

PERSPECTIVE

Few Perquimans men have served in executive positions

The highest councils of North Carolina government have not included a resident of Perquimans County for many a year, but there were times when the county wielded great political influence.



Three chief executives of North Carolina were Perquimans men, namely John Jenkins, Thomas Harvey and William Glover. None of the three held the title of governor, but they did act in that capacity (as president of the council or as deputy governor) for extended periods when the governor was absent.

John Jenkins was the first owner of that choice neck of land formed by Perquimans River and Albemarle Sound. He was deputy governor from 1672 to perhaps 1677 (although his power during part of that period may have derived from his presidency), and president of the council in 1680 and 1681.

It is now widely believed that he, not John Culpeper, was de facto governor during 1678 and 1679.

Thomas Harvey married Jenkins' widow and purchased Jenkins' land, which was known thereafter as Harveys Point. He served very effectively as deputy governor from 1694 until his death in 1699.

William Glover's administration as president of the council from 1706 to 1708 was troubled by disputes between Anglicans and Quakers. His right to exercise gubernatorial power was challenged and he fled the colony for a time, forsaking his home on Little River.

Legend wrongly credits Perquimans with two more governors, William Drummond and John Harvey. There is no evidence Drummond lived in Perquimans, and stories about his tombstone being in Durants Neck are marred immediately by other stories that the tombstone was that of someone else.

Further, Drummond was hanged in Virginia, probably in haste and without ceremony.

Despite persistent claims to the contrary, there is abundant evidence that John Harvey, deputy governor in 1679, did not live in Perquimans. In fact, he resided in Pasquotank County at his plantation on the

southeast side of Symons Creek.

The governor's council, which possessed considerable power during the colonial period, included numerous Perquimans men, some of whom served for many years. Councillors during the 1670s included John Jenkins, John Willoughby, Francis Godfrey, James Hill, Timothy Biggs and perhaps Thomas Peirce.

Beginning their service in the 1680s were Thomas Finkley, William Bundy, Francis Hartley, John Barrow, Thomas Lepper, Anthony Dawson and John Druant.

In the first decade of the eighteenth century William Glover, Francis Foster and Gabriell Newby joined the council, as did Richard Sanderson in the next decade.

Thomas Harvey and Henry Clayton served during the 1720s, but John Hecklefield declined the office. McRora Scarborough in 1734 appears to have been Perquimans' last councillor.

At the Revolution, an elective Council of State was established. John Skinner (1787, 1788), Henry Skinner (1834, 1835), and Josiah T. Granbery (1858) were Perquimans' only members of that body.

Attitude measurement predicts behavior patterns

There are, quite probably for each of us, some things one seems to sense, or perceive, or just plain know, without having scientific research data to support one's beliefs.

marijuana when they get a few years older," that which any observant school teacher who works with that age group could have predicted without benefit of such testing.

You just know. The tests "measure the children's attitudes toward authority and good behavior. The most rebellious youngsters get the lowest scores. And the lower the score," the researchers say, "the more likely the child is to drink and smoke cigarettes and pot."

This research was extended over a 14-year study, and is said to be among the first results — the behavior predictability — to come out of the study.

The researchers came up with a "socialization" score for each child. Their findings indicate that "Where you are at an early age on the scale of socialization predicts with surprising accuracy where you will be three years later in your use of drugs in high school...and this same scale also differentiates those who will become users of the legal drugs —

cigarettes and alcohol — from those who will not."

There's much more to the study, of course. The important thing, however, is that accurate prediction of who will use cigarettes, drink liquor, or use marijuana, is possible.

No, on second thought, that's not really the most important thing. The important thing is what we can do to stop our youngsters from doing it. Perhaps a good beginning would be, forgive me if I over-simplify, for adults — parents, teachers, coaches, music idols, athletes, et al — to set good examples for these young persons.

This wouldn't be a panacea for the problem, but one suspects it could have a significant positive impact.

And we certainly don't need some scientific research to believe this, now do we?

APROPOS — "O God, that men (and children) should put an enemy in their mouths (and veins) to steal away their brains! That we should with joy, pleasure, revel, and applause transform ourselves into beasts!"

Shakespeare ("Othello")



Monday's snowfall brought out strange behavior

It is amazing to see what a little bit of cold, white powdery stuff will do to a person of average intelligence in Northeastern North Carolina.

Service Directory," (only one month past the deadline I might add) when we were informed that the weather conditions outside were not exactly the most suitable for a quick trip back to Hertford.

After making a hasty exit of the building to appraise the situation we decided that it was time to begin what would probably be a long ride back to Perquimans County.

When we got to the parking lot we observed a lot of people sitting in cars trying very hard to clear up their windshields so they could see to drive...we joined the ranks and began the never ending job of scraping the windshield and cleaning the snow off of the headlights so we would be able to see on the way.

With the snow cleared off, and the car started we hit the road. Luckily we stayed on the road...some of the folks we met along the way weren't that fortunate.

Every few miles we observed cars that had taken one chance too many and landed in the ditch bank along U.S. 17. Fortunately no one appeared to be hurt and the vehicles didn't appear damaged.

There were also those along the way that had gotten home safely and decided that they would brave the elements and head outside for some fun.

Snowmen were going up everywhere and snowballs were being flung. It would be interesting to know how many of those who had fun on Monday are now at home suffering with a winter cold or pulled muscles.

Snow is okay, as long as there's not too much of it and you don't have to go anyplace except your own yard.

This week's snow is predicted as "just the beginning" for us though...we've still got March and April coming.

NEW VIEW
By Bartow Houston, Jr.
A Weekly Newspaper Column
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the Smokies to the Sea.

So. When the data emerges, and is just about what you "know" all along, why, you're not very surprised.

And thus it is with research recently published in the journal "Contemporary Drug Problems" in Boston. Succinctly, the data indicates, "Psychological tests given in junior high school can predict which youngsters will smoke cigarettes, drink liquor or use

A Chat With Jane
By Jane Williams

Monday's snow brought on massive attacks of anxiety to some area residents while others relived their childhood days once again.

I found myself in Elizabeth City when the "blizzard" struck the area. Pat and I had gone over to "The Daily Advance" to finish the composition of "The Perquimans County

Letter to the Editor

Editor, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

As a registered nurse who has served in a leadership role in NCNA, you are well aware of the importance to the nursing profession in this state of lawmakers who value the views of nurses, who will listen to nurses' concerns, and who support a greater role for nurses in health care policy decisions.

Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green has given this kind of support to nurses.

As presidents of NCNA for the past three bienniums, we have had first hand experience spanning at least six years in presenting NCNA's interests in the General Assembly. Each of us can attest to the fact that Lieutenant Governor Green's support has been a major factor in NCNA's legislative achievements during this time span.

In 1981 when NCNA sponsored a revision of the Nursing Practice Act, Mr. Green, as presiding officer in the North Carolina Senate, was instrumental in the swift Senate passage of the bill.

He ironed out snags and smoothed the way for enacting the bill into law. By personally interceding at the right time, he assured passage of the bill.

In 1982 Lieutenant Governor Green asked NCNA leadership to meet with him as an advisory group to discuss with him current issues and concerns of nurses.

This group has shared with him position statements and informal discussion of the importance of upgrading standards of nursing education, the need for BSN outreach programs for registered nurses, and other concerns.

In 1982 Mr. Green supported NCNA

in its successful opposition to the elimination of nurses from eligibility for state need-based student loans. He has consistently appointed members of NCNA to the governing board of this program.

In the 1983 session, Mr. Green again facilitated Senate passage of measures high on NCNA's priority list. His door was always open to hear our concerns, and he has received our input with great respect for the nursing profession.

While Mr. Green may not always agree with nursing's positions, he listens to nurses and he is candid in discussing what he does not support

and why.

We are sharing our views with you about Lieutenant Governor Green's support of nursing because we think it is important, in election year 1984, that you know of his past record. We believe that he, as Governor, will give the same unbiased attention and interest to nursing's concerns and perspectives.

Sincerely,
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NCNA President, 1981-83

Looking back

20 Years Ago
By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU

LACK OF PATRONAGE MAY RESULT IN CLOSING OF THEATRE: Julian "Little Man" Broughton, manager of the State Theatre, stated to his reporter this week that if residents of this county don't begin attending the movies here, the county stands a good chance of seeing the doors to the theatre closed again and the marquee dark.

Local support from the public must pickup. The State Theatre was closed in November of 1959 due to the lack of

support from the public. At that time residents here rallied and expressed a desire to see the theatre reopened and in March of 1960 the theatre was re-opened.

ARCHIE T. LANE SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS REPRESENTATIVE: Archie T. Lane Sr., Perquimans County representative to the General Assembly, announced Wednesday that he will seek reelection in the May 30th primary.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Lane stated that he appreciated the past support he has received from the voter of the county and will appreciate their support in the coming election.

CHARLIE T. WHITLEY PROMOTED: Charlie T. Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whitley

of Murfreesboro, has recently become an associate member of the Society of Actuaries.

This achievement came as the result of having passed the first five of ten examinations administered by the Society of Actuaries, a professional society of life insurance mathematicians.

Mr. Whitley has been associated with the Actuarial Department of Security Life and Trust Company, with home offices in Winston-Salem since February 1960. Mr. Whitley makes his permanent home in Winston-Salem, where he lives with his wife, Jean Long, formerly of Hertford.

Mrs. Whitley is the daughter of Mrs. Shelton Long and the late Mr. Long.

Letters
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