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State department to reorganize

RALEIGH, NC—The state's Division of Parks and Recreation will undergo reorganization Sept. 1, with greater emphasis being placed on visitor services and changes in consulting services to local governments.

Tommy Rhodes, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, which includes the Division of Parks and Recreation, said the Division will begin a strategic planning process to address the long term needs of the state's parks and to develop a planned response to the many issues and problems which affect the system.

According to Division Director, William Davis, reorganization will allow the creation of a visitors services unit in the Division to expand public awareness of the 51 state parks, recreation areas, natural areas, trails and lakes.

More emphasis will be placed on improving the recreation facilities available to the public, increasing the environmental education programs in the parks, and encouraging greater use of volunteers to help operate and maintain the 120,000-acre state parks system.

The reorganization will also seek to improve public safety measures and emergency preparedness of the Division's park rangers.

Reorganization will eliminate six positions, two of them in Raleigh and one each in four of the Department's seven regional offices. These services will be replaced by making parks technology and information available to public, private and commercial sectors through the state's university system. This change is expected to save about \$125,000 a year.

The state's park and recreation areas, which drew 6.6 million visitors in 1985, face continuing problems in the condition of many of its 50-year-old buildings and aging facilities.

State parks officials estimate that \$27.5 million needs to be spent to meet minimum health and safety requirements, and an additional \$69 million is needed for basic improvements to facilities and services.

Secretary Rhodes said the state needs a planned response policy to keep pace with the problems. Such a policy will review the role of state parks compared to local and federal parks, accentuate the natural resource protection needs of each park, provide greater public input into park planning, and define complementary recreation opportunities which could be provided at each state facility.

State to raise drinking age on September 1

RALEIGH—You have to be 21 years old to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages in North Carolina after September 1, 1986.

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is charged with enforcing alcoholic beverage control laws and regulations. After September 1, there will be no change in ALE's method of enforcing alcoholic beverage laws and regulations. However, through the court system treatment of certain violators and the resultant penalty will be somewhat different due to provisions of the law.

If you are 19 or 20 and attempt to purchase, possess alcoholic beverages, you will be charged with an infraction, which is punishable by a penalty of not more than \$25. An infraction is an unlawful act which, under the law, is not a crime. The conviction bears no consequence other than the payment of the penalty.

A person charged with this infraction will be given a citation by an ALE agent and can go to district court for trial. If you are found re-

sponsible for this infraction, you may not be assessed court costs and will not have a criminal record. A person can pay the \$25 penalty and not go to court, unless he has been convicted of an ABC offense within the last two years.

All other alcoholic beverage control law violations are misdemeanors, including the sale of alcoholic beverage to a person age 19 to 20. A conviction on a misdemeanor charge can result in up to two years in jail and a fine. This means a 19 or 20-year old purchaser may be charged with an infraction, while the person selling the beverage may be charged with a misdemeanor.

The new law also amends the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requirements regarding color coded driver's license and special identification cards. Beginning September 1, 1986 DMV will color code licenses and special IDs in two groups, ie, those persons who have not reached age 21 and those who have reached age 21.

ALE conducts public information programs on acceptable IDs. Acceptable IDs are driver's licenses, DMV special ID cards, military ID cards,

and passports. Further, ALE agents remind persons that any ID must also bear a physical description of the person named on the card, and dates of validity or expiration must be current.

The use of a fraudulent driver's license or ID, or one issued to another person, in obtaining or attempting to obtain alcoholic beverages is still a misdemeanor. A conviction of this provision may result in a criminal record, the assessment of a fine and or court costs and the loss of driver's license for one year. Additionally, 19- to 20-year old persons are subject to misdemeanor criminal charges and one-year driver's license revocation for allowing another person to use their license or identification documents and for assisting another underage person to buy or consume alcoholic beverages.

The change in the drinking age was prompted by passage of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 by the U.S. Congress. Any state not adopting the minimum drinking age of 21 by federal fiscal year 1987 will lose 5 percent to 10 percent of its federal highway funds.



Smith benefit

The Winfall fire department joined together to sponsor a benefit for Josiah Smith in Hertford on Saturday. The fire department served a bar-b-que chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Class offered in self defense

Due to recent burglaries in the Winfall area, the Winfall Police Department is organizing a class for ladies covering self defense, firearms training, and home security.

The course will be conducted by local law enforcement officers, and representatives from the department of crime prevention and public safety.

The course is open to all ladies in the county. All interested in participating in the program may call and leave their name with the Winfall Police department at 426-5015. Time and place of class are yet to be determined.

County scores reported

Paul Ward reported to the Perquimans County Board of Education Monday evening that the test scores on the annual and competency tests from 1984-1985 for Perquimans County were good overall compared to our region and the state scores. Ward reported that the county students received the highest reading score on the competency test since the test was started in 1978. Ward also stated that he felt that the test were more difficult last year, and that overall the students did well.

Harrell stated that he was very pleased with the test scores. The board also reviewed the construction

projects within the county, and Mr. Harrell reported that the state has begun paving the driveway at the Hertford Grammar school. Harrell also urged the board to stop in and take a look at work which has been done on the cafeteria at the Hertford Grammar School.

The cafeteria has new lights and ceiling fans. The ceiling fans were purchased by the P.T.A., and both the fans and lights were installed by the maintenance personnel at the school. Harrell stated that these new additions to the cafeteria really make a difference.

Festival pageant scheduled

The planning committee of the Indian Summer Arts Festival has announced that they are planning to hold a pageant this year to crown Miss Indian Summer Festival 1986.

The pageant will be open to all young ladies who are residents of Perquimans County between the ages of 16 and 21 who are high school or college students.

The contestants will be judged on beauty, poise, personality, and through an interview.

Miss Indian Summer Festival will be crowned on the courthouse green, Friday, September 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Any club or organization wishing to sponsor a representative should con-



tact the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce at 426-5657 before August 30, 1986.

Summer arts frenzy closes

The Summer Arts Frenzy: Visual Arts Camp concluded on July 24th with a trip to the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh. Forty-four people went on the trip to the museum including youngsters, parents, and teachers. The group rented a trailways bus, and highlights of the trip included a picnic lunch on the museum grounds, and a guided tour of the museum.

The Summer Arts Frenzy: Visual Arts Camp was open to all county youngsters and was funded by a grant from the grassroots arts program of the North Carolina Arts Council.

The program began on July 9, and was broken up into sessions based on the children's ages. The sessions were taught by Deborah Coates. The

first session was for children in first through third grade, and was entitled International Art. The second session held ran from July 14th through the 18th and was for students in fourth through sixth grade. A week of puppetry was the theme, and the stu-

dents designed and made all their puppets. A puppet show concluded the session, and the children working in pairs adapted the scripts from fairy tale favorites such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, and others for the presentation.

Susan Winslow, Elementary co-ordinator in the schools stated that the program was a big success, and that the trip to the museum was an appropriate culminating activity enjoyed by all.

Winslow-Davis aide fisherman

Last Wednesday was not an ordinary day for Sara Winslow of Hertford or Gary Davis of Currituck, who work for the North Carolina Department of Marine Fisheries.

On Wednesday while Sara and Gary were working at the mouth of the Alligator and Scuppernon Rivers near Columbia, North Carolina they spotted a small boat. Two men were on the boat, and they appeared to be crabbing. Shortly after the boat was spotted by Sara and Gary it exploded. They immediately went to the boat which was approximately one-half mile down the river, but according to Sara when they reached the boat it was engulfed in flames. By

the time they got there, the men were also in the water. One Richard Davis was unharmed, but Tom Midgett, the other passenger, was hurt. Sara and Gary assisted both men into the boat and took them back to the boat landing where they had earlier launched their boat. When they reached the shore they made arrangements for Mr. Midgett to be taken to the nearest medical facilities, and waited for the Coast Guard.

"Luckily we were in the right place at the right time" stated Sara. According to the Columbia Clinic Mr. Midgett was treated for burns and released.



David McCall, program director is shown with artifacts from the period.

Newbold-White House offers new programs

Newbold-White, said to be North Carolina's oldest house, has developed four early history programs for use in schools and organizations in the Albemarle. Built ca. 1685, this house has witnessed three hundred years of the state's history, and the programs are presented to tell some of this story, and to stimulate more interest in this history, particularly in that of the seventeenth century.

The Newbold-White site was the location for the beginning of organized religion in the state when George Fox, founder of the Quaker sect, preached there in 1672. The Proprietary General Assembly and most of the early courts met there before 1700.

The first program begins with the Algonkian Indians who lived in the Albemarle before the coming of the

English, perhaps in the 1650's. The presentation is in slide-tape form, accompanied with artifact and poster exhibits. The Indian artifacts were recovered in supervised archaeological work in the area.

The Newbold-White House itself is the subject of one program. As North Carolina's oldest house, this is the only historic site in the state illustrating the long period between the 1584-87 Roanoke Island Voyages, and the growth of Edenton and its naming as the provincial capital in 1722. Archaeological digs at the site included bits of the lead and glass used in the windows, pieces of 17th century Delft pottery, and brickbats from the brick-making site on the property. These buried bits from the past formed the basis for the restoration

of the house to its medieval look. Newbold-White has been called the finest restoration of a brick house in the United States, and is entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

The settlement of North Carolina began in the County of Albemarle, the subject of the next program. This tells of the Carolina Charter of 1663, the rule of the Lords Proprietors, and the first armed rebellion against English shipping laws during the 1677 Culpeper Rebellion. Although it was once all there was of North Carolina, in 1689 the end came for the independent unit known as the County of Albemarle.

The fourth slide-tape history lesson is called "Perquimans County-A Meeting of Cultures".

Beginning with the first contacts of the Indians and the English during Ralph Lane's 1586 visit to Perquimans, it ends with the disappearance of these native Americans from the thousands of acres they had once called home. The same story was repeated in all the original Albemarle precincts—Chowan, Currituck, Perquimans, and Pasquotank—in the three hundred years which have passed since the first English settlements in North Carolina.

For further information about these programs, write the Perquimans County Restoration Association, P.O. Box 103, Hertford, N.C. 27944; or the programs may be scheduled by calling David McCall, Program Director, Newbold-White, 426-7567.