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Farm machinery extrication program planned for March

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

A program designed to teach rescue squad members, fire department personnel, special rescue teams, and the general farming public the proper techniques to use when rescuing an individual trapped or caught in a piece of farm machinery will be taught next week at the new Perquimans County Rescue Squad garage.

The educational training sessions will be held on March 4th, 5th, and 6th, and will be jointly sponsored by the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service, the Perquimans County Farm Bureau Women, and the Albemarle District Health Department.

The training sessions will each consist of two parts. On Tuesday

and Wednesday nights, March 4 and 5, a slide presentation will be shown. Hands on experience will be gained from actually seeing dummies removed from the machinery. Presently there are plans for four or five different sessions, with the machinery and two sessions that will feature a slide presentation.

Class size for actual removal demonstrations will be limited to 50 persons per class. Schedules for the classes are as follows:

Tuesday, March 4: 7:00 p.m. until 7:45- slides only.

Wednesday, March 5: 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.-Machinery demonstration. 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.-Machinery demonstration. 7:00 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.-Slide presentation. 8:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.-Machinery demonstration.

Thursday, March 6: 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.-Machinery demonstration. 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.-Machinery demonstration.

These sessions are open to anyone interested in farm safety. The machinery session at one o'clock on Thursday is being held especially for farm families. All other sessions are open to the general public on a first registered first serve basis. To register to attend please call the Agricultural Extension Service at 426-5428. An additional demonstration will be scheduled for Thursday night if there are enough interested participants.

There will be an Extension Publication entitled "Farm Accident Rescue" available at a cost of \$2.00 per copy. For further information on these sessions contact the extension office.



DUMMIES FOR SAFETY—Marie Byrum, left, and Nancy Madre are pictured above stuffing a dummy to be used next week in a farm safety demonstration sponsored by the local extension service, Farm Bureau Ladies and the district health department. The program is geared to training individuals on helping farmers or others that are trapped in farm equipment. Byrum is the county Safety Chairman with the Extension Homemakers. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Youth Art Month celebrated through words and drawings

(Editor's Note: March has been proclaimed National Youth Art Month. Throughout the upcoming month, we will be featuring an artist from within the local school system's art program. These students will be sharing with you examples of their work, accompanied by an essay on what art means in their life. This week's featured artist is Bruce White, an Art III student, and a junior at Perquimans County High School. A member of the PCHS Art Club and the PCHS Beta Club, Bruce is planning to pursue a career in art.



By BRUCE WHITE

When my art teacher asked me to write an essay on what art means to me, I wasn't so sure that I could do it, because I had never tried to put my feelings about art into words before. I agreed to do it, of course, and here is the result.

Art, to me, means that I get a chance to express myself in my own way—with pencil and paper. As a writer uses words, I use the marks of my pencil.

Art also allows me to create something of my own, something which I can say is truly mine. It lets me create anything I wish. In the realm of art anything is possible because I can make it happen.

Don't tell me that dragons don't exist, because they do. I've seen one. I've made one. I can color a tree purple, or make it not look like a tree at all. I can twist it and shape it until it is what I want you to see.

It has been said that art imitates life. It can also be said that art imitates the emotion of life. When I draw, I try to put feeling into my work and I try to pass on that feeling in images and color, to make the observer feel, if only for a second, what I felt when I drew the picture. I think that all art is used basically to stimulate emotion in the viewer, whether the emotion is joy or sorrow. And, if I can make the observer feel something, that is an achievement for me.



Lady Tigers Claim Conference

The Lady Tigers of Perquimans Union School in Winfall were recently awarded the conference championship trophy for their performance during basketball season. Pictured left to right (front row) Tina White, Dawn Everett, Tammy Lee, Tonya Privott, and Tisha Smith. (Back row) Coach Sherri Wilkinson, Sidra Hooks, Kim Hunter, Michelle Honeyblue, Karen Wilson and Anita White. Not pictured are Sonja Wilkins and Martha Bass. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Tornado Awareness Week designated for March 2-8

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

In an effort to make the citizens of North Carolina better prepared in the event of a tornado, Governor James G. Martin

has designated the week of March 2-8 as Tornado Awareness Week in North Carolina.

Tornado Awareness Week is annually sponsored by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and locally by the Perquimans County Office of Emergency Management and Civil Preparedness.

A statewide tornado drill will be held on Wednesday, March 5. In the event of inclement weather, the drill will be rescheduled for Friday, March 7. North Carolina radio and television stations will relay practice tornado watch and warning alerts throughout the day to give residents a better insight of what to do in the event of an actual tornado.

According to information obtained by the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety tornado destruction is usually concentrated in relatively small areas. Therefore, much of the responsibility of warning, evacuation, and sheltering falls upon individual communities and citizens.

Tornado detection requires a complex network of storm spotters and reporting procedures within each of the "tornado watch" areas. Each network must be organized around the specific needs of the area being watch.

Locally the Perquimans County Emergency Management Office is operated full-time in the event of impending disaster to receive reports from "storm spotters" and the National Weather Service in an effort to better prepare residents.

In the event of personal or individual action becoming necessitated the following tips offered by the Department of Public Safety may prove to be helpful.

1. A tornado watch means that tornadoes are expected to develop. Keep a battery-powered radio or television nearby and listen for latest weather reports, even if the sky is blue. Tornadoes develop rapidly.

2. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted or is indicated by radar. Seek shelter immediately in a storm cellar, or the center interior of a reinforced building. Stay away from windows. Keep informed of developments by radio or television. Do not stay in your car, or remain in a mobile home.

We are now entering the most dangerous time of the year for tornadoes. In the past most tornadoes have struck North Carolina in March, April and May. Tornadoes, such as the ones that struck Perquimans County and much of eastern North Carolina in March of 1984 have the potential of causing major destruction and death.

The Perquimans County Emergency Management and Civil Preparedness Office will be happy to work with any group or individual wanting to learn more about tornadoes and how to survive them. For more information contact the office's director, Keith Haskett at 426-7010.

Frierson-Taylor nominated for awards

Marian Billups Frierson and Minnie B. Taylor, both of Hertford, have been nominated for recognition in the 1986 Distinguished Women Awards competition.

Frierson and Taylor are among 91 women statewide that have been nominated to receive the 1986 Distinguished Women of North Carolina Award.

Governor James G. Martin will present as many as five awards at the annual banquet on March 21.

The awards banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Raleigh at the Marriott Hotel and is open to the public. It will follow a reception at 6:30 p.m. honoring the nominees.

Reservation deadline is March 10. Registration is \$25.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to the N.C. Department of Administration and mailed to the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, 526 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604.

For more information, call the council office at (919) 733-2455.

Nominations were sought throughout the state through the news media and through many organizations. A selection committee appointed by council chair Helen Laughery of Rocky Mount will determine the award recipients.

The awards were presented for the first time in 1984 as part of the council's 20th anniversary observance. This year's presentation once again coincides with Women's History Month in March.