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Harvest Day Celebration Set August 10 And 11

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There is going to be a celebration, and it's going to take place in Hertford on August 10 and 11. This weekend has been designated as "Harvest Days" in honor of the young farmers and ranchers of Perquimans County.

Promising to be the biggest thing since the bicentennial, this idea was

originated at a Young Farmers and Ranchers Association meeting. According to Barbara Nixon, the purpose of the celebration is to get the people in the county involved. Barbara also said, "Perhaps if the people understand exactly what is involved in farming and ranching concerning cost, then they will understand why food prices are so high."

This is the association's big project for the year and is not a money-making one.

The two-day affair will include a host of events and activities. There will be

something for everyone to become involved in. Various booths will be set up in the P.C.H.S. gymnasium for farm related industries to exhibit their goods as well as demonstrations by other

non-profitable organizations. A booth will cost ten dollars except to those non-profit groups which will have free booths. Some of the booths will include representatives from the soybean and peanut association as well as chemical industries. Other clubs that will be represented will be the 4-H club, Lion's Club, Home Extension Office, and the American Legion. Anyone wishing to set up a booth should see Paul Smith or Carl Sawyer.

Other than the booths, there will be various categories for Perquimans County residents to enter their preserves and-or handicrafts in, which will be judged by people out of the county. Ribbons will be presented to the winners in the different categories.

There will be outside attractions also. Billy Winslow, Ray Winslow, and Johnny Corpew will be in charge of this. These attractions will include such things as farm equipment and campers and they will be on display in the high school ballpark.

During the celebration, there will be special attractions for the kiddies as well as a concession stand set up by the 4-H Club.

One of the highlights will be a ballgame of the old Albemarle League. This is a semi professional team that once played in this area. Several of the team members are returning to the county to participate in this. This will be sponsored by the Lion's Club.

Tickets will be sold to a "Harvest Day" supper that is being sponsored by the

American Legion.

Another interesting event will be the farm tours. These will be conducted by bus throughout the county, and will include animal tours, field crop tours, and vegetable crop tours.

Speakers for the event will be Mr. B.C. Mangum, President of the N.C. Farm Bureau, along with Mr. James Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Young Farmers and Ranchers Association is a fairly new organization that is headed by the N.C. Farm Bureau. One good thing about the group, according to Mrs. Ed Nixon, is that it also involves the wives. "It is important for a woman to get involved in her husband's work, but a woman is limited to as understand only as much as her husband will let her. But with this group it is different. The wives are just as involved as the men."

The following is a rough schedule of events for the "Harvest Days" celebration:

Friday, August 10
12:00 p.m.—Open to public
2:00-3:30—Farm tour
3:30-4:00—Sack race

9:00 p.m.—Close
Saturday, August 11
9:00—Open to public
9:00-10:30—Farm tour
10:30-11:00—Watermelon eating contest
2:30—Ballgame; watermelon seed-spitting contest
5:00-7:30—Supper
6:00-7:30—Live music
7:30-8:30—Featured speakers
9:00 p.m.—Close

Belvidere Woman Beaten To Death

Mrs. Carrie Lee Stallings, 51, of Rt. 1, Belvidere, was beaten to death sometime last Wednesday night, according to Pasquotank County Sheriff Davis M. Sawyer.

At 1:25 a.m. last Thursday

Sawyer arrested James Leonard Woolard, 41, of Lot 17, Louise Street, McPherson's Trailer Court. Woolard was charged with the murder of Mrs. Stallings and is being held in Tri-County jail without bond.

The alleged murder was reported to the sheriff's office at 9:15 a.m. Thursday after the body was found in Woolard's trailer by a washing machine repairman.

Sawyer was assisted in the investigation by Deputy Richard T. Venters and State Bureau of Investigation Agent O.L. Wise.

Sawyer said the SBI Mobile Crime Lab was instrumental in obtaining evidence.

A district court hearing is tentatively scheduled for today.

Sawyer said it was determined Mrs. Stallings died of multiple injuries suffered from a severe beating Wednesday night.

Woolard was arrested close to his trailer, the sheriff said.

Mrs. Stallings was a native of Belvidere. She was a daughter of Noah Stallings of Belvidere and the late Mrs. Margaret Virginia Stallings.

She was a member of the Sandy Cross Baptist Church.

Besides her father, surviving are a brother, Louis L. Stallings of Belvidere and a sister, Mrs. Hershell Stallings of Hobbsville.

The body was taken to Swindell Funeral Home, Hertford.

Committee Makes Visit Plans

At a recent meeting of the Medical Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, plans were made in regard to obtaining a young doctor to come serve in Perquimans County. A letter that was received from the N.C. Academy of Family Physicians was discussed before the group.

A meeting of this group will be held on Saturday, October 6 in Winston-Salem, and three residents of Perquimans County are invited to go. They will set up a booth with information and pictures about Perquimans County. Their goal is to talk with young doctors about the community and invite one down to spend a weekend to see our medical facilities, as well as what is available in the county recreation-wise, and otherwise.

Some of the ideas that the group had concerning the booth were pictures of the Perquimans River which would include fishing, boating, and swimming as well as hunting. The group also discussed having pictures or information about the Newbold-White house, the Health Center, Elizabeth City and Edenton Hospitals, the Outer Banks, and the easily accessible metropolitan area.

The fact that four or five years ago, Perquimans County had four practicing doctors will be to the committee's advantage. By this, the doctors they talk to will know that there is a need for a young doctor in the county and that they will have patients if and when they do come.

Senior Citizens Sell \$743 Worth

The Hertford Senior Citizens Club held the regular meeting recently at the Perquimans County Office Building with Mrs. R. B. Gibbs, president, presiding.

Devotions including in-terested reading entitled, "The Lost Sheep", prayer, and song were given by the president.

The minutes of the previous meeting were given by the secretary, Mrs. Eliza S. Perry. Mrs. Perry, also, reported on the sales from the arts and crafts sold at the Senior Citizens' exhibit at the Southgate Mall, Elizabeth City during the Senior Citizen Week. This report showed a total of \$743.95 realized from the sale of articles by the Perquimans County Senior Citizens.

During the business session Mrs. Laura B. Lowe gave highlights of the District Federation Meeting of Senior Citizens held in Newbern, recently.

Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent, advisor for the aging program held a lengthy discussion on the various phases and programs for the aging. She pointed out

the importance of programming in order to reach meaningful objectives and goals. Programming will provide an opportunity for the senior citizens to receive the services that are available to them.

A program committee was appointed to map out suggestive goods and objectives for the club to be carried out during 1973-74. The committee members appointed were Mrs. R. B. Gibbs, Mrs. Laura B. Lowe, and Mrs. A. N. Kingsbury.

It was approved that future meetings will be held Tuesday after the first Sunday in each month at 3 p.m. at the Perquimans County Office Building.

At each meeting the club recognizes the birthday of senior citizens. This month Mrs. Eliza S. Perry and Mrs. Lillian B. Jordan received birthday gifts from the club.

Delicious repass was served by Mrs. Marie Bryant, Miss Barbara Stallings and Mrs. Lillian B. Jordan.

The meeting adjourned.

Seeking Escapee

Area law enforcement officials said prison escapee Johnnie Alton Myers, 41, formerly of Grubb Street, Hertford, may be in the area.

Myers escaped from the Washington County Unit of Corrections at 4:35 a.m. Monday.

The escapee was serving a five-year sentence for larceny of an automobile. The felon allegedly stole a pickup in Washington County from the State Forestry Department to assist his escape, the sergeant said.

Board of Education Meets

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 1973 at 8 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. All members were present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

The Board received notice of the sale of a Dodge truck for \$1525.10. The truck was sold by the N.C. Purchase and Contract Division.

The Board made plans to proceed with the installation of fire hydrants at Perquimans Union School and Perquimans Central Grammar School.

The employment of Emily Barcliff and Brenda S. Terranova was approved by the Board. Brenda Hollowell was approved for employment in the ESEA Program subject to that program being funded.

The Board approved a paid holiday and leave time policy for the janitorial staff which calls for them to receive the same amount of paid holiday and leave time as all other full time employees. The pay rate will remain the same.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned.



Perquimans Personality Parker Chesson

By FRANCINE SAWYER

A young Hertford native, Parker Chesson is making it in the world of education. The 31-year-old Chesson is Dean of Instruction at College of the Albemarle and has many interesting duties.

He will be leading in the educational role of the college as well as faculty recruitment, curriculum development, scheduling, etc.

"COA has had a good record and I wish to maintain it and help in any way to improve it," Chesson said.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Chesson, of Rt. 3, Hertford, Chesson graduated from Perquimans County High School and did his undergraduate work at East Carolina University as well as his master degree. He did

University and is completing his work toward his Ph.D. at North Carolina State University.

Chesson was asked if he had ambition or talent or both for his COA appointment. "I like to think I have a little of both," he said.

"If opportunity knocks, I don't let it pass," he said. Chesson's father was a farmer and for several years he has been produce manager at the Colonial Store in Hertford.

Chesson is married to the former Wynda Chappell of Belvidere. The couple has two daughters, Daphne 6, and Melanie, 2.

They live at 121 Pineview Dr., Elizabeth City.

Chesson said the reason he is at COA is due to its location. "I find it desirable to be located in an area near



IT SURE BEATS SELLING LEMONADE — William Earl Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Elliott, Church Street along with Carlton Boyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Boyce of 210 South Church Street, were out on the Court House Green selling tomatoes and cantaloupes. It's not selling lemonade, but it sure serves the same purpose. (Marren Photo)



AIDE VISITS — George S. Dunlop staff assistant to U.S. Senator Jesse Helms visited Hertford Tuesday morning to answer questions concerning the nation's activities. Some 20 persons sat in at the Perquimans County Courthouse asking Dunlop questions. The program was a part of a continuing visit to keep Tar Heels in touch with their senator.



JUST PASSIN' THROUGH — This family was spotted at the Highway 17 picnic area. They are Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Lawrence of Charlotte. Mr. Lawrence works for First Union National Bank and said, "we're mixing business with pleasure." He's on a photo taking trip through the state. They said they thought this part of the state was interesting, especially the farmers. Sharon, 12; and Mark, 9; look on as mom and pop load up.

MOVIE TONIGHT

The next film presentation of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will be all North Carolina.

They are presented tonight at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Feature number one is "Chickamauga," Ambrose Bierce's short story of a young boy wandering among the dead and dying on a battlefield. It tells of what happens when he later returns home.

Feature number two is "Music Makers of the Blue Ridge," with traditional songs and verses of the Blue Ridge Mountains heard as the film highlights a guided tour of Western North Carolina.

REVIVAL

Revival services will begin at Piney Woods Friends Church, Belvidere on Sunday July 15th at 8 p.m. The pastor, Ken Spivey will be the speaker. These services will be held nightly at 8 o'clock throughout the week, ending at the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday, July 22. There will be special music each night. The pastor

Service Cited

Ray Oviatt, Director of the Conservation Awards Program for Goodyear, announces that the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District has won top honors among North Carolina districts in the 26th annual Goodyear Conservation Awards Program.

The first place district was selected for its planning, leadership and achievements in resource management by an independent judging committee of conservation experts. The contest is sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in association with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

James T. Fletcher, Elizabeth City, who was selected as the district's outstanding cooperators, and a member of the district's governing board will be Goodyear's guest in December on a four-day, grand awards tour, combining recreation and observation of

be announced later.

The awards program gives recognition to first and second place conservation districts and to the outstanding cooperators with all competing districts in the 50 states and Puerto Rico. Iredell Soil Conservation District is the runner-up in the Goodyear contest. Its outstanding cooperators are Ross Morrison, Stony Point.

SIMPSON FAMILY REUNION

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Simpson held a reunion on Sunday July 8. Hosts for the event were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Simpson, at their home on Dobbs Street.

Those attending, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and the hosts, were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Simpson and son, Sidney, of Yamego, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Simmons and son, Ryan, of Wichita, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simmons and children Peggy