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Boating Safety Day Planned For Sunday

The Perquimans County Jaycees, under the direction of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16-1, are sponsoring Boating Safety Day on Sunday, July 13 from 2-6 p.m. The program will be held at the piers behind the Municipal Building in Hertford.

J.E.B. Stuart, vice commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16-1 will be on hand along with members of the Jaycees for the Boating Safety Day. Pat Harrell is the Jaycees' Boating Safety Day chairman.

In connection with the safe boating program, Stuart will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Jaycees tonight at 8 p.m. at the Albemarle EMC Building. Interested citizens are invited to attend.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will have qualified courtesy motorboat examiners on hand to conduct courtesy motorboat examinations (CME).

The CME is a free check of legal and safety equipment carried on board pleasure boats. Boat owners having the federal and state required equipment plus other safety items will be awarded the Coast Guard Auxiliary's CME decal.

When displayed on a boat the decal is a visual

indication that the boat not only meets but exceeds state and federal equipment requirements. As a rule, a boat displaying the CME decal will not be stopped or boarded by any law enforcement agency unless there is an apparent violation.

In addition to the state and federal requirements the auxiliary requires the following equipment and safety devices to be on board to be awarded the CME decal.

1. All engine and fuel tank compartments are to be properly ventilated.

2. All inboard gasoline engines are required to have a Coast Guard approved flame arrester attached to each carburetor regardless of the date of installation.

3. All boats are required to carry at least one portable class B size one fire extinguisher regardless of construction.

4. A whistle or horn is required of all boats.

5. All boats 16 feet or longer in length are required to have properly installed and operating navigational and anchor lights.

6. Portable fuel tanks are to be in satisfactory condition; free of any leaks and properly stowed.

Permanently installed

fuel tanks will have their fill piping tightly secured to the deck plate located outside the cockpit or coaming so that spilled fuel will not collect inside the boat. Also the tank will be vented properly, with the vents leading overboard clear of the vessel.

Wiring is to be in good condition with circuits fused. There are to be no knife switches in the bilge spaces. All batteries are to be properly installed.

All vessels are to have at least one distress flare on board.

All gally stoves are to be a marine type and properly installed.

A paddle or oar is required on boats less than 16 feet.

All boats are to have an anchor and anchor line of a suitable size for the particular boat and area of its operation.

Finally, the vessel must be in good overall condition and sea worthy.

Owners of boats who received a CME last year are urged to come out on the Sunday boat day and have their decal renewed. Those who were not awarded the decal in 1974 are asked to update their equipment and get the "Boating Seal of Safety," the CME decal.



FOR THE LAST TIME — Frank McGoogan secures his field equipment for the last time as he looks forward now to his retirement years. (SCS photo).

A Farmer's Friend:

McGoogan Retires

By T. STANTON HARRELL
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After thirty-five and one-half years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Franklin A. McGoogan is retiring from federal civil service. A graduate of North Carolina State University, he began his career with the Farmer's Home Administration in December, 1939, headquartered at Shelby, N.C. He transferred to the Soil Conservation Service in December, 1943 and moved to Perquimans County. For the past thirty-one and one-half years he has taken an active role in helping farmers and other landusers solve their conservation and resource problems. In 1968 his area of responsibility was widened to cover Chowan, and since, has served as District Conservationist in both Perquimans and Chowan Counties.

In recalling the early days, McGoogan commented, "Seeding permanent pastures and taking soil samples were

some of the main items that our agency assisted farmers in doing. We took elevations for ditches and put stakes every fifty feet down the bottom of the ditches and they were cut out by hand. The first dragline ditch in Perquimans County was cut on the Brinn farm in Bear Swamp and the dragline was moved in from Norfolk" he recalls. "We still survey ditches, but our methods are different," he said.

Over his tour of duty with the Soil Conservation Service he has assisted farmers prepare over 1,000 individual conservation plans covering their varying farming enterprises. He helped some of these same farmers revise over 300 of these plans, as their agricultural activities changed or their farming methods were modified. "Thirty years brings about a lot of changes," he continued.

Drainage being one of the main resource needs of the area, it is estimated that he assisted local farmers with the layout, design and construction of over 500 miles of open ditches. The fifties and sixties were the

years of the ditch, where some years more than 150,000 feet would be constructed.

"The early days were hard," McGoogan remembers, "but today's problems are more complicated and require more thought, working with more people and different agencies. Covering the wide spectrum of environmental problems gets quite involved."

"From seeding pastures to planning outdoor classrooms, there have been a lot of steps," he concluded, "and I'm happy and proud that I was able to take all of them."

In reflecting a comment by a local farmer recently regarding McGoogan's retirement, Roy Chappell stressed, "If we had more people like Frank McGoogan this would be a better place to live."

A native of Robeson County, he and Mrs. McGoogan plan their retirement home at their current residence in Hertford. His main activities are planned around his gardening and woodworking hobbies with no schedule to abide by.

Writers' Workshop Offered At Chowan

The Northeastern Arts Council of North Carolina will hold a two-day writer's workshop at Chowan College August 1, 2, and 3 according to Mrs. Katherine Whitley, outgoing president of the council.

"We hope people who live in the six-county area who are writing or who have written for publication no matter if they have been published or not will attend," she said. "This workshop will have two purposes — to share works in progress and to help writers in the region get acquainted."

The Northeastern Arts Council, an arm of the Alliance for Progress, seeks to develop the cultural arts and crafts of the following six counties: Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin and Perquimans.

"Writers tend to become

discouraged," Mrs. Whitley added, "and they need encouragement from each other. Therefore, we are urging each participant to come prepared to share some of his/her work with the entire group. We want this to be informal, relaxed, easy-going, and a means through which people can learn from each other how to publish what they write, be it fiction or non-fiction."

Frank Adams of Gatesville, author of the recently published nonfiction work, *Unearthing Seeds of Fire*, will serve as the moderator for the group discussions. There will be no formal presentations.

The workshop will start with registration at 8 p.m. Friday night in the lobby of the main administration building at the college. This will be followed by folk singing and poetry readings

by the participating poets. The workshop will end Sunday morning for those who have church commitments.

Registration fees are only one dollar. This is to be sent to Mrs. Whitley, Martin County Arts Council, Post Office Box 1134 in Williamston, 27892. Room at the college will be \$6 per night per person. Food at reasonable prices will be extra. There is no particular age limit and the number will be kept at or under twenty persons. For further information write Mrs. Whitley in Williamston.

Notes From The Commissioners

The Board of Perquimans County Commissioners accepted the resignation of Billy J. Griffin Jr., Associate Agricultural Agent of Perquimans County, with regrets, at their meeting on Monday. The resignation is effective July 31.

Layden Receives All A's

MURFREESBORO — Charles Douglas Layden of Belvidere was one of 24 students named to the President's List for straight "A" work during the spring semester at Chowan College. The previous record was 18 in 1973.

Layden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Layden and a graduate of Perquimans County High School.

The number of students named to the Dean's List was also a spring semester record. Seventy students earned recognition for maintaining a grade average between 3.50-4.00 on a 4.00 system. Another 126 students were named to the Honor List for recording a "B" average with no grade lower than "C."

A Resolution pledging financial support of the Capital Improvement Program of the College of the Albemarle was adopted by the Board. If approved, Perquimans County will appropriate \$4,150 for its share.

The Board also authorized the Chairman of the Board

to sign Memorandum of Agreement between Perquimans County and the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission and Albemarle Resources Conservation Development to participate in the programs in the area.

D.F. Reed Jr. was appointed by the Board to serve as Perquimans County Finance Chairman for a period of 2 years.

Other appointments were: Keith Haskett to serve as Tax Supervisor for 2 years; and Lester Simpson, Thomas D. Nixon, and William Copeland to serve 3 year terms as Directors of the Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission.



NATIONAL JAYCEE AWARDS — Representing the Perquimans County Jaycees at the National Jaycee Convention June 21-26 in Miami, Fla. were (l. to r.) Ray Ward, Welly White and Wayne Ashley. These Jaycees hold national awards presented to the local chapter. Ward received the Presidential Award of Excellence for obtaining 50 members; White displays the Community Action Programming Award presented to the club; and Ashley shows the Clarence H. Howard Memorial Award also presented to the local chapter.

Wildlife Resources Commission: Appointments Are Announced

Governor Jim Holshouser today announced the appointment of three members to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

They are Dewey W. Wells of Elizabeth City, Henry Elliott Moore, Jr., of Clinton, and William Calvin Boyd of Winston-Salem.

They will serve six-year terms on the Commission. Under State law, the Governor selects members of the Wildlife Commission from lists of five names submitted from each of the State's nine Wildlife Commission districts. The nominees must be from the district and be well informed on the subject of wildlife conservation and restoration.

Wells is from District 1, which includes Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde counties.

Moore is from District 4, which includes Harnett, Sampson, Cumberland, Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick counties.

Boyd is from District 7, which includes Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Davie, Iredell and Alexander counties.

A Raleigh native, Wells is a practicing attorney in Elizabeth City. He received his law degree from the Wake Forest University School of Law. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and past president of the Pasquotank Wildlife Club. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Chowan College and is active in the Rotary Club, United Fund, Elizabeth City Boys' Club and Boy Scouts. He served in the U.S. Army. Wells and his wife, Ann, have five children.

Moore operates Moore's Aerial Applicators in Clinton. He is a member of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, member of the Sampson County Wildlife and Conservation Club, and treasurer of the Sportsman Hunting Club. He and his wife, Gracie, have two children.

Boyd is vice-president of Pope Commercial Contractors, Inc., in Kernersville. He attended the University of Maryland. Boyd and his wife, Judy, have two children.



FOUR GENERATIONS — In the true Bicentennial spirit, this family representing four generations turned out for the July Fourth celebration. Mrs. Margaret Brewin (left) and daughter, Laura (seated left) won in the Adult Division of the Bicycle Dress Up. Also pictured are: Mrs. W.F. Ansley, her mother Mrs. M.J. Gregory, and little Alice Brewin. (Newbern photo)

Beetle Activity Is Leveling Off

Bark beetle activity apparently is leveling off in Perquimans County. An aerial survey for bark beetles was made in the early part of June. The results of the survey revealed there was no massive increase in new outbreaks compared to last year at this time.

The aerial survey is only effective in picking up outbreaks after the trees begin to die, fading from green to yellow and reddish brown in color. Many trees attacked this spring have not faded enough to show up in aerial surveys. Another complete aerial survey will be made in August. New outbreaks should show up more at that time.

Old outbreaks appear to still be active but the volume of trees killed seems to be less than last year. If bark beetle activity levels off, the hazard would still be in a dormant projection and a concentrated control effort should suffice.

The general effort during the past two years to the

nine county forest service district of this area has been successful. The fiscal year summary through May shows that over 20,000,000 board feet and 24,000 cords of pulpwood were salvaged due to bark beetles. The salvage accounts for 603 infested areas.

Over 700 outbreaks have been cut and sprayed by state and private industries. The control measures have definitely made an impact on the bark beetle populations along with the natural factors that contribute to control the insect. The long term control program will still be geared to good management of the forest to further reduce the hazard of massive insect and disease attacks. The North Carolina Forest Services urges landowners to continue monitoring their pine stands for new or existing bark beetle outbreaks.

For more information contact the local county forester.

Successful Fourth

By KATHY NEWBURN
The local Bicentennial celebration received a good kick-off July Fourth with a successful day of fun, frolic and patriotism.

The day's activities began with a local parade. County residents and out-of-town visitors lined the Hertford streets to see such entries as the Hertford Fifes and Drums, the Perquimans County Marching Unit, the American Legion color guard, antique cars, horse-drawn coaches, riders from the local horse clubs, colonial costumes and bicycles decked out in the colors of the grand ole flag.

Prior to the parade, a colonial costume contest was sponsored by the Hertford BPW Club. Winners in each division were: Boys: John Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dilbon Young of Hertford; Girls: Sherry Carver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darvin Carver of Belvidere; Mens: Preston Nixon; and Womens: Jessie Cox.

Winners in the Bicycle Dress-Up sponsored by the American Legion were:

Pre-School: Darbie Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward of Hertford; School Age to 10 yrs.: John Young; School Age over 10 yrs.: Matt Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moody Matthews of Hertford and Adult: Margaret Brewin and daughter. Judges for

the event were John Beers and Hilary Scaff. Prizes were awarded.

As the parade ended at the high school, more activities were in store. Rides were available for the small children including the popular Moon Walk; an art exhibit by the Perquimans Arts Council featuring local talent was on display; and various contests were sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees and the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee.

One of the favorite games was the dunking booth sponsored by the Jaycees, and one of the favorite dunkees was Sheriff Julian Broughton. Crowds also gathered to witness contestants down coconut and chocolate cream pies for prizes.

The hot sunshine also added to the temptation of the lemonade and iced tea booth. Young men tried their skills at woodchopping, tractor driving and hole digging.

After a day full of activities, the Perquimans County Jaycees provided the evening meal, a fish fry. Despite rain, the local Jaycee chapter kept the fish coming.

For a pictorial review of the day's activities, turn to page 2.