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New York Seeks Help From Tar Heel State

New York has turned to North Carolina for assistance in re-writing the Empire State's laws on abortion.

Two of the four people invited to address a Joint Committee on Public Health of the N. Y. Legislature Feb. 27 in Albany are State Rep. Art Jones of Mecklenburg and Dr. J. F. Hulka of the School of Medicine at UNC.

The other two participants are State Rep. Richard Ramm of Colorado and State Sen. Anthony Williamson of California.

That these four were chosen to address the joint session is not surprising. North Carolina, Colorado and California succeeded during their last Legislative sessions in reforming abortion laws which had remained unchanged since the latter part of the last century. New York wants to know how they did it.

Rep. Jones sponsored the legislation in North Carolina. In doing so, he joined leaders throughout the country in bringing abortion from behind closed doors into public debate.

This leadership in North Carolina has spurred others to look objectively at the problem and, after re-study, to advocate changes in the laws. Some of these advocates are previous opponents to change — such as Roman Catholics.

House Speaker Earl Vaughn was delighted that North Carolina had been invited to assist New York. Since being named Speaker, he has advocated an exchange of information between legislatures, and said the invitation extended to Jones shows what can be done between lawmakers of the various states.

"The climate has changed drastically in recent years," said Rep. Jones, "and I wouldn't be surprised to see a bill introduced somewhere in some state to repeal state laws on abortion and leave it entirely to medical men."

Jones' bill provides that abor-

tion will be legal if any one of several conditions exist:
—Threat to the mother's life.
—Threat to her physical or mental health.
—Likelihood that the child, if born, would be seriously handicapped.
—In the case of rape or incest.
Many states are expected to follow North Carolina's leadership this year in liberalizing abortion laws.

Robert Reed Back From Vietnam

Robert H. Reed, USN, attached to the 1st Hospital Corp, 1st Marine Division, Vietnam returned home having had a year's duty in the vicinity of Danang. Reed is now visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. William C. Reed of Winfall and his wife Lyne and son Tucker Reed in Durham, N. C.

After his leave Reed will be stationed in Louisville, Kentucky at the Naval Induction Center.

Article In The March Issue Of The Carolina Farmer

Historic old "Greenfield" of Edenton, a showplace of the Albemarle region, will be featured in an article in the March issue of The Carolina Farmer.

The magazine, which has 200,000 subscribers across the state, presents a description of the gracious old home, with pictures of the house and some of its furnishings. The article is by Betty McBride, The Carolina Farmer's Carolina Homemaker editor.

"Greenfield, with its lovely setting on the Albemarle Sound and its 200 year old history, attracted North Carolina writer Inglis Fletcher," the article says. "She was seeking quiet and seclusion to write her second Carolinian novel . . . Inglis Fletcher chose to use Greenfield as a setting for part of her novel. Greenfield became the fictional home of the two main characters in her book, 'Men of Albemarle.'"

The article also refers to the Wood family and its ties with Greenfield and notes that the late George Wood Sr. was a director and vice-president of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation of Hertford which serves the area.



1969 HEART FUND VARIETY SHOW presented last Friday night netted the local Heart Fund \$470. The show was co-chaired by Mrs. Jane Cherry and Mrs. Lenny Hurdie. Presented in the Perquimans High School auditorium to an overflowing crowd, with part having to stand.

Boost In Cucumber Growers Requested

B. C. Mangum, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, today called for a 10 percent boost in price for the state's cucumber growers.

"It is time," Mangum said, "for processors to establish price rates on a par with those paid growers in northern states. North Carolina growers are being offered the same prices paid two years ago for the same grade sizes. There is nothing fair about it," Mangum declared.

Mangum pointed to continued increases in production and harvesting costs as an added burden to producers. "A 10 percent price increase for top grades this year should be the minimum, he asserted.

He continued — "Why should North Carolina growers be asked to produce cucumbers cheaper than their counterparts in other sections of the country? Contract prices offered in Michigan and surrounding areas are \$10 for No. 1's, \$5 - \$6 on No. 2's and \$3.50 - \$4.50 on No. 3's. The practice is flagrantly discriminatory.

"We are aware that a large percentage of North Carolina cucumbers are produced under contract for out-of-state pickle companies," Mangum revealed, "and that the commodity has to be shipped back to the respective states for processing. The extra shipping costs to processors, however, are out of line with the price differential now being absorbed by North Carolina growers."

Mangum also mentioned the processors within the state. "Certainly," he said, "they do not have extra shipping costs. Yet, they are paying producers the same prices as do out-of-state companies.

"North Carolina cucumbers are in great demand by pickle companies because of size and quality. It appears, then, that our cucumbers should qualify as a premium commodity - immune

from price inequities." The farm leader indicated that farmers have voiced concern over cut-off dates for delivery. "Cut-off dates should be adjusted to the growing season of a particular year — and be approximately the same dates for comparable areas."

Cucumber acreage dropped six percent last year, and yields varied widely, according to the American Farm Bureau. However, supplies this year are expected to be about the same due to the large carryover. Consumption continues to be generally good. Member growers of the AAMA bargained for and received a price increase last year and have recommended a minimum increase of five percent across the board on all contracts this year.

"The time to get more money," Mangum warned growers, "is to ask for it when you are asked to sign a contract. Growers should not produce for less than a 10 percent increase in prices. Our growers can produce the quality and size most in demand by processors, and should not settle for existing price variations."

Watson Honored At Banquet

Hubert H. Watson of U. S. Agricultural of Hertford was one of 12 salesmen honored at a banquet on Tuesday evening, at the Cape Fear sales and marketing executive club in Wilmington.

The distinguished salesmen were presented trophies. This is the second year Mr. Watson has won a trophy in the past three-year period that his company has awarded them.

He was accompanied to Wilmington by his wife the former Clara Allen of Belhaven, N. C. The couple are the parents of three children, Gail, Karen and Hugh, all students at Perquimans High School.

Legion Auxiliary Spring Conference

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina, held Spring Conference at Fayetteville, February 21 thru 23rd, at the Downtown.

Mrs. Julian Powell attended all the general meetings, Executive committee, 50th Anniversary Committee, Community Service, Child Welfare, and Forums on Rehabilitation, National Security and Civil Defense.

A reception was held Friday night to meet the National President Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell from California, who gave an address on Saturday afternoon following a special buffet luncheon honoring her.

Following the banquet, entertainment was by Comedian Don J. Brown from Charlotte. This was followed by an informal reception for all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members honoring all World War I Veterans, with a large birthday cake for the Golden Anniversary of Legion.

Department President, Mrs. Tim T. Craig from Charlotte, and Department Commander C. Marcelle Williams from Faith, N. C. presided at the meeting.

A joint Memorial Service, was held Sunday morning, and all unfinished business followed.

Double Check Tax Return Before Mailing

GREENSBORO, N. C. — After your 1968 Federal income tax return is filed out, it is a good idea to set it aside for a day or so and then give it a thorough review before mailing it.

District Director of Internal Revenue, J. E. Wall, said that North Carolina persons who follow this advice often find income or deductions they omitted or errors in arithmetic.

A review of the return may disclose that the social security number was omitted or listed incorrectly, copies of all W-2's (Wage and Tax Statement) are not attached, the return is not signed, or the address or zip code is missing.

This review is time well spent as it may prevent delays in processing the return and speed up any refund due, Wall said.

World Day Of Prayer

The United Methodist Church in Hertford will be the gathering place for the Women of Hertford who take part in the World Day of Prayer Service this year. The Service will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7th.

The Women of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and Hertford Baptist will join with the Women of the Methodist Church for the service under the leadership of Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. Charles Harrell and Mrs. Edward Griffin. The women who will be praying together this year in this world wide service will be following the theme — "Growing together in Christ."

Registration For Upholstery Class Thurs., Mar. 6th

Registration will be held for an upholstery class on Thursday, March 6th at Stallings' Upholstery Shop. Classes will meet every Thursday from 7:00 P.M. till 10:00 P.M. The course is offered through the College of the Albemarle. The cost of the course is \$2.00. Anyone interested in the course should attend the registration meeting or call Mr. Stallings at 426-5507 for further information.

Eagle Scout Awards To Be Presented

Eagle Scout awards will be presented to two Hertford boys, Ralph Bramley Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray and to Henry Clay Stokes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stokes, Friday night at 7:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

The presentation of these two high Scout Awards, will be made by William S. Stewart, Albemarle District Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

All Scouts have been invited and interested persons are also welcome.

Rural-Urban Gap Widens Tar Heel Native Reports

The gap between rural and urban America is growing wider, says a North Carolina native who is now vice president of the University of Missouri.

Speaking at the 1969 Agricultural Outlook Conference in Washington, D. C., Dr. C. Bruce Ratchford said:

"Rural communities are lagging, and this shows up in every field where measurement is possible — education, health services, housing, protection and, yes, even recreation. A higher per cent of the rural people live in poverty than in metropolitan areas."

"There probably has always been a lag; the disturbing point is the widening of the gap."

Rural institutions are under little pressure to catch up, said Dr. Ratchford, because the rural residents refuse to admit there is a gap.

"Most people in rural areas still firmly believe that the rural community is a better place in which to live, that it has better churches and schools, less crime and poverty, greater morality, more recreation, and more everything else that is good. Obviously, the facts do not substantiate this picture and the real danger of such a view is the legitimizing of the failure to bring about institutional change."

Dr. Ratchford pointed out that the same accelerating technology that is reshaping our farms and industries is having an equal impact on institutions and public services. Not many years ago, for instance, most health services were rendered by a general practitioner in his own office or home. Today, minimum health service takes a team of specialists, hospitals, and very expensive equipment. This health team needs a large population and a public investment beyond the means of most rural local institutions. The same situation is found in education, public utilities and even churches.

"Small communities are necessarily tied to larger ones. The local rural institution stands no more chance of being self-sufficient in the last third of this century than the modern commercial farmer.

"But small communities tend to vigorously fight large ones — which chokes the larger community and brings slow death to the small one."

Dr. Ratchford said rural communities have lost much of their influence in recent years. They have lost population. As farmers have become more specialized they have lost their common causes. And the power to decide many of the most important aspects of a community's future has moved from local control to state, regional or national levels. Rural populations have continued to decline, and most rural areas have not been able to boost their non-farm employment. "Rural areas have either ignored what has been happening or reacted violently."

Dr. Ratchford said rural communities have largely failed to take advantage of the Federal programs that were created to help lagging areas. They have simply not applied for the aid available to them.

Ratchford said regional planning commissions hold real promise for rural areas. They pool resources from several smaller institutions, they pose no immediate threat to existing institutions, they can provide comprehensive planning for economic and social development, and they can deal effectively with state and federal governments.

Dr. Ratchford, 49, is a native of Gastonia and a graduate of N. C. State and Duke universities. He was a former assistant director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service before he was named director of the Missouri Agricultural Extension Service in 1959. He was later made vice president of the University of Missouri and placed in charge of all extension activities.

Per-Co-High Spectator

Perquimans High School has been a very busy place these last few weeks. In the spotlight now are plans for the annual Miss PCHS pageant to be held Saturday night, March 8. Under the sponsorship of the Junior Class, everyone is looking forward to something a little different in this year's pageant.

Also occupying a great deal of

the Juniors' time and energy are Junior-Senior Prom preparations. All of the committees are working industriously to have everything ready for the big event which is scheduled to come off March 28.

While the Juniors are working, the Seniors are definitely not sitting idly by. They have selected a Senior Play to be performed, and cast tryouts will begin next week. Mrs. James Cartwright is this year's director.

Seniors are also ordering their commencement invitations. Their days at old Perquimans are becoming numbered!

The PCHS Student Council will serve as host for an area Student Council Workshop to be held on March 7 at the First Methodist Church in Hertford. The theme of the workshop will be "Choice and Consequence." Approximately 70 Council members from 10 surrounding schools will be present.

Baseball season is over, and baseball practice started this week. The Indians are looking ahead hopefully to the new season. Coaching the baseball team is Mr. Pete Hunter.

The annual staff has met all of their deadlines this year, and the annual has been mailed to the publisher on time. The only thing left now is the long wait for its return.

W. A. Washam Dies On Sunday

Word was received here Sunday of the death of W. A. Washam of Huntersville at Memorial Hospital in Charlotte. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 3 P.M. at A. R. P. Church in Huntersville.

Mr. Washam was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Walker J. Kanoy, Sr. of Hertford.

Bake Sale Saturday

The Junior Class of Perquimans County High School will sponsor a Bake Sale Saturday, March 8 on the Court House lawn. The sale will begin at 9:30 A.M. Proceeds will be used to defray the expense of the Junior-Senior Prom.

Fifty Eight Pints Of Blood Donated Here

Fifty-eight pints of blood were given Monday when the Bloodmobile visited Hertford at the First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Nathan Sawyer, chairman, expressed her disappointment in the comparatively small turnout when the quota was 75 pints. Since the last visit to Hertford, 96 pints of blood have been received by Perquimans County residents.

With only 45 pints received at the October visit, this puts us in the red as far as putting back many pints as we have used during the past year. Six people were rejected due to various reasons.

John Beers received his four gallon donor pin.

Mrs. Sawyer expressed her appreciation to those who did donate their blood and those volunteers who assisted with the Bloodmobile visit. Canteen workers were Mrs. W. D. Landing, Mrs. Mattie Matthews and Mrs. Evelyn Whedbee; Registration - Mrs. Carl Skinner, Mrs. Joe Towe, Sr. and Mrs. Fern Simerson; typist - Mrs. John Beers and Nurse - Mrs. Charles Murray.

The next bloodmobile visit will be in May.

Major Colson At Andrews AFB, Not Mrs.

Major Melvin J. Colson, Sr. of Rt. 3, Hertford, N. C., has arrived for duty at Andrews AFB, Md.

Major Colson, a pilot, is assigned to a unit of the Military Aircraft Command. He previously served at Travis AFB, Calif. The major, a graduate of Perquimans County High School, earned his B.S. degree from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., and was commissioned there upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Program.

His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mrs. David R. Moore of Norlina, N. C.

NOTE: The above news article appeared in The Perquimans Weekly recently, and thru an error in the printing the story began "Mrs. Melvin J. Colson, of Rt. 3, Hertford, has arrived for duty at Andrews AFB, Md." We regret the error.

Bright Serving Aboard Cutter

Chief Gunnery Mate Melvin V. Bright, USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Bright of Rt. 3, and husband of the former Miss Mary L. Miller of Rt. 3, all of Hertford, N. C. is serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Androscoggin in the Atlantic Ocean.

The cutter is engaged in oceanographic and meteorological investigations and serves as an air navigation aid to Trans-Atlantic aircraft.

Cub Scouts Hold Blue - Gold Banquet

Cecil Edward Winslow, Cubmaster of Troop 185 in Hertford served as Toastmaster for the Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Banquet held at the Hertford Grammar School on Friday, February 28th. Also on the program were Rev. Norman B. Harris, Pastor of The Hertford Baptist Church, who gave the invocation; Bill Steward, Scout Representative for the Albemarle Area; Emmette Landing, Mayor of Hertford and Floyd Benton, Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of Hertford.

Awards were presented to the Cub Scouts and Webelos by their Cubmaster, Cecil Edward Winslow.

A very entertaining skit was presented by the Webelos and a candle lighting ceremony by Don L.

A covered dish supper was enjoyed by the guests, scouts and scout-families.

Craft Classes For Albemarle Residents

The series of Craft Classes for adults in Sewing - both beginning and advanced, knitting, crocheting, and one bottom sewing will begin Monday, March 3, at the Fine Art Center on S. Road Street in Elizabeth City.

These classes are open to residents of the seven-county area which is served by the Continuing Education Division of College of the Albemarle: Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans.

The schedule of classes is as follows: Monday - Sewing, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Tuesday - Crocheting - 10 a.m. to 12 Noon Wednesday - Knitting - 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Thursday - One bottom Sewing - 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Anyone who has not previously attended may do so at the first scheduled class meeting date. All classes, at this writing, are still open. There is a \$2.00 registration fee for each class. Materials are extra.

Class questions will be typical. An instruction, work, project session, oriented with lots of fun and sense of achievement.

For further information, contact the Continuing Education Division of College of the Albemarle, sponsors of the classes, Room Art Center, perquimans.edu.