



MISS ALICE WHITE

Represents county at 4-H Congress

Alice White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy White of Whedbee Drive, Hertford, was the Perquimans County 4-H delegate to the 1978 North Carolina 4-H Congress held in Raleigh, N.C. July 24-28.

The theme for the week was "4-Hers Leap in New Directions."

Because of her outstanding achievement made in public speaking during Northeastern District 4-H Activity Day in June, Alice was given a scholarship to attend and participate in the State

Public Speaking contest to represent Northeastern District in the Junior Division. The subject of her speech was "What Is 4-H?" She stated that 4-H is learning by doing.

Programs at the Congress featured Rev. Daniel L. Reason, Director, CITA Center, Inc., Lawrence, Mass.; Hugh Cameron, United Methodist Church, N.C. Conference; Dr. Donald L. Stormer, state 4-H Leader; State Fashion Revue, and Denver Robinson, District Extension Chairman.

Honored at camp

"Six Perquimans County 4-H campers came home with top honors from J.W. Mitchell 4-H Camp held in Swansboro, N.C. on July 24."

Marvin Sutton won the Superior Camper Award, given by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service for outstanding performance and leadership while at camp. Marvin also won the Archery and Handicraft Award. Lisa Boyce was given a certificate for outstanding achievement made in handicrafts. Marvin Devincy Mourning, Mario Sutton, David Parker, and Russell Parker were given a certificate for outstanding achievement made in swimming while at camp. This award was given by

the American National Red Cross.

"The Perquimans County 4-H campers followed the rules of a good camping. It was a great experience. They brought back to the county a spirit of helpfulness, of friendship, and comradeship to guide and inspire them to live more fully each day the principles set forth in our 4-H pledge and motto. They brought back from camp, ideals of inspiration," said Mrs. M.B. Taylor. "It is always a pleasure to work with the 4-H'ers, and I am looking forward to doing even more in the future." Mrs. Taylor stated that she is in need of volunteers to serve as leaders to work with youth. Those interested may contact Mrs. Taylor by calling 426-7697.

Class holds reunion

The Class of 1963 from Perquimans High School held their 15th year class reunion at Angler's Cove Restaurant Aug. 4. The class attended a banquet and dance in honor of the occasion.

There were 23 class members present: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overton, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sloop (Billie Reed), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks (Dianne Sawyer), Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greene (Mary Ella Nixon), Phillip Lane, Mrs. Judie Baker Reilly, Mrs. Carolyn Rogerson Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dale (Nell Hollowell), Mr. and Mrs. Reed Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Vick Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Dondrach (Marie Saunders), Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow (Susan Broughton), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Twiddy (Mary Frances White), Mr. and Mrs. Dudley White (Dora Jean Bateman), Mr. and

Mrs. Clarence Lee Dail (Jo Ann Hurdle), Jerry Creamer, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stokely, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Whedbee.

The following special recognitions were made: Jo Ann Dail and Nell Dale for the oldest child, Mary Frances White for traveling the furthest distance (coming from Hope Mills, N.C.), Carl and Rachel Overton for the youngest child, Carolyn Rogerson Rich for the most children, Jerry Creamer for gaining the most weight and for having changed the most, Shelton Lilly for the least hair, Jimmy Stokely for being married the shortest length of time, and Jo Ann Hurdle Dail for the married the longest length of time.

The class agreed to hold another reunion in five years.

Letters From Our Readers:

Editor's Mailbag



Against road plan

TO THE EDITOR:

You are about to give your money to Mecklenburg County.

Contrary to federal law, the N.C. Board of Transportation is trying to force an interstate-type belt road in a location where the Charlotte City Council, the five towns of Mecklenburg, and all state and local professional planners say it should not be built.

The Federal Highway Administration for various reasons will not fund this road in the wrong location. Seventy percent federal funds are available to build in the location endorsed by the City of Charlotte and the towns of Mecklenburg. The first 16 miles would cost more than \$60 million. The remaining 60-65 miles would cost more than \$240 million.

Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw has stated he will take funds from North Carolina's other counties to build this road instead of using the available federal money.

Why is your local board member favoring a position that will take money from your district to build a road in Mecklenburg? Your representative should know who will profit from the selection of the wrong location.

The NCDOT Board meets Aug. 11 in Washington, N.C., and has been required to reconsider its position. Your board member should protect your money by reversing his April 21 vote.

SUSAN P. GREEN
President
Southern Mecklenburg Assoc.
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Education as weapon

TO THE EDITOR:

EDUCATION IS THE GREATEST WEAPON ON EARTH FOR PEACE

Educate is to cultivate and discipline the mind by teaching the individual at an early age. In other words, education is a process of training the mind to act promptly at all times, or to draw out or take out that which is bad and put in the good qualities.

GOOD CITIZEN

To be a good citizen a person must be trained to the fullest extent. Education is a matter of training the mind to function well at all times.

DESIRE OF MEN

It has always been desire of men to pass their knowledge and fame on to their successors. I believe the youths should be taught to absorb knowledge to acquire skill in action and discipline in conduct.

Finally, each individual must have the will power to control oneself, respect the rights of others, and respect law and order in our changing society. As man emerged from his most primitive life, he began to have personal ambitions for his attainment for knowledge and the acquisition of skill and power.

GEORGE W. COOPER
Local Scout Leader
Dobb Street
Hertford, N.C.

Hollowell family reunion

The Nixon-Hollowell family held a reunion in the Social Hall of Great Hope Baptist Church, Hertford, Sunday, Aug. 6.

Mrs. Robert P. Hollowell Sr. presided and Ray Hollowell asked the blessing. A covered dish luncheon was served. The day an enjoyable occasion, renewing acquaintances, reminiscing by some and getting acquainted by others.

The brothers and sisters introduced their families which included their families which included some new members. Plans are to meet again the first Sunday in August 1979.

Many pictures were taken by several, both indoors and outdoors. Group pictures were made to the brothers and sisters, of each one's family present, of the grandchildren and of the great-grandchildren.

Those who attended were: Earl and Alverta Ingram of Norfolk Joe Judy, and Chrissy Babb of Fayetteville, N.C., Cliff, Debbie and Kelly Ingram of Virginia Beach, Robert and Eloise Hollowell, Hertford, Bobby and Donna Hollowell of Chapel Hill, Joyce, Benita and Paige

Hollowell of Hertford; Johnnie and Annie Hollowell of Hertford, Ray, Jean and Christina Ruth Hollowell of Raleigh; J.D., Varina and Danny Hollowell of Chesapeake, C. Walton and Elizabeth H. Lane of Hertford, Arnold, Nancy L. Winslow, Dianne and Rob, of Belvidere, Wilbur Ray and Anne L. Bass, Ray, Martha, Emily and Wayne Bass of Hertford, Celia Hollowell, Alvin, Shirley and Janet Hollowell, Mrs. Violet White; Billy, Elsie Mae, and Walter Copeland of Edenton; Anna Belle Porter, Annette, Robert, Jim Washburn and Everleen of Norfolk; Clemon E. and Maude H. Bass of Edenton; William B. and Doris B. Hollowell,

Taking a look backward

AUGUST 1940
By VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

MRS. HUNTER GRADUATES AT FARM-HOME WEEK: Among Perquimans County Home Lane, Mrs. W.D. Landing, Demonstration Club Mrs. Effie Miller, Miss Pearl White, and Miss Velma Winslow.

Course at State College, Raleigh, this week, are Mrs. W.O. Hunter who graduates this term after four consecutive attendances at the Farm and Home Week, Miss Lucille Lane, Mrs. W.D. Landing, Mrs. Effie Miller, Miss Pearl White, and Miss Velma Winslow.

ALL CROPS LOOKING GOOD, COUNTY AGENT ANDERSON SAYS: All crops in the county are looking very good, L.W. Anderson, County Agent, said Monday. Breaking them down into individual cases, he said that corn is much better than normal and by far, better looking

than in some other counties. Cotton, he said, is looking better than in a number of years, and prospects are that a good yield per acre is in the offing. Peanuts are about normal, not quite as good as usual in spots, but looking well as a whole.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benton of Hertford, Rt. 3, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Glenn McCoy.

POSTMASTER WHEDBEE TO REGISTER ALIENS: All aliens, under Federal Law, are required to register. The registration in Hertford and Perquimans County will be made with Postmaster Silas M. Whedbee, who will also fingerprint them. The registration is to start on Aug. 26 and be completed within four months. The postmaster has no idea how many aliens there are in Perquimans County. It is likely that there are none. All foreign born persons in the town and county are probably naturalized.

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Editorial:

Annual testing results imply accountability

Perquimans County educators, like those throughout North Carolina, have recently gained some valuable information that will prove helpful, if used, in planning instruction for students in this county.

The release of results in the state's first annual testing program bring several things to light. And the total impact of the information released will probably not be known for several years.

The results are massive and, in some instances, hard to comprehend. The testing results not only present direct comparisons of how well Perquimans students stacked up to students in the region, state and nation, but it also presents much socioeconomic data for comparison. In releasing the results statewide, it was pointed out how such things as family income, race, sex, and education levels of parents effect student performance.

We think such information is interesting, however, we still hold the opinion that student performance depends on such things as his or her ability and motivation. Here, the popular question of teacher accountability comes into play.

The Perquimans County results brought out some interesting points. Overall, they show local first graders doing extremely well, even better than the state and national averages. This should give local educators a little ammunition for tooting their horns.

However, whatever triumph could be enjoyed from the first graders' performances will quickly be wiped away

when turning to the results in the sixth and ninth grades.

While we firmly believe in positive reporting, we equally believe in "telling it like it is." And the fact remains that while Perquimans first graders did several months better than the state and national averages, the Perquimans ninth graders performed at grade levels of one and two years behind the state and national averages.

Understandably, one conclusion is that something is wrong. Incidentally, the trend for both grades held true throughout North Carolina only not to the Perquimans County extremes.

It is our job to point out such facts to the public and to do our best to discover why such results occur. By the same token, it is the right, and even the duty, of parents to demand to know why.

Last spring, following the administering locally of the statewide annual testing program, the local school system held conferences with parents to explain the test results and what they meant. This is a definite step in the right direction.

While the test results represent the first in the state's annual testing program, the information obtained can still be useful.

And, following testing in years to come, educators can use the year by year results to see if they are indeed meeting students' needs.

And, with or without testing information, that is, after all, what education is all about.

Sgt. Felton involved in exercise

Marine Sergeant Willie C. Felton, son of Willie M. Felton of Rt. 1, Box 182, Belvidere, recently participated in exercise "Varsity Cleanex" off the

Southern California coast. He is assigned to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Division Support Group, 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

More than 17,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel participated in the 11-day exercise which included 24 ships and approximately 250 aircraft. "Varsity Cleanex" was designed to provide essential Navy and Marine Corps joint training in amphibious operations and culminated with an amphibious assault at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The exercise was under overall command of Vice Admiral Samuel L. Graveley Jr.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Chowan Hospital for every thing they did for me while I was a patient there. They were all so nice and kind and helpful to me. I also want to thank all my friends and neighbors for the prayers, visits, and cards while I was there in the hospital and since I've been home. May God bless each of you always.

Abbott Hunter



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