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"SOMEBODY'S BEEN EATING MY HAY"—It sure wasn't Goldilocks and these hungry-looking beasties aren't bears—they're white rhinos. The imposing trio is among 20 of the rare African specie flown directly from South Africa to take up residence in Kings Dominion's Lion Country Safari north of Richmond, Va. After spending several weeks under close

observation by staff zoologists, the rhinos will be released to roam freely in the 120-acre wildlife preserve. Lion Country Safari will open in April as the first stage of the Kings Dominion theme park and family entertainment center. Spokesmen say Perquimans County residents are invited.

Farmers Beware

Anhydrous Ammonia Can Be Cause Of Big Problems

State OSHA Director Ray Boylston today issued the following statement on the safe use of Anhydrous Ammonia by farm workers: "Anhydrous Ammonia is being used widely as a nitrogen fertilizer. It has proved to be very effective in raising yields. However, this chemical when improperly used, can cause serious injury, blindness, or even death. This chemical must be handled and stored

properly to prevent injuries. "Agricultural workers are warned that in liquid form, Anhydrous Ammonia contains 99 per cent of actual ammonia. Under normal atmospheric temperature and pressure, this chemical is a stable, colorless gas, with a sharp, irritating characteristic odor. The odor is so irritating that a human could not, of his own free will, remain in a place containing injurious concentrations of the vapor. "Exposure to high concentrations of Anhydrous Ammonia vapors causes severe damage to the respiratory system, strangulation, and eventually asphyxiation. If Anhydrous Ammonia, in liquid form, comes into contact with the skin, it could cause freezing burns as well as searing away of the skin by dehydration. This chemical also can cause serious eye problems that result in blindness if a person is over-exposed.

License Plates Ready For Folks

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1974 license plates were placed in the mail on December 3, December 14 and December 20. Department of Motor Vehicles officials expect this huge mailing, estimated at more than 3,700,000 cards, to be delivered by January 1.

The 1971 Green and White plates will go on sale throughout the State on January 2. The 1973 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the Department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the Department have thru February 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain plates at Municipal Building Hertford.

Office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

The local license agent, Jean B. Harrison, points out that "to renew a plate you must have a renewal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when it is received. She also asks you to open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application

according to instructions before presenting it for a new plate. This will expedite issuance and keep lines from forming.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Post Office in Hertford to turn over to the local license office renewal cards which the Post Office has been unable to deliver. Anyone failing to receive an application card may possibly find it at the local license office.

"It will take from ten days to two weeks to get application cards from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh," says Mrs. Jean B. Harrison, and she suggests that those who have not received an application apply to her office as early as possible so that there will be time to get one out of Raleigh if she does not have it.

Motor vehicle owners who have not received their license application card by January 1st, should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "It will take you from ten days to two weeks to get one and you should, therefore, act promptly," says Jean B. Harrison.

If you have not received a renewal card by the first of January please come by the license bureau, as February 15, will be too late.

"The condition for ignition of Anhydrous Ammonia gaseous vapor is unlikely to occur in normal farm situations, but extreme caution to avoid ignition should be practiced when this chemical is used in poorly ventilated areas.

Proper safety measures for using and handling Anhydrous Ammonia, as detailed in OSHA Standard 1910.111, are as follows:

1. When Anhydrous Ammonia fertilizer is transferred from one tank to another, hoses should be checked for looseness and possible bursting.

2. Use equipment designed for handling Anhydrous Ammonia. Make sure the equipment meets Federal standards.

3. Inspect equipment regularly.

4. Let experienced professionals make all repairs.

5. Know the proper first aid measures to take in case a person is sprayed with Anhydrous Ammonia. (Have lots of water on hand. Federal standards require a five-gallon container of water to be carried on the vehicle dispersing this chemical and a 50-gallon drum of water at the storage installation.)

6. Wear the proper clothing during Ammonia transfer operations (goggles, rubber gloves, or face shields).

7. Fill applicator tanks by bleed method or positive displacement pumps manufactured for that purpose.

8. Federal standards cover the design, construction, location, installation, and operation of Anhydrous Ammonia systems.

Produce Trailer Is Now Used As Grocery Store

By FRANCINE SAWYER WINFALL — "A good merchant can sell anywhere," that's a quote. The quote didn't come from any great treasures of quotes. It was made up, to fit a unique operation here.

Chappell's Grocery is the only store in the county operating out of a produce trailer. The trailer, 40 feet long and nine feet wide, houses everything from

country hams to even-flo baby bottles.

The trailer still has its putt-putt motor on it. These motors, which make sounds like an engine missing lawn mower are used by truckers to keep the produce, after iced down, from spoiling.

The motor hasn't operated since Mrs. Marjorie Chappell, owner and operator of the grocery store, set up shop in October.

Mrs. Chappell is married to Carlton W. Chappell. Chappell has been disabled for sometime. Therefore, Mrs. Chappell decided a little extra change would be nice.

Chappell was in the retail business in Norfolk for a number of years. He gives Mrs. Chappell all the advice she needs.

The shelves are lined neatly with various goods, and the store is not jammed. It looks like any other country store in any county, except it is not as wide.

Keeping Mrs. Chappell company, when not busy with customers is a radio tuned to a religious station. The station plays that good ol' time religion music. Chappell said that's the only station he can pick up well.

Business, according to Mrs. Chappell has doubled in the last three months. A number of customers found the store helpful during Christmas. Some 22 turkeys and 50 hams were sold during the rush.

The trailer was loaned to the Chappell's by Johnnie Phthisic. Phthisic can't use the trailer on the roads anymore, so it was given to the Chappell's as temporary quarters.

As customers go in and out of the store, not an eye is blinked considering the unique facilities.

COA Dean's List

There were 177 students named to the Dean's List at College of The Albemarle for the Fall Quarter, 1973, including all curriculum programs. Students receiving all "A's" for the Fall Quarter were: Ray S. Meiggs, Jr., Camden; Elizabeth Brinn, Hertford; Susan Bunch, Jacksonville; Jacqueline Burgess, Susan G. Butler, John Catalina, Mark Edelmann, Suzanne Edelmann, Frank M. Grzesik, Nina Markham, Robley Perry, Jr., Donna Sawyer, Susan C. White, and Marsha L. Williams, Elizabeth City; Michael McCann, Kathy Sawyer, Florence Scaff, and Cathy Jo Winslow, Moyock; David Pharr, Plymouth; Debra Sanderlin, Sawboro; and Dennis Barber, Winfall. Also included in this listing is one husband and wife team, Mark

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Mrs. Chappell Helps Mrs. Pearl Modin



A Long View Of The Trailer Grocery



An Outside Look Of The Store

School Schedule

Classes will begin one hour earlier daily for Perquimans schools when daylight savings time comes into effect Jan. 6. Teachers will be asked to arrive at school and remain there until 4:00 p.m. unless they are requested to stay for a meeting

or conference with parents.

This is a temporary measure which will be in effect January and February. The schedule will be adjusted again for March, according to Superintendent C. C. Walters.

Building Permits Total \$43,736,403

Building permits totaling \$43,736,403 were issued in November by 36 Tar Heel cities of more than 10,000 population, State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel reported today.

Creel said the November building figure was down 42.2 per cent from the \$75.6 million reported in November, 1972 by the same cities. He added that \$649,586,666 worth of permits were issued by the cities during the first eleven months of 1973—down three per cent from the total of \$669,474,420 reported for the same period in 1972.

Durham, with \$6,744,067 in November permits, Winston-Salem with \$6,121,824, and Greensboro with \$5,011,557, were the three leading cities.

Complete November 1973 figures: Albemarle \$920,007, Asheboro \$262,215, Asheville \$924,538, Burlington \$537,167, Chapel Hill \$369,697, Charlotte \$3,645,119, Concord \$124,500, Durham \$6,744,067, Elizabeth City \$292,250, Fayetteville \$3,740,557, Gastonia \$492,269, Goldsboro \$572,000, Greensboro \$5,011,557, Greenville \$446,136, Henderson \$14,600, Hickory \$668,445, High Point \$1,839,489, Jacksonville \$82,044, Kinston \$469,369, Lenoir \$418,165, Lexington \$270,585, Lumberton \$113,950, Monroe \$307,295, New Bern \$117,495, Raleigh \$4,176,404, Reids-

ville \$170,400, Roanoke Rapids \$398,734, Rocky Mount \$795,738, Salisbury \$804,565, Sanford \$822,600, Shelby \$232,347, Statesville \$385,000, Thomasville \$385,000, Thomasville \$247,327, Wilmington \$868,351, Wilson \$629,007, Winston-Salem, \$6,121,824.

City totals for the first 11 months of 1973: Albemarle \$2,505,532, Asheboro \$5,288,154, Asheville \$20,701,163, Burlington \$12,040,774, Chapel Hill \$13,647,199, Charlotte \$72,720,114, Concord \$5,061,169, Durham \$55,710,241, Elizabeth City \$4,874,353, Fayetteville \$23,550,270, Gastonia \$17,169,812, Goldsboro \$17,169,812, Greensboro \$87,561,382, Greenville \$13,227,485, Henderson \$13,375,570, High Point \$35,768,731, Jacksonville \$3,250,022, Kinston \$7,573,759, Lenoir \$4,028,572, Lexington \$8,194,096, Lumberton \$7,333,189, Monroe \$5,080,647, New Bern \$7,401,808, Raleigh \$84,668,579, Reidsville \$2,806,685, Roanoke Rapids \$3,247,403, Rocky Mount \$12,184,474, Salisbury \$5,517,475, Sanford \$8,001,050, Shelby \$3,967,675, Statesville \$4,880,461, Thomasville \$8,808,708, Wilmington \$20,654,495, Wilson \$10,532,941, Winston-Salem \$41,446,907.

Crime Rate Up In '73

Serious crime in the United States increased one percent during the first nine months of 1973, Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork announced today.

This compared with a two percent decrease in serious crime during the same period of 1972.

Mr. Bork said 71 of the Nation's largest cities, including Washington, D.C., reported actual decreases in serious crime during the January through September period of 1973.

"This increase in serious crime in the Nation means that all of us must continue to support our law enforcement agencies in their efforts to combat crime in the streets," Mr. Bork said.

The latest figures were contained in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, which was released today by Director Clarence M. Kelley. The report of nationwide statistics is made possible by the voluntary cooperation of local, county, and state law enforcement agencies.

The Uniform Crime Reports divides serious crime into two categories: violent, which includes murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault and property, which includes burglary, larceny-theft and auto theft.

Violent crime increased three percent during the first nine months of 1973, the

same increase as for the 1972 period.

Property crimes, which are far more numerous than violent crimes, increased one percent during the 1973 period, compared with a two percent decrease the year before.

Forcible rape rose eight percent, compared with a 13 per cent increase the year before. Murder was up five percent, the same increase as a year ago. Aggravated assault increased five percent, compared with a seven percent increase for the 1972 period. There was no change in the level of robbery; however, in the 1972 period it declined two percent.

Burglary rose three percent, compared with a two percent increase during the 1972 period. Auto theft was up one percent, compared with a four percent drop the year before. There was no change in the level of larceny-theft; however, in 1972 it declined four percent.

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The Turkana of northwestern Kenya say of a woman: "It's the things she wears that make her beautiful." Rich or poor, women decorate their goatskin skirts with narrow rows of beads, sewn with homemade thread of leather, the National Geographic Society points out in its book, "Primitive Worlds."

Grace Period For Licenses

Edward G. McCoy, commissioner of commercial and sports fisheries, announced there would be a 31-day grace period in the enforcement of commercial fishing licensing requirements next year.

"We feel this is necessary that commercial fishermen who have made application and we have been unable to complete the paper work and get the licenses back to the applicants," he said.

McCoy pointed out that this year all license sales are being made at Morehead City office in compliance with recommendations of auditors.

McCoy said since the office closed for the Christmas holidays Dec. 21, many people have applied for licenses and there will be no possible way to return their licenses to them prior to Jan. 1. So in an effort to be fair, we are extending the time for 1974 licensing requirements to Jan. 31, 1974.

Those commercial fishermen who do not have application forms may obtain them by writing the division of commercial and sports fisheries, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City or by contacting Inspector Charlie Ange, Rt. 1, Roper, 27970.