



**THE GAY SAYS**  
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**HOOTS**  
**OH THANK HEAVEN!**  
One of the joys of being a librarian is finding surprises in the daily mail. A large proportion of the contents of our post office box every day finds its way into the "circular file" and creates problems for the trash collector but very often we receive fascinating items, unsolicited.

For instance, we have recently received a history of Campbell College, a biography of a noted North Carolinian's brother and a detective story written by a librarian. And now comes a large paperback book written by the Public Relations Manager for The Southland Corporation, best known perhaps for the 7-Eleven stores.

Catchy slogans are an important part of the advertising business and it never hurts a book to have a clever title. "Oh Thank Heaven for 7-Eleven - it's about time" proved to be a lucrative double-meaning sentence for the convenience stores and the first three words are used as the title of this history of the company's first 50 years.

Did you know that convenience stores are an outgrowth of the old corner ice-house? Did you know that the automobile is credited (or blamed?) with changing our whole way of life, putting a new emphasis on the saving of time? Did you know that there are over 5,600 7-Eleven stores and the company anticipates 10,000 before too long? These are only a few of the fascinating tidbits I gleaned in a quick perusal of the extravagantly illustrated book which was sent with a cover letter explaining that it was my "personal copy".

The author proved his public relations know-how by keeping his letter short but to-the-point. He attracted my attention by promising that the book told more than the story of one company, that it traced the growth of the booming convenience store industry. My congratulations to a "pro" for grabbing some of my time - I found it hard to put the book down and get on with the rest of the morning's mail.

**SCREECHES**  
Available to the Public - The mail also brought a public document which the library is asked to make available. This is just one more service which public libraries are happy to perform - making governmental information accessible to interested persons.

Twenty-nine counties in eastern North Carolina form a health service area which will be vitally affected by a plan which has been developed for providing medical care. A draft copy of the Health Systems Plan (HSP) which was produced with the support of the Department of Health, Education & Welfare

(HEW) Public Health Service is ready for examination and comment before it can be adopted.

Much information about present health care in eastern North Carolina as well as very interesting projections for the future are included in the 182-page book. I was particularly interested in the estimated growth patterns predicted for the four counties served by the Pettigrew Regional Library. Chowan is expected to decrease by 2.3 per cent from 11,246 in 1975 to 10,995 in 1982. Perquimans is expected to increase by a very slight margin from 8,440 to 8,445. Tyrrell County sets the record with a projected loss of 7.1 per cent of its population, going from 4,049 to 3,758. And Washington County is predicted to gain 1.7 per cent, going from 14,251 to 14,502. The source of these figures is not clearly indicated and the 1975 figures are quite different from the recent totals for 1976 published just last week.

A public hearing on this health systems plan will be held next month and, meantime, you are invited to ask for this draft copy at your public library to see what is contained in the plan.

**Mrs. Williams Died Sunday**

Mrs. Lottie Wilson Williams, 76, 816 Johnston Street, died Sunday in Chowan Hospital following an extended illness.

Mrs. Williams was a native of Chowan County, the daughter of the late Lemuel C. and Amy Harrell Wilson and was the widow of Ernest B. Williams.

Surviving are five sons: Lindsey Williams of Corapeake; Louis Williams of Windsor; Marvin Williams of Temple, Tex.; Kermit Williams of Cary; and Murray Williams of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Bernice) Brooks of Edenton; a brother, Elton Wilson of Edenton; two sisters: Mrs. Lennie Turner of Edenton; and Miss Viola Wilson of Elizabeth City; 21 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Edenton Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday in Willford-Barham Funeral Chapel with Rev. Marion G. Zeigler and Rev. J. Thomas Smith officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Robbie and John Brooks, Ken, Lindsey Ray and Edward Williams, and C.Y. Parrish, III.

**COREY ELIZABETH LAYTON**

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit L. Layton, Jr., of Edenton, announce the birth of a daughter, Corey Elizabeth, on June 15 at Chowan Hospital.

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