

Poet's Corner

Little Girl And The Golden-Rod

The pale days come, cold and stormy-  
The man in the moon sails by on gossamer wings  
We all like the fall, with its fine fresh air and cool brisk  
nights-  
There's soft music in the air-  
When the fall days come-  
There soft music in the air-  
Here by the side of the road alone-  
with nobody near for company  
bloomed a lonely Golden-Rod.  
By the side of a dusty country road all by its self alone  
With nobody for company but a dusty stone.

Bloomed a Golden Rod.

How in the world did I happen to bloom- by myself all alone.  
down the road a little Girl skipped lightly with her skirt  
blowing lively in the breeze.

She stopped and picked the Golden Rod up  
and kissed him and said I will carry you home with  
me.

I see, said the Golden-Rod- this is the place I was meant to  
bloom - by the edge of the road by myself alone.

I love you Golden-Rod she said - as she kissed him and took  
him home with her - In a colored vase was his home.

From the window the trees in the apple orchards turned red  
and yellow and bent their heads to the ground.

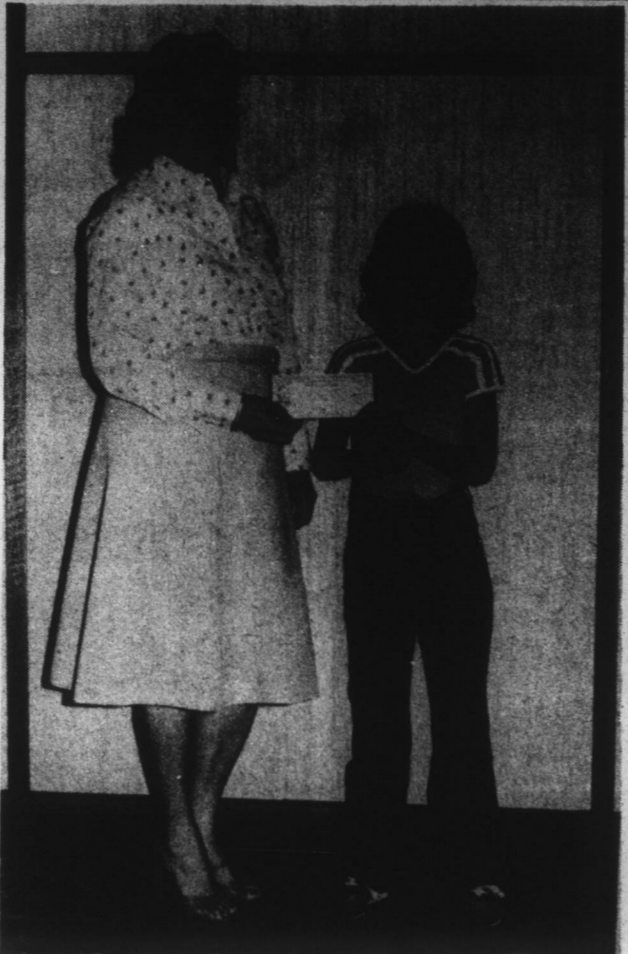
Where the Golden-rod lived on the window sill- the rose  
garden greeted him everyday - with the breath of life - the  
world was the color of a picture- the little girl kissed the  
Golden-Rod by the light of the moon - you will never have  
to be alone again - she said.

Outside the window-sill the Golden Rod sprinkled its seeds,  
only to live again and again, - year after year-

To be filled with kindness and love by the little girl -  
The man in the pale moon sails by on gossamer wings - and  
the apple trees bend their heads down - the sky - lark rises  
sharply upward in its swift flight - a lazy fox skulks behind  
a country fence - having lost his supper - the golden rod  
and little girl was happy as the vast vault of the sky seems  
to spread over the earth-and the butterfly skipped from  
rose to rose- all was at peace-

From her window many years later the sun softly glisten on  
the silver in her hair-

A shining tear appears as she looks down at the golden rod-  
from her childhood - the vividness of colors - the pastel  
shades of yellow and gold was still there.



RECEIVES \$50 SAVINGS BOND — Faye Tarkington, left of the Taylor Theater, is shown presenting a \$50 savings bond to 11-year-old Laura Brewin of Hertford. Miss Brewin received 1st place honor in the "Fox and Hound" coloring contest that recently took place. Buffy Baker of Edenton took 2nd place, while Kevin Wright of Edenton received 3rd place honors.

Unemployment Funds Recovered

RALEIGH — During the first six months of 1981, the anti - fraud unit of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission recovered 69.8 per cent, or \$99,548.00, of last year's total.

Ron P. Hawks, Chief Claims Investigator, expects his 14-person unit to recover \$199,774.40 by the end of 1981. This is 40.0 per cent or \$57,078.40 more than the \$142,696.00 recovered in 1980.

Hawks said the prosecution and conviction of persons involved in fraud has also improved this year. For the entire year 1980, investigations found 480 fraud cases of which 295 were prosecuted and 287 convicted (97.0 per cent). From January through June 1981, there were 178 prosecutions and 164 convictions (92.0 per cent) of the total 396 fraud cases.

He said additional effectiveness can be expected as a result of several new changes in investigative procedures which began earlier this month. The changes will cut out unnecessary paperwork for the claims investigators who currently average 42 completed investigations per month. Hawks said he expected his unit to be able to accomplish a total of 150 to 200 investigations a month per investigator.

"Technological advances have enabled us to now pinpoint potential fraud much earlier than ever before," Hawks said. "Employer participation and cooperation have helped establish exact employment and termination dates for workers. And support by the

judicial system has been extremely effective in stemming the misuse of unemployment insurance funds."

Shriners To Hold Annual Fish Fry

The Chowan County Shrine Club will sponsor a fish fry at the Scout Hut in Edenton on September 12. This will be for the benefit of the Shriner's Crippled Children's hospitals. The fish fry will begin at 11 A.M. and will last until 7 P.M.

Helping children in need is a challenge the Shrine has accepted. The first Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children devoted to orthopedics was opened in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 16, 1922. Since that time, the number of Orthopedic Units, Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children has expanded to 18, 15 of these in the continental U.S., one in Canada, one in Hawaii, and one in Mexico.

There have been approximately 310,704 operations performed by the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children in the past 56 years. Of these, more than 200,700 children have been cured or substantially helped, with up to 8,000 new cases being handled each year. Since Shriners Hospitals have been established, an approximate total of \$372,000,000 has been spent by the Shriners for their operation and research.

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