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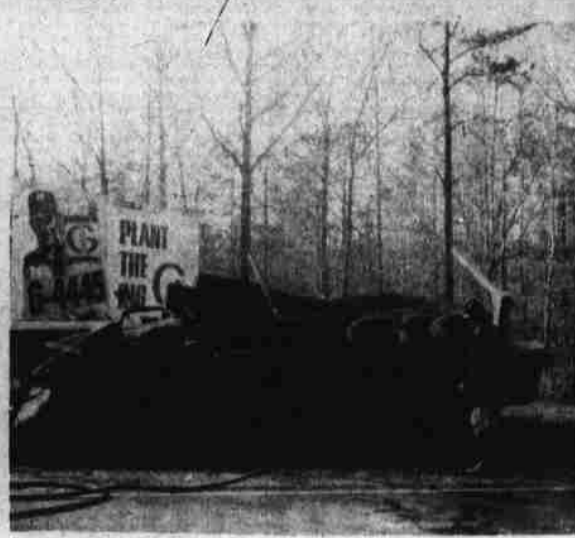
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**FIRST FATALITY**—Perquimans County experienced its first fatal accident last Friday when Robert L. Pippen lost his life in a fiery crash. The head-on collision happened about one mile south of Hertford on U.S. 17. Pippen, 47, of



Elizabeth City was killed when his pick-up truck ran head-on into a loaded log truck. According to North Carolina Highway Patrolman B.F. Chappell, Pippen was at-



tempting to pass two other vehicles at the time of the collision. The log truck, driven by David Hoggard of Windsor, burned after its fuel tank caught fire. The



Perquimans County Rescue Squad, Hertford Volunteer Fire Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's department and NCHP were at the scene to give assistance. (Marren & Ward Photos)

## Fund Raising On Tomorrow

The Perquimans County Restoration Association will begin its drive for matching funds for the continuation of the Newbold-White House project tomorrow.

The fund raising project will continue through May 1.

Monies will be used for actual restoration of the oldest brick house in North Carolina located southeast of Hertford.

Heading the campaign this year are Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Winslow, Jr. of Hertford. Winslow is vice-president of Winslow Oil Co., of Hertford and Elizabeth City. Mrs. Winslow is director of PCRA and serves as its financial secretary.

Appropriations this year will be \$37,500 by the North Carolina legislature and the National Park Service. Mrs. Winslow pointed out last year's drive produced two dollars for every one. This year the drive will produce three dollars for every one.

Artifacts from last summer's site excavation are being shown in Peoples Bank in Hertford. The display was set up by Herbert Nixon, project chairman. They will be changed every week by Nixon so the public will have the opportunity to view the many remnants that tell interesting stories of the life and times of 17th and 18th century farm life.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Julian Winslow, financial secretary, PCRA, P.O. Box 42, Hertford.

## Backyard Gardens Are Profitable And Healthy

By FRANCINE SAWYER

**BEACH SPRINGS** — The answer to the question, "How does your garden grow?" may be, "with profit, thank you."

More and more Americans are putting their backyards to work — growing fresh vegetables, to beat the high cost of processed produce at the local supermarket.

Of course in the Albemarle and Perquimans County, gardens have been a way of life for generations.

Clarence Felton is an award winning gardener. Felton has been planting a garden all of his married life.

Felton and his wife Elsie have a garden  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre. He plants 27 or more items each year.

His wins include: annual vegetable garden in '69, '70 and '72, Albemarle Area Development Association winner in '72, Best Garden in nine counties in '73 and other awards.

Felton said it's good to have a garden now more than ever. When Mrs. Felton goes to the grocery store she buys bread, milk, some beef, lamb, and cleansing items, the vegetables are canned, or frozen.

For all of Felton's material for the  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre garden, counting fertilizer and seeds, the cost is about \$25. This does not include time. Felton said he gets up early in the morning, works his garden about one-half hour and then goes to his farming chores.

He gives some of his vegetables away and sells a few of them. However, most of the goods are kept for his family.

If he sold all of his yield from the garden, getting today's prices, Felton would probably realize several hundred dollars in profit. More than ever before, the nation is taking measure of

spring and summer with a hoe handle. This year family vegetable gardens will be sprouting for about one out of every two households in an effort to fight climbing prices at the grocery store.

That's the prediction the National Garden Bureau, the seed industry's information agency, made for the National Geographic Society.

The same story comes from seed companies. Even with extra employees, they are struggling to fill a record number of seed orders — a 30-to-50-per cent increase in business.

Some seed companies even talk about running out of seeds before planting time ends. Garden tool makers also report full production.

**MORE GARDENS, MORE WEEDS**  
Home gardeners spent

about \$100 million for seeds last year. If predictions are correct, this year there will be about 20 per cent more planting, weeding, and, everyone hopes, harvesting.

That means this summer, of 68 million American households, up to 45 million will be hoeing inflation gardens.

Last year home gardeners bought from store racks and catalogs about 140 million packets of seed worth about \$50 million. More ambitious gardeners spent about the same amount buying larger packets.

The Department of Agriculture says backyard gardeners planted a sizable amount of the 168 million pounds of vegetable seeds commercially produced on 125,000 acres last year.

Inflation is not the only reason backyard gardening is becoming part of the summertime way of life of more and more Americans. The energy crisis is also turning householders into sons of the soil.

**"CRISIS GARDENING"**  
Because of the gasoline shortage, stay-at-home vacations and long weekends finally are providing time for that old urge to get back to nature and see whether a backyard can produce any better-tasting — and cheaper — vegetables than the supermarket. Fears of a fuel shortage on farms also have encouraged such enterprise.

Many apartment dwellers and city slickers without backyard space are renting neighborhood community garden plots for a few dollars a year. Some factories are turning their surrounding unused land into individual garden areas for employees hankering to be lunchtime farmers.

The average home gardener may spend about \$40 bringing in his harvest from a plot about 12 by 25 feet. That includes buying seed, tools, fertilizer, and even renting an automatic ground tiller.

Most of them raise old-standby vegetables: tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, radishes, beans, squash, carrots, spinach, beets, green peppers, and — if there is room — corn.

For best results, veterans of backyard vegetable plots say beginners should "think small" in laying out their first gardens, and spend a little time — perhaps an hour-gardening every day.

Putting off weeding until weekends is the best way, they insist, to wither interest and raise a bumper crop of blisters.

## Cox Returns To Sender

The smartest Mayor in the Albemarle, Bill Cox, did a wise thing last week.

The whiz kid of Hertford sent Gov. Holshouser the green pumping flags back to him. Mayor Cox told the Governor he preferred gasoline. He indicated to the Governor that he really has no use for the flags, since Hertford doesn't get enough gasoline to fly a flag often enough.

The honorable mayor sent a letter on Feb. 21 to the Governor explaining just how critical and serious the gasoline shortage was in Hertford. Mayor Cox got no reply. So he sent the flag, along with a letter and clippings of lined motorist which appeared in the Feb. 28 edition of *The Perquimans Weekly*.

Cox told *The Perquimans Weekly* he was doing this as his duty as Mayor of Hertford. Cox is a service station operator. But he wants everyone to get gasoline.

Many of the townsfolk, who read of what Cox did in last Friday's edition of a Raleigh newspaper went by Bill's station to praise him for his deed.

We take delight in doing it now.

## Quick Takes

**ENDSTOMORROW**

The license plate renewal season ends tomorrow. It will be your last opportunity to purchase 1974 plates, before deadline.

Deadline for using 1973 plates is midnight, March 15.

Office hours, at the Municipal Building, are 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday — and from 9:15 a.m. to noon on Wednesday and Saturday.

**BLOODMOBILE**

The Tidewater Bloodmobile will visit Perquimans County Monday, March 18 at First United Methodist Church from noon to 6 p.m.

Donald Stallings is chairman. The newly established Perquimans County Jaycees will sponsor this visit.

The county is behind in its quota.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

All members are urged to attend.

**CAMPAIGN WORKERS**

W.F. Ainsley announced today that Ed Nixon, Donald Madre, and Pete Hunter have been selected as Perquimans County committeemen to aid in the election of Robert Morgan for U.S. Senate.



JOHN H. COIT

## Coit Named Editor

John H. Coit has been named Travel Editor for the Division of Travel and Promotion, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, by state Travel and Promotion Director James C. Hastings.

Coit, 27, was a member of the reporting staff of the Raleigh News and Observer for over four years before coming to state government. During that period, he covered general assignment stories across the state.

Before joining the News and Observer, Coit was city editor of the Elizabeth City Daily Advance. He also spent a year writing for the Delaware State News in Dover, Delaware, where he won four tri-state awards for his reporting.

Coit, who attended the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City and North Carolina State University, is married to the former Barbara Klein of Camden. They have a son, John Jr.

## Assault, DUI Court Cases

The Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court, with Judge Peoples presiding, heard the following cases:

Prayer for judgment was continued for four weeks with a request that the defendant be allowed a restricted license by the judge then presiding, in the case of Howard L. Simpson, charged with driving under the influence;

Carl Jean Rea, Jr., charged with driving with license suspended, and improper registration, received a six months sentence to run concurrently with sentence in the Superior Court for assault, in case probation is revoked. An appeal was noted and the case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial and Bond was set at \$250;

Carl Winston McClure, charged with driving under the influence, was given a six months sentence suspended for one year on the condition that he remain on good behavior and not operate a motor vehicle on a public highway for 12 months except as allowed by restricted license and pay a fine of \$100 and costs;

Arthur Bount Harrison, charged with assault on a female, received a 3-year sentence suspended for three years with the condition that he remain on good behavior and stay away from Shirley J. Porter. He was taxed with costs of the court;

Melvin Earl Barrington was charged with false pretense on 2 counts—1. no probable cause was found on exterminating contract warrant, 2. probable cause was found on the construction warrant and the case was placed on the docket for trial;

Clarence Melvin Harrell was given a sentence of not less than 18 months or more than 24 months when found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor (5th offense). The Judge recommended that the defendant be given treatment for alcohol. An appeal was noted and the same Bond continued;

Probable cause was found in the case of William Lloyd Thatch, who was charged with breaking and entering and larceny, and the case was placed on the Docket for trial. Bond was set at \$2,000;

Mark William West was taxed with a fine of \$25 and costs on a speeding charge; Wilmer Bailey Perry, charged with possession of non-tax paid liquor and simple possession of liquor (guilty of simple possession was accepted by the State. The defendant was given 1. a sentence of 2 years suspended for 5 years, 2. 2 years at the expiration of suspended 5-year period to remain on good behavior, 3. not to have any intoxicating liquor on premises for 5 years, 4. a fine of \$400 and costs in each

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**CHECKING GARDEN**—Clarence Felton and his wife Elsie look over rows of greens which feed the family in winter. Clarence is an award winning gardener. (Sawyer Photo)

## Families Are Eligible For FHA Housing Loans

Families who previously were not eligible for rural housing loans through the Farmers Home Administration may now be eligible according to Melvin E. Howell, County FHA Supervisor.

Families may now have a maximum adjusted family income of up to \$11,500. Adjusted income is determined by figuring the an-

nual gross income of the family, subtracting five per cent for withholdings and \$300 for each minor child living in the home. An example would be a family with four minor children and a total family income of \$13,300. The \$13,300 gross is reduced by \$665 plus \$300 for each child leaving an adjusted gross income of \$11,435, \$65 under the

maximum and would place the family within the maximum income limits. Also, deductions may be allowed for child care when both husband and wife are working.

The rural housing loan program administered by the Farmers Home Administration is designed to bring essential and modest housing,

# Bloodmobile Visiting Hertford Monday