslow was the sectional winner.

In the eighth grade, Christy Davenport earned top honor. Mattie Hurdle, Brad Owens and Kenneth Nordstrom earned sectional designations.

All students who participated received certificates of recognition and vocational education memorabilia packets.

Essay judges were Perquimans High School teachers Mar-



Middle School Highlights
Compiled by school staff

ian Byrd, Kay Whitley, Linda Lassiter and Rita Roberts, and Perquimans Weekly editor Susan Harris. The essays bore no names, but were judged by number.

Businesses who contributed to the savings bonds were Layden's Supermarket, Albemarle EMC, attorney John V. Matthews, attorney J.C. Cole, Centura Bank, Hertford Hardware, NationsBank, Woodard's Pharmacy, Reed Oil Company, Dr. Jack Boone, COA associate professor Marvenia G. White, attorney Gary M. Underhill and Community Gas Service.

The program was conducted by Tony Overton, Elchia Daniels, Aisha White, Murray Taylor, Alan Mitchell, Mason Noordsy, Neil Eure and Dail Nixon, sixth grade keyboarding/typing teachers.

Virgie Whitehurst, keyboarding/typing teacher, and Henry Felton, co-principal, congratulated the students who participated in the essay contest,

and said they appreciated the support of the community.

House calls

The Perquimans County Middle School seventh grade teachers are beginning to bridge the gap between the school and the community by making home visits to parents. The teachers use their planning periods to go out, in teams of two, to reach the parents they feel may not be reached during PTSA, Teacher Workdays, or any other time designed for parents to visit the school.

The mission of Perquimans County Schools is to teach all the children. Keeping this mission in focus, the seventh grade teachers feel in order to educate the children one must make the parents aware of what's going on in the school academically and socially.

This feat that the PCMS seventh grade teachers undertook has been met with great success. We are now reaching approximately 90 percent of our parents through PTSA, workshops, and team efforts. The seventh grade team will continue to try methods to reach our parents so that they will be aware of what's happening with their child(ren) at PCMS.



Mrs. Virgie Whitehurst congratulated students earning savings bonds in the vocational education essay contest at Perquimans Middle School. Included (front to back, left to right) Brandy Hollowell, Natalie Long, Trey Lewis, Shanita Bailey, Kenneth Nordstrom, Christy Davenport, Kregan Winslow, Matthew Leicester, Mrs. Whitehurst, Mattie Hurdle, Brad Owens and Zachariah Brown. (Photo by Susan Harris)

ECSU to observe 102nd Founders' Day

Elizabeth City State University will observe its annual Founders' Day on Wednesday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m., in Moore Hall Auditorium. The guest speaker will be The Honorable Eva M. Clayton, North Carolina 1st District Congresswoman.

Mrs. Clayton brings to her new Congressional seat more than 25 years of work in both government and the private sector and 10 years of experience as an elected official.

In 1981, she founded her own management and consulting firm, Technical Resources International, Ltd. (TRI), specializing in economic development. She served as either corporate or project manager for all projects undertaken by the firm, including comprehensive planning, community development plans, community needs assessments, affirmative action plans, housing development planning, and market development. The firm primarily served local and state governments, small businesses, non-profit organizations and regional banks.

Before forming TRI, Eva Clayton was Assistant Secretary for Community Development with the NC Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, overseeing program management, policy development and administration of Special Programs for the Office of Community Development. She also supervised the Division of Community Assistance and Employment Training.

Prior to her work with the state, she served as Executive Director of the North Carolina Health Manpower Development Programs of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For 10 years, she served as a member of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, leading the board as Chairperson from 1982-1990. In 1990, she was named Outstanding North Carolina County Commissioner by fellow North Carolina County Commissioners.

Among the board's accomplishments under her leadership were the creation of an innovative rural health care facility to replace a financially failing hospital, economic development that attracted more than 900 jobs and \$55 million in investments, and securing bond funding for school renovation and construction.

She has been an active advocate for rural health care, housing assistance, and job training, and has served on numerous local, state and national boards to foster programs addressing these issues. She was recognized by the North Carolina Forum, NC Association of County Commissioners, and the NC League of Municipalities for promoting intergovernmental relations, and served as Chairperson of the Housing Steering Committee of the National Association of County Officials and President of the Housing Assistance Council, Washington, D.C. She has also served a member of the NC Fair

Housing Finance Agency, Fair Housing Commission, and Judicial Compensation Commission.

An active member of the Presbyterian Church, Eva Clayton traveled in 1991 to Berne, Switzerland to participate in an ecumenical consultation on the environment. On the local level, she fought to prevent rural areas, already suffering from economic deprivation, from becoming dumping grounds for our nation's hazardous waste.

Her life is rounded out by her family—her husband who is an attorney in Warrenton, four adult children who are pursuing their careers, and a grandson.

Eva Clayton holds a B.S. degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC and a M.S. degree from the North Carolina Central University in Raleigh. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law and Government Executive Institute, School of Business Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In conjunction with this year's Founders' Day observance, the Founders' Day Committee has deemed it appropriate at this time to dedicate two of the University's buildings. The Jimmy R. Jenkins Science Center and the E.V. Wilkins Academic Computing Center. The Dedication Ceremonies will take place immediately following the Found-

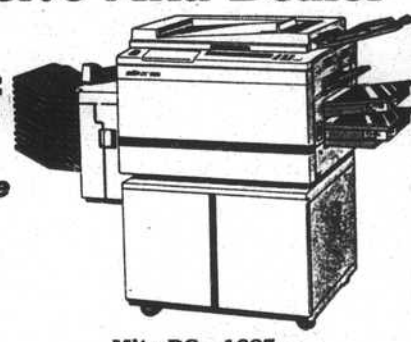
ers' Day program.

A pilgrimage to the gravesites of the University's founding fathers—Hugh Cale, Peter Weddick Moore, and John Henry Bias—will immediately follow the dedication ceremonies.

A Founders' Day luncheon, scheduled for 1:00 p.m., will be held in the University's K.E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center immediately following the pilgrimage and dedication ceremonies. A donation of \$7 per person is being requested to cover the cost of the luncheon.

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tests and teaches job seeking skills. Registration is held in room 218 of the C building in Elizabeth City from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Bridges Program is funded under the Job Training

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