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Recent changes in state and federal laws provide some help for a divorced woman in getting her fair share of jointly held property. And these new laws can also help widows get some relief from estate taxes.

Even so, it's advisable for a wife to own the following items in her name: her car, half of the property the couple acquires during marriage; and property she brought to the marriage; at least one bank account; a credit card in her own name and some capital that's been invested in securities or a savings account.

If the married woman doesn't work outside the home, it becomes especially important that she have some property listed in her name alone. This gives her some recognition for her contributions to the family and places a monetary value on her services to the family.

Having some financial assets of her own also provides a married woman with

a measure of security should the couple divorce or simplify estate settlement should her husband die.

Here's another thing to think about: Federal and state inheritance taxes will often be less following the deaths of both husband and wife, if the sizes of their individual estates are about equal. In most cases today the husband's estate is much larger than the wife's and the taxes that are levied against his estate are much larger than they would be on hers.

As with all rules, there is an exception. The major exception to holding property individually might be a jointly held income. Having a home in joint ownership by the entirety provides greater security during a marriage and provides for individual ownership by one spouse should the other die.

A final reminder. If you do hold any property in your own right, be sure you have a valid will.

Weyerhaeuser Highlights

Jon Meyer has been named Region Transportation/Purchasing Manager for Weyerhaeuser Company's North Carolina Region, according to Region Vice President, Norm Johnson, who made the announcement. In this position, Meyer will be responsible for transportation and purchasing activities in the Region. He will assume his new responsibilities on March 14 and will report directly to Johnson.

Before accepting this new assignment, Meyer was Region Transportation Manager. He joined Weyerhaeuser Company on August 31, 1976 as a Raw Materials Analyst in Tacoma, Washington and held several positions there before coming to the N.C. Region in March 1981.

Meyer received his MBA at Oregon State University in 1976. He is a Major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, is a member of the Transportation Committee of the Washington, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce and is active in various community activities in Beaufort County. Meyer, his wife, Yvonne, and two daughters, Michelle and Danielle, reside in Washington.

On March 2, the Plymouth Lumber Planer Mill crew established another new daily 2x4 productivity record by finishing an average of more than 33,160 board feet per hour.

The record was established with an outstanding 67 per cent production of No. 2 and better grade lumber, which made it the "Best day ever for the planer", according to Bob Andrews, a Plymouth Wood Products Manager.

Nellie G. Perry of

Williamston, a Secretary in the Pulp Technical Department of the Plymouth Fiber Group retired this month.

Perry joined the company in 1965 and had more than 28 years of service.

One Weyerhaeuser employee from the North Carolina Region will be honored this month for 20 years service with the company. He is C.E. Respass from Ernlund and is employed at the New Bern Pulp Mill.

Prevention Conference

The 1983 North Carolina/South Carolina Primary Prevention Conference will be held on March 27-30 at the Mission Valley Inn in Raleigh. The event is being sponsored by a variety of public health, government, civic, and volunteer agencies involved in the field of preventive health.

"The overall purpose of the conference is to encourage healthy lifestyles as a way to prevent health problems from occurring in the future," according to John Griswold, program manager in the North Carolina Department of Human Resources' Adult Health Services Section. "With scarce resources and the high cost of health care, it's more important than ever that we teach people how to take better care of themselves."

The conference will offer health professionals, volunteers, and interested citizens a series of workshops and presentations dealing with nutrition, volunteerism, computer technology, self-help groups, and more.

Further information can be obtained by contacting John Griswold, Adult Health Services, P.O. Box 2091, Raleigh, N.C. 27602, (919) 733-2775.

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Still Meadow

By Sarah Harrell Trexler
The cherry trees in the edge of the meadow are ready to burst into bloom. I broke forsythia and daffadils and hung a nice big Boston fern on my sunporch. Sure signs of spring. Well, Andy mentioned snow and it looks more like snow than spring.

You can almost hear the grass grow and robins and cardinals are everywhere - a time of change. The rye on the rise beyond the meadow is no longer frozen into clumps, with the bare, cold earth showing. It is growing. The warm rain and wind of a few days ago has given it a new lease on life. It is tall and blowing in the wind.

Then old Andy mentioned snow again and presto - it looks more like snow than spring.

I hung some dish towels on the clothesline yesterday and they are still there today. They remind me of a snatch of verse that I read somewhere a long time ago:

I hung my dish towels on the line, all tell tale gray and murky and lo, it snowed and they became the softest whitest turkish!

We shall see.
Suzanne, my number one granddaughter is due to arrive today and John is always around to be snowed in.

No one needs to catch my newly caught cold, but I sure could use some company.

Tardy, slow winter seems to be pushing spring away.

Winter sure has the upper hand this morning. There must be good pickings in the wet grass. Robins are out there - all fluffed up against the cold wind. There must be dozens in the cherry trees. I hope they leave some of the buds to blossom.

Well, the dish towels are still out there. They never were murky - they have not yet become turkish - they are just whipped by the wind. Old Zhivago would say, badly wrung and badly hung.

Not so - they just have to wait their turn for attention. The ten day virus the Doctor says I have comes first - leaves first too, I hope.

The end of another week has come and the virus is about gone. So was I.

The weather is wonderful March weather - stormy - blowing - lifting the sap loose and buds popping out on the cherry and peach trees. Birds chirping and the grass is growing.

Sure would like a day dry enough for Lee to plow my garden. I need to plant my green peas and my potatoes before Good Friday.

A cardinal just flew past and hopped into the cherry tree - I made my wish - for a dry day.

Ordination Services

Ordination services will be held Sunday, March 27th at the Ryans Grove Baptist Church for Trustee Haywood Bond. He will be ordained as a Deacon, in the service which starts at 4:00 P.M. Rev. Mills and the Warrens Grove Baptist Church will render the ordination service. The public is invited to attend.

Methodist Topic

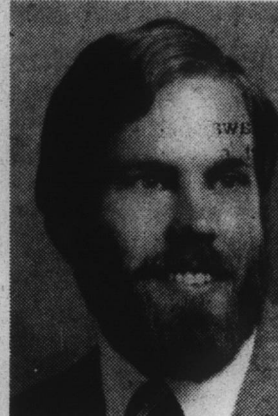
"Thank God" is the sermon topic selected by Rev. R. R. Blankenhorn for the morning worship service at eleven o'clock on Palm Sunday, March 27, at the Edenton United Methodist Church. The text for this message is II Corinthians 9:15.

The Pastor's Confirmation Class will be received into the membership of the church on profession of faith, Sunday, March 27, 11 A.M.

The Building Committee will meet briefly immediately following the worship service on Sunday morning, March 27.

The UMYF/EYC will meet at the church at 6 P.M. Sunday, March 27, for supper and program.

Holy Week Services, a joint effort by several churches in Edenton, will take place each day at twelve o'clock (noon) at St. John's Episcopal Church, Church Street, Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1. The public is cordially invited to these 30 minute worship services.



AWARDS DINNER

Assistant State Labor Commissioner Charles Jeffress presented the labor department's annual awards for outstanding safety achievement to employees and management of 35 firms from a five-county area at a dinner in Elizabeth City, Wednesday March 23rd.

N.C. Symphony Membership Meeting

The annual general membership meeting of the Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony will be held Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 P.M. in the fourth floor conference room of the Chowan county office building. On the agenda will be a discussion of this year's visit by the symphony, consideration of next year's visit, and the election of officers and new members to the board of directors.

Mary Rhea Gardner, president, is urging anyone with an interest in this ongoing effort to bring the symphony to Edenton to attend the meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to offer help or suggestions for the coming year. This year's sell-out crowd has generated renewed enthusiasm among symphony members and local citizens alike. Your support is needed to continue this excellent program of special concerts for Chowan county school children as well as the evening performance.

In limited House action, the House passed one bill which provides reenlistment bonuses for members of the Armed Forces. The arguments for such legislation is the fact that this method enables the military services to "target" additional compensation to critical skills. The bonuses

"The art of pleasing consists in being pleased."
William Hazlitt

The Washington Report

by
Congressman Walter B. Jones

Since coming to Congress, one of the trademarks of our office has been immediate replies to all of our mail, and it is a record of which we are very proud. As some of you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives has its own post office and since January with the flood of mail regarding the withholding of savings dividends and other controversial issues such as the nuclear freeze and the social security bill, the volume of mail has reached an unprecedented level. Therefore, if you have written us and experienced some delay in receiving a reply, it is not our fault, but rather the circumstances concerning the flood of mail at the House Post Office. To substantiate this trend, the figures speak for themselves: in 1972, 40 million pieces of mail were delivered to the House of Representatives; last year, 1982, it reached 145 million. During the last month, the Postmaster reports that 500,000 to 800,000 pieces of mail were received daily. So, I hope to those of you who have been a little disappointed in our replies, that this explains the reason. An example of this is that Congressman Charlie Whitely mailed me a notice of a Committee meeting to be held on February 14. The notice was dated February 1, and I only received it on February 15. Congressman Whitely's office is located on the first floor of the building which I occupy, while my office is on the second floor. Please do not let this condition stop anyone from contacting our office if you feel the need to do so.

In other action the House authorized \$2.5 million for the National Trails System Act of 1968. Of interest to people in North Carolina is that one of the existing trails is in the National; Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina, and I am happy to report that this legislation named this particular trail in honor of the former Congressman Roy Taylor, who served the 11th District of North Carolina so ably for a number of years.

On Wednesday, March 16 the House met at 10 A.M. in a continuous session until 11:30 P.M. The legislation under consideration was the Nuclear Arms Control Act, which is a joint Resolution calling for a mutual and verifiable freeze on and reduction in nuclear weapons. This, of course, is designed to bring this nation and Russia to a conference in an effort to stop the mad race on the part of both nations to arm

themselves with nuclear implements of war. It is important to note that this is a bilateral approach and both nations would have to agree to stop further development of nuclear weapons. The verifiable means that both nations would have the right to inspect the other nation's nuclear weapons systems. The nuclear race in addition to being dangerous to the future and safety of practically the entire world, is extremely costly to both this nation and Russia. I am not sure that this legislation, if and when enacted, will serve the purpose for which it is designed; nevertheless, I think it is worth a chance. If the mutual and verifiable agreement is not reached, then, of course, no treaties will be signed. The House will conclude debate on this issue prior to the Easter recess which begins on March 24.

Appreciation Week
The Parent Teacher Association has designated this week, March 21-25, 1983 as Teacher Appreciation Week to call attention to the dedication, patience and work of teachers across the state. The organization is urging parents to send a note of appreciation to the teachers of their children. The Edenton-Chowan Schools plan to recognize each teacher during this very special week.

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