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Sam Hourmouzis Plays Role In

"Summer And Smoke"

Sam Hourmouzis of Kitty Hawk, N.C. played the role of Lighting staff during the recent Chowan College production of Tennessee Williams' prize-winning play, "Summer and Smoke."

Dramatics, a division of the Department of Fine Arts, includes play production, directing, performance, make-up, and costuming.

Sam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hourmouzis of Kitty Hawk, N.C. He is a graduate of Manteo High School and is a student at Chowan, is enrolled in the Preoptometry curriculum.

Chowan College is a private, two-year liberal arts institution with 1,533 students coming from 45 states and 10 foreign countries. Professional opportunities are offered in business, English, music, art, drama, graphic arts, health and physical education, languages, mathematics, nursing, religion, philosophy, science, and social sciences.

Increase Birth Rate Recorded In N.C.

For the first time since the downward trend started in 1962, an annual increase in the birth rate has been recorded in North Carolina, according to a report released today by the Vital Statistics Department of the State Board of Health. However, the past decade showed a downward trend of 19.4 births per 1,000 population, a 20 percent decrease since 1960. A total of 98,455 births were registered in North Carolina in 1970.

White births increased by 14 percent, compared to three percent for nonwhites. According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the population of North Carolina in 1970 was 5,082,059, an 11 percent increase over 1960. In 1970, whites comprised 77 percent of the population and females outnumbered males by 107,275. The increase of births over deaths was 53,783.

The report also showed that 98.5 percent of all live births in North Carolina during 1970 occurred in hospitals. For nonwhites, the percentage of

hospital births rose from 74 to 95 percent since 1960. Approximately one out of eight North Carolina infants born in 1970 was illegitimate. Nonwhite births out of wedlock occurred at a rate of one out of three. Although the incidence of illegitimacy is less for whites, the illegitimacy rate for whites rose by 65 percent during the decade.

The report pointed up a shorter life expectancy for nonwhites. A nonwhite child (0-4 years) is twice as likely to die. The nonwhite young adult (ages 15 to 44) is three times as likely to die as are whites of the same age. Only for children (5-14 years) and for the aged (65 and over) are the death rates

similar for white and nonwhite. Preliminary findings show that death rates for cancer, motor vehicle accidents and homicide rose appreciably between 1960 and 1970. The rate for heart disease, diabetes, and suicide also increased while the stroke rate decreased slightly.

The maternal death rate decreased by 46 percent to 2.9 deaths per 10,000 live births. This rate is equivalent to one maternal death for every 3,395 live births.

The number of marriages registered in North Carolina during 1970 was 48,291, about 900 less than in 1969. This was the first annual decrease observed since registration began in 1962.

Divorce decrees and annulments of marriage numbered 13,702 during 1970. The rate has more than doubled since 1960. However, most of the increase (86 percent) occurred after 1964, the last full year in which a two-year separation was required in North Carolina. The divorce rate for the United States also continued its upward trend which began in 1963. The increases were attributed to a disproportionate growth in the young people of marriageable population during the sixties and a rapid rise in the rate of divorce in the general population.

\$500 Reward Offered

By Vepco For

Conviction Of Vandals

Vandals armed with pellet guns were the apparent cause of a Virginia Electric and Power Company outage which cut off electric service to nearly 3,000 persons along approximately 400 square miles of the North Carolina Outer Banks, Roanoke Island, and Currituck County, at 3:00 p.m., January 2.

"We found that insulators on two conductors of our 115 KV line in the Kitty Hawk Woods subdivision were shot out," said J.R. Haden, Vepco's Albemarle District Manager.

Pellet marks on the steel clamps connected to the bell-type insulators indicated that vandalism was the cause of the outage, Mr. Haden said.

Power was restored to the Barco-Jarvisburg area within 63 minutes, and to the Roanoke Island and the Hatteras Electric Co-op area by 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Haden said that Vepco will offer a \$500 reward to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals.

Homemakers Executive Meeting

The Perquimans County Extension Homemakers Executive Meeting was called to order, Wednesday, January 5, 1972, at 2:30 P. M. in the Perquimans County Office Building with the County Council President, Mrs. Joe T. White, Sr. presiding.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan the agenda for the regular County Council Meeting which is scheduled for Friday, January 7, 1971 at 2:30 P. M. The minutes of the last

Executive Board Meeting were read and approved.

The old and new business were called for by the president.

There was no old business discussed at the meeting. There were several important items of new business brought up and discussed.

Item I. Schedule of County Council Executive Board Meeting

The County Council Executive Board Meeting will be held prior to each County Council Meeting for 1972. The schedule is as follows for the remainder of 1972 at 2:30 P. M.: April 3, 1972, July 3, 1972, October 3, 1972.

Item II. The schedule of the Extension Homemakers County Council Meeting.

The County Council will hold quarterly meeting for the remainder of 1972. The schedule is as listed below:

April 7, 1972

July 7, 1972

October 6, 1972

Item III. Year books

The new club books will cost 10 cents per member.

Members are requested to secure a notebook to keep club book and other valuables pertaining to Extension Homemakers Club work. Each member will be provided with a folder for his new loose leaf 72 booklet. The cost of the folder will come from the miscellaneous funds.

Item IV. Devotional exercises

Beech Spring Club will give devotion for January County Council Meeting. The Devotional Exercises will be given in the alphabetical order by the clubs. The club or member of that club will be responsible for securing someone to give the devotional and supply Mrs. Taylor or Mrs.

Underwood prior to the Council meeting the name of the person to give the devotion.

Item V. The club dues per member will be the same as last year, \$1.50. Each club is urged to increase their club membership. The Extension Homemakers Executive Board members recommend that all of the 19 Extension Homemakers Clubs in the County membership be opened to all races.

Item VI. NEWSLETTERS:

The Extension Homemakers Executive Board members recommend that a News Letter be sent out each month from the Extension Office including a schedule of all the Extension Homemakers Clubs in the county.

Item VII. Club project Leaders Report

The Executive Board members recommend that each club project leader keep a monthly accomplishment record of their special Area of Work from each member. A suggested form to be sent to each club from the Extension office.

Item VIII: Budget

The Executive Board members recommend that the 1972 budget would be the same as 1971.

Item IX: Club Organization

A discussion of the Extension Homemakers Clubs in the County. Mrs. Underwood stated that a reconstruction of the Extension Homemakers Clubs had been discussed to her by Mrs. Patterson, District Home Agent.

Dates Announced For Act Examination At P.C.H.S.

Three Saturday mornings during the next several months could be especially important to many Perquimans High School students who are undecided about their future or are interested in vocational-technical education after graduation.

The dates of Feb. 26, April 22, and July 15 are the three times during the remainder of the present academic year that students will have an opportunity to take the new ACT Career Planning Profile on a "national date," announced James S. Midgette, Guidance Counselor.

The ACT Career Planning Profile, which takes about 3½ hours to complete, is a three-part examination and questionnaire that assesses a broad range of vocational interests and abilities. It forms the basis of the new national guidance program, ACT Career Planning Program, which is designed for use by persons interested in some form of career education beyond high school.

Registration periods for the 1971-72 dates on which the assessment profile will be administered on a nation-wide basis are: Feb. 26 (Nov. 29-Jan. 31), April 22 (Feb. 14-March 27), and July 15 (April 10-June 19).

Gene Nixon Named Manager Albemarle Cooperative Assoc.

Wayland Spivey, Secretary for the Albemarle Cooperative Association at Edenton announced the employment of Gene Nixon as manager effective January third.

Mr. Nixon is a native of Perquimans County attending High School at Hertford, N.C. He was active in 4-H Club work serving on livestock judging and was an officer in the Future Farmers. He received an Associate Applied Science Degree in Animal Science at Pitt Institute.

Mr. Nixon was assistant manager and later manager of the Farmers Mutual Exchange, a Cotton Producers affiliate at Lake City, Florida from 1968-1970. Following this he was an employee of Purina Feed Company at Lake City.

He has farming experience on his father's farm near Hertford. Preston Nixon of Hertford is his father. His wife, Arlie Nixon grew up in the Edenton area. Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Bass live in Edenton. Mr. Nixon will be working on the completion of Sale Barn construction plans and supervising projects in the eleven county area.

Counties represented in the cooperative at present are: Chowan, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare, Currituck, Washington, Pasquotank, Martin, Camden, and Gates. A graded feeder pig sale for this area is planned upon completion of the sale barn.

Report V Continues On Income At White House Conference On Aging

Providing floor of income - The basic floor of income for older people should be provided through a combination of payments from the Social Security system and payments from general tax revenues.

This proposal would retain the basic features of the Social Security program. In addition, there should be a supplementary payment system based on an income test to bring incomes up to the minimum, financed entirely from Federal Government general revenues and included in a single check from the Social Security Administration.

Liberalizing the retirement test - Many older persons work in order to supplement their retirement income.

The exempt amount of earnings under the Social Security retirement test should be increased to not less than \$3,000 a year (adjusted periodically to level of wages).

The offset formula of \$1 reduction in benefits for each \$2 of earnings should apply to all earnings in excess of the exempt amount.

Elimination of the test would cost an additional \$3 billion, and there are more urgent needs to which this sum could be applied than paying benefits to persons who are still employed at more than the exempt levels.

Widow's benefits - Increasing numbers of women without dependent children who have not been regularly employed are becoming widowed before age 60. We recommend that they be eligible to receive widow's benefits starting at age 50 to help fill the income gap until they are eligible at the later age to receive their Social Security benefit.

Extending "special age-72" benefits - Certain residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and Guam are

presently excluded from special benefits which are otherwise applicable to persons over the age of 72 who reside in the United States.

We recommend that the 1965 amendments to the Social Security Act, providing for special benefits to all persons 72 years of age and older not otherwise receiving benefits, be applied without discrimination to all residents of Puerto Rico and the territories and possessions of the United States.

Position of disadvantaged groups under Social Security - Studies should be made to determine whether there are disadvantaged groups within the population whose age at retirement or benefits under the Social Security system may be inequitable because of shorter life expectancy due to social and economic conditions or racial discrimination.

Financing Social Security - The financing of the Social Security system should include a contribution from general revenues. The whole structure of payroll taxes should be reviewed to lighten this burden on low-income workers.

Private pensions - Social Security benefits provide a basic protection which should continue to be improved but which can be augmented through private pension plans.

The Federal Government should take action to encourage broader coverage under private pension plans and ensure receipt of benefits by workers and their survivors. It should require early vesting and-or portability, survivor benefits, and complete disclosure to beneficiaries of eligibility and benefit provisions of the plans.

In addition, Federal requirements should assure fiduciary responsibility, minimum funding requirements and protection.

Changes Ownership



Harmon's Pharmacy changed ownership on January 1, when Charles Woodard purchased the pharmacy from J.E. Sparks. Sparks had been in business here since October 1, 1968.

Woodard is the son of Mrs. Harold Deaton of Baton Rouge, La. and the late E.C. Woodard. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy and has been associated with Mitchner's Pharmacy and Harmon's Pharmacy for the past 2½ years.

Woodard and his wife, the former Harriett Williams, reside at 103 Carolina Ave.

Co. Commissioners Seek Dr. Nodgson For Med. Post

The Perquimans County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 4, at 10 o'clock. All commissioners were present.

Meeting To Be Held

At County Office

A special interest meeting in the area of Vegetable Production, Consumption, and Conservation will convene Friday, January 21, 1972 at 2:00 P.M. in the Perquimans County Office Building.

The following specialists will be there to assist with the meeting: Mrs. B. R. Rawseur, Nutrition and Food Conservation, Miss Lola Pritchard, Food Conservation and Marketing, Mr. W. W. Reid, Horticulture Specialist, and Miss Elsie Edwards, Area Home Economics Agent - Home Industry. This is our kick off meeting across county lines for this program, stated today by Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent, and also Chairman for the Vegetable Production, Consumption, and Conservation Program.

This meeting is designed to help you to get off to a good start this year. Hand bills will be printed for enrollment in this program and will be ready for distribution Friday, January 21, 1972.

Mrs. Taylor further urges you to attend the meeting.

The commissioners heard reports from Agriculture Extension Service and Social Services Departments.

On a motion made by commissioner Monds, the Board authorized the Board of Education to amend their 1971-1972 budget in the amount of \$30,000.00, to be funded from ABC, Impact and refunds. On another motion made by Monds, the Board authorized the Chairman, Lester H. Simpson to sign a letter agreeing to comply with conditions of Farmers Home Administration letter dated January 4, 1972.

The Board accepted the resignation of Rev. Edwin T. Williams as Perquimans County's Representatives on the Board of Directors of the Albemarle Mental Health Association with regrets. The Board also accepted with regrets the resignation of Thomas D. Nixon as Chairman of the Perquimans County Fire Commission.

Howard B. Campbell, MPH, District Health Director, was appointed to supervise the removal and reinterment of graves as set out in General Statute 65-13 (g), for Perquimans County.

The Board instructed clerk to Board County Commissioners, Julian Powell, to write Dr. Page Hudson, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner and request that Dr. Robert B. Hodgson be appointed Perquimans County Medical Examiner.

Changes Made In Forestry Service

Perquimans Forest Ranger, Louis H. Stallings, is recovering at home from surgery which he had recently. He will be disabled for the next several weeks. During this time he advises that all woods fires in Perquimans County be reported to the North Carolina Forest Service District Office in Elizabeth City at 335-4373 or reported to your local fire department. Anyone needing forestry assistance or assistance with burning please contact the Elizabeth City Office.

Board Of Directors Will Meet Monday

The Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly meeting in the Municipal Building in Hertford, beginning at 7:30 p.m., on Monday night, Jan. 17.

There are a number of important matters that will be taken up at this meeting, so all board members are urged to attend.

Following that meeting, the Chamber's executive board will meet briefly to organize the committees for this year.

COA Offers Dictation And Transcription

A course in Dictation and Transcription will be offered by the Adult Education Division of College of The Albemarle for the first time starting Thursday night, January 13.

The course is designed to improve dictation speed and transcription accuracy for secretaries now employed and for students who have taken any method of shorthand. The first half of the class period will be spent taking shorthand notes of business letters dictated at speeds ranging from 40 to 120 wpm. The second half of the class period will be spent transcribing on typewriters the material dictated with corrections made in class.

The class will meet Thursday nights from January 13 to March 30 at 7 p.m. in room 333 at College of the Albemarle. Instructor for the class is Mrs. Carolyn Hopkins. The fee will be \$2.00.

Criminal Superior Court Jurors Drawn For Term

Sixty one Perquimans citizens have been drawn for jury duty at the Term of Criminal Superior Court which will convene here Monday, January 24.

Those to report for jury duty are: Shelton Zachary, 106 E. R. R. Ave., Hertford, N. C., Wilbert

M. Tillett, Jr., Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; Ira Stallings, Belvidere, N. C.; E. B. Winslow, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; William Joseph Stallings, Belvidere, N. C.; Lucille N. Satchwell, 121 W. Grubb St., Hertford, N. C.; Freeman Mansfield, Route 1, Hertford, N. C.; Peggy S. Muldrow, P.O. Box 47, Winfall, N. C.; Charlie Matthews, Route 1, Hertford, N. C.; Bertha James, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; R. L. Spivey, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; William Leroy Lamb, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; Arlie Lee Burke, Route 2, Hertford, N. C.; James W. Copeland, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; Joseph A. Harrell, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; John Wallace Lowe, 409 Market St., Hertford, N. C.; Norman Godfrey, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; Edward Lee Nixon, Route 1, Box 281-A, Hertford, N. C.; Mann Frierson, Route 2, Hertford, N. C.; Jacqueline M. Cartwright, Route 1, Box 353, Hertford, N. C.; Wesley E. Nelson, 214 N. Church St., Hertford, N. C.; Octavio Long, Jr., Route 2, Edenton, N. C.; Bobby B. Stallings, Route 1, Belvidere, N. C.; John O. White, III, 237 Woodland Circle, Hertford, N. C.; Elmer Allen Winslow, 207 Hilland Park, Hertford, N. C.; Earlie Warren, Route 2, Box 114, Hertford, N. C.; P. B. Thach, Route 2, Hertford, N. C.; Emmett B. Long, Route 1, Hertford, N. C.; Lawrence C. Corprew, Route 1, Hertford, N. C.; Joshua Burnham, Route 3, Hertford, N. C.; George W. Brothers, 209 King St., Hertford, N. C.; Oscar N. Chappell, Belvidere, N. C.; Nehemiah

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Funeral Services

Held Tuesday

For Mrs. Riddick

Mrs. Mary Louise Smith Riddick, 69, of Route 2, Hertford, died Sunday at 2:30 P.M. in the Albemarle Hospital following an illness of two weeks. A native of Perquimans County, she was a daughter of the late Alexander and Mrs. Louise Ferrell Smith and the widow of Henry Lee Riddick.

She was a member of the Parksville Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Surviving are a brother, George Smith of Elizabeth City and a sister, Mrs. Sally Key of Portsmouth, Va.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Eula Harrell, the Rev. Louis Roy Lamb and the Rev. D.B. Cruise.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery.

"Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "My Home Sweet Home" were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Meads and Miss Brenda Meads. They were accompanied by Danny Meads, organist.

The casket pall was made of white chrysanthemums, red carnations and fern.

Pallbearers were William Ferrell, Ralph Higgins, Jimmy Ownley, Joseph Meads, Calvin Bright, and Elton Harrell.

Series Of Radio

Programs On Aging

Special radio programs on aging will be given over the following radio stations each week during 1972: W.C.D.J., Edenton, N.C., Tuesday at 12:25 p.m. and W.G.A.I., Elizabeth City, N.C., Wednesday from 9:00-9:15 p.m. it was announced today by Mrs. M.B. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor advised that you tune in for these programs.

Special Thanks To

Edison Harris

The Church Sunday Schools of Perquimans County would like to take this opportunity to give SPECIAL THANKS to Mr. Edison Harris for the fruits donated to them at Christmas time. This was a wonderful and thoughtful contribution of Mr. Harris. This project has been going on for a number of years in the county.

This project Mr. Harris, has made many individuals happy for Christmas within the town of Hertford and through out the county. The Church Sunday Schools of the County, stated today by Mrs. M.B. Taylor, want you to know how much they appreciate it. We are praying that you will have a happy and a prosperous New Year.

Jacob B. Basnight

Dies At Age Of 79

Jacob Benjamin Basnight, 79, of Route 1, Hertford, died Saturday at 10:45 P.M. in the Albemarle Hospital following a long illness. A native of Washington County, N.C. he was the son of the late Alec and Mrs. Carolyn Oliver Basnight.

He was a retired farmer and fisherman, a member of Philippi Church of Christ in Cherry, N.C. and was an Army Veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Spivey Basnight and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Spruill of Norfolk, Va.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Noah Toler, pastor of the Burgess Baptist Church and the Rev. Chester Andrews, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

The Men's Chorus of the Hertford Baptist Church sang "How Great Thou Art". They were accompanied by Mrs. Chester Winslow, organist.

The casket pall was made of red roses, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and fern.

Pallbearers were Marvin Davenport, Dalton Phelps, Roger Spruill, Billy Ray Phelps, Carson Spivey, Jr., and Caleb Ives.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.