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Medical Aid For Underprivileged

(This is the fifth in a series of articles on public welfare in Perquimans County. The last three articles have explained the three financial aid programs that help people with their monthly living expenses. These programs provide a monthly check directly to the eligible recipient.)

Today's article will present the facts about the medical services available to these public assistance recipients and others who only need help with medical expenses.)

The Medical Services program of the Department of Public Welfare provides financial aid for medical expenses to all public assistance recipients who receive a monthly subsistence check and to certain people classified as only medically indigent.

The difference between the two groups is that the medically indigent must meet all of the eligibility requirements of one of the public assistance categories with one exception. Their monthly income can be above the maximum amount allowed for these categories but not sufficient to meet their medical expenses. This means that people over 65 years of age, others who are permanently and totally disabled, and families where the children are deprived of one or both parents because of death, physical or mental incapacity, or continued absence from the home could be eligible for this medical assistance by meeting the other eligibility requirements.

Persons not possibly eligible for this assistance are families where both parents are in the home and able-bodied single persons above age 21 and under 65 not permanently and totally disabled, and men and their wives under 65, neither of whom is permanently and totally disabled, regardless of their financial condition.

Public assistance recipients receiving a monthly check carry an identification card issued monthly. Others classified as medically indigent receive a monthly authorization form from the county department of public welfare which they present to the vendor at the time medical services are requested. Payments for these services are not made to the recipient but directly to the physician, hospital, drug store or whomever delivers the service.

The Medical Services offered through this public welfare program are in most cases very adequate. All of these recipients are eligible for inpatient hospital care. All services usually provided by a hospital are covered such as operating rooms, laboratories, drugs, radiology, therapy and staff nursing services. Payment is made at the rate of 91 percent of reimbursable cost and will continue for as long as medical need exists.

Hospital outpatient services provide all necessary diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as furnished by hospitals to any other patient with the exclusion

of emergency visits, psychiatric outpatient clinic visits, and medical eye care as provided by the North Carolina Commission for the Blind.

The prescription drug program covers the cost of all legend drugs plus insulin and is available to both groups of recipients. Each recipient is required to pay \$1.00 on each prescription. Vouchers are submitted from the local pharmacies after the end of each calendar month to the State Welfare Department for payment.

Physicians services are available to both groups of recipients for medical services which are reasonably necessary to the health of the patient. Office visits, home visits, hospital visits, surgery and other procedures are covered with two exceptions. Cosmetic surgery and psychiatric consultation (except in the case of emergencies) will require prior authorization from the State Board of Public Welfare. Payments will be made on a limited basis, reflecting availability of funds.

Dental services are available for the adult categories but not the aid to families with dependent children category. Services covered are diagnostic services, emergency services, restorative services, extractions, surgical services, periodontal services and prosthetic services. A standard fee is paid for a particular procedure by all State Agencies. Any licensed dentist may participate by signing an "intent to participate" form.

Should insurance or medicare coverage exist for any of the medical services provided by public welfare, it is expected that this payment will be made first.

In the medically indigent group some families or individuals may have some funds which can be allocated to these medical costs. At the time of application at the county welfare department, a budget is worked out and families are expected to pay any portion of the medical expenses they can afford.

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The family was at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Nowell, Sr. on Star Route, Winfall.

Mrs. Margaret S. Scaff, Executive Secretary of Local Board No. 73, states Perquimans County does not have an induction nor armed forces physical examination call for the month of July.

Mrs. Lemie Vest Cheatham, 62, died Monday at 8:40 a.m. in the Albemarle Hospital.

A native of Botetourt County, Va., she was the widow of Alfred Cheatham and a daughter of the late James H. and Mrs. Catherine Obenshain Vest.

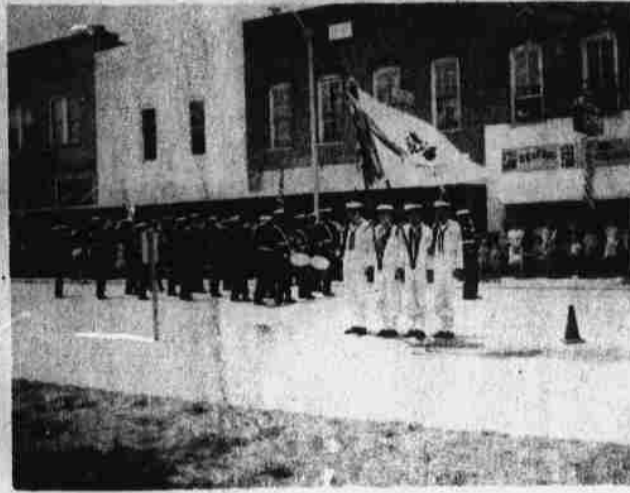
She was a member of Melrose Avenue United Methodist Church in Roanoke, Va.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Louise C. Bray of Route 3, Hertford and Mrs. Vesta Goodrich of Hertford; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

★ Flag Day Is Big Event In Hertford ★



Chaplain (Captain) and Mrs. Corbin Cherry Lead Flag Day Parade.



Marine Band Marches in Flag Day Parade.



Honorable Walter Jones Speaks at Hertford Flag Day Ceremony.



Atlantic Fleet Band Participates in Flag Day Festivities.

Chappell Honored at N.C.S.O.

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JV Cheerleaders Bake Sale Set For Saturday

The Perquimans High JV Cheerleaders will have a Bake Sale Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. on the Court House lawn.

Perquimans Conservation Notes



The picture above shows a structure for water control and a field drain entering a newly constructed ditch on Clarence Dull's farm. It was taken immediately following a heavy rain and water had already entered ditch without causing erosion to ditch bank.

Mrs. Sawyer President Of American Legion Aux.

The American Legion Auxiliary of William Paul Stallings Post 126 held its regular monthly meeting Thursday night at the American Legion home. Mrs. Lessie White, president, presided over the meeting. Following the call to order, the singing of the National Anthem was followed by the usual ritual.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Elizabeth D. Cherry in the absence of Chaplain Mrs. Ethel White. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Cards were sent to the sick and bereaved by the Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Minnie W. Miller.

Mrs. Sarah C. White installed the new officers to serve for the next two years. Mrs. Geneva Sawyer was installed President, 1st. Vice Pres. Mrs. Irene P. Towe; 2nd. Vice Pres. Mrs. Ann Goodwin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Minnie W. Miller; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Zachary;

Area Teacher At Science Institute

CHAPEL HILL - Blanche B. Dillon, teacher at Perquimans County High School, is among 33 junior and senior high school science teachers attending the Summer Institute in Earth Sciences at the University of North Carolina here.

The institute is under the direction of the UNC Department of Geology and is funded by the National Science Foundation. It continues through July 18.

Designed for teachers who teach earth science but who have limited training in geology, the Institute includes courses in physical geology, historical geology and field trips.

Art Classes For GS. - H.S. Students

Non-credit art classes for grammar school and high school students of the area started Tuesday, June 17th. The second through the sixth grades will meet Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The seventh through twelfth grades will meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. Classes will be held at the College of the Albemarle Art Center on South Road Street. Tuition will be \$15.00 for the first child in a family and \$10.00 for each additional child.

The classes will meet once a week from June 17th until August 5th. Grammar school students please bring sketch pad, crayons and pencil. High school students bring sketch pad and color crayon.

Walter Oakey Is Director For Norfolk & Carolina Telephone-Telegraph Co.

Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Attorney at Law of Hertford, was named Wednesday to replace the late W. A. Worth as director for The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company and The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone Co. of Va.

Oakey attended Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. He taught in the public schools in Hertford 1923-1924, became a member of The North Carolina State Bar in 1929, and began practice in Hertford that year. He was Recorder's Court Judge 1931-1938, Federal Trade Commission Attorney in Washington 1938-1940, and returned to his Hertford law practice in 1945, which he has continued ever since.

He served in the U. S. Army in 1918, U. S. Marine Corps and its Reserves from 1940 to 1960, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel.

He is chairman of the Hertford Advisory Board of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company and Sen-

ior Warden of the Vestry, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

He is married to the former Marjory Nixon. They have two daughters, Mrs. B. F. Read, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Brodie, III.

Class Of 1964 Holds Reunion

The Perquimans County High School graduating class of 1964 held its first reunion Saturday, June 14, at the Holiday Inn, Elizabeth City. Sixty-nine attended including classmates, husbands, wives, guests, class sponsors, Mrs. Barbee and Mrs. Stallings, and mascots, Ginger Joy Morgan and Clarence Chappell, III.

Charles Woodard, class president, presided. Other class officers present were Linda Sutton Robertson, vice president, and Sidney Ann Blanchard, secretary.

The president welcomed the group after which Perry Monks said grace. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Billy Williams and Tommy Harrell read the history of the class. Many memories of life at P. C. H. S. were renewed.

As Sidney Ann Blanchard called the roll each member present stood and introduced the husband, wife, or guest, and told of his activities during the past five years. Linda Sutton Robertson read letters from the following class members who could not attend: Wayne Chappell, Susan Cox, Margaret Eure, Marilyn Finchum, Joan Green, Faye Long, Gene Nixon, and Jimmy Perry.

Prizes were presented to outstanding classmates. They were: Price Monks, for traveling the farthest to the reunion, Beth Hurdle, for traveling the farthest distance during the five years, Michael Matthews, for the youngest child, Diana McDonnell Hunter, for the oldest child, Judy Reed Spear and Tommy Harrell, for gaining the most weight, Nancy Bateman Winslow, for being married the longest and Anita White Kirby, for being married the shortest.

The class decided to hold another reunion in five years. Those appointed to serve on the committee were: Tommy Harrell, Reggie Baker, Ruth Harrell Jennings, and Nancy Bateman Winslow.

Charles Woodard expressed appreciation to the committee responsible for the reunion. Perry Monks announced the flowers would be placed on the grave of Mr. E. C. Woodard, the late principal of P. C. H. S. Pictures for the high school scrapbook were taken by Beth Hurdle.

After singing the school song led by Mrs. Barbee old friendships were renewed and new acquaintances made. Following the meeting the group enjoyed dancing to the music of a local band.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson (Linda Sutton), Sidney Ann Blanchard, Harriette Williams, Charles Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Winslow (Nancy Bateman), Lois Ann Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kirby (Anita White), Ned Nixon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jennings (Ruth Harrell), Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hunter (Diana McDonnell), Jamie Thompson and Freddie Combs, Mr. and Mrs. Clark White, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Matthews, Price Monks, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Byrum (Juanita White), Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Eure (Margie Corprew), Mr. and Mrs. Glen Benton (Patricia Rountree), Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Winslow (Ann White), Perry Monks, Bonnie Benton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spear (Judy Reed), Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seymour (Nel Overton), Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hollowell (Sandra Jennings), Lydia Riddick, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McPherson (Dianne Matthews), Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Winslow (Ann Thurman), Susan Nixon and Bill Van Norn, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williams, Beth Hurdle, Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Overton (Rachel Bass), Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCarthy.

Other guests included Mrs. Dorothy Barbee, Mrs. Joann Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Morgan, Ginger Joy Morgan, and Clarence Chappell.

Body Of Winfall Fisherman Found

HERTFORD - The four day search for a Winfall fisherman, missing since Sunday, ended this morning at 8:30 o'clock with the recovery of the body about one and a half miles off shore in Albemarle Sound.

The body of Howard Copeland, 55, was found by Stanley Sprull, a neighbor, and was returned to shore by Sheriff Julian Broughton of Perquimans County and Horace Cahoon, game warden, in a boat from the N.C. Department of Conservation and Development division of commercial and sports fisherman.

Discovery of the body ended a search which began with the discovery of a 14 foot boat belonging to Copeland anchored off of Harvey Point. The boat contained all of its equipment intact after its launch earlier from Muddy Creek but there was no sign of its operator.

The Perquimans County sheriff's department was assisted in the search by a Coast Guard helicopter and numerous friends of the family, including Jimmy Lane and Merrill Layton.

Brenda Baccus Wins Health Careers Scholarship



Brenda Baccus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Baccus of Rt. 2, Hertford, was the 1969 recipient of the Health Careers Scholarship. The Scholarship is presented annually to a member of the senior class at Perquimans County High School by the Hertford BPW Club. Brenda was in the upper third of the senior class and her school activities include President, Vice President, of Future Homemakers of America in the 11th grade; Vice President of the Beta Club; Vice President of the Bus Drivers' Club; Newspaper Staff typist; member of Health Careers Club for 4 years; and Student Council Home Room Representative to the 11th grade. She is a member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, where she serves as secretary and assistant pianist. She is, also, a member of the Youth Choir. Brenda will enter Louise Obici School of Nursing, Suffolk, Va., in the fall to begin her studies in the Health Careers Field.

Airman Corprew Completes Training



Airman Robert A. Corprew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Corprew, Rt. 1, Hertford, N. C., has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field. Airman Corprew, a 1966 graduate of Perquimans County High School, attended North Carolina State University at Raleigh.