



Tom Gregory

Gregory Appointed Athletic Head

Thomas (Tom) Earl Gregory, 22, of 720 Pennsylvania Ave., Hertford has been appointed head coach of the athletic department of Chowan Academy.

Gregory is a native of Perquimans County. He attended Perquimans County High School from 1964 to 1969. He attended Chowan College where he earned his associate of arts degree in pre-education.

He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He earned his bachelor of science in physical education and health and recreation.

He did his student teaching at Jefferson High School, and Dandridge Elementary School, both in Tennessee.

While in high school Gregory played football, basketball, track, was a member of the Monogram

club and newspaper staff. He was teenager of the year in 1969 from Perquimans County.

He was involved in extra activities in college as well. Sports and swimming and all outdoor activities are his main interest.

MOVE TO WILMINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Fields and family moved to Wilmington this week.

WEEK-END AT NAGS HEAD

D.F. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Reed, Jr. spent the week-end at Nags Head. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Reed, Sr., who has spent the past 2 weeks at The Carolinian.

SUNDAY AT PORTSMOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stallings visited Mrs. Gaither Jackson in Portsmouth, Va. on Sunday.

Meekins Named

William C. Meekins, Jr., 46, has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company and The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Va., and as Director of each Company. He will fill the unexpired term of Mamie S. Blades, who will retire on August 1, 1973. This election is the result of action taken by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting on July 11, 1973. At the same meeting, the Directors elected Terry Foreman Daniels, 27 Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of each company.

Mamie S. Blades has been associated with the two companies since 1937. On April 17, 1952 she was named Secretary - Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors. She succeeded her late husband, James Evans Blades. She has successfully held these positions until the present.

Meekins is a native of Asheville, North Carolina, and was associated with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company before coming to Elizabeth City in February, 1954. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently serving as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer and will retain his present position as Commercial Manager for each company. He is past president Elizabeth City Jaycees (DSA winner 1972), past chairman Pasquotank - Camden Library Board, past director Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce. He is presently Treasurer Pine Lakes Golf & Country Club, Kiwanian, and elder Cann Memorial Presbyterian

Church. He is married to the former Mary Ellen Blades of Elizabeth City. They have three daughters.

Daniels is a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He attended Methodist College at Fayetteville, North Carolina, receiving a BA degree in Economics and Business Administration. He is a past Jaycee, and presently a member of the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church. He is married to the former Brenda Seymour. They have one daughter. Daniels has been associated with the Telephone companies since 1968 and will continue to serve as Assistant Commercial Manager.

Commissioners Action

The Board of Perquimans County Commissioners accepted the rent bid presented by George T. Roach, Jr. for the County Home Farmland for 1974 at the meeting on Monday.

In other matters of business - the Board accepted the fuel oil bid submitted by Winslow Oil Co. for fiscal year 1973-74.

The Revenue Sharing Budget was amended in the amount of \$5,000.00 for use of all county Fire Departments.

The Death Benefit Agreement of employees of the Albemarle Health Center (under the State Employees Retirement System) was approved.

The Board approved the recommendation for Lazy W Camping Resort Subdivision and Phase II of Woodville Heights Development Subdivision as recommended by the Perquimans County Planning Board.

Harvest Day Set Aug. 10 & 11

By Richard H. Bryant
County Extension
Chairman
Perquimans County

As of the first week in August, prospects are extra good for some real good yields in Corn, Soybeans, and Peanuts. These are, of

course, the major field crops in Perquimans County. People who are traveling over the State, tell me that the best crops they have seen are in Northeastern North Carolina.

At this time and barring

any unforeseen bad weather, it looks as though another bumper corn crop is in the making. Yields for corn should be as high or higher than any year we have had. There is a possibility of some light weight corn because of extended drought conditions in some sections of the county. It is hoped by all that recent rains have made up for some of this deficit in rainfall.

The Soybean crop also as of now is in excellent condition. Fields that I inspected over the past few days are blooming heavily. Pod set should be good with the recent rainfall. Another thing in favor of a good soybean crop is weed free fields. I really believe that this is one of the cleanest, weed free years we have had. Some farms will be hurt on Soybean yields because of a lack of rotation in soybean plantings. We have seen more damage this year from soybean cyst nematode than usual. This condition appears to be worse in the drier parts of the county and where beans have been planted in the same field for three and more years.

Barring bad weather, it appears that Peanuts will be ready for harvest rather early this year. In most fields a good setting of fruit has already taken place. There are a number of uncertainties facing the marketing of this Peanut Crop. It is rather difficult to predict peanut yields, but so far it appears that the crop will be good. There are so many things that can effect a crop growing in the ground that adds to the difficulty in predicting yields. Excess rainfall during August can be detrimental to crops underground and at the same time a lack of August rains can effect soybean yields. We hope for a happy medium that will benefit both crops.

With all things considered, it does appear as of now that yields will be exceptionally good for Perquimans County for 1973.

I hope that every person in Perquimans County will come to the Farm Festival on August 10 and 11, 1973. Our Young Farmers and Ranchers have done an excellent job in putting together the largest Farm oriented Festival this county has known. I hope you will lend your support to them by your attendance.

Hearing Set

Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission has been advised by State Senator William Staten that public hearings on the proposed Coastal Management Act will be held in Manteo on Monday, August 20, and Elizabeth City on Tuesday, August 21. The hearings will be held in the Court House of the respective counties from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The proposed legislation will have impact upon all ten counties of the Albemarle as it relates to water use, land use, dredge and fill, location and design of industries, recreation, port facilities and other developments.

Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission has distributed copies of the proposed law to all governing officials and a copy has been placed in the Register of Deeds office of each county for public review.

All interested individuals are urged to review this proposed act and be prepared to express their views during the public hearings on August 20 and 21.

Environment Clinic Set For Kitty Hawk

KITTY HAWK - A beach environmental clinic, of the type that has been highly successful at Emerald Isle in the Morehead City area, will be staged for the first time August 14-18 on the historic Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Arranged by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and the Perquimans Soil and Water Conservation District in cooperation with a number of other federal, state and local agencies, the beach clinics are planned to assist with planting grasses, shrubs and trees, as well as landscaping and protective conservation methods.

Beach environmental clinics have been staged at Emerald Isle both in 1972 and 1973. Hundreds of people attending them have learned a lot about landscaping, beautifying, and protecting their property from beach erosion and other damage.

The clinics will begin daily at 10:00 a.m. - Tuesday through Saturday - and continue until 6:00 p.m. at the Kitty Hawk School. District Conservationist, Wilson Spencer, who assisted with both previous clinics and who now heads SCS programs in Washington, Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde Counties, will again work with the daily programs.

Other specialists will be provided by the Extension Service, Army Engineers, Bureaus of Commercial and Sports Fisheries, U.S. Department of Interior, and the National Seashore Parks.

Representatives from North Carolina State

University will provide lectures on bulkheads, groins, and other ways to control waterfront erosion.

State agencies involved will include Water and Air Resources, the Wildlife Resources Commission - which will discuss wildlife protection and waterfowl management - and the Shellfish Sanitation Division of the North Carolina Board of Health.

The Dare County Health Department and also the Planning Board will participate.

Property owners can get expert advice on a wide range of subjects, including public responsibility for estuarine quality, permit requirements for altering marshland, tree species for beauty and for soil stabilization, beach erosion and channelization, ecological change and drainage problems.

While no formal "textbook" will be used, the popular new volume "Seacoast Plants of The Carolinas For Conservation and Beautification" by Karl Graetz, retired plant materials specialist for the Soil Conservation Service, will be utilized in many of the presentations.

Published only in February, the book is already in short supply. But those participating in the clinic may get information on how to obtain a copy. The 206-page book, profusely illustrated by almost 200 photographs, tells of plants, shrubs and grasses suitable for beach planting and landscaping.

Merchants Questioned

Some of the county's merchants were recently contacted, and asked to give a statement concerning the Farm Festival, and the Young Farmers and Ranchers Association. This is what they had to say.

Bill Cox - "I think the festival is a fine idea. It shows that the young farmers and merchants are working together for a better community. I think the young farmers and ranchers are doing a great job."

Charles Woodard - "The festival should be a good one, and very successful. The younger farmers and ranchers know exactly what they are doing, and therefore they are in a better position to let other people know. This being a farming area, our businesses are here to help the farmers. If they do good, then we do good. The festival should kind of pull everybody together."

Howard Williams - "It's a good thing. It will make a lot of people more aware of just what's going on, since farming is the main livelihood in this area. I hope the people will turn out and support it, it seems to be an area that needs involvement."

Talmadge Rose - "Agriculture is the backbone of the whole economy of our area. The future depends on these young farmers and ranchers. They have new ideas and new innovations, and realize that we need change not for the sake of

change, but rather for betterment. It's good that this group is looking to the future and would like to move forward. We look to them for the future economy of this county."

Bobby Keaton - "I think the young farmers and ranchers are a great bunch of people. They can make or break the community. Concerning the festival, if they can familiarize some of the people as to just what they are doing, then I think it will be a great thing."

Claude Brinn - "We've had something like the Farm Festival in the past, but for some reason it ceased to function. However, I think this group has shown more interest in the event, and will try to tie it in with the business people and the people in the county. We hope it will continue and we know that a lot of people have worked to make it a success; and if the people of the county will attend, then it will be. There will be something of interest to everyone."

Charles Ward - "The county is honored to have the farmers show their wares, because farming is the backbone of the whole community."

Julian Winslow - "A demonstration of this nature should create a better understanding of agricultural practices, thereby making the town people more aware of the various problems farmers encounter in their day to day operations. It should prove to be a most worthwhile project."



APPOINTED - Mrs. Nelson Lane has been appointed postmaster of the Winfall post office. Her appointment was officially made last week by Bruce Conyers of Rocky Mount.

Corolla, Together Loneliness

Every night, about eight or ten residents of Corolla, North Carolina, gather in their tiny post office and wait for the telephone to ring. It's the high point of the day.

The only telephone in Corolla is in a new aluminum and glass booth outside the weatherbeaten combination general store and post office (Zip Code 27927).

A phone call from a friend temporarily breaks the isolation of the settlement on the Outer Banks. A chain of sandy, narrow barrier islands, the Banks shelter the mainland from the fury of Atlantic Ocean storms, the National Geographic Society says.

ACCESS IS LIMITED

Corolla is accessible only by water across the shallow Currituck Sound or by four-wheel drive vehicles bouncing along the isolated beach from more populous areas to the north and south.

Corolla once was a thriving little village of fishermen and hunters. Currituck Sound is an important wintering ground on the Atlantic Flyway, and ducks, geese, swans, pelicans, gannets, loons, grebes, and cormorants move along it. Several hunting clubs still are active on Currituck Bank.

One of the most dangerous places on the treacherous North Carolina coast was False Cape, north of Corolla. Mariners often mistook the little jutting sand strip as the entry to Chesapeake Bay and ran aground.

As a result, the Currituck lighthouse was built in 1875. The sturdy red brick tower, 163 feet high, still stands. The light is automated now, and nearby the keeper's house has weathered to a ghostly gray.

About two dozen people live year-round in Corolla. They still are fishermen, and entire families turn out to haul their nets in the surf.

with an assist from four-wheel drive vehicles.

PEOPLE THREATEN DUNES

In recent years, vacationists have built summer cottages on the dunes, but more people and traffic threaten the fragile balance of life on the dune system. Even in what appear to be the remotest hollows on an early silent stretch of sand, clusters of rusty beer cans testify to the intrusion of man on what for eons had been nature's domain.

Concerned with the threat to their beach, the Currituck County Commissioners halted building there a year ago and began drafting a plan for orderly development of Currituck Bank. County, state, and Federal officials and faculty and students from North Carolina State and Duke universities all contributed to the project.

The first stage, recently unveiled, calls for preservation of as much open space and wildlife as possible, limited access to the beach, and clusters of buildings in designated places instead of uncontrolled "strip" development that ignores the natural terrain.

At the same time, the Coastland Corporation announced the first, commercial development on Currituck Bank that follows the recommended county plan.

In Coastland's Ocean Sands subdivision, dunes will not be flattened, buildings will be clustered and surrounded by open space, all utilities will be underground, and water and sewer systems instead of wells and septic tanks will limit the impact of humans on the environment.

Before long, Corollans will have plenty of neighbors.

Problems Of Littering

By Jim Dean

With all the environmental problems facing us today - unchecked land development, water and air pollution, fuel shortages - it seems almost nit-picking to write about littering.

After all, chucking a mashed beer can out of a car window is strictly small potatoes next to ruining a river. But these small potatoes cost you and me a cool two and a half million dollars a year, and that figure is rising.

Two and a half million is the estimate of what it costs each year for cleaning up the litter in North Carolina, and you and I are paying that bill in taxes. Experts also say that this figure is growing each year.

So what are we doing about it? Not a whole lot, it turns out. In 1971, the General Assembly upped the maximum fine for littering from \$50 to \$200, but if that's had a deterrent effect on the litter-bugs, it isn't noticeable. One need only look along the side of any road in the state to determine that.

True, slightly more than a thousand people were prosecuted in North Carolina last year for littering, but the threat of arrest and fine are

clearly inadequate. For one thing, litter tossers are hard to catch.

Hunt Info

PLYMOUTH - Gun hunting on Pungo National Wildlife Refuge this year will be permitted October 15 through 20, and archery hunting will be permitted September 21 through October 13. Sunday hunting will not be permitted. Either sex will be legal during the archery hunt and on October 19 and 20. Permits will be required for gun hunting.

Two day gun hunting permits for bucks only will be issued for October 15 and 16 and October 17 and 18. Permits for one day only will be issued for October 19 and October 20.

Those hunters desiring a permit will have to get an application for a permit and mail it to Atlanta, Georgia by September 7, where a computer will process the information and issue the permits.

Get an application for a permit by sending a large self-addressed envelope to Pungo National Wildlife Refuge, P. O. Box 267, Plymouth, N.C. 27962.



TIME OUT FOR LUNCH - Allen Lassiter and Darlene Davenport enjoy a summer lunch picnic style under a shade tree on the Court House Square. (Marren photo)