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County 4-H Health Pageant Conducted Here Last Thursday

The Annual Health Pageant and Talent Show was held last Thursday at the County Agricultural Building with 150 people attending.

The Health Pageant began with a special piano arrangement by Franklin McGoogan. Dr. Allen Bonner spoke on "The Importance of the Health Program". He crowned Miss Carolyn Faye Rogerson as queen, and Vernon Winslow as king of the 1961 Health Pageant. Miss Ann Nowell and Mike Winslow were crowned princess and prince. Miss Nancy Mathews and Timothy Baker were the junior princess and prince, representing P. C. Grammar School. Miss Carolyn White and Joe Towe White were junior princess and prince representing Hertford Grammar School.

Miss Joyce Banks and Mike Winslow represented the 8th grade 4-H club. As the king and queen, princess and prince walked in to the lovely staged garden scene, thus began the 4-H Talent in the Kingdom's Court. Miss Rogerson wore a white ruffled evening gown carrying an arm spray of fox glove and fern. Miss Nowell wore a light green ensemble, carrying a nosegay of roses and sweet williams.

The announcement by Congressman Bonner did not reveal details as to the agency of the government intending to use the site for a training program but Bonham stated there is an agency which desires to use the facility in addition to the new plan he announced being considered by the Navy Department.

Both the announcement by Bonner and Bonham indicated the program will be small scale. However, this was welcome news by local residents inasmuch as any activity at Harvey Point is expected to give some boost to the local economy.

It was learned by this reporter on Tuesday an engineering firm has been given the green light to proceed with some work at the base probably in anticipation of its future use.

Mayor V. N. Darden stated Tuesday he had not received additional news concerning the base operation other than the original report from Congressman Bonner, but that he was pleased to learn it now appears the facility will be put to some use which may result in some benefit to Hertford and Perquimans County.

King Street PTA In Final Meeting

The PTA of the King Street Elementary School held its final meeting Monday night. The president, Mrs. Daisy Perkins, presided, assisted by J. Collins, vice president. Devotion consisted of "America," and prayer by C. T. Felton.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved and adopted. Mrs. Annie Rodgers gave a report of the dinner sale which was termed a success. Mrs. Aline Jones gave a report of the PTA social. It was decided to donate \$25 from the PTA treasury to the Boy Scout organization to aid in the trip to be taken to New Mexico in August.

A nominating committee was appointed by the president to compile a list of officers in September for the 1961-62 school year. The president expressed her appreciation for the cooperation given her this term. Dewey Newby, principal, made remarks. He thanked all parents, friends and patrons for the support and services rendered. Graduation exercises for the eighth grade will be held Tuesday, May 30, at 8:00 P. M. in the school activity room.

Many Methodists in this area are expected to attend these services and the Commission on Methodism and Evangelism of the First Methodist Church of Hertford plans to promote a service at the church for the Thursday

Methodist Church To Observe Loyalty Sunday On May 28

Sunday, May 28 is Loyalty Sunday at First Methodist Church, Hertford, climaxing six weeks of intensive concentration on the program of the church for the 1961-62 Conference year. "Acknowledge God's Priority" has been the emphasis of the past six weeks, as preparation for the Every Member Canvass and Loyalty Sunday have been made.

On Friday night, May 26, all members of the Official Board and the Visitation Teams for the Every Member Canvass will join in a supper meeting at 6:30 P. M. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The purpose of this meeting is to complete plans for Sunday's activities and to coordinate the visitation program with the Official Board's adoption of the program for the coming year.

At Sunday morning's eleven o'clock service, the minister, the Rev. James A. Auman, will preach on "D-Day," and will recognize committees who have been working on the Every Member Canvass. There will be a brief commissioning service for the visitation teams. Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, these teams will visit every Methodist Church home to secure pledges for the support of next year's program. Church members are being requested to remain at home Sunday afternoon until a canvass visitor has called at their home. The Official Board has made a special request that every church member attend Sunday morning church service as a part of their response to the efforts of the Board to bring the canvass to a successful conclusion.

Henry C. Stokes and Charles Harrell are general chairmen of this year's Every Member Canvass; serving with them have been R. L. Hollowell and Tal. (Continued on Page Three)

Mrs. Dora Riddick Honored By Club

Mrs. Dora T. Riddick was elected Club Woman of the Year by the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club at the installation banquet held recently at the First Methodist Church.

In presenting Mrs. Riddick the award, Mrs. Betty Swindell brought out that during the past year Mrs. Riddick, an outstanding member since joining the club, had served as Program Co-ordinator, Chairman and worked up the details of the "Course in Political Science" which the club sponsored for nine weeks last fall. She also served as the club's scrapbook chairman and music chairman.

Mrs. Ruby Blythe of Rocky Mount, a past State BPW president, installed the officers for the new year. She spoke briefly on the state program, "Dimensions in Democracy," and called attention to the fact that open house would be observed at the State BPW headquarters in Chapel Hill on June 17. Officers installed were: Miss Hulda Wood, president; Mrs. Essie Burdette, first vice president; Mrs. Roxanna Jackson, second vice president; Miss Thelma Elliott, recording secretary; Mrs. Marie Elliott, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Alice Owens, treasurer.

During the program Mrs. Roxanna Jackson spoke on BPW membership and presented each member a golden lock and key. Mrs. Mary Dale Lane sang "I'll Walk With God." The following guests were recognized: Miss Hazel Strickland of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Reba Owens, Mrs. Thelma Nixon, Mrs. Reanna Turner and Mrs. Mary Ann



WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS—This patrolman is snapping sequence pictures from his prowler car of the white station wagon which has just ignored a "left turn only" sign. Photos from the German-made camera unit, called Traffipax, will be used as evidence when the driver appears in court. The rig is marketed in the United States by Minneapolis-Honeywell.

Feed Grain Participation In State Average Half Of Nation

The average number of acres diverted from production of corn and grain sorghums under the 1961 Feed Grain Program in North Carolina is exactly one-half of the average on farms throughout the nation. According to A. P. Hassell, Jr., Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, the average farm in North Carolina will divert a total of 11 acres from the production of corn or grain sorghums as of the report for the week ending May 12. The average diversion per farm throughout the nation as of a week earlier, May 5, is 22 acres.

The average per farm payment for this diversion in North Carolina is somewhat better than half of the average payment for the nation. For North Carolina the average advance 1/2 payment for participating in the feed grain program through May 12 was \$158, while through May 5 for the nation was \$288.

During the first four weeks through May 12, of the sign-up under the 1961 Feed Grain Program, 37,122 farms in North Carolina had signed up to participate in the program. This week's report shows an increase of 62,135 acres from the 341,728 acres of diversion being reported under the program last week.

Hassell further reported that 383,454 acres of corn and 20,409 acres of grain sorghums on the "participating" farms had been signed up for diversion to a conservation use.

The cooperating farms have 1,059,000 base acreage totaling 702,397 acres for corn and 29,985 acres for grain sorghums. For all farms signed, advance payments under provisions permitting about half of the payments to be made this spring come to \$5,854,431. This represents a total possible payment for these farms of approximately \$13 million.

Hassell urged corn and grain sorghum farmers who feel that they might be interested in the program to get in touch with their local ASC county office. It is important that North Carolina farmers cooperate in the 1961 Feed Grain Program. A high percentage of participation by North Carolina farmers and farmers throughout the nation will indicate the willingness of farmers to assist the Department of Agriculture in design and administering farm programs for the benefit of all farmers and all consumers.

Winners Named In Bus Rodeo

The Sixth Annual District School Bus Rodeo, composed of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Gates, Camden, Currituck and Dare, was held at Harvey Point May 16.

First place winner in the girls' division was Jacqueline Bonner of Gates County Central High School, who was presented a \$100 scholarship, donated by the Pilot Life Insurance Co. Carroll McDonnell of Perquimans County High took second place honors. In the boys' division, a \$100 scholarship was presented to Ronald Bunch of the John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, with Leon B. Jordan of Pasquotank County Central High School winning second place.

The winner in each division also won an all expense paid trip to Chapel Hill June 13 to compete in the State School Bus Rodeo for a \$500 scholarship.

Progress Reports Made At Chamber Meet Friday Night

Youth Bound Over To Superior Court On Theft Charge

A Norfolk, Virginia youth, James Johnson, was bound over to Superior Court for hearing on a charge of larceny of an automobile, following a preliminary hearing in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. The youth was also given a 60 day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100 after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without a license.

Sheriff J. K. White reported Johnson is being investigated by the FBI concerning violation of a federal law of driving a stolen vehicle across a state line. Submissions accepted by the court during the term Tuesday included the following cases: James Francis, speeding, \$20; Charlie Whidbee, Negro, speeding, \$20; Joseph Stelly, speeding, \$20; Clinton Waters III, speeding, \$19; Earliest Spellman, Negro, speeding, \$35.

James Powell, Negro, exceeding height limit, costs; Melvin Perkins, Negro, exceeding a safe speed, costs; Jackson Costen, Negro, drunk, \$2 and costs; Lloyd Felton, Negro, drunk, \$2 and costs.

Levi Revell, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of being drunk. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs or serve 30 days in jail.

A bond posted by Paul Boudhon was ordered forfeited when Boudhon failed to appear in court to answer to charges of speeding.

ASC Office Offers Extra Sign-up Time

The ASC office will remain open Saturday morning, May 27, and Memorial Day, May 30, for corn and feed grain producers who are interested in taking part in the 1961 Feed Grain Program and are unable to come by the office during office hours, the Perquimans County ASC office announced today. If anyone is unable to come during these hours call George Bellmon at telephone number 6061 and he will arrange for you to sign up. The deadline for signing up is June 1, 1961.

According to a count on Tuesday, May 23, covering the 1961 Feed Grain Program, corn and grain sorghum producers on 513 farms in Perquimans County had filed forms indicating their intentions to participate in the program. These agreements covered 7,684 acres of corn and 11 acres of grain sorghum which have been signed up for diversion to conservation uses this year. Slight drafts in the amount of \$149,898 have been mailed to producers as advance payments for corn and grain sorghum acreage diverted.

County Students E.C.C. Graduates

Four Perquimans County students, Patrick Harrell, Shelby Jean Overton, Jeannette Williams and Lois Violet Winslow, were among the more than 1,300 students to receive diplomas and degrees at East Carolina College commencement exercises conducted Sunday.

Directors of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce received progress reports on the first six months of operation last Friday night when committee chairmen of the organization met with the directors to give details of the achievements for the period.

A. W. Mills, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, stated a most informative meeting was conducted and the committee chairmen were impressed with Chamber operations since last December.

Each of the various committees had had program meetings and most had come up with ideas for promoting and expanding the county. However, it was pointed out these plans cannot be accomplished overnight and continued work will be necessary to achieve goals.

Ideas being developed for economic improvement, as reported by the various committees, were given as follows:

Crop Marketing: Establishment of bonded warehouse, a peanut butter factory and roadside market for farm produce.

Livestock Marketing: Farm income through development of cattle and feeder pig sales. Two cattle sales conducted had gratifying results.

Industrial Committee: Has completed survey, now in hands of C & D Board for its use in developing industry leads; in contact with two firms considering relocation of industry.

Merchants Committee: Planning Fall Festival to be held October 6; studying plan for development of Merchants' Credit Association.

Established Business: Reported several meetings aimed at improving business conditions; attempted to keep Woodville Prison Camp open; seeking to obtain an auto license office for county.

The local Commercial Development Committee reported it felt best opportunity along its line is to seek establishment of a food processing plant and work on this plan is continuing.

Wildlife Meeting On Regulations In Edenton June 2nd

H. A. Cohoon, wildlife protector of Perquimans County, announces that the Wildlife Resources Commission will hold a series of public hearings in each of the Commission's nine districts to give sportsmen an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the 1961-1962 hunting and trapping regulations.

Mr. Cohoon said that the Commission met in Raleigh May 10, to establish a set of proposed regulations that will be presented at the hearings.

One of these hearings is scheduled to be held in the Chowan County Court House Friday night, June 2, at 7:30 o'clock. Cohoon urges local sportsmen to attend this, which will be a meeting for the entire First District.

Up for consideration this year is a proposal that the squirrel season be opened statewide on October 16, and close January 1. The Commission proposes essentially the same season on bear as last year, October 16 through January 1, with minor local exceptions, and the same dates would generally apply to the deer season. Requests for consideration of an open season on antlerless deer in certain localities should be made to the Commission by August 11 so that public hearings on the subject can be held during the week of September 4.

Poppy Day Sales Set For Saturday

The American Legion Auxiliary announced today that 1961 Poppy Day will be observed here Saturday, May 27.

Auxiliary Poppy Chairman, Mrs. Thomas H. White, said the annual observance is held to honor the more than 500,000 Americans who died, and the nearly 1,000,000 Americans who were wounded, in both World Wars and the Korean Conflict.

"Memorial poppies, made by disabled veterans of this country's past three wars, will be worn both as a memorial to our war dead, and as a tribute to the disabled," Mrs. White said. She added the red paper poppies supplied in this area were made at the Veterans Hospital in Durham.

The American Legion Auxiliary said Poppy Day has one basic purpose... to provide a personal means of honoring the nation's war dead. Volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and other groups have donated their time to hold this annual program.

Auxiliary officials said that although all funds received from Poppy Day go either to disabled veterans or their families, the main purpose of the observance is to honor America's war dead.

The local Auxiliary will hold a wreath contest at the home of Mrs. Louise Wood on Saturday for those selling poppies. The contest will be held at the conclusion of the day.