

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

## Harvest Festival Was 'Successful'

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The much heard about and well organized Farm Festival became a reality on August 10 and 11. The Young Farmers and Ranchers Association sponsored the project which turned out to be a success.

As promised, there was something of interest for everyone. Many of the town and county women participated in the exhibits which were awarded ribbons. The farmers themselves also turned out winners for some of their crops which were on display and judged.

The farm tours conducted by various members of the organization were informative.

Children were also very involved in the events that were scheduled for both days. They entered in the sack race, the watermelon eating contest, the watermelon seed spitting contest, and the moon walk ride. Ribbons and prizes were awarded in each of these events.

Businesses and non-profit organizations set up booths in the high school gym that displayed their various products and services. These were very interesting and drew a large crowd of visitors.

Farm equipment and boats were on display in the high school parking lot for the public to view. Some of these displayed the prices which made the public aware of some of the expenses involved in farming.

One of the highlights of the two-day activities was the old timers' game on Saturday. A large group assembled to watch the old pros in action. There was a good turn out of the once famous team members. Hertford's team was victorious over Edenton by a score of 6-5. Between innings door prizes were awarded to holders of the lucky ticket stub holders. Various town businesses donated the prizes.

After the ballgame, a fish fry supper was held. This was sponsored by the American Legion. Again a large group turned out for some good 'ole fish.

"The New Dixie Bluegrass Boys" provided musical entertainment as people tapped their feet to the bluegrass sound.

Jim Graham, N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture gave an informative talk to those present concerning today's farmer.

For a pictorial review of the festivities, see page 2.



CONSTRUCTION—Work on U.S. 17 south of the weigh station delayed traffic last week going north and south. However it was for a reason. Paving of 5.4 miles from the weigh station south was done by the Dickerson company. (Sawyer Photo)



## Perquimans Personality Margaret Nixon Cash

By FRANCINE SAWYER  
 Margaret Nixon Cash and the Hertford Cafe are two together.

Mrs. Cash has been employed at the Hertford Cafe since 1946. She began

found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and given a fine of \$85.00 and costs - an appeal was noted and Bond was set at \$100.00.

At a preliminary hearing no probable cause was found in the case of Melvin Norman, charged with rape.

Richard Lightfoot was found not guilty of an assault charge;

The charges of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and no operator's license were consolidated against James Biggs, and he was given a 90 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$150.00 and costs and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed by the State.

Henry Petteway was found guilty of assault by pointing a gun and received a 90 day sentence suspended for 3 years and given a \$50.00 fine and costs, and ordered not to be in possession of firearms or other deadly weapon for 3 years - an appeal was noted and the case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial (Bond to continue);

James Biggs was found guilty of larceny of an automobile and driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and given a 90-day sentence suspended for 12 months on the condition that he pay for damages of Ronald Mitchell's car and costs of the court in both cases.

Clarence Overton was

as waitress and now owns and operates the restaurant.

Her starting days, after the war, saw the cafe as a place of sailors and marines. They came in for a good meal and a good cup of coffee. Local people didn't eat out much then and for the most part Uncle Sam's nephews were the customers.

According to Mrs. Cash, the military men came from the active Harvey's Point in Perquimans County and Edenton's military installation.

Mrs. Cash began working for the Greek couple, Sam and Lena Hourmouzis. "They were pleasant people to work for," she said.

But while it was work, work, work at the cafe, Mrs. Cash had things to do at home. She is the mother of eight girls and one boy.

"Mother used to come home after work and wash and iron and get a meal on the table for us," said one of Mrs. Cash's now grown daughters.

Mrs. Cash came in the cafe back in those days at 5 a.m. and with a few hours break in the day, left for good at 11 p.m. that night.

Not only were military men big customers but tourists were always in the cafe. Every two hours the place would be loaded with tourists who crossed the Chesapeake Bay via ferrys. The ferry's and U.S. 17 no longer affect the Hertford Cafe.

Tourists, Mrs. Cash found were nice and polite.

With the high costs of food Mrs. Cash had this to say: "until recently the cost of food was fair, but its harder to make a profit."

However, the last of the homecoming heavens is the

Hertford Cafe and compared to surrounding areas of the Albemarle, the food is not expensive and is good, according to a customer from out-of-town.

Mrs. Cash can be caught in the afternoon have hot tea and toast. Her hours are still long in the Hertford Cafe. But she still has the hustle about her of a 30-year-old woman.

Those days of the 40s saw the sailors and marines come in for a meal and a movie in Hertford. The movie house has shown its last picture show, but the Hertford Cafe and Mrs. Cash continue.

## Open House Set Up

A committee of Perquimans County citizens plans to assist students and other local people who would like to attend Open House at North Carolina State University on Saturday, September 29.

Open to visitors that day at NCSU will be the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the School of Forest Resources, the School of Engineering, and the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

Richard H. Bryant is serving as chairman of the Perquimans County Open House committee.

Bryant said the Open House can acquaint high school students with college life and introduce them to wide variety of career opportunities. They can see classrooms, laboratories, dormitories, and many special exhibits, and they can talk to NCSU faculty members and students.

## County Owes Bloodmobile

Perquimans County residents owe blood to the Tidewater Red Cross Bloodmobile unit.

The county is in the red. Quotas must be met on the next visit by the Red Cross Bloodmobile from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Hertford on Aug. 23.

Since fiscal year 1970-71 to present, Perquimans County owes 361 pints of blood to the Tidewater bloodmobile.

Though we've managed to take pictures on the moon, many challenges, beginning with the common cold, remain unsolved. Another is the manufacture of human blood.

Only because people share it.

Some of us need to be reminded occasionally that blood is not a commodity to be bought like a bag of potatoes. Signing a check doesn't necessarily produce blood. Lining up one's friends and relatives for an emergency donation doesn't necessarily produce the right kind of blood. (Or extend family blood coverage for the future!)

How do you regard the donating of blood—a moral obligation, a civic duty, a generous impulse?

Whatever your motive on, there is no question about the vital need for blood. Modern medical practices and a mounting accident rate put blood in a "must have" category. Whole blood is used for life-saving transfusions and blood by-products have an increasing use in shock therapy and as serums to prevent disease.

It remains a fact, however, that you can't get blood from a stone.

Only the human body can produce the blood needed to sustain human life.

Only by sharing our blood with others will we have enough to succor the ill or wounded.

The next opportunity to give comes on Aug. 23 when the Red Cross Bloodmobile arrives in Hertford. Be dutiful or be generous—but, please be there!

## School Gets \$5,079 Grant

The Perquimans County schools have received a grant of \$5,079 under Title I-Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, according to State School Superintendent Craig Phillips. The Part C grants have been allocated in addition to each school unit's 1973-74 ESEA Title I allotment and total \$1,288,311 for the state.

According to Harold Webb, Director of Compensatory Education for the State Education Agency, "Part C is more commonly referred to as the Urban and Rural program. To be eligible for an Urban and Rural grant, a school district must have 20 percent of its school-age population drawn from low-income families, or 5,000 such children who comprise five percent or more of the total school-age population."

"The grants are designed to meet the special educational needs of schools having the highest concentration of children from low-income families," says Webb. "The funds are limited to preschool and elementary programs."

Webb noted that this is actually money appropriated for use during the 1973 fiscal year, but funds have arrived so late that they will be used during the 1973-74 school year. The Urban and Rural funds are handled separately from the bulk of ESEA Title I - Part A allocations which total \$56,280,988 for the State for the 1973-74 school year.

## Soybean Insects

"Recent Observations in nearby areas indicate that it is time for soybeans fields to be examined for the presence of insects. Those insects which seem most threatening at this point are the corn earworms larvae or podworms," states Mr. W.C. Strowd, Agricultural Extension Agent. These moths were reared in fields of corn and will be laying eggs in soybeans where they will later feed on the soybean pods. Should you detect this problem, we recommend 1.0 pound (active ingredient) Sevin per acre.

armyworm, try 1/4 pound (active ingredient) of Lannate per acre", further states Mr. Strowd.

### DATE CHANGED

The regular monthly meeting date for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has been changed this month.

Instead of meeting on the 20th the board will meet the following Monday, Aug. 27th at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

"If you discover the best

## Jim Graham Calls For Awareness

North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham told the Perquimans County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Saturday night consumer awareness of food production has reached an all time high.

"For too long Mr. and Mrs. Average Family assumed their food supply began on the shelves of the supermarket. But now I truly believe they are becoming aware of the importance of agriculture. This initially is due to the increase in food costs and price freeze," Graham explained.

"The pendulum is

## Firemen Meet

The Quarterly Meeting of the Albemarle Fireman's Association was held by the Gates Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday night, Aug. 7.

Chief of the department, Dick Tyler, served the firemen a delicious barbecue and fried chicken combination dinner along with the help of Orson Greene and William Willey. Each county was well represented by attendants with Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department traveling the furthest within region "R", ten county area.

The President of the AFA, W.A. Weeks, called the members to order the presided over the meeting. The location of the annual AFA Fire Prevention Parade was decided to be in Elizabeth City with the parade being sponsored by Elizabeth City Fire Department. Weeks also mentioned the fact that each county director must have an alternate to attend the executive board meeting along with the director.

Kermit Layton, Jr., executive director for the association, commented on the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges Fire Service Training questionnaires offered through his office. Layton also reported that the Association had given its support to the Emergency Medical Services project proposed by the Albemarle Human Resources & Development Systems.

## Film Scheduled

Another film presentation, free presented by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Municipal Building tonight at 8 p.m.

Feature number one is a classic of the silent screen called "Old San Francisco," a movie that centers around the 1906 earthquake. It tells what happened when the boss of the Shastown underworld plots to steal a bejeweled and the lovely daughter that lives therein. How does the earthquake fit in? You won't see. Stars are Dolores Costello and Warner Oland.

The second movie is called "Painted Cross" and contains a great deal of historical and interesting history. It concerns a nurse and fellow Hitler and the Nazi movement and contains some historical scenes that can be purchased on

swinging back toward agriculture and this will have the effect of making your job as farmers and ranchers more meaningful.

Graham stated that now and in the future the demands on agriculture are going to become awesome. Much of the world is dependent upon U.S. farm products. Soybeans and grain are in fantastic demand here and abroad. "Obviously," he said, "we must take care of our needs at home first, but we must also build and maintain our foreign markets. It is imperative this be done to stabilize our economy and equalize the balance of payments.

"We are going to be forced to spend more and more for foreign oil and the only possible way to make those payments balance is by exports, primarily agricultural exports.

"We are on the threshold of the second 'green revolution' and with that will come explosive demands for you as farmers and ranchers and what you produce. You will, in the near future, become the most respected members of society because what you provide is life itself," he predicted.

In closing Graham said: "Agriculture is people oriented. It is undertaken by people with a sincere desire to serve people. Still, however, we have an educational job to do. We must teach people to become agriculturally oriented. I believe this process has already begun but it must be continued and increased. When we have done this job, then we will have truly formed a cooperative, working partnership between farmer and consumer. It is only a matter of communication and understanding."

## Academy Opens Sept. 4

The first day of school for Albemarle Academy students is set for Sept. 4, it was learned today.

The remaining schedule is as follows: October 12, End 1st Grading Period, October 19, Professional Meeting (School not in Session), November 22-23, Thanksgiving Holidays, November 28, End 2nd Grading Period, November 29, Teacher Workday (School not in Session), December 21-January 2, Christmas Holidays, January 31-23, Midterm Exams-End of Semester, January 24-25, Teacher Workdays (School not in Session), March 8, End of 4th Grading Period, April 13-15, Easter Holidays, April 23, End of 5th Grading Period, June 3-5 Final Examinations, June 7, Baccalaureate, June 8, Commencement.

Academy students who wish to sell their books may bring them to the school office (Friday August 24, 1973). They can be purchased on

## Court News

Judge Fentress Horner presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court and heard the following cases;

Probable cause was found at the preliminary hearing for Charles Dance, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and the case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial - appearance Bond was set at \$1,000.00;

Otis Moore was taxed with costs when found guilty of illegal movement of swine; Edward Carroll Wainwright, charged with driving while license were permanently revoked, was sentenced to 12 months in jail;

Theodore Roosevelt Seymour, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor (2nd offense), received a 6 months sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$300.00 and costs and ordered to surrender his driver's license (3 years) an appeal was noted and Bond was set at \$300.00;

Lillie Marie Overton was taxed with costs after she was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon;

Charlie Wilson was found not guilty of assault;

Willie Dail, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor (2nd offense), was given a 6 months sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$300.00 and costs, and ordered to surrender his driver's license for a period of 3 years - an appeal was noted and the defendant was released on his own recognizance;

Clarence Overton was