



For What It's Worth

By Henry Winfrey

I've lost something. I know when I lost it, but it is a little embarrassing to admit it took me until the end of November to understand what I had lost. What it is that I have lost is "this week" and I lost it in July when I became involved with the Pamlico News. And, to make matters worse, I'm sure I've lost "this week" for good.

Let me explain.

When writing this column, I have to remember that it will be in "next week's" paper and, therefore, anything I write about happened "last week."

When I meet with Grace and Tillie we discuss the stories that will be in "next week's" paper and what we didn't like (or did like) about — what is by then — "last week's" paper.

On advertising calls I spend my time talking to merchants about advertising in "next week's" paper or discussing their ad in "last week's" paper.

When I'm in the office (which is seldom) and the phone rings (which is often) it's usually someone who didn't get "last week's" paper or someone who would like a story in "next week's" paper.

As soon as I mail the paper at the post office in Kinston, I am immediately involved in "next week's" paper and have, therefore, just mailed "last week's" paper.

If, by chance, you find "this week" don't return it. I've got enough problems with "next week" and "last week."

Speaking of next week be sure to vote Tuesday, Nov. 29 on the countywide water system in Pamlico County. It is truly a vote on the future of the county and, therefore, important that everyone vote including those who now enjoy a central water system.

Learning Disabilities Should Be Detected Early In Young Children

Submitted by the Aurora Junior Woman's Club

Some learning disabilities can be detected early — before the child starts school. Parents should carefully watch the development of their children and make a record of when their child reaches the various "milestones of development." A child who walks late, talks late and is slow in toilet training and in cutting teeth may also lag in more sophisticated areas of development.

Use of language is a good yardstick. By the age of four,

the average child has a vocabulary of about 1,500 words, can talk in complex sentences, plurals, pronouns, and prepositions and is intelligible to outsiders as well as family members. Children mature at different rates and a lag of weeks or months is no cause for alarm. Delay in a single milestone is also no cause for concern but if there is significant delay in several areas, prompt intervention is called for. The longer help is postponed, the longer it takes for a child to catch up.



MRS. LIBBY GOODING with her son, Scott, shopping for books at the Pamlico Junior High School Book Fair.

At Pamlico PTA Meeting Parents Visit Book Fair, See Play Performed

During National education Week, the PTA meeting was interesting both for parents and children involved. Tuesday night, November 14, the parents toured the Book Fair and were treated to a play. The Book Fair was held in the library of the Pamlico Junior High School. Tables were loaded with books ranging from the classics, such as Old Yeller to a table of Elvis books, Star Wars pictures and calendars, and Farrah Fawcett Majors books. Mrs. Janet Hill, school librarian, said One on One was the best seller, followed by the Big Little Books and the Guinness Book of World Records. Handmade craft items were also sold.

Following the Book Fair, the

children presented a play. The play, entitled White The Cat's Away, was written by Mr. Dennis Delamar, a fifth grade teacher at the school. The play was performed by Mr. Delamar's fifth grade class.

Lodge Searches For Oldest Member

By June Lane

The Charitable Brotherhood, Lodge #1, chartered under the laws of the State of North Carolina, on the 4th day of July 1904, began a search for the oldest living member. Unfortunately, the records were burnt many years ago.

This reporter investigated and talked with Mr. Edgar W. Barnett. On November 16, 1977, Mr. Barnett was 87 years old. He joined the Brotherhood at age 18, at the Hobucken Lodge and when that Lodge closed, transferred to the Lodge #1, Division #4, located presently at Neet Road, Lowland, North Carolina.

Mr. Barnett was born at Hobucken. He married his true love, Ethel and moved to a home located near Spring Creek between Hobucken and Lowland. He worked on the water, and on the right of way for the waterway, and like everyone living on Goose Creek Island, at any other type of work to be found.



MR. EDGAR BARNETT visits Mrs. Barnett every afternoon at Guardian. Mr. Barnett is 87 years young.

Mr. Barnett and his wife presently live at Guardian Care in New Bern. The Craven County Health Department helped this reporter in locating Mr. Barnett. He was not able to get a driver's license, and many folks remember his driving around the Island on his tractor, which no license was required to operate. Mr. Barnett is not bed ridden and loves to receive visitors. The Charitable Brotherhood is indeed honored to have a member of such long standing.

Pamlico School Board Discusses Student Credit Program

At the November meeting of the Pamlico County School Board on the 14th, the question of an older student re-entering High School at mid-year and getting credit was discussed. Benjamin Potter, Principal at PCHS, stated that present policies allow a student to either get credit for a year's work or no credit at all. The motion, made by Lenwood Spruill and seconded by Rex Potter to allow the student being considered to enter PCHS, but not before August, 1978, or the beginning of a new school year, was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Frances Nethercutt, a teacher at PCHS, presented the Board with outlines for an English short course, The Bible As In Literature. She explained that the course is not a religion course but a study of the Bible as literature and the influence of the Bible on other forms of literature. After some discussion, Mr. Spruill made a motion, seconded by Duval Harson, that The Bible As In Literature short course be approved and that the curriculum be approved subject to final review and revision by the English Department and other appropriate staff members. The Board was in agreement that the course must be taught as literature and not as religion and that instructors should not allow their personal convictions or those of their

students to alter the objectives of the course or the intent as expressed in the syllabus. The Board was also in agreement that further review of the syllabus at this time would be unnecessary.

On a motion by Mr. Hardison, seconded by Mr. Spruill, the Board Unanimously approved the payment of \$157 to McVernon Prescott as partial reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the National FFA convention in Kansas City Missouri.

The Board accepted the resignation of Els Reed, effective at the end of December, and the resignation of Reba McClees, effective at the end of the first semester.

The Superintendent presented a proposed agreement between Becton E. Hopkins and the Trades and Industry Department at Pamlico County High School. The Trades and Industry Department will construct an 18 ft. by 24 ft. storage barn for Mr. Hopkins with the latter providing all materials. The building will be constructed with modular components which will be built on the high school campus and moved to the site at the expense of the owner. Either party may terminate the project at any time without liability or obligation to the other party. A copy of the agreement signed by both parties will be placed in the

office of the principal and superintendent. The proposed project and agreement was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Spruill, seconded by Mr. Hardison.

Mr. Ben Potter, Principal at Pamlico County High School, appeared at the Board's request to discuss the proposed transfer of the ninth grade to the high school campus. Mr. Potter stated that a number of problems should be dealt with before the move is made including: (1) a lack of suitable classroom space even with the new addition, (2) inadequate lunchroom facilities, (3) the future of the mobile units now located on the campus, (4) lack

of adequate facilities for physical education, (5) inadequate locker facilities, (6) crowded hallways, (7) inadequate occupational facilities, (8) potential problems with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation because of inadequate support personnel, (9) organization of departments in terms of the new facilities and those presently available, and (10) proposed changes in the occupational facilities. Mr. Potter stated that these problems and others that are difficult to anticipate would require extensive

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Public Water System A 'Must' For This Area

Pamlico County is bordered on three sides by water. It has its own river, the Bay, beginning and ending in the county. It is situated on the Castle Hayne fault which provides our household and business supplies of water.

We can't drink the water of the Pamlico, Neuse, or Bay Rivers, but we have been served well throughout the years by our wells, shallow and deep. The water has been there to meet our needs.

Our needs, however, are expanding. We need reliable supplies of water for our firefighting equipment. We need pure water for home use. We need sufficient water to take care of the present businesses and those that will locate in the county. We need to be sure that clean, healthful water is available for all our needs.

"The Pamlico News" supports the county-wide water system to be voted on November 29. The needs noted above can be met with a public water system. The water system can also be a forerunner of public waste treatment facilities which are becoming more essential as septic tank regulations and zoning and building ordinances are enforced for a growing population.

The facts of the proposed referendum have been published often in the last three months. Informational meetings have been held throughout the county. Door to door surveys have been made and many people have already signed up. Citizens of towns already served with public water have attested to its convenience. Grants and loans have been approved. All preliminary studies and steps have been taken.

The next step is for the citizens of Pamlico County to vote on the issue on November 29.

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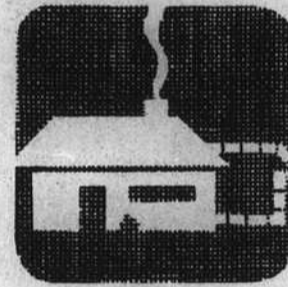
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