

Poet's Corner

A Summer Smile

By Murrell Smith

With all these lovely tokens all the summer days are spent.

In every meadow and field the summer will flaunt her green fields and harvest for everyone who cares.

The butterfly and honeybee proposes a merry race, the cricket composes an unceasing melody, the poor church mouse is finally fat, and the birds silhouette against the sunset - and the silkworms sleep on the leaves of the mulberry trees - the summer is smiling -

In the spreading chestnut trees; where the birds nest are seen - thankful for the blessings that the summer days bring - through the bright radiant days their happy days are spent.

Thus the years roll onward and forward not looking back or caring - not thankful for the blessing of what might have been - and not smoothing one's way through life - the summer is smiling at us -

The grass is emerald green; everywhere around you shades of colors are seen - the breezes are over the land - in the ponds and sounds - the summer is smiling at us.

For in his amusing way - he will fill both bin and barn - until there is room for no more -

The mouse with his belly full will lay down and sleep by the smiling sun.

Upward he gazes where the white clouds play - Up here high in the blue sky; they stretch on the meadows and green field they roll and frolic and chase like spotted puppies at play -

It is quite beyond dispute that summer smiles at us - and does not have the time to be sad or gloomy - but wears a bright radiant face -

For she is sought and cherished like a little girl and is loved by everyone who wears a radiant face -

For summer is the season we dearest love - our hearts are tender and filled with love - the smell of summer is everywhere for she is smiling at us - like a little girl.

The 4th of July is an illustration of what is sublime in mankind - All of the occurrence existing for you.

The boats rocking lazily in the bay; to and fro - Their piercing lights is like a ray through a pinprick in a window shade - glittering in the darks.

In the faint glimmer of moonlight a cascade of fireworks in an arrangement of lace falling zigzag in various rainbows - over a waterfall

All of this for you - it all seems like an illusion rather than reality.

Education Program Served 105,774 People In 1980

North Carolina State University's extension education programs served 105,774 people last year, a figure which keeps the NCSU program among the

largest in the nation. The tally appears in the 1980-81 University Extension Annual Report, and includes those served by credit and non-credit con-

tinuing education courses and public service programs. The report does not include the NCSU Agricultural Extension programs.

Of the 105,774 who benefitted from NCSU extension programs over the year, 75,700 used the Jane S. McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education located

on the NCSU campus. "Even in an economically down-turned year, the McKimmon Center and its outreach programs have continued to grow," said Dr. Grover J. Andrews, assistant vice chancellor for university extension.

courses offered away from the McKimmon Center has also grown, the report states. Eighty-five undergraduate courses and 24 graduate courses were offered at 82 locations in-state and 33 locations out-of-state during the year.

Andrews pointed out that 1980-81 saw several changes in the McKimmon Center and its extension programs.

Andrews attributed part of the McKimmon Center's success as the hub of the extension program to its efficient set-up.

"The International Trade Center, already established, was transferred to university extension, and the N. C. Employment and Training Center was phased out," he said. "Construction has begun on six additional conference rooms at the center, with a target date of December 1982."

"We are not restricted to a certain number of participants and programs because we are not limited by residential units as many other schools are," he said. "We get the maximum utilization of the building because we can serve more people and offer more courses."

The number of credit

The General Assembly Report

By Rep. Vernon James The time consuming redistricting problem was finally resolved making adjournment of the General Assembly possible July 10.

Some legislation was postponed until October. Heading the list for consideration in October is a pay increase for teachers and other state employees.

Among legislation enacted was the three cents per gallon increase on gasoline and other motor fuels as well as increases in driver's licenses and truck fees.

A law was passed to eliminate insurance surcharges for drivers with clean records. This will go into effect October 1.

As part of the appropriations bill funds were established to provide additional judges and court personnel for the next two years.

A bill was passed Friday to strengthen penalties for prostitution.

A bill was passed to offer financial assistance for victims of rape or sexual assaults. This would pay for physical examinations required to prosecute the cases.

The hazardous wastes bill gives the governor authority to override local zoning regulations in selecting disposal sites.

I introduced House Bill 1064 which would make it illegal for a public employee to strike. The bill defines a strike as a deliberate work stoppage or slowdown.

Common law states that it is illegal for teachers and state employees to strike and this bill just puts it in the Statutes.

After much debate in both the House and Senate, a bill on equitable distribution of property acquired during a marriage was passed. The bill authorizes judges in a divorce proceeding to divide property acquired during marriage equally between husband and wife.

This bill would recognize a housewife's contribution to

a marriage.

The bill also reduces the time from one year to six months that property to be distributed could be tied up in court.

This law will only apply to divorces filed after October 1.

A bill was passed which will allow a tax credit for working parents who place their children in day-care centers. This would allow a credit of seven per cent of employment-related day-care expenses, up to \$4,000.

Scholarship Fund Is Organized

NEW BERN - The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation has announced a new Community Education Scholarship Program, which will provide up to 20 awards each year to children of Company employees who attend community colleges or vocational-technical schools.

The new program is in addition to the Foundation's longstanding scholarship program for employees' children who attend four-year institutions.

The Community Education Scholarship Program was developed in response to requests from the Company's operating regions, which saw a need to support and encourage children of employees who chose to start their academic careers in community colleges or vocational-technical in-

stitutions. The new scholarships are intended to provide up to 50 per cent of the total annual cost of a winner's schooling, up to \$1,500 a year.

Winners will be selected by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, based on applicant's high school grades, appraisals from school officials, and demonstrated academic and career potential.

Children of Weyerhaeuser employees and retirees should contact the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, Tacoma, Wash., 98477, for more information on both scholarship programs.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Overton, Jr. announce the birth of a son, Ryan Lee. He was born Thursday, July 23, 1981. The proud grandparents are Mrs. Virginia Burris and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Overton, Sr. all of Edenton.

Reorganization Plans Are Set

N. C. St. Sen. J. J. Harrington, president of Harrington Manufacturing Company, Inc., announced today a reorganization of Harrington's International Division. C. H. Edwards, vice president and secretary of the corporation, has assumed the duties of Director of the International Division.

Harrington Manufacturing Company, Inc., since its founding in 1922, has been a leader in the manufacture of agricultural, industrial, forestry and highway maintenance equipment. Harrington has a wide range of products under the trade-names, "Roanoke" - "Roanoke Hustler", currently in world wide use. These include automatic tobacco harvesters, bulk tobacco barns, peanut combines, peanut drying systems, forklifts, tree shears, grapples and heavy duty robot cutters.

A modern Telex system has been installed at Harrington's home office in Lewiston in order to assure better service and to improve communications. All inquiries and communications concerning foreign business should be directed to the attention of Edwards. Correspondence by mail should be addressed to P. O. Box 269, Lewiston, N.C. 27849 - U.S.A. Harrington's new Telex number is 579313.

Nelson Leggette, formerly associated with the International Division, has resigned due to personal reasons and is no longer representing Harrington Manufacturing Company, Inc.

"He who laughs, lasts." Mary Pettibone Poole

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