



Public Parade

Milestone Reached

Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church is 200 years old. It is among the oldest congregations along the Public Parade.

A full day of activities is set for Sunday and several former pastors will participate in the services. Rev. George Cooke and the church leaders have put together a fine program for the 200th anniversary observance.

The word of Ballard's Bridge was beamed across the nation Monday morning. Willard Scott acknowledged on the NBC "Today" program that he had received some peanut brittle from the Tyner church which called attention to the anniversary.

Many male church members have discarded their razors and grown a variety of beards in recognition of the event.

We want to join the entire community in saluting Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church on this plateau in the religious life along the Public Parade. The church is 200 and counting.

Working Vacation

The lights of Norfolk never looked better than Tuesday night. We winged in from Chicago toward the Public Parade on the last leg of a working vacation which took us into the North Central area of the U. S.

Between noon Wednesday of last week and Tuesday we had traveled on six different airlines on our journey as a "witness" for agricultural extension. In meetings in Kansas City and Janesville, Wisc., we renewed old friendships and made new ones with people we consider to be some of the finest.

There always seems to be new ground to plow. In March, 1980, representatives of 37 states organized the National Extension Advisory Council. This prompted advocates of research and teaching to actively seek participation in a national lay program.

At a meeting in Kansas City, the framework for blending NEAC into a National Council on Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) was put in place. We were joined at the meeting by Dean J. E. Legates of the NCSU School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Frank Harris of Raleigh.

When that meeting adjourned, we moved into another room to chair the meeting of the National Extension Committee of the Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The big agenda item of this new committee, organized in mid-April, dealt with technology transfer through computer sciences.

Support of a national computer network for those in the agriculture industry has been expressed by the W. H. Kellogg Foundation. The Kellogg Foundation already has invested heavily in state and regional programs. The network would be designed for communication as well as computation.

While we didn't have to be in Janesville, until Monday we went up to Madison for a couple of days of "R&R". We managed to play the tourist bit Saturday and enjoyed the countryside.

In Janesville we were introduced to a "Brat and Beer" social. On the menu was bratwurst, sauerkraut, a relish tray and of course, beer. Since beer, even if it is free, is not on our list of acceptable beverages we contributed to the cause by paying \$1 for a glass of Coke.

At noon Tuesday we spoke at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees. More than 150 elected officials, their spouses and extension staff were in attendance. The luncheon duties

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Hedgebeth Found Guilty Of Manslaughter Charge

Eddie Wendell Hedgebeth, 34-year-old Negro, 310 East Church Street, was given a suspended sentence in Chowan County Superior Court last week on a plea of involuntary manslaughter. Hedgebeth was originally charged with murder.

Judge R. Michael Bruce of Mount Olive, sentenced the defendant to five years. However, the sentence was suspended and Hedgebeth placed on probation for five years. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$5,000 and court costs.

Hedgebeth was charged in the death on March 22 of Kenneth Earl Valentine on North Oakum Street.

Charles Busby, defense attorney, negotiated the plea with Asst. Dist. Atty. Frank R. Parrish.

A mistrial was declared in the jury trial of Randy Green for shoplifting. Green was charged with taking a pack of cigarettes from S&R. After the mistrial was declared, Green agreed to pay fees of his court appointed attorney John V. Matthews, Jr., of Hertford, in lieu of future prosecution.

Willie Athen Twine, Jr., charged with drunk driving, gave notice of appeal after he was found guilty in a jury trial. Judge Bruce had sentenced him to six months, suspended upon payment of costs and on condition that he spend 30

days in jail.

Haywood Lewis Burke was given 12 months for possession of marijuana. He was given an additional 12 months for possession with intent to sell. He was recommended for work release and ordered to pay a fine of \$2,000 and court costs.

In other cases called, the following action was taken.

Preston Woodard, Jr., damage to real property, two years but work release was recommended.

Joseph Richard Rogerson, larceny, three years, suspended and placed on probation for three years and ordered to pay a fine of \$500 and court costs.

William C. O'Neal, possession of stolen goods, 12 months, suspended upon payment of \$300 fine and costs.

William James Gillespie, reckless driving after drinking, 90 days. He was recommended for work release.

Hilda Twine Gilliam, drunk driving and assault on an officer, six months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and pay for damage. In the split sentence judgment the defendant was ordered to spend 10 days in jail and spend the remainder of her sentence on probation.

Franklin Thomas Riddick, disobey officer's directions, not

guilty.

Charles Hollowell, assault by pointing a gun, dismissed.

Governor Awards Four Reseachers

Gov. Jim Hunt recently presented awards of excellence in scientific research to four North Carolinians involved in studies of North Carolina peat and olivine resources.

The awards were presented on behalf of the N. C. Energy Institute for exceptional work in energy-related research funded by the Institute.

The awards went to Dr. Roy Ingram and Dr. Lee Otte of the Department of Geology at UNC-Chapel Hill for their research report, "Peat Resources of North Carolina," and to Billy Gay and Dr. Hayne Palmour, III, of N. C. State University for their report on the usefulness of North Carolina olivine in heat storage brick.

"This research has paved the way for the commercial development of our important energy resources," Hunt said in presenting the awards.

"Already the information on our peat resources gathered by Dr. Ingram and Dr. Otte has given peat mining firms like First Colony Farms a head-start in the development of peat as fuel. Soon our peat will be used to produce methanol, a versatile, clean-burning fuel that may be widely used as an automotive fuel.

"I believe the information gathered by Dr. Palmour and Gay will soon yield similar benefits in the commercialization of olivine heat storage brick," Hunt said.

"Peat Resources of North Carolina" is the first complete resource assessment of North Carolina peat deposits. The Energy Institute provided a grant of \$100,000 for the research. The U. S. Department of Energy has provided \$200,000 for a more

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Funds Allotted For Day Care

RALEIGH — The N. C. Department of Human Resources has allocated county social services departments almost \$17-million in anticipated federal and state funds for day care services for low-income children for the 1981-82 fiscal year that begins on July 1.

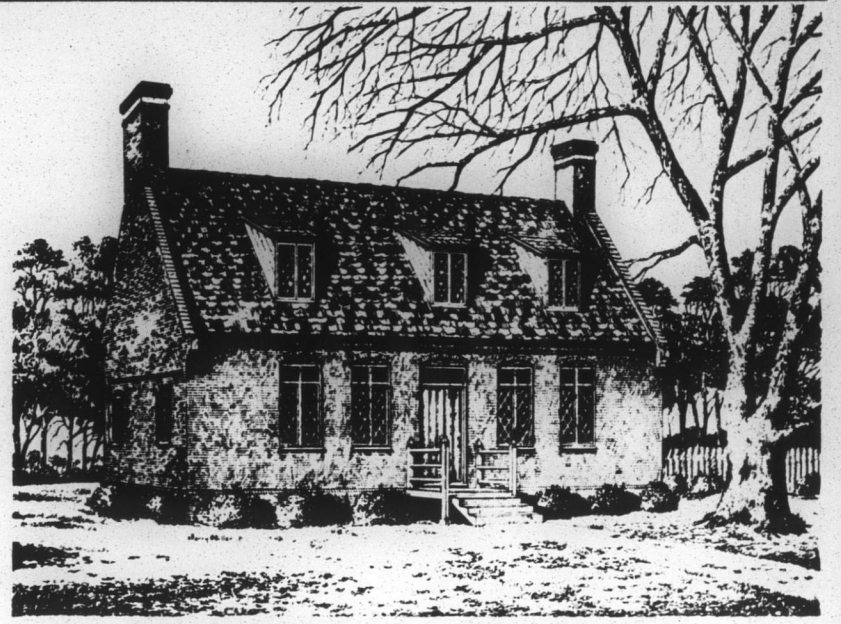
Chowan County will receive \$23,008. Allocations for other Albemarle Area counties include: Camden, \$19,228; Currituck, \$21,200; Dare, \$21,012; Gates, \$16,080; Hyde, \$11,294; Pasquotank, \$54,069; Perquimans, \$17,235; Tyrrell, \$11,913; and Washington, \$32,337.

County social services departments are currently preparing their total budgets for the 1981-82 fiscal year. They will be required to budget less than \$1.2-million in local matching funds for day care in order to receive their total federal and state allocations.

When the county social services departments were notified in February to their allocations they were told that the allocations were based upon the availability of state and federal funds, according to Rachel Fesmire, chief of the department's Day Care Section.

"Our department is requesting \$6.9-million in state funds for day care in its continuation budget being considered by the current session of the N. C. General Assembly. The 1979 session, at the request of Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., appropriated state funds for

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Newbold-White House, Perquimans County

Newbold-White House Opening To Public On July Third

The Newbold-White House, near Hertford, which is opening to the public on July 3 at 11 A.M. is the oldest house in North Carolina, dating from the 1680's. It was built before George Washington was born, during the proprietary government of the State when Charles II was King of England.

Perquimans has long claimed its rightful place in the settlement of the State, with more than three hundred years of known history. The oldest deed recorded in North Carolina is in the Perquimans County Court House, showing that an Indian Chief, Kilcocanen, sold land to a pioneer settler, George Durant in 1661. The deed refers "to the land already sold to Samuel Pricklove" who could possibly be North Carolina's earliest permanent settler.

The Newbold-White House survived from the 17th to the 20th century, but it has undergone many changes in those three centuries. It was raised from the ground, rebuilt inside, the stairway moved, and additions made on both front and back as lifestyles changed, and families increase. But it was built four-square, following medieval building practices used in England, and it withstood time and change. It now stands restored to all its seventeenth century glory.

It may look like a small cottage, with its two rooms down, two rooms upstairs, but in its day, it was a mansion. The medieval English architectural pattern of hall and parlor prevailed, with the parlor probably used as a bedroom for the master of the house. All other activities - cooking - eating - gatherings of various kinds - took place in the "Great Hall".

The two small bedrooms upstairs were probably overflowing when the proprietary assembly met there in 1697. It is the only surviving meeting place of this proprietary government. The speaker, John Porter, had quite a ways to come, all the way from Bath-town, in Hyde (now Beaufort) County. It probably took him a few days, depending on favorable winds for his sailing vessel.

Sara W. Hodgkins, Secretary of the State Department of Cultural Resources, will be the speaker at the dedication of the Newbold-White House on July 3, at 11 A.M. It is rumored that she will arrive by helicopter from Raleigh, probably a two-hour trip. She will be accompanied by First District Sen. Melvin R. Daniels.

Mrs. Hodgkins, now serving her second term, has long been active in public service, having served as vice-chairman of the N. C. Arts Council, and the president of the N. C. Symphony Society. One of only two women in Gov. James B. Hunt's cabinet, Sec. Hodgkins is responsible for more than 400 full-time employees and an annual budget in excess of \$16-million. The department contains three main divisions: Archives and History; the State Library and the Arts, which includes the North Carolina Arts Council.

The public is cordially invited to attend the opening ceremony on July 3. The building will be open, without charge, for viewing by visitors until 4:30 P.M., July 3,

from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on July 4, and from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. on July 5. Regular hours of operation will begin on July 6 from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. through Saturday, and 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. on Sundays. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for all students.

Registration Card Expiration Noted

RALEIGH — If you registered your car, truck, motorcycle, trailer or rental vehicle between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1980, check the expiration date on your vehicle registration card.

Your card will probably show that your license plate expires June 30, 1981.

The N. C. Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles is gearing up to mail license plate renewal cards to approximately 500,000 motorists whose license plates expire in June.

License plate renewal cards will be mailed by the motor vehicles division May 1 through May 15.

Validation stickers and new license tags may be purchased as soon as the motorist receives the

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Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church

Church At Ballard's Bridge To Mark 200th Anniversary

Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church will celebrate its 200th anniversary Sunday.

The event will begin at 10 A.M. with the Sunday School meeting to fill out their report and then returning to the main auditorium. The main worship program will begin at 10:30 A.M. with a welcome to all former pastors and their families and to all former members and guests.

Rev. Lamar Sentell and Rev. Carl Hart, former pastors, will respond to the welcome. Rev. Ralph Knight, another former pastor, will deliver the 200th anniversary message.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12 noon.

The afternoon services will begin outside at 1:30 o'clock.

It is supposed that the first meeting was held under a brush arbor. The men of Ballard's Bridge have constructed such an

arbor and this is where the afternoon service will be held.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Brenda Winborne, will be singing a number of old hymns of the church.

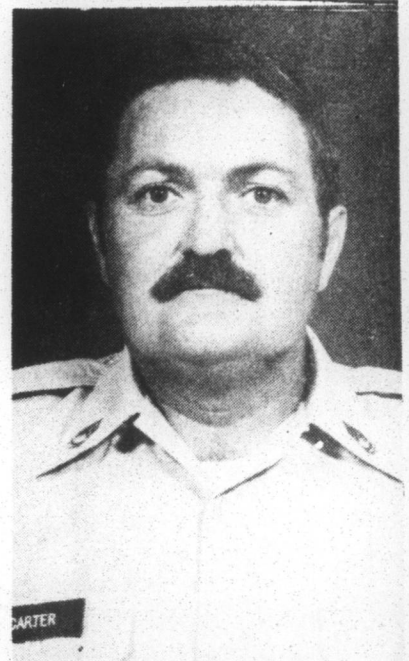
Dr. Ben Kisher, former interim pastor, will deliver a message, after which Ralph Hollowell, Mrs. Jane Joyner, Mrs. Vivian Jordan, and J. Wayne Bunch will give a brief history of Ballard's Bridge.

Lewis Assumes Corporate Post

NEWPORT, N. C. — Blake C. Lewis, Jr. has been named Advertising - Promotions Manager for Conner Homes Corporation.

The announcement was made by Wallace J. Conner, President and Chairman of the Board of the Newport, North Carolina home

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Sgt. Thomas M. Carter

Local Guardsman Completes Course

FORT BRAGG — SFC Thomas M. Carter of Ridgeway, Va., graduated June 13 from the N. C. National Guard Advanced Non-commissioned Officers Course conducted at the NC Military Academy here.

The course was conducted over a 15-day period by instructors of the N. C. National Guard and the 3286th United States Army Reserve School using the general theme, "Sergeant's Business."

The program of instruction included such subjects as land navigation, military leadership, history of the National Guard, training management, nuclear, biological and chemical training, and communication procedures.

SFC Carter is a member of the 731st Maintenance Company of the National Guard in Edenton. He is employed by E. I. Dupont of Martinsville, Va. He and his wife, Anna, reside in Ridgeway, Va.