# **Michener's Africa**

ames Michener, the novelist, recently returned from a month in South Africa and-like most brief visitors to foreign lands-thereafter had some advice for Americans on the question of our relations with that nation.

Though as a general rule it's well not to take foreign policy advice from one-month or one-week experts, who are making money in the writing process, and to rely on American government personnel on the scene twelve months a year, Michener's recommendations warrant attention because they are not the usual extreme, or emotional, reaction.

He points out, for example, that there are five different racial blocs in South Africa, that a great majority in each opposes revolution or bloodshed. He makes a distinction between what he calls grand apartheid, which he calls a principle advocated by many sensible people throughout the world, and petty apartheid.

Grand apartheid (segregation) is what the French in Canada seek, what Greeks and Turks on Cyprus favor, what is practiced in Belgium (with Flemish and French) and in Ireland. Its critics say it never works. South Africans say the alternatives currently open have even less chance to work. At the least, the grand apartheid effort is debatable.

But the petty apartheid of South Africa--which is the body of laws regulating the lives of South Africans-is, to Michener, indefensible, unworkable and a terrible discrimination against the bantu (blacks), Indians and coloreds (mixed). These laws regulate such things as whom one may invite to one's home, how they can drink liquor, or cannot, together, play tennis together, where blacks can live, how often their wives can visit them if they work in distant cities, where they can travel, etc.

Obviously, beyond any argument, these limitations on humans' lives and freedoms are deplorable. All Americans should do what they can to help bring about change. But what can be done?

Michener does not believe force, violence or bloodshed can achieve anything in this century. He believes, however, that more Americans should visit South Africa, seek to influence the Dutch Reformed Church (which backs much reaction), seek to influence South Africans through sports ostracism, etc. In short, Michener believes increased contacts, better understanding, moral pressure and persuasion, not force, is the only way to help the discriminated-against in South Africa today.

## Mrs. Winslow Elected Officer Of DKG

The Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held recently at the Circle in Elizabeth City. Presiding was Mrs. Milah Meekins of Manteo. The devotional was given by

Mrs. Gladys White. Mrs. Mary Alexander of Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk was welcomed as a transfer from Alpha Pi Chapter, New York

The following were elected as officers for 1972-74: President - Miss Emily

Jackson First Vice President - Mrs. Mavis H. Hendrix.

**Science Education** 

**Dept. Sponsors NSF** 

### Summer Workshop

Sixty elementary teachers and supervisors will be selected to participate in a special graduate study program at East Carolina University this summer.

The program, sponsored by the ECU Department of Science Education is funded by a grant of \$43,942 from the National Science Foundation. It is part of

Second Vice President - Mrs. Ruth Winslow. Recording Secretary - Mrs. Mary Meekins.

Mrs. Audrey Austin. At the conclusion of a luncheon, a program "Continuing

**Responsibilities of Women'** was presented by Mrs. Mary Oregon. Burgess, chairman, Miss Emily Jackson, Mrs. Irene Southerland, and Miss Thelma Elliott.

Mrs. Elbert Prescott was welcomed as a guest. Meeting was reported by Mrs. C.C. Bell.

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score prize. A sweet course was served **Electronics Technician Third** Class and Mrs. George E. Corresponding Secretary

Crain, Jr., announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Stacy Lynn, born Tuesday February 1st, 1972, in Coos Bay

Only until they're needed, then you remem-

We're talking about the volunteers who

man rescue and fire equipment in the Albe-

marle -- the "taken-for-granted" groups. What

they give is vital to all of us. What we give in

Mrs. Crain is the former Phyllis Williams daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams of Belvidere.

**Bridge** Club

Mrs. C.A. Davenport was

hostess to her bridge club

Thursday afternoon at her home on Front Street. Those

playing were Mrs. T.W. Wilson, Mrs. H.A. Whitley, Mrs. S.P.

Jessup, Mrs. J.R. Futrell, Mrs.

J.H. Newbold, Mrs. C.R. Holmes, Mrs. S.M. Whedbee,

Mrs. Jessup was high score

The 1972 baseball season

opens on March 24th with

Perquimans High School's team

playing Plymouth, according to

a revised schedule announced

this week by the school. First

home game will be played with

Schedule for the rest of the

baseball season is as follows:

Mar. 24. Plymouth. 3:30,

Mar. 28, Edenton, 3:30 Away

April 7, Williamston, 3:30,

**Bridge Club Meets** 

Mrs. Charles Whedbee was

hostess to her bridge club

Tuesday night at her home on

Church Street. Players were

Mrs. Jack Brinn, Mrs. S.M.

Whedbee, Mrs. Montfort Haslam, Mrs. C.E. Johnson,

Mrs. J.R. Futrell, Mrs. W.G.

Wright, Miss Thelma Elliott,

Mrs. Futrell won the high

First Child

and the hostess.

Gates, April 11th.

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**Baseball** Season

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Mrs. Crain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Crain, Sr. of Elizabeth City, N.C.

Forgotten People?

# **Powell And Simpson** File For Re-Election

election to the office of Register of Deeds in Perquimans County. Lester Simpson has filed for reelection as a Commissioner for District 1. Simpson is chairman

April 28, Scotland Neck, 3:30,

May 2, Gates, 3:30, Away.

May 5, Plymouth, 3:30, Home.

Julian Powell has filed for re- | of the Perquimans County Board of County Com-missioners. They are the first candidates to file for offices in the May 6 Primary Election. W.T. (Buddy) Tilley,

Perquimans Board of Elections chairman announced today the deadline for candidates to file Offices to be voted on are:

Commissioners, three members medical technology, etc. Board of Education, and County



It begins to look as if fashions are gradually getting back to normal. Men and women's clothes are tending more to the classic and neat rather than shockThe Perquimans Weekly, Hertford, N. C., Thursday, Februarv 17, 1972-Page 9

#### Back In The "Good Old Days" **Before Electricity**

and the extension of electrical Week, February 6-12, a good service to practically every time to reflect on the personal home.

Today, over 60 million American families have a refrigerator; a seldom thought of fixture in the kitchen. It is not just a convenience. The refrigerator has probably contributed more to improved public health than any other device.

knew-life before plentiful Frederick Louis Allen offers a glimpse of what the American the services, appliances, and diet was before refrigeration in his book. "The Big Change, tricity performs vital services 1900-1950 "In most parts of the United

lighting, heating, tran-States, people were virtually sportation. communication. without fresh fruit and green Perhaps the most basic and they consumed quantites of important service that elecstarches-which few would tricity performs is in the venture to absorb today. The processing, distribution and result was that innumerable Americans were in sluggish health during the months of late winter and early spring when

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of the future. **BIBLE VERSE** "After this manner therefore pray ye . . . " 1. What follows these words? 2. Where are they recorded? 3. In what other book do we

vegetables from late autumn to late spring. During this time 4. Of what discourse are Answers to Bible Verse 1. The Lord's Praver. 2. Matthew 6:9-13. 3. Luke 11:2-4. 4. The Sermon on the Mount.

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good performance of the

electrical industry. As the Week proclaims,

'Electricity is for People'' - the

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Americans enjoy the world's best and most varied diet. This is made possible by an intricate. largely electric powered network of food processing. transportation, and refrigerated preservation. The network is the product of recent decades: the years that saw the

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preservation of food.



May 9, Murfreesboro, 3:30, May 12, Northwest, 3:30, ing and far out.

April 11, Gates, 3:30, Home Coroner. April 14, Weldon, 3:30, Away April 18, Edenton, 3:30 April 21, Williamston, 3:30, April 25. Northampton. 3:30,

# for office in the May 6 Primary Election is Monday. February 21st, at 12 o'clock noon. Register of Deeds, three County

Electrical service has become so commonplace that most of us take it completely for granted. Some of us even say we have too much of it; that its not

in the best interest of the nation

and individual communities to

continue to provide unlimited

amounts of electrical service.

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