

Local Arts Council Begins 2nd Year

by C. Ray Dudley
To all of the residents of Pamlico County, let me present to you, the Pamlico County Arts Council. It was formed in the spring of 1976. On May 5th, the Board members met and were selected. Mrs. Netta Broughton served as the first President of the Arts Council and did an outstanding job. On June 2nd the first General Assembly was held in Bayboro.

The Pamlico County Arts Council was very successful in the first year of organization. The first program was a delightful film festival in November of 1976. The attendance was high with all parts of the county represented. Also in the fall of '76 the activities included an Arts and Crafts Festival in Oriental. Many tourists viewed the works. In December we held our first Christmas Festival. Many Craven County craftsmen displayed their artistic talents. Musical groups entertained throughout the afternoon. The attendance was light. Close coordination with the Pamlico County Recreation Department has aided the Arts Council. Also the administration of the Pamlico Technical Institute has been extremely helpful in allowing the use of their facilities for meetings and special functions. We must not forget Netta Broughton, our first President,

who did an outstanding job in coordinating activities. One of the Arts Council goals for this year involves membership. We need you to get on the bandwagon and come along with us in awakening the arts in Pamlico County.

Recently the Arts Council met in a dinner session and selected officers for the coming year. Tom Reed was elected President with Nancy Tuttle May serving as Vice President. Kathy Greene was selected Secretary and Treasurer was tapped by Mrs. Grover Harris. In the Committee departments, Sarah Alice Harris was selected to the Program Committee along with Dennis Delamar. Membership selected Mrs. Lopez, Ways and Means, Don Carter, and Publicity, C. R. Dudley, George Thomason and Dot Avent. Other committees will be chosen at a later date. The Pamlico County Arts Council Board consists of: Tom Reed, Kathy Greene, Dennis Delamar, Dot Avent, Nancy May, Sarah Harris, George Thomason, Mildred Sawyer, Walter Chance, Minda Harris, Don Carter and Isidra Lopez. Ex-Officio members include Netta Broughton and C. R. Dudley. "Stair Way to the Stars" is the Arts Council first big project for the new year. Come on out on Friday, May 13th at the Pamlico County High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available. Support and join the Pamlico County Arts Council today in awakening the arts here in Pamlico County. Contact the Arts Council today. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 18th, at the Pamlico Technical Institute.

Mesic Celebrates May Day Saturday

by C. Ray Dudley
On Saturday, May 14th, Mesic will hold their annual May Day celebration at the Mesic Community Center, starting at 9 a.m. Come on out and bring a friend and plan to spend the entire day of fun and games. There will be activities for all groups and ages. Come on out and join the competition. Who will win on the obstacle course? Who'll hold the record for the ice cream eating contest? What's the record for the most consecutive free throws? Who's the best in one-on-one competition? Who'll win more prizes and ribbons in the track and field events? Come on out on Saturday, May 14th and see that all your questions to these will be answered along with many other events, including a few surprises. There will be plenty of food and refreshments. You all are invited to come on out and have a good time. For further information contact Mrs. Matilda Jones at 745-4355.

Moose Lodge Officers Installed

The following officers were installed on Sunday May 1 for Pamlico County Moose Lodge 2216:
Ben Gaskill, governor; Victor Woodard, past governor; James Caton, prelate; Edward Spencer, secretary; H. W. Richardson, treasurer; Seth Daniels, Donald Harrison and Willie Paul, trustees; Interguard, Leslie Robinson and Earl Paul; sergeant at arms, Wesley Robinson.

Donna Willis In Field Education Program

Donna Willis of Grantsboro, was one of the 43 East Carolina University students to participate in the field education spring placements program in 31 social work and correctional service agencies in North Carolina and Virginia.

Placements include mental health institutions, agencies and hospitals, alcoholism programs, police departments, juvenile courts, convalescent and day care centers, probation and parole offices, correctional institutions and law offices.

Mrs. Joseph D. McClees Certified

Mrs. Joseph D. McClees of Oriental and Morehead City was certified April 30 in Raleigh by the North Carolina Music Teachers Association as a qualified teacher of piano.

To attain this honor and recognition, Mrs. McClees had to have a degree from college or conservatory with a major in music, either as a piano major or with piano as the major instrument. Mrs. McClees is a 1974 graduate of East Carolina University with a B. M. degree in piano pedagogy. She also had to present proof or evidence of

professional public performances in piano solo, accompanying and conducting. She also submitted an original composition she wrote entitled "Beatitude" which was examined by the board of judges. As a last phase in achieving the "Standard Certificate" she had to prove she had at least three years of teaching experience plus four students representing the different levels in her class were to be examined by the Board of Examiners.

The four pupils representing these levels were Master Steven Huber, Miss Marianna Mason, Mr. David Innis and Miss Karen Piner. The students had to perform three compositions from memory, sight-read material commensurate with their level of advancement and be prepared for any musicianship phase the judges desired to be tested such as scales, arpeggios, chords, ear training, music history, accompanying and harmonization. The judges were very much impressed with the students' demonstration, especially with their choice of literature as well as the motivation and confidence they displayed.

Dried Flower Demonstration

Now is the time to plant flower seeds for summer bloom. Do you ever wish you could enjoy the beauty of these summer bloomers year round? You can...by drying your flowers for use in dried arrangements, floral collages under glass, in paperweights and other delightful ways.

The Pamlico County Agricultural Extension Service will present a lecture-demonstration on drying flowers and foliage on Tuesday, May 10, at 9:30 a.m. The class will be held at the Agricultural Extension Service Office, Courthouse Annex, Bayboro. Lecture will cover such topics as which flowers to dry, when to pick flowers for drying, coloring dried materials and the drying methods of air-drying, pressing, silica gel and alternatives, microwave ovens and ironing. It will take approximately two hours. There is no charge. Please call the Pamlico Agricultural Extension Service at 745-4121 to register. If you have questions, contact Ms. Susan Noble, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent, at the above number.

Stonewall 4-H News

by Karen Alexander, Reporter
The Stonewall 4-H Club met Saturday, April 30th at the old Stonewall School. The first order of business was the election of officers. The results of our election were as follows: President, David Gaskins; Vice-president, Amanda Gatlin; Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Carey; and Reporter, Karen Alexander. After the election, discussions were held on new and old business.

The program was then presented by Jimmy Howell, of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. He discussed the many points of Bicycle Safety with club members. After the program, the 4-H members received reflectorized decals for their bikes. After a recreation period, the meeting was adjourned.

PTI Testing Schedule For GED

GED testing for high school equivalency will be held at Pamlico Technical Institute on Wednesday night, May 18 from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. If you need review before taking the tests, the learning lab is open to you free of charge from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The June testing date is June 9 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please contact Peggy Lawler at 249-1851 if you are interested.

Pamlico Tech Presents Film Festival

If you are looking for some free entertainment don't miss the Film Festival on campus at PTI. The public is invited. Films are scheduled for Friday nights at 7:30 p.m.

The films are for a good night's entertainment for the whole family. There is a special feature film scheduled for June 10, and their possibly will be 2 more special feature films scheduled during the festival.

Listed below are some feature films that have already been scheduled:
Desert Fox, May 6, 1977
Special Feature Film, June 10, 1977
Adam's Rib, June 24, 1977
Northwest Passage, July 1, 1977
The Thin Man, July 8, 1977
I Heard The Owl Call My Name, August 12, 1977
Stagecoach, August 19, 1977
Dr. Jekel and Mr. Hyde, September 2, 1977
National Velvet, September 30, 1977
African Queen, October 7, 1977

Stop 'N Swap

Wondering what to do with all those paperback books you have cluttering up your bookshelf? Bring them by the Flea Market this Saturday and swap with us. Swap five of yours for three of ours. Now isn't that a painless way to help the Pamlico County Museum? While you are there, browse around. You may find an item you have been looking for. Bring a friend with you. The Flea Market is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

If you cannot come by the Flea Market, contact Dot Avent or Dollie Ensley to arrange for pickup of your donations. All proceeds are used to support the Pamlico County Museum.



A SINGLE MARTIN darts across the quiet surface of a stream between Stonewall and Merritt during early morning hours, as a thin morning mist clears away. A grove of trees reflected in the rush bordered stream adds to the rural peacefulness of the scene (Photograph by Jerry Raynor)

In And Around Oriental

By Mrs. G. P. Midyette

Quarterly Meeting
The quarterly meeting of the Pamlico County Historical Association was held in the Watson Restaurant in Lowland Friday night, combining a dutch dinner and a business session. Several of the members from Oriental attended. These were Mrs. Inez Hargrove, Mrs. Annie Phelps, Mrs. G. P. Midyette and Mrs. Peggy Piland and others. The new president, Mr. Avent, presided and introduced the new projects being planned for the preservation and promotion of the Museum building, formerly known as the Register of Deeds building. I guess that everyone knows the Pamlico County Historical Association was instrumental in saving the building and preventing its being bulldozed down. It is presently being used as a library and being equipped as a museum.

There are several fund raising projects being conducted such as the flea market. Some of the projects discussed for the history of the county included one to tabulate the grave sites from old cemeteries, to locate the oldest home in Pamlico County and to take part in the county celebration of the 4th of July and perhaps an antique show. Mrs. Linwood Gooding will perhaps make a more detailed report to the public, seeking their suggestions and support.

Oriental Woman's Club Met

The Oriental Woman's Club held its May meeting in the Woman's Club Building on the first Tuesday of the month. Mrs. Inez Hargrove, president, presided and led the pledge to the flag. Mrs. Lucille Murray brought beautiful and inspirational devotional thoughts, closing with prayer.

Mary Harris, program chairman from the Public Affairs Department, introduced the speaker, Sheriff Leland Brinson who was guest speaker. His topic was "Hands Up" on what part women can play in prevention of crime. The Sheriff told of several incidents where people have been robbed and other crimes committed, then showed a sound movie narrated by Perry Mason, cautioning us about invitations to burglary. He showed pistols, safe and unsafe, and cautioned us not to use mace

for protection and demonstrated locks and how to make your house secure.

The Hands Up checklist distributed contained several pages of information on crime and how to make one's home more secure. (This newspaper will carry portions from the literature from the FBI, each week until all the information has been used).

Several thank you letters were read, one from a student for money the club contributed to the Special Olympics Program and from junior delegates for help on the trip to the North Carolina Federation meeting in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Linda Sanderson reported on this meeting. There was also a thank you letter from the State Federation for four gifts of art objects which were contributed to be sold for the State Arts Fund which is used as awards to students in State Fine Arts Festival. A special thank you was said to Mrs. Louise Oldham for washing and ironing the chair covers in the club house.

Reports were heard from the treasurer, Lucille Murray, Ways and Means by Louise Oldham, membership by Agnes MacRay, Mary Harris, hospitality and cemetery by the two Spruill sisters, Martha and Catherine to whom a rising vote of thanks was made by the members for a job well done by these girls and Grant Morris and James Thomason, who do the mowing.

Mrs. Ethel Harris gave the first reading of changes that are to be made in the Club By Laws. The second reading will be heard at the June meeting.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Eula Walker, Mrs. Kuntzler and Helen Eubanks presented the slate of two officers as follows: for vice president, Mrs. Fay Bond and for secretary, Mrs. Louise Oldham, who were unanimously elected for the next biennium.

These announcements were made. The play off game of the Bridge Tournament will be May 18 at 7 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Inez Hargrove. It was decided to use the same project for ways and means again next year. This will be called a marathon instead of a tournament next year.

The play to be given at the high school, "Stairway to the Stars" was announced. This will be on May 15.

Mrs. Marion Stewart announced that she has tickets for memberships in the North Carolina Symphony. She sold several for \$10 each for next year.

Hostesses were Mrs. Lucille Murray and Louise Oldham who invited the members to the Marina Restaurant where they were complemented with lemon pie and hot coffee during a short pleasant social hour.

Letter From Rena Daniels

Irma Midyette had a beautiful letter from our friend, Mrs. Rena Daniels, which she wishes to share with any who might be interested.

She says she has joined the Woman's Club in Holland, Michigan; the Homemakers Club; also a genealogical society, a historical club, an art group and a camera club. She says she

has fun and her kids say they can't keep up. She sent me a copy of a letter of thanks she sent to Dr. Warren for saving her life when she had a severe stroke 10 months ago and was left paralyzed on her left side. She told him she has had a miracle healing. She uses a four pronged cane for walking outside and no cane around the house. Her left arm is movable but not very usable.

Here is another of Rena's Rhymes:

Down deep near my heart is my hiding place
Where my memory jewels are stored.

The love of friends, and my sweetheart's face
And a long list of gifts from the Lord.

I store tid bits of love I really should spend,

A box of thanks for a kindly deed,

A basket of laughs to share with a friend

And that pile of dreams I no longer need.

I presume that she did not know that Dr. Warren has recovered from a stroke also—or was it a heart attack?

Rena was nominated and selected for her biography to be included in the book, "Personalities of the South" that will come off the press in the fall. It is compiled and edited by Historical Preservations of America, Inc.

Church Services
The church services on the first Sunday in May were held in recognition of Christian Home Week. The pastor, Rev. Michael Oliver, based his sermon on Joshua's statement, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The topic was, "The Sweetest Home on Earth."

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PLEASE REMEMBER — All news items for the coming week must be in our hands by Wednesday night.

SHORT news items can be phased in any morning, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

For your convenience, there is a mail box on the office door of this newspaper in Bayboro. You may leave your news items there.

If you mail in an item, please address it to The Pamlico County News, Alliance, N.C. 28509.

We will sincerely appreciate your cooperation in getting your news items to us on time.

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