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Census Bureau Reports Official Down 90% From 1960 1970 Perquimans Population

Census Bureau reports official 1970 population of Perquimans County Perquimans County's official population in the 1970 Census was 8,351, Down 9.0 per cent from the 1960 figure of 9,178, the bureau of the census, U.S. Department of Commerce, reports.

The official population of the state was 5,062,059, up 11.5 per cent from the 1960 population

count, which was 4,556,155. The 1970 census counted 4,880 white persons in Perquimans County, 58.4 per cent of the total; 3,466 Negroes, and 5 persons of other races. In 1960, 53.1 per cent of the population was white.

The census showed 624 children under 5 years; 2,304 in ages 5 through 17; 4,323 people 18 through 64; and 1,100 who were 65 and older. The population 14 years and over included 3,891 married people, 653 who were widowed, 89 divorced, and 1,589 never married.

Perquimans County's 1970 population was classified as 100 per cent rural. There were 2,498 households, with 8,253 persons, including 358 one-person households. In addition 98 persons were living in group quarters.

The 1970 census counted 2,899 housing units in Perquimans County, 1,749 of them occupied by owners, 749 occupied by tenants, and 401 vacant. These included vacant units for seasonal use. The proportion occupied by owners in 1970 was 60.3 per cent, compared with 53.0 percent in 1960.

Among year-round dwelling units there were 2,565 single family houses, 151 housing units in Multi-Unit Buildings, and 113 Mobile Home or Trailers. The percentage of occupied units with more than one person per room was 9.6, compared with 15.2 in 1960. Of all the occupied housing units, 1,735 had piped water, toilet, and bath, while 763 lacked some or all plumbing.

The median value of owner-occupied houses in Perquimans County was \$8,400, compared with less than \$5000 in 1960. The Median rent paid by tenants in 1970 was less than \$30 per month, compared with \$41 in 1960. Half were over and half below the Median figures.

These results are from two 1970 census advance reports for the state: PC (V2), General Population Characteristics, and HC (V1), General Housing Characteristics. The reports, which contain additional 1970 census data for the state and various areas within it, may be purchased at nominal prices from the superintendent of documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, or from offices of the U.S. Department of Commerce in Major cities.

Further reports giving more extensive statistics on the

characteristics of the population and housing will be published in future months as the 1970 census results are tabulated.

New Officers

Mrs. Elton Harrell was a gracious hostess to the members of the Bethel Firemen's Auxiliary June 24th. Mrs. Deenie Mae Proctor, president, conducted the meeting.

Now officers for the coming year were elected. The main social event of the year the annual ice cream supper given the firemen and their families was discussed and decided for July. Plans were discussed for the quarterly ever popular fish fry to be held July 3 from 4 till 9 p.m. Each auxiliary member was given their job to performing combining the bake sale with the fish fry.

Members were reminded that cook books, napkins, and vanilla and lemon flavoring was available to sell for financial support.

Mrs. Ruby Davis received the door prize.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Dennie Mae Proctem, Mrs. Katherine Breedeman, Mrs. Ruby Davis, Mrs. Joe Harrell, Mrs. Evie Curtis, Mrs. Mary Francis Corprew, Mrs. Emily Harrell and the hostess Mrs. Elton Harrell.

Thomas Receives Academic Honors

Academic honors at Western Carolina University have been conferred upon Ronnie M. Thomas of 511 West Church St., Hertford, according to an announcement by Dr. W. Newton Turner, vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Turner said high academic honors were won by 1181 students on the dean's list for the spring quarter of the current academic year.

Students on the dean's list must earn a quality point ratio of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 on a regular quarter's work of not less than twelve quarter hours, and must maintain a cumulative quality point ratio of not less than 2.0.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Just recently I observed a paralyzed man gaining entrance into the Post Office Building in Hertford. He had walked some six blocks on crutches and upon reaching the post office, he had to bodily pull his paralyzed legs and feet up a 6" curb in front of the building by grasping a stationary mail box, then move thru two sets of heavy doors in order to purchase one money order. It seems ridiculous that with all the money spent by the U.S. Government on up dating the U.S. Postal Service, that some of this money could have been spent on constructing one simple ramp that a wheel chair

confinee can enter. This one is the post office station in Ervin Turners Store at Durant's Neck.

How about the young veteran who left his legs in Viet Nam? He can not get into the Perquiman's Courthouse - unassisted - to file his discharge or vote. This is one of the rights he was told he was fighting for. The right to vote. A wheel chair confinee cannot serve as a juror because there are no restrooms in the building that will allow a wheel chair confinee to gain entrance and use. A person in a wheel chair can not drink from the fountain height of the fountain. A student in a wheel chair cannot gain entrance into a public library in four of the surrounding counties.

These are not the only problems physically handicapped people have. Take a look at the churches in Hertford

and Perquimans County. A wheel chair confinee can not enter any church unassisted to attend a service even if he could park his car nearby and move over the curb that restricts his way.

The North Carolina State Highway Commission has spent thousands of dollars on stop lights, intersections, and unnecessary road signs, but the "brilliant planners" have not established one single rest room raveling wheel chair people from the Virginia Line to Williamston, N.C. What are handicapped tourists supposed to do in eastern North Carolina? Close their eyes! Where can they go to see a museum? How about trying to enter a restaurant with steps.

The Perquimans County School System has to recently constructed building that will not permit a person in heavy leg braces or confined to a wheel chair to enter unassisted. This is a direct violation of the state building codes by the architect and contractor. Then the question is...who enforces these codes?

Common sense should enter the picture some place. The general attitude is "Who cares as long as it does not effect me?" Some one does care, and something is being done about these problems of the "shutting out" the "restricted citizens." There is a committee on Architectural Barrier Elimination at work now to "Help Open Doors" and opportunities for the physically handicapped people, in Perquimans County and the entire Albemarle Area.

Sincerely,

Charlie Skinner, Jr.
Co-Chairman - Albemarle Area
Architectural Barrier
Elimination
Committee

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We meet
Sunday
reservations

Thursday we breakfasted in Paris and then had a business lunch in New York. On Friday, we joined a conference in San Francisco. With the new space-age technology, we feel so free, as though we have conquered time and distance and everything.

Well, maybe not everything!

You know some things can't be answered by better machines. So, wherever we are, we go to church on Sunday. How about you?

- Sunday Job 6:24-29
- Monday Psalms 19:7-14
- Wednesday Psalms 119:97-104
- Friday Proverbs 2:1-8
- Tuesday Psalms 107:31-43
- Thursday Psalms 139:1-6
- Saturday Proverbs 8:5-14

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International Sunday School Lesson for July 11, 1971

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MEMORY SELECTION: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."
— (Romans 13:1)

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 17:14-20; Judges 9:8-15; Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-6.

Today's lesson is primarily concerned with a very vital area of Christian duty... the interlocking of one's responsibilities to observe the spiritual letter of God's laws and the legal letter of those enacted by the governing bodies of mankind. Obedience to both is a necessary adjunct to Christian stewardship.

This was a principle of which Paul was well aware, as will be witnessed by his writings on the subject, and it will be remembered that Christ also supported this viewpoint.

Rome, in the government of her satellite nations, was quite liberal in the administration of her laws; indeed, the Roman Empire brought to other nations the benefits of her civilization, not the least of which was the building of roads. This was an advantage which enabled the spread of Christianity at a time when men of God often travelled wide stretches of country to preach and minister to people in other towns. It can easily be seen, therefore, why Paul felt that he justly owed observance of Roman laws to that governing body. Also, in his travels, he often benefitted from protection from Roman soldiers, as did others in that day and time. On the negative side, however, the circumstances surrounding the crucifixion of Christ, witnessed to the areas of weakness in government which existed during the course of Roman sovereignty.

There are weaknesses and strengths in all areas of government, and the thinking Christian will reflect upon the good instead of dwelling on the bad. He will support that good, realizing that there is a vast difference between liberty and license, and work unceasingly to strengthen and improve the weak areas. Personal discipline will be a telling factor here, and working within the framework of God's universal plan and laws for mankind, all men must be careful never to infringe upon the rights of others, or in any way abuse the privileges in which they are heir.

Acceptance of responsibility in return for privileges is the mark of a mature person. The mark of a mature Christian is an ever present awareness of his responsibility to God to spread His Word among the unenlightened, leading them to a better way of life by not only their witnessing in congregations and visits, but by living an exemplary life. Actions are more convincing than words! Certainly, all men everywhere have a shining example of the God-like life as exemplified in Christ.

The road has been mapped for us, and we have but to set our feet firmly on the path laid down, to truly "walk with God." It is a small return, indeed, for the gift of everlasting grace!

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