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ARTIST'S WORKS—This booth displaying the works of Hazel Saunders seems to draw a crowd.



HEAVY STUFF—The younger set seems to enjoy these tractors which were on display beside the high school gym.



LOCAL TALENT—Local people entered many items in for judging at the Farm Festival, all showing outstanding craftsmanship. Farm grown items that were entered showed why the county is outstanding agriculturally.



COOL DRINKS—Sally Halsey and Mary White tend the Jaycee concession stand offering drinks and snacks to the many visitors of the Farm Festival.

Employment Plan Plays Vital Role

There's an employment program in Perquimans county which has a proven record of not only reducing turn-over in certain jobs, but of helping recruit higher caliber employees as well.

And lots of employers are not taking advantage of it, reports Alice W. Bond manager of the State Employment Office in Edenton, North Carolina. It's the old G.I. Bill,

under another name now, but it's still around to assist many ex-G.I.'s who used it back in the '40s and '50s to attend college or to participate in on-the-job training. The same persons—who are now employers—can use provision of the law to help them find and hire qualified workers.

Mrs. Bond explains: There are on-the-job training programs available to armed forces veterans discharged since 1955, set up by the N.C. Department of Labor and approved by the Veterans Administration. The VA pays veterans enrolled in accepted projects \$160 a month for six months and \$120 for the following six months. The amount increases for veterans with dependents and there is proposed federal legislation which would increase these benefits by 15 per cent.

These are benefits available to the veteran in addition to the trainee wage being paid by the employer.

Many veterans do not elect to attend college after military service, but they have earned the same training entitlement as those who do, and many would like to use these earned benefits to supplement their income while developing a skill or trade. Brickmason, manager trainee, auto mechanic, textile machinery fixer, machinist, printer and many other occupations that probably include most jobs in the county can be covered by this program, according to Mrs. Bond.

"VA sponsored on-the-job training programs can make employers' jobs more attractive and perhaps employees more permanent," he said.

Currently, there's a few weeks' delay establishing such programs at interested firms, reports the N.C. Labor Department's Apprenticeship Division.

Employers and eligible veterans interested in participating in a VA-approved program should contact the Employment Security Commission located at 709 North Broad Street in Edenton.



TRUCK DESTROYED—The cab of a log truck operated by D.T. Hurdle of Winfall, was destroyed by fire last Thursday. Members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department answered the call and extinguished the blaze. The truck was a loss. (Newbern Photo)



AT CAMP—Steven Casper, of Belvidere, and Wayne Paul Layden, of Hertford, have attended North Carolina's 28th annual Forest Resources Camp near Swansboro last week. They are shown here with Roger Spivey, of Hobbsville, a counselor at the camp.

Name Changed

College of the Albemarle has adopted the proposal by the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges to change the Learning Laboratory's name to Individualized Instruction Center.

Coordinators Dorothy Aydtlett and Pauline Shepherd believe this is a good change because the new title is a better description of the activities in the center.

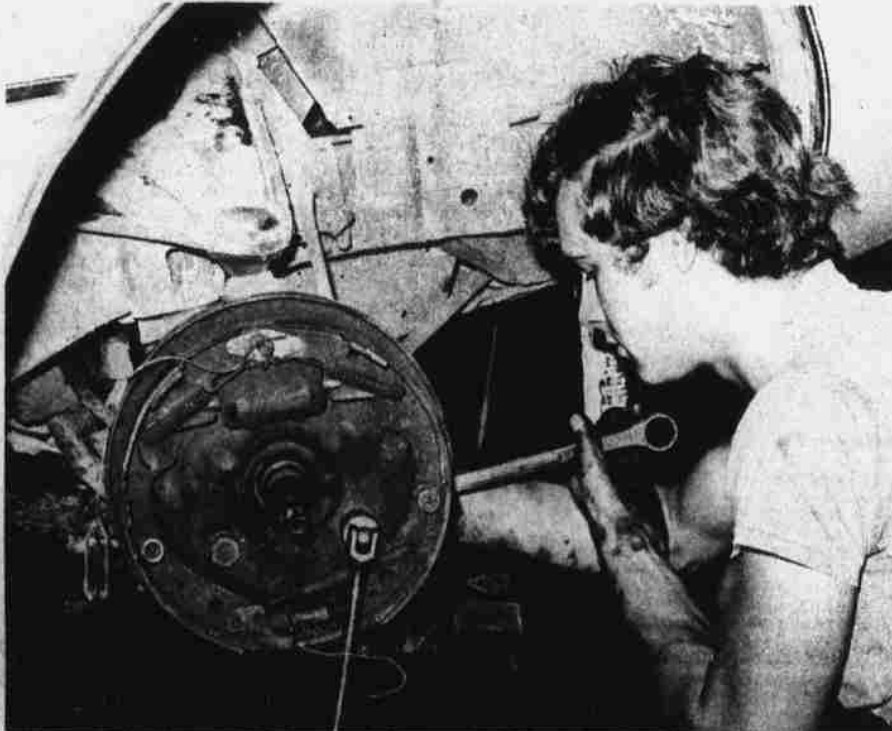
The Individualized Instruction Center is one division of the Learning Resource Center concept. The Library and Audio-Visual Departments are other divisions of LRC.

programs — high school diploma, high school equivalency (GED), college preparatory and general interest. All materials are available for individualized instruction.

The purpose of the center is that each student participating in a program is placed at his own level and progresses at his own rate. "It is actually a class of one," Mrs. Aydtlett said.

Interested persons are urged to visit the center in room 218 at the Technical Center. Schedules for the centers at Edenton, Hertford, Manteo and Universal Park at Moyock can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Aydtlett at COA's Technical Center.

The center now offers four



KEEPS THEM ROLLING—Dennis Barber is shown as he replaces a worn lower ball joint in an automobile at the repair shop of College of the Albemarle's Technical Center. Barber is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood L. Barber, Jr. of Winfall. He is enrolled in the Automotive Mechanic's course at the college. The one-year course is incorporated in COA's Technical and Vocational program. A new class is scheduled to begin September 9. (COA Photo)

Highway Patrol Prays For Roadway Safety

The Highway Patrol conducted a Traffic Safety Workshop for the Clergy of all religious faiths at the Ramada Inn in Greenville on July 31. It was held to assist the clergy in preparation for the observance of traffic safety Sabbath Weekend in North Carolina, August 23, 24, and 25.

Mrs. John D. Sugg, Chairwoman of a Task Force on Highway Safety, served as the moderator for the workshop and the speakers included Colonel E.W. Jones, Highway Patrol Commander, and Reverend

Coy Privette, President of the Christian Action League of North Carolina. Captain J.T. Jenkins, Troop A Commander and the district sergeants of Troop A participated in the workshop presentation.

Colonel Jones pointed out that over 52,000 people have been killed in traffic collisions in North Carolina since 1930 when statistics on traffic collisions first became available. He emphasized that although North Carolina is this date experiencing a reduction of 230 less people killed as compared to the same period in 1973, we can feel little comfort in knowing that 819 people have been killed this year in North Carolina traffic collisions.

Colonel Jones credits part of the reduction to the gasoline shortage which reduced the amount of travel and the speed limit being lowered to 55 mph.

Colonel Jones stated that traffic collision investigations reveal that alcoholic beverages are evident on over 50 per cent of fatal collisions. He said that North Carolina has one of the most comprehensive programs in the Nation for the surveillance and identification of drunk drivers.

Pedestrian deaths totaled 330 during 1973 in North Carolina, Colonel Jones said and he pointed out that this was 17 per cent of the total of 1890 persons killed in traffic last year. He said that traffic records reveal that the elderly and very young children are the pedestrians most apt to be killed or injured.

The Elizabeth City Branch Office is at 111 Jordan Plaza, Elizabeth City, N.C., telephone 338-2161. The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Seeking Skill

College of the Albemarle Adult Education Division is seeking people who have a particular skill and would like to share that skill with others. The fall schedule is now being prepared and the department would like to offer as many different courses as possible to better serve the Albemarle area.

Last year, over 2,000 adults participated in COA's continuing education courses in the seven county area. An increase in participation is expected in September.

Qualified part-time instructors are needed in arts and crafts, blueprint reading, architectural drafting, real estate and business courses.

"We are eager to offer courses adults in our area want," said Clayton Morrisette director of adult education. "A class may be started in any course of study if 15 or more persons are interested and a qualified instructor can be secured," he added.

Those persons interested in having a particular course offered, or are qualified instructors, can contact the director at the COA Technical Center.

Proof Of Birth

"How can I prove I was born?" is a question received almost daily in the social security office.

The question about proof of age is one that worries a great many people. Birth certificates were not issued to many of our elderly citizens at the time of their birth. But there are many ways to prove their ages. Some of the records one can use are baptismal records, school records, old family Bible records, and old insurance policies which show date of birth.

One very good proof could be an early Federal Census Record. There has been a Federal Census every ten years since the Country was first started. But the main thing to emphasize is that if a person is nearing the age of 65, and he has an old record that he isn't sure of, he should get in touch with our office now.

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Gardens Judged

The 1974 Area Vegetable Garden Contest proved to be successful.

The gardens were judged recently. The participants in the area judging were James Page, Gates County, Lynn Ferebee, Chowan County, Joe Powell, Currituck County, Mrs. Lola Holloway, Hyde County, Alex White, Pasquotank County, Robert Midgett, Tyrrell County, Mrs. Littlejohn, Washington County, Clarence Felton, Perquimans County. Each participant raised from 15 to 35 different varieties grown in their vegetable gardens.

The winners in the Area Vegetable Garden Program will be announced during the Albemarle Area Development Award Banquet.

The program was organized and supervised by the Agricultural Extension Service and the E.I.C. Agency. The cup is sponsored by the Albemarle Area Development Association.

The judges for the contest were: William W. Simons, Della B. Bryant, Paul M. Lee, Lamm C. Bond, and Mrs. Maggie M. Griffin.

Croghan Named Head Director

Dr. Leo Croghan of Charleston, South Carolina has assumed the position of Director of Psychological Services at the Albemarle Mental Health Center.

The appointment was made by Charles R. Franklin, Jr., Area Program Director effective July 8, 1974.

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, Dr. Croghan received his undergraduate degree in philosophy, cum laude, from St. Bernard College in Alabama. He received his masters degree in counseling from Catholic University of America. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Croghan's internship for his Ph.D. was completed at Duke Hospital. His experience and training included long and short term

therapy cases, psychodiagnostic evaluations, group therapy, personality and psychopathology assessment and marital counseling. Dr. Croghan is the author of numerous published professional articles with his latest being "Areas of Potential Psychological Vulnerability in the New Era of Liberalized Abortion" to appear in the journal Psychology; and "Encounter Groups and the Necessity of Ethical Guidelines" to appear in the Journal of Clinical Psychology. Both articles are to be published in Summer, 1974 editions. Dr. Croghan is married and his wife is the former Miss Mary Carlton of Wagram, North Carolina. The couple is residing in Elizabeth City.

Tractor Pull Saturday

The Elizabeth City Fraternal Order of Police announced recently that they would sponsor a tractor pull on August 10, in Elizabeth City. The site for the pull will be the Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Company on the Weeksville Road just out of Elizabeth City.

Frank Kotzian, president of the FOP said that pulls would be held for all seven classes and three trophies would be awarded in each class. Kotzian continued, "We are planning a fine event for tractor owners and we encourage them to enter. The proceeds will be donated to a fellow officer who has been ill for several months now. We want to help this officer and we hope folks will come out and join with us to do so."

Classes A, B, C, and D will be held on Friday, August 9th with the weigh-in beginning at 5:30 p.m. and pulls starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday August 10th the weigh-in for

Classes E, F, and G will begin at 8 a.m. and the pulls will begin at 10:30 a.m.

A recent tractor pull in Elizabeth City attracted entries from the Albemarle area and southeastern Virginia. Many of those are expected to return as well as a number of others. Anyone is welcome to enter the pull. The Fraternal Order of Police will provide refreshments for all tractor drivers entered in the pull.

Troops Travel

Boy Scout Troop 155 of Hertford spent July 21-27 on Pispico Scout Reservation with Assistant Scout Master Seymour Chappell. Scouts that participated included: Mike Goodman, Jerry Chappell, Mark Pierce, Dennis Godwin, Shelton Skinner, Tony Smith, Jeffery Vaughn, Mike Hagan, Mike Hoggard, Ted Applegate, Paul Applegate, David Perry and Tommy Harrell.