

PCHS class of 1948 gathers for 50th reunion

Members of the Perquimans County High School Class of 1948 and their guests enjoyed a 50th reunion at Albemarle Plantation on Saturday, July 11.

After a social hour, class member Leon Lane gave the invocation prior to dinner.

Class president Howard Broughton presided over the program. Trafton Phillips, a class member who has enjoyed traveling, gave a short talk. Madelyn Phillips Long remembered departed class members and others dear to the class. Mary Julia Harrell Parrish read an interesting poem titled "The Class Reunion" that highlighted changes through the years. Remarks were made by each class member.

During the evening, those gathered shared family photographs and brought back high school memories browsing through yearbooks.

Jimmy Godwin took a class photograph and copies were delivered back to the reunion before the evening was over.

Letters were read from Jean Hurdle Vick of Windsor and Catherine Perry Layden of Virginia Beach, Va., from classmates unable to attend the reunion.

Those at the reunion included Laurastine Britton Phillips of DuBois, Penn.; Howard Broughton and wife, Pete, of Southern Pines; Doris Butt Carpenter of Great Falls, Va. and her sister, Norma Butt; Lillie Rae Chappell Askew of Eure and her sister, Paige Stallings; Peggy Cook Webb and Horace Webb of Point Harbor; Carl Dail and wife, Gail, of Creswell; Margie Davenport Sawyer and husband, Russell, of Suffolk, Va.; Mary Julia Harrell Parrish and husband, Yates, and Kathryn Lane Byrum and husband, Carroll, all of Edenton; Leon Lane and wife, Mickey, of Chesapeake, Va.; Edward Lane and wife, Betsy, of Cary; Trafton Phillips and wife, Joanne, of Hilton Head, S.C.; Reginald Tucker and wife, Maude of Emerald Isle; and



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Members of the PCHS Class of 1948 attending the July 11 reunion were (left to right, seated) Gaynell M. Gregory, Eloise G. Landing, Ventrice C. Sawyer, (first row) Kathleen W. Stokely, Peggy C. Webb, Leon Lane, Elizabeth B. Ward, Loraine H. Simpson, Laurastine B. Phillips, Doris B. Carpenter, Trafton Phillips, (second row) Mary Julia H. Parrish, Lillie Rae C. Askew, Howard Broughton, Anna Faye C. Stallings, Kathryn L. Byrum, Eula S. Smith, Margie D. Sawyer, Mayward Chappell, Madelyn P. Long, Catherine J. Markham, (back row) Reginald Tucker, Horace Webb, Edward Lane, Carl Dail, Maryland boyce, Emmett Elmore, John Ward and Chester Winslow.

Mayward Chappell and wife, Rita, of Hobbsville.

Attending from Elizabeth City were Maryland Boyce and

wife, Christine; Ventrice Chappell Sawyer and husband, William; Anna Faye Copeland Stallings and husband, Glenwood; and Catherine Jordan Markham and friend, Sharon Greene.

Those at the reunion from Hertford were Elizabeth Byrum Ward and John Ward; Emmett Elmore and wife, Jeannette; Eloise Godwin Landing and husband William "Bubba"; Madelyn Phillips Long and husband, Emmett; Eura Smith and son, Andy; Chester Winslow and wife, Peggy; Loraine Harris Simpson and husband, Lester; Gaynell Miller Gregory; and Kathleen White Stokely and husband, Ike.

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Information about U.S. government jobs is available free. Federal agencies and the U.S. Postal Service never charge application fees, or guarantee that an applicant will be hired. If positions require a competitive examination - and many do not - hiring agencies typically offer free sample questions to consumers who sign up for the exam.

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• The National Fraud Information Center (NFIC), a project of the National Consumers League, www.fraud.org.

• Your state attorney general, or your local Better Business Bureau.

Federal job information is available through the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's USA Jobs information system. Call the Raleigh office at (252) 790-2822.

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Booth rental space is \$40 for the 2 days. Rental is on a first come, first served basis. To receive an application and for additional information call Connie Brice at (919) 435-6461 or the Currituck Extension Office at (919) 232-2261.

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The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners hereby presents for sale to the highest bidder by sealed bids the following buildings and structures:

- 1) Farmhouse and outbuildings
- 2) 4 Grain bins

The buildings and grain bins listed above are located on County property known as Tract No. One of the Granby Properties, Inc., also known as the Perquimans Commerce Centre, on the northeast side of Harvey Point Road, S.R. 1336.

Bidders may submit separate bids on:

- 1) Farmhouse
- 2) Each outbuilding; and
- 3) Each grain bin.

or they may submit a single bid on the total of the buildings and grain bins. All bids must be received at the office of the County Manager of Perquimans County in the Perquimans County Courthouse by 2:30 p.m. on August 17, 1998 and will be opened at that time in the Office of the County Manager. The bids will be presented to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners during the regular meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on September 8, 1998.

A cash deposit of 5% of each bid shall be required of the highest bidder or highest bidders at the time of the acceptance of the bid. The balance of the bid price shall be due and payable in cash at a closing to be held within 30 days of the acceptance of the bid at a time and place to be designated by the County Attorney for Perquimans County at which time the deposit will be applied to the bid price. Perquimans County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All buildings and grain bins purchased must be removed from the property referred to above within the 90 day period immediately following closing.

If any bidder shall fail to comply with his bid, his cash deposit shall be deemed forfeited and shall be retained by the County.

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