

Tax Was Placed On Bachelor Wear

The Virginia legislature of 1619 imposed a tax on the wearing apparel of bachelors, and a married man was taxed for his own and his family's clothing. Later, in 1650, Virginia banned all imported silks.

The reasoning behind such laws was to conserve cash to be spent on local needs and equipment in the colony, not on expensive, imported finery.

Consequently, simple fabrics were used and were most likely colored with homemade dyes. The roadsides, woodlands and gardens were full of plants that could transform utilitarian fabrics into more cheerful colored ones.

A natural adjunct of this practice was the making of writing inks. Stationers did sell inks, but these imported products were quite expensive, and a family that dyed most fabrics could just as easily produce ink.

According to specialists with the N. C. Botanical Garden at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the trick was to find an ink that did not fade when exposed to light and air. Many berry juices made bright colored inks, but they faded rapidly.

A good black ink with lasting qualities was made from red maple bark, and another from the green husk of the black walnut fruit.

Sumac berries and the sap of poison ivy also produced a strong black ink, although it is not clear how the colonists managed to handle the poison ivy to make it. One record claims that "such an ink was so strong that the letters made upon linen with it cannot be removed, but grow blacker the more the cloth is washed."

Oak galls were one of the main sources of inks in early days, since they contain not only dark brown pigments, but large amounts of tannins; these act as a fixative for the pigment on the paper and keep it from fading. Other barks rich in tannin also used for ink-making were alder and dogwood. These inks must not have smelled very good because recipes call for the addition of perfumed water to improve the aroma.

There also are fungi from which ink can be made. They are members of the mushroom group. Coprinus, with common names like ink caps, ink tops and ink horns, are often found along the roadside. These inks produced from mushrooms become important in authenticating early documents, because under a microscope fungal spores can readily be identified. A forgery was not likely to have used the same ink recipe as the original.

As ink cap mushrooms mature, an enzyme present in the mushroom dissolves the flesh to form a thick black liquid. The adventurous might like to collect some ink cap mushrooms and place them in a covered jar. After several days the mushrooms will have turned into a gooey black mass, which may be thinned with water or preferably with vinegar which stops the mold action.

A letter written with such ink might be welcomed by a nature-loving friend. More timid correspondents might prefer—and be thankful for—ballpoint pens!

Norlina Arrest Comes After House Search

Armed with a search warrant, Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton and Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams on Saturday morning searched the home of Ricky Fleming, 27, on Terrell Street in Norlina where they found a packet of marijuana whose value was estimated at \$500.

Fleming was arrested and charged with felon-

ious possession of marijuana. He was taken before Magistrate Carson Pridden and released on his own recognizance for his appearance for a hearing in district court on Sept. 19.

Deputy Bolton said that the Warren County Sheriff's Department worked up the evidence that led to Fleming's arrest and called upon the Norlina police officer to assist in the search and arrest.

Law Passed

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—Voted to forward to Citizens United for progress and representatives of the county's municipalities a request from the N. C. Human Relations Council that the county establish a local human relations commission; and

—Adopted a resolution for the establishment of a Deferred Compensation Program sponsored by the National Association of Counties which provides for voluntary participation by county employees in a tax sheltered savings program.

Robbery Try

(Continued from page 1) and Chief Deputy Bolton arrested Davis and charged him with trespass. Again Magistrate Pridden found probable cause and set bond at \$500, which Davis raised.

Davis was scheduled to be given a preliminary hearing this morning in Warren County District Court.

Clothing Class

Plans Are Made

Clothing construction classes will be held at the Tribal Center near Essex from 7 until 10 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning September 11 and continuing for 11 weeks. The classes will be sponsored through Halifax Community College and a \$15 registration fee is required.

The instructor for the classes will be Mrs. Guillermina Richardson, a resident of the Haliwa-Saponi community of Halifax County. Mrs. Richardson recently moved to the area from California. She has over 40 years of experience in sewing, with specialties in domestic and commercial sewing.

Persons interested in participating in the classes may call the Tribal Center at 586-4017 or 586-4960.



MINUTE MAID ORANGE JUICE 16 OZ. CAN \$1.49	SARA LEE POUND CAKE 10 1/2 OZ. PKG. \$1.59	USDA INSPECTED BAKING HENS 69¢ LB	BEALES OLD FASHION COUNTRY HAMS —WHOLE— \$1.39 LB
DIXIE CRYSTALS SUGAR Limit 1 with an additional \$10 order or more 1.39 5 LB. BAG	PRICES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6-7-8, 1984	USDA CHOICE TABLERITE CENTER CUT SIRLOIN STEAK 2.89 LB	WE ACCEPT USDA FOOD STAMPS— QUANTITY RIGHTS RESERVED FRESH WHOLE FRYERS LIMIT 4 PLEASE 55¢ LB
BANQUET DINNERS 4 VARIETIES 11 OZ. PKG. 79¢	HANOVER PORK 'N BEANS 14 OZ. CAN 4/99¢	WHOLE FRESH PICNICS 79¢ LB	
SUE BEE HONEY 16 OZ. \$1.29	HEINZ 57 STEAK SAUCE 5 OZ. BTL. 99¢	PILLSBURY PLUS CAKE MIX 18.5 OZ. BOX 69¢	SOUTHERN PRIDE GRADE A CUT UP FRYERS LB 69¢ SOUTHERN PRIDE GRADE A PICK-OF- THE-CHIX LB 99¢ USDA CHOICE TABLERITE CENTER CUT T-BONE or CLUB STEAK LB 3.29 HOUSE OF RAEFORD GRADE A TURKEY BREAST LB 1.49 GENERIC SLICED BACON 1 LB. PKG. 79¢ PRE-COOKED HASH BROWN POTATO PATTIES LB 89¢ SWEET POTATO YAM PATTIES LB 89¢ LUTERS OLD FASHION HOT DOGS 12 OZ. PKG. 98¢ PORK NECK BONES LB 39¢ "SALT PORK" FAT BACK LB 59¢
HEINZ TOMATO KETCHUP 32 OZ. BTL. \$1.19	A-1 STEAK SAUCE 10 OZ. BTL. \$1.69	MUELLER'S MACARONI or SPAGHETTI 16 OZ. PKG. 2/99¢	STORE IGA COUPON CLIP THIS COUPON AND SAVE IGA Sandwich Bread 3 1/2 LB. LOAVES 1.00 WITH THIS COUPON Good At participating IGA stores through Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1984.
GLENN PARK SLICED PEACHES 14.5 OZ. 2/\$1	DOUBLE LUCK CUT GREEN BEANS NO. 303 CAN 3/\$1	NO. 2 CAN DOLE PINEAPPLE 79¢	PRIDE OF THE FARM SWEET PEAS NO. 303 CAN 2/\$1
LUCKY LEAF APPLE JUICE 64 OZ. BTL. \$1.29	POST SMURF BERRY CRUNCH 11 OZ. pkg. \$1.49	CHARMIN BATHROOM TISSUE Limit 1 with an additional \$10 order or more 4 ROLL PKG. 99¢	GENERIC PAPER TOWELS LARGE ROLL 2/ 88¢
MAXWELL HOUSE GROUND COFFEE 1 LB. BAG \$2.49	SANKA INSTANT COFFEE 8 OZ. JAR \$3.99	IDAHO SPUDS FRENCH'S IDAHO SPUDS 16 OZ. PKG. 99¢	LUVS DISPOSABLE DIAPERS CONVENIENCE PAK \$8.89
IGA GRADE A LARGE EGGS DOZEN 69¢	IGA HOMOGENIZED MILK PLASTIC GALLON JUG \$1.99	FRESH, GREEN CABBAGE 1.12 LB.	CELLO CARROTS 3 1 LB. PKG. 87¢
MERICO Butter-Me-Not BISCUITS 9 COUNT 2/89¢	BLUE BONNET SPREAD MARGARINE 3 LB. CUP \$1.39	THOMPSON SEEDLESS WHITE GRAPES LB 59¢	DELICIOUS TOMATOES LB 59¢
		CASHMERE BOUQUET BEAUTY SOAP 3 BAR PKG. 89¢	NEW CROP YAMS 3 LBS 1.00
		RAW IN THE SHELL PEANUTS 2 LB. BAG 1.49	LITTLE HUG DRINKS 8 OZ. FOR 1.00