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Candidate for Homecoming Queen



Miss Peggy Copeland

Miss Peggy Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland of Belvidere was a Homecoming Queen Candidate at Louisville College on Saturday, November 23. Homecoming was sponsored by Young Democrats' Club.

PTA Subscription Drive In Final Week—Ends Nov. 30

This is the final week of the subscription campaign annually conducted by the Perquimans County Schools Parent Teachers Association. The drive opened on October 15th. This project of the PTA's of the Perquimans Schools has long been a project raising funds for use in the schools each year. Any subscriptions secured by the PTA, during the drive, the PTA receives a commission, and at the conclusion if they have secured a number of subscriptions or renewals, they are also given a bonus. We urge all persons now subscribing to the Perquimans Weekly, to renew their subscriptions during the campaign and before or by November 30th, in order that the PTA's will receive the commission plus a bonus. On November 30th, the close of the campaign, the Perquimans Weekly will begin marking up the renewals and adding on the new subscriptions secured during the drive by the PTA. All subscriptions will be extended who have renewed, all those who do not and are not paid up to date, will be dropped from the new mailing list.

Lydya Rea Riddick Teaching in Wake

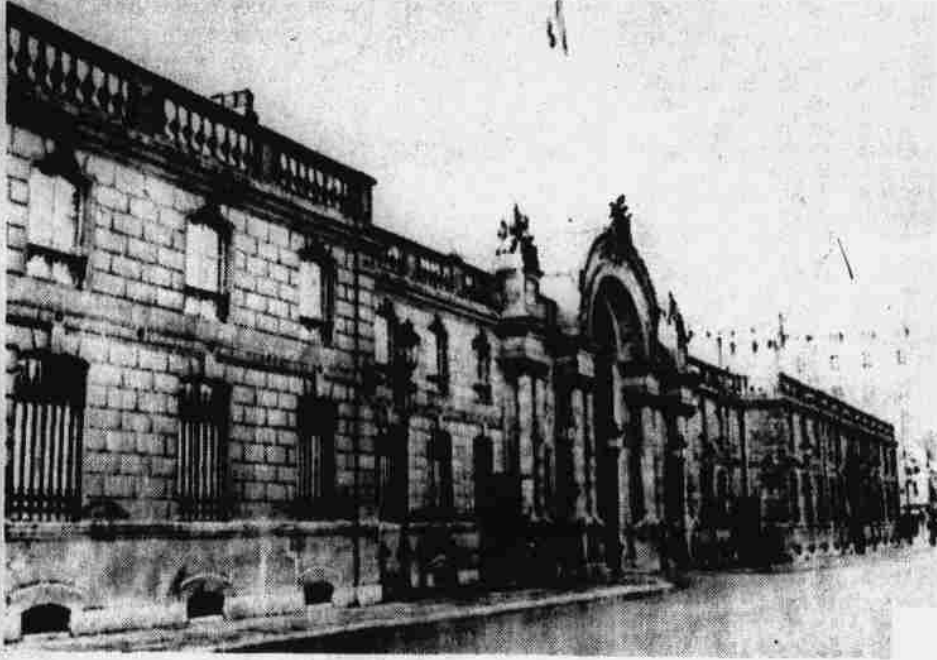
A Perquimans County coed at N. C. State University is among 81 seniors currently doing student teaching in preparation for a teaching career. Lydya Rea Riddick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Riddick of Belvidere, is teaching mathematics in Wake County. She is a 1964 graduate of Perquimans County High School. The students began their practice teaching Nov. 4, and will continue until Jan. 17. They have been placed in 35 different schools located in 13 counties, and are teaching six educational fields: agriculture, industrial arts, mathematics, science, vocational industrial training and English. Students will be devoting full time to teaching under the supervision of the local cooperating teachers and members of the School of Education faculty at NCSU.

Chairs Donated To Local Library

Six people have responded to the library's need and donated chairs to relieve the shortage of seating facilities for students. So the thanks of the library personnel and the students go to these: Mrs. Johnnie Phillips; Mrs. Keith Baskett; Mrs. Addie Keegan; Mrs. Jonas Fuzrell; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox.

C of C Plans Christmas Parade

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, will award the largest cash prizes in its history. First prize for best float will net the winner \$40.00 and the second prize float will receive \$15.00. In band competition, there will be a first prize cash award of \$25.00 and a second prize award of \$15.00. A large number of entrants have registered and more are expected to make the parade the finest yet.



A FRANC VIEW—The scene is quiet in front of Elysee Palace in Paris, but not so quiet inside as French President Charles de Gaulle opened his battle to save the franc from speculation and devaluation by severely limiting the money Frenchmen can take out of the country. He also issued other austerity measures.

N.C. Farmers Face Credit Problem Emergency Loans offered by FHA

Thousands of North Carolina farmers are expected to face financial problems in the coming months as a result of the great drought of 1968. Reports from several offices of the Agricultural Extension Service indicate that farmers are particularly concerned about getting operating credit for 1969. The reason for this concern, extension agents say, is because many farmers are unable to repay their 1968 loans. It has been estimated that the drought has cost Tar Heel farmers about \$100 million. Farmers in many areas of the Piedmont and Coastal Plain have been particularly hard hit. Fifty-eight of the state's drought-stricken counties have been declared eligible for emergency loans from the Farmers Home Administration. "I would suspect that these loans are the best bet for those farmers unable to get credit from regular sources," said D. G. Harwood, extension farm management specialist at North Carolina State University. The loans are for 3 per cent, Harwood explained. They are available in the designated counties for those farmers who cannot get money from other lenders and who have reasonable prospects for repayment. The money can be used, Harwood continued, for essential farm and home operating expenses, such as the purchase of feed, seed and other supplies. "When financial difficulties such as this arise, many farmers turn to merchant credit," Harwood commented. "Merchant credit may sometimes be necessary, but it is usually more expensive than other types of credit." While the drought has increased the need for farm credit, Harwood points out that the farm debt load is fairly low as compared to that of non-farm businesses. One study in 1967 showed that U. S. farmers had assets of \$281 billion and debts of about \$50 billion. In other words, farm debts amounted to about 17 per cent of farm assets. Non-farm businesses had debts which amounted to 41 per cent of their assets. North Carolina counties eligible for the emergency loans from the Farmers Home Administration are Alamance, Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Chowan, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Madison, Martin, Mecklenburg. Also, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Scotland, Stokes, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson and Yadkin. A request has been made to add Bertie County to the list. Farmers interested in obtaining an FHA loan should contact their local FHA supervisor who usually has an office at the county seat.

Cheerleaders To Attend Tournament

The Perquimans County High School cheerleading squad has been selected to represent this district for the first annual North Carolina Cheerleading Tournament. This event is sponsored by Campbell College and is an effort to give the cheerleaders of the state proper recognition since they do such a tremendous job. Head cheerleaders from the top ten universities in the state will be judging this event, and it is being held in conjunction with the East Coast Basketball Classic, Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville, N. C. Campbell, Pembroke, Wilmington, and Catawba Colleges will be participating in this Classic on the 17th and 18th of December. The cheerleaders will give a massive cheer during the break between the consolation and championship game the evening of the 18th. A winner from the 4-A, 3-A, 2-A, and 1-A divisions will be selected as the top squad in the state in their division. Over 1000 cheerleaders have been invited to participate in this program, and it is hoped to make it an annual event. The cheerleaders from this district and Perquimans High School are: Susan Harrell, Jane Evans, Claudia Brinn, Angela Baker, Ann Ambrose, Pam Sutton, Beth Brinn, Patti Landring, Barbara Waters, Advisor: Mrs. Walter Humphreys.

Cancer Clinic To Be Held Dec. 6th

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held on Friday afternoon December 6, 1968, with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. A chest x-ray will be given to anyone wishing it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. Only 30 people can be seen at the Center each month due to limited facilities, so it is suggested that anyone who wishes to be assured of an appointment should write or call the Cancer Center, Health Dept., Elizabeth City, N. C., for a priority. Examinees are asked to bring a robe or housecoat with them.

WCS Will Meet Monday Night

The Women's Society of the First United Methodist Church will meet on Monday evening, December 2, at 8 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. Executive committee members will meet in the library at 7:15 p.m. prior to the general meeting. Members of the Women's Society who have not signed the Charter Membership Roll Book will want to attend this meeting in order to sign their name in the book. October through December are the Charter months for the new organization. At the conclusion of the business session, Mrs. C. J. Andrews, Spiritual Growth chairman, will present a Christmas program, "Thy Light Is Come". It is hoped that all members will come for this spiritual enrichment and enjoy the fellowship following the program. Circles of the Women's Society and the dates of their meetings are as follows: Mildred Auman will meet with Mrs. R. M. Riddick on Tuesday, December 3, at 9:45 a.m. Della Shamburger will have a covered dish supper on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. with Mrs. Kelly White. Helen Bame will meet with Mrs. Thurman Whedbee on Tuesday, December 10, at 8 p.m. Mary Towe will meet on Wednesday afternoon December 11 at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Charles Skinner, Sr. Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild have invited their husbands as guests to a covered dish supper at the church Monday, December 9, at 7 p.m.

Archie Lane At Meeting

Archie Lane of Perquimans County, who has served six years in the House of Representatives, will be in Raleigh Tuesday when the Democratic members of the house caucus at 2 p.m. The caucus is being held for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for four offices. Those to be voted on include the speaker, who will come from membership of the house, sergeant-at-arms, principle clerk and reading clerk. These three positions can be held by any qualified Democrat from throughout the state. Lane, who has served one term as sergeant-at-arms is a candidate to succeed himself. During his six years in the house he has served at three regular and three special sessions. He has also served on the Perquimans County Board of County Commissioners for 14 years, eight of which were as chairman.

St. Catherine's Aux. Meets Monday Night

St. Catherine's Auxiliary will meet Monday, December 2, at 8 p.m. at the Parish House, Mrs. Louis Kalapus will be hostess.

Perquimans Marching Unit to be in Windsor

The Perquimans County High School Marching Unit has been invited to participate in the 200th Anniversary Celebration of Windsor, N. C. on Saturday, Nov. 30. The group attended Band Day at UNC-Chapel Hill on Saturday, November 8, and were invited to the football game there in the afternoon. These girls and their leaders are doing a fine job. We are very proud of you!

Perquimans Ext. Homemakers Meet at Hert. Baptist Church

"My experiences at the Associated Country Women of the World" meeting was the title of an address given by Mrs. R. W. Humphreys at a meeting on Extension Homemakers Clubs on November 21 at the Baptist Church at Hertford. The clubs meeting for the Joint meeting were Belvidere, Beech Springs, Burgess, Bethel, Chapanoke, Helen Galtner, Snow Hill-White Hat, Whiteston, and Winfall. Mrs. Warner Madre, presided over the program. Mrs. Dewey Yeates was Pianist. Rev. W. R. Pinner, pastor, Perquimans Charge of the United Methodist Church, gave the devotional. Mrs. Melvin Eure rendered a solo. Rev. Norman Harris, of the Hertford Baptist Church, gave greetings. Helen Galtner Extension Homemakers Club gave a report of the year's activities. Mrs. Donald Madre was the narrator for this. Those giving reports were as follows: Beautification, Mrs. Joel Hollowell, Sr.; Safety, Mrs. Archie White; Housing and House Furnishings and Creative Crafts, Mrs. Jake Chesson, Jr.; Music, Mrs. Dewey Yeates; Public Information, Mrs. Joe Towe White; Foods and Nutrition, Mrs. Archie Riddick, Home Management, Mrs. Joseph Layden. Mrs. Georgia Fields, Perquimans County Extension Secretary, narrated the Fall Fashion Show, co-ordinated by the Belvidere Club. Those participating were Mrs. Estes Copeland, Mrs. Bill Winslow, Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. T. T. Harrell, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Mrs. Flora Hudson. Miss Sherri Taylor, Asst. Home Economics Extension Agent, introduced Mrs. Humphreys, speaker for the meeting. Mrs. Humphreys showed slides and talked extensively about her unique experiences at the Lansing, Michigan meeting.



1. Mrs. Melvin Eure, Route 3, Hertford, recipient of the North Carolina A & P Leadership Award for her outstanding accomplishments in the Extension Homemaker Organization and community activities.



2. Perfect Attendance Awards are given left to right Mrs. John Elmer Wood, Sr., 27 years; Mrs. M. T. Griffin, 19 years; Mrs. Wallace Bright, 11 years; Mrs. Colon Jackson, 25 years; Mrs. Hedy Cridlin, 30 years.



3. Mrs. Warner Madre, President, Perquimans County Extension Homemakers Council, talks with Mrs. R. W. Humphreys of Eure, N.C., speaker at the Fall meeting.

Motorists Urged to Drive With Care During Thanksgiving Period

The North Carolina Highway Patrol has announced plans to step up its traffic law enforcement activities during the four-day Thanksgiving holiday. Col. Charles A. Speed, commander of the Patrol, said today that every available trooper will be on the roads, "with orders to find and arrest those motorists who annually make the Thanksgiving holiday one of the deadliest periods of the year on our highways." Speed said special efforts will be made to apprehend drinking drivers and speeders. We know that these people are responsible for most of the accidents and most of the deaths and injuries. We want them off the highways, and we are certain that all responsible motorists are behind us in this desire. All mechanical and electronic aids available to the Patrol will be in operation throughout the holiday. Speed said normal patrolling, VASCAR, radar and speed watches would be employed on all heavily travelled routes to detect speeders, and that breathalyzers would be conveniently available to all troopers for testing persons suspected of driving under the influence.

"Of course, we will need the cooperation of the public. We are asking everyone to slow down. Don't take chances. Drive defensively. And don't drink at all if you have been drinking. The Thanksgiving holiday period officially begins at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, and runs through midnight, Sunday, December 1.

Episcopalians To Begin Church Year

The first day of the Christian Year, Advent Sunday, December 1, will be marked by Hertford Episcopalians with a Corporate Communion of the men and boys and the annual congregational meeting. The men and boys of the church will be joining at 8:00 a.m. with other men and boys in a similar service throughout the United States and the world. Immediately following the service the men and boys will gather in the parish house for a fellowship breakfast. The whole congregation will gather in the Parish House at 8:00 p.m. for a covered dish fellowship supper at which time each person will turn in his pledge card to be dedicated at a brief service using the parish house altar immediately following the supper. The service will be followed by reports from each of the organizations of the Church, the election of new Vestrymen to fill the places of those retiring under the rotation system and other church business.

"Last year," according to the Patrol commander, "there were 1,755 accidents in North Carolina during the holiday period. These accidents resulted in almost a 1000 injuries and 35 deaths. We want to reduce these figures this year and we will spare no effort to do so."

Meets Thurs. Dec. 5

The Perquimans County High School PTA will meet on Thursday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Mr. R. M. Thompson, President, urges a good attendance. The Glee Club will present the program, under the direction of Miss Carolins Wright.

Presented The Distinguished Flying Cross

Technical Sergeant Charles T. Davenport, son of Mrs. Lina Davenport, Rt. 2, Winfall, N.C., was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) at Charleston AFB, S.C. The sergeant, recipient of the award three times for heroic aerial achievement, is a veteran of 14 months Vietnam service. During his overseas tour, he completed duty at Bien Hoa Air Base. He was in the lead G-105 of a three-ship formation making repeated passes over the mountainous jungle when his aircraft came under heavy fire and was severely damaged. The bomber crashed out of control the sergeant braved continuous fire to jettison the heavy chemical cargo and enable the pilot to successfully depart the area. The 15-year service veteran currently serves as an aircraft maintenance technician with a Military Airfield Command unit at Charleston.

Sergeant Davenport was graduated from Elizabeth City High School in 1953. He is married to the former Katherine Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith, Rt. 5, Adelphi, Tucson, Ariz.

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