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Local Briefs

Proctor promoted at bank



Peoples Bank and Trust Company recently promoted Janie Winslow Proctor to Vice President in Hertford.

Proctor serves as State Membership Chairman of the National Association of Bank Women.

A native of Perquimans County, she is married to Willis Proctor of Hertford, and they have one son, Pete.

Cleaners schedules reopening

Cannon Cleaners will hold a grand re-opening on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27.

The business was forced to close its doors when an April 14 fire heavily damaged the building and destroyed the clothing sent there to be cleaned.

Owner-operator Lizzie Harrell lost no time beginning clean-up efforts. With the help of some friends, she immediately began the task of scrubbing walls and equipment.

Mrs. Harrell has owned the dry cleaning business since 1952 when she and her late husband Tom purchased it from Blanche Kimbrell, the daughter of founders Elmo and Edna Cannon.

Although ready to clean and press, the business is not yet prepared to begin the process of settling claims.

During the grand re-opening, three drawings will be held. The winners will receive \$25, \$15, or \$10 in free dry cleaning.

Holiday deadlines announced

The Perquimans Weekly office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

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The Hertford Lions and their guests celebrated the local organization's 50th anniversary last Thursday night at Perquimans County High School.

Lions celebrate 50th anniversary

The Hertford Lions Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet on May 18.

President John Myers introduced the toastmaster. Claude Brinn then introduced guests. Presentations were made by Raymond J. Hall, District Governor 31-J.

John Biggers gave a history of the organization. Past District Governor Herbert Hollowell introduced speaker Jack Stickley, Past International President.

The Edenton Lions Club sponsored the Hertford Lions Club. The Hertford charter night was held on May 15, 1939. Norman Hollowell served as the organization's first president.

Secretaries of the civic club have been Norman Trueblood (8 years), Luther Sitterson (1 year), Sidney Blanchard (7 years), John Biggers (32 years) and William T. Winslow (2 years).

Six Hertford Lions have served on the district level. Norman Trueblood was N.C. Special Representative of Lions International.

Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor and Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer were all district offices held by John T. Biggers.

Harrell served as Zone Chairman. Wallace Nelson held the offices of Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, District Chairman Alcohol and Drug Education and District Chairman Eye and Human Tissue Bank.

The Hertford Lions Club sponsored the Elizabeth City Lions Club in 1949.

The Lions have given financial and other support to many worthy causes over the years. These include White Cane, Boys and Girls Homes, LCIF, Hearing and Speech, Mobile Eye Unit, Farm-City Week, Boosters Club, Chamber of Commerce, Trophies for corn and soybeans, Blind to Camp Dogwood, Glasses and Eye Examinations, School Athletic Program, Special Olympics, Heart Fund, American Cancer Society, Indian Summer Festival and Christmas parade.

Present Lions are Jim Bass, Ben Berry, John Biggers, Jack Boone, Claude Brinn, T.P. Byrum, Jesse Champion, Robert Clinkscales, Sidney Eley, W.O. Elliott, Paul Gregory, Tommy Harrell, Joseph Hasket, Leo Higgins, Jimmy Hunter, Marsha Mansfield, Frank McGoogan, John Myres, Wallace Nelson, Wesley Nelson, Edward Rochetz, Carl Sawyer, William Tice, Joe Tunnell, C.C. Walters, Paul Ward, Harry Winslow, Sr., Harry Winslow, Jr., Howard Winslow, W.T. 'Billy' Winslow and Charles Woodard.

The 1988-89 officers are John Myers-president, Joseph Hasket-first vice president, Paul Gregory-second vice president, Robert Clinkscales-third vice president, W.T. Winslow-secretary, John Biggers-treasurer, W.O. Elliott-Lion tamer and Wallace Nelson-tail twister.

Directors are Jesse Champion, Wallace Nelson, Wesley Nelson, Jim Bass, Joe Tunnell and Edward Roschetz.

Electoral changes passed by N.C. General Assembly

Bills affecting the election of county commissioners and school board members in Perquimans County have been passed by both chambers of the N.C. General Assembly.

Under the provisions of the bills, both boards would be expanded from five to seven seats. All candidates will run at large. There will no longer be representatives from each township on the boards.

The two seats on both boards created by the bills would initially be filled by blacks. Appointment of the members will be made by the present board members.

The bills were drafted after the local NAACP threatened to file a voting rights lawsuit against the county. More than a year of study was involved in the electoral changes.

Working with Dick Brockett of the Institute of Government at East Carolina University and Michael Crowell, a Raleigh attorney who specializes in voting rights issues, a local committee set out to review alternatives in January 1988.

Most North Carolina counties and municipalities have been able to establish districts which were designed to make it easier to elect black candidates. However, that remedy could not be used here as there are no geographic concentrations of black voters in the county.

Theoretically, the new system

will allow more black candidates to be elected through single-shot voting. That system works when all black voters line up behind one or two black candidates and then the white vote is dispersed among several white candidates.

After being approved by the Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education and NAACP, the bills were sent to Senator Marc Basnight, Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson and Rep. Vernon James for introduction onto the floor of the General Assembly chambers.

The legislation will now be sent to the Voting Rights Section of the U.S. Department of Justice for clearance and adherence to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Perquimans County Republican Party has written letters to county officials, labeling the legislation "unconstitutional." They contend that being forced to set aside seats for minorities is a violation of the equal protection clause of the constitution.

In response, NAACP President John London said, "It was never intended to be a political thing." The purpose of the legislation, London added, was to assure black appointments to the boards.

"I'd like to know where the Republican party was when we were going through the struggle," he commented.



Jack Stickley, past international president, was the guest speaker at the Hertford Lions Club's 50th anniversary.

Jaycees plan 4th of July gala

The Perquimans County Jaycees are planning the biggest and best 4th of July celebration ever, according to Chairman Chris Peckham.

The Jaycees are dedicating the day to the volunteer emergency services personnel in the county. The various fire, rescue and related departments have been invited to participate in a competition. All departments will receive small donations from the Jaycees for coming out to compete. The winning department will receive \$100.

A horseshoe tournament is also planned. The entry fee is \$5 per person. Half of the fees will go to the winners. The other half will be donated to charity. For more information or to register for the con-

test, call Mike Kelly at 264-2850 or 264-3302.

Children's games will include the popular water balloon toss along with many others. This year, a Moon Walk will be available. Preston Nixon will have ponies to ride. A Huck Finn fishing competition is being planned.

The traditional county-wide religious celebration will feature the Spirited Truth Gospel Singers and the Rev. Raymond Wittman of Hertford United Methodist Church.

An afternoon pie-in-the-face auction will raise money for charity. Dignitaries such as Hertford Mayor Bill Cox have graciously agreed to receive a face full of cream to raise funds.

Booths for arts, crafts and some food items such as popcorn or

homemade ice cream are being rented this year. Anyone interested in a display or sales booth should contact Chris Peckham.

The dunking booth will provide fun during the day. Hurlers can test their strength and accuracy by trying to wet riders of the tank.

The band Phoenix will provide music for the street dance. During the band's first break, a performance by one of Betty Brite's characters is scheduled.

The most popular event of the evening will be the fireworks that will light up the sky after dark.

On sale during the day will be hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

With all this, and even more activities still in the planning stages, the annual Jaycee-sponsored Independence Day Celebration promises fun for the entire family.

'Egad, What a Cad!' starts Saturday night

The Perquimans Playhouse production of a comedy "mellerdrammer" will open Saturday, May 27th, at a dinner theater at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Bethel Township.

A gourmet buffet will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a sing-along. "EGAD, WHAT A CAD!" or "VIRTUE TRIUMPS OVER VILLAINY" will start at 8:30 p.m. Tickets and reservations are available at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce in Hertford (426-5657). Tickets for the evening's buffet, entertainment and play are \$12.00. Other performances are scheduled for June 2, 3, 10, 16, 17 and 23.

The dinner theater is being produced by Ed Allen, directed by Pat Phillips and technical direction is by Bob Hess. An exciting evening

of laughs, howls and applause is in store in the play by Anita Bell, and produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

For a time it looks as though CONSTANT HOPE (Carol Hammer and Brenda Hollowell), our beautiful young heroine who is haunted by a tragic past, is about to fall into the clutches of that black-hearted cad, BERTRAM OLEANDER (Ed Allen). But by a strange coincidence (?), MANLY RASH (Terry Owen and Phil McMullan), our noble hero with the manly bosom, arrives in the nick of time to save CONSTANT from a fate worse than death!

Gadzooks, what a time the audience has hissing the villain, and applauding the hero and the heroine! A constant riot of explosive laugh-

ter and great fun for the cast and audience alike.

Other characters in the cast are AUGUSTUS GREYSTONE (John Carson and Dave Dallas), a sickly old goat; URSULA GREYSTONE (Glee Hammer), a social butterfly; FOWLER (Carolyn Hess and Norma McMullan), a super-efficient maid; and MILLY SMITH (Becky Carson), a surprise to all.

In addition to the cast, the production staff includes Verna Zey, Ann Rogers, Mary Harrell, Helen Allen, Iris Dallas and Henry and Gerry Carney.

The Perquimans Playhouse invites all persons who are interested in the furtherance of the theater arts to participate as members of the group. Applications may be obtained from Secretary Becky Carson (426-5140).

Shriners help crippled and burned children

The Chowan Shriners will be out June 3rd participating in the Annual Sudan Temple "Shrine Paper Distribution" according to Charlie Shaw, President of the Chowan Shrine Club.

The local Shriners are offering their newspapers to raise funds to operate their Shriners Hospitals for Crippled and Burned Children. According to Sudan Temple's Potentate, it took in excess of 236 million dollars to operate the nineteen orthopedic hospitals and the three burns institutes last year.

More than 380,000 children have benefited from these hospitals since they were begun in 1922 by the Shriners. No government funds

support any of these hospitals, and 100 percent of the funds raised by the Shriners for their hospitals go for that purpose.

The newspapers will tell the story of the Shriners and their hospitals. It will feature stories by patients and former patients and their parents. It will have photographs of these patients and from the hospitals.

The hospitals stand ready to take any child, regardless of race, color, or creed, who need help. Applications for admission to the Shriners Hospitals or Burns Institutes may be obtained from any Shriener or Sudan Temple, P.O. Drawer 490, New Bern, North Car-

olina 28560. Children from North Carolina are sent to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, S.C., or the Shrine Burns Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. President Charlie Shaw pointed out the average cost for an orthopedic patient is about \$7,120.00 and for a burns patient about \$8,150.00 including physicians fees. Not one cent has ever been charged for treatment at the Shriners Hospitals. The local Shriners invite you to help in their worthy cause.

When you see these men in their RED FEZ, seek them out and give generous to their cause for our community could need their services at any time.

Drive safely during holiday weekend

Fourteen persons could lose their lives, and approximately 1,000 could suffer disabling injuries in traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, the N.C. State Motor Club has projected.

The state will count its toll over a 78-hr. period from 6 p.m. on Friday, May 26 through midnight Monday, May 29. Last year the holiday presented 1,274 accidents, killing 13 persons and injuring 973.

The holiday falls within the week of two nationwide safety awareness activities: Buckle-Up America Week - May 22 through May 29, and Operation CARE - May 26 through May 29.

Buckle-Up America Week - Law enforcement agencies and other organizations strongly encourage drivers across the nation to wear their seat belts for safety, not just for the week, but for life.

Operation CARE - is as its name implies, a combined effort on the part of state police and Highway Patrol agencies across the nation to reduce traffic accidents during major holidays.

These special days, purposely scheduled to include the Memorial Day weekend, when so much traffic is on the road, are set aside

to make the public aware of the benefits of seat belts and safety seats and the dangers of driving while impaired and speeding.

"We want to remind all drivers that the speed limit is still 55-mph except on specified rural interstate highways," said Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club. "Unsafe speed is recognized as a major contributing factor to the volume and severity of traffic collisions."

All motorists are encouraged to make it their personal responsibility to help make our highways safer and eliminate the needless loss of our children and adults by motor vehicle mishaps.

"The driver with the best chance will be the defensive driver," Frazier said. The art of defensive driving is acquiring the knack of concentrating on driving. Watch out for the weaving motorists, give him space. Watch out for the road - avoid that chuckhole. In traffic, allow more following distance during rush hours, and make sure your vehicle is in the best condition.

"The holiday is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed, but stay aware of travel dangers so it does not end in tragedy," Frazier said.

Have a safe and happy Holiday weekend