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IT'S ANOTHER SNOW—There is a popular Christmas song that begins, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Well this was truly the case in Perquimans County on Monday. It was snowing.

The snow brought with it varied reactions. Children jumped for joy when it was announced that school would be out shortly after noon. Mothers brought out heavy



coats, scarves, gloves, and aspirins as the young raced outside for snowball fights and competitive snowman building.

The county landscape looked like a Currier and Ives picture for a Christmas card as snow-covered fields stretched as far as the eye could see.

Outside Christmas displays took on extra meaning as



the snow covered them with a winter wonderland frosting. Motorist slowed down with precaution due to the snow and ice covered roads.

People walked the white streets with a brighter smile, rosier cheeks, and Christmas greetings on their lips.

Yes, snow definitely brings with it a true Christmas spirit.

'Hobie' Stallings Comes Back Home



S.F. STALLINGS

It has been a relief to the family. Mrs. Hurdle said, "It's sad, but really happy too. Now we know that he is going to be put where he is supposed to be."

Besides Mrs. Munden, his daughter; Stallings is survived by three sisters. They are Mrs. Mary Ruth Rogerson of Rt. 3, Hertford, Mrs. Hazel Jackson of Rt. 4, Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Jarjorie Taylor of Greenville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Milton T. Mann. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery with full military rites.

Private Stallings was the son of the late Dennis P. and Mrs. Eva Simpson Stallings and was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Issues Warning

Attorney General Robert Morgan issued a warning Friday about a band of "gyppy" house and roof painters.

Reports have come to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, Morgan said, that residents in the Wake County area have been approached by the itinerant painters. No formal complaints have been filed as yet.

"We believe these painters are the same crew that has saturated the State for the last few years. They engage in various schemes and elderly, rural people are their primary targets," the Attorney General said.

Morgan said that in the past, these painters have misrepresented the price of paint and the quality of work.

"These workmen have also been known to use scare tactics to coerce elderly people to pay for work they've done or want to do," Morgan said. "Sometimes they even return for more money after bills have been paid."

The Attorney General suggested that any person approached by a door-to-door painter should ask to see identification. He added that no agreements for work should be reached until the homeowner contacts a local paint firm for price comparisons. And, he requested that the Consumer Protection Division be contacted.

"People are reluctant to notify authorities when they realize that itinerant workmen have taken advantage of them. Sometimes it's quite a while before we learn of cases where people have been tricked or cheated," the Attorney General said.

The crew, believed to be in the Wake County area now, has been denied a paint contractor's license in Raleigh, according to city government sources.

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Memories of World War II were brought back vividly to Perquimans County when the body of Simon Francis "Hobie" Stallings was returned to native soil. Stallings was a native of Winfall where he bought and sold livestock.

Nearly 30 years ago, Stallings was drafted into the army. He left home Dec. 26, 1943. In July of the following year, he was sent to Germany for duty. It was reported that he was killed Sept. 17, 1944. He was 25 years old. There are two conflicting stories about his death. One man serving with Stallings said that at the time, they went to a farmhouse and were ambushed by Germans hiding in a haystack. The other story states that Stallings was killed by a single bullet.

No personal belongings or dog tags were ever found. Relatives wrote letters asking officials to search for the body. In 1952, the family received a letter stating that no grave site or remains were ever found, and that the search would be stopped.

The CBS "In the News" program which is shown on Saturday mornings showed a bulldozer breaking ground in West Germany for new apartment houses. During the uncovering two bodies were found and work was stopped in search of more. At the time, the Stallings family had no hopes that one of the bodies would turn out to be that of Stallings. The body still had the dog tags on it, and the identification search began.

Stallings was the first husband of Mrs. D. T. Hurdle of Rt. 4, Hertford. She said "I had given up hope of ever discovering anything. All of us had."

Stallings' daughter, Mrs. Brenda Munden of Weaverville, received a phone call last Wednesday night telling her that the remains had been found. She called her mother, Mrs. Hurdle.

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Promoted

NEW RIVER, N.C.—Marine Sgt. Stephen L. Amos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh L. Amos of Route 1, Waldertown, N.C., was promoted to his present rank at the Marine Corps Air Station here.

He is a 1969 graduate of East Forsyth Senior High School, Kernersville, N.C.

LIBRARY CLOSED

The Perquimans Library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 through Dec. 27. Normal operating hours begin Dec. 28.

Home Gardening Program Unveiled By Aides

A new home gardening program was unveiled to Albemarle Expanded Foods and Nutrition Educational Program Aides last Tuesday in Edenton. This new program, called GIFE, stands for Gardening Is For Everyone.

"Don't make the mistake of planning a garden too large" advised Mr. Bill Reid, Area Horticulture Specialist, from the Agriculture Extension Service. He also described the "Ten Most Common Errors In Gardening" and "New Things In Vegetables".

Mr. Steve Barnes, Area Agronomy Specialist, Soils, presented "Things You Should Know About Garden Soils and Fertilizers".

Dr. John VanDuyn, Area Entomology Specialist, talked about "Things You Should Know About Garden Insects and How to Control Them".

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Program Aides work with families to improve their diets through education and improved use of resources. They receive training regularly in food and nutrition and related areas.

There are seventeen Program Aides in the ten counties.

The EFNEP Program Aides who attended in the meeting were Mr. Caleb Barco and Mrs. Laura Mercer from Camden County, Mrs. Earlene Felton and Mrs. Alice Perry from Chowan County, Mr. Vernon Garrett, Mrs. Margaret Fulcher and Mrs. Alvie Chatman from Currituck County, Mrs. Clementine Jones from Gates County, Mrs. Minnie Greys from Hyde County, Mrs. Ester Parker and Mrs. Peggy Seigler from Pasquotank County, Mrs. Earlene White from Perquimans County, Mrs. Elva Voliva and Mrs. Lucy Barrow from Tyrrell County, Mrs. Mayme Davenport and Mrs. Merita Jackson from Washington County and Mrs. Aileen Wescott from Dare County.

After this meeting the Program Aides will be able to help families avoid "The Ten Most Common Mistakes Made In Gardening" which includes the following: 1) planting a garden too large. A garden should be planted to meet the needs of the family (2) Spacing seeds and plants too thickly and not spacing maturity dates so you will have a continuous supply of food.

3) planting at the wrong time and season (One needs to know which are the warm and cool season crops) 4) Insect and disease control 5) wrong information about weed control 6) lack of vegetable varieties information 7) failure to control grass and weeds during all seasons 8) not enough direct sunlight 9) no understanding of nematodes, and 10) poor use of soil and nematode reports.

For more information, call your County Agriculture Extension Office.

Special Greetings

The merchants of Perquimans County and surrounding area have used this issue of The Perquimans Weekly to wish all of their patrons and friends a very happy holiday season.

Each greeting is original and sent especially from the merchant to you. Readers will enjoy the messages the merchants send.

Taxes To Go Up

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, Manager of the Edenton Employment Security Commission office learned this week that some employers in the Perquimans County area will pay increased unemployment insurance taxes during 1974.

The Employment Security Law requires the change because wages and employment in North Carolina have grown faster than the state's unemployment insurance trust fund, reports Mrs. Bond.

The trust fund, which contains money available to pay unemployment insurance benefits in North Carolina, is supported through employers' payroll taxes. Its considered by UI authorities as the strongest in the nation, so the tax increase is not expected to be pronounced. Mrs. Bond explained that in most instances, the tax increase should amount to two-tenths of a percentage point.

They will be effective January 1, 1974.

Couple Now Three

On March 7, 1972 the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce played host to a handsome young couple who were looking for a friendly place to have a church wedding.

The girl was from Greensboro, Brenda Shoemaker. The young sailor was from Newcomerstown, O., Randy Calhoun.

The wedding took place at the Methodist Church. It included a reception, some gifts, and some local folk in attendance. It was a warm, fine affair — much appreciated by the young couple. Pictures and the story were in the Virginian-Pilot, Daily Advance, and Perquimans Weekly.

On Saturday, Dec. 8 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Calhoun had their first child. He is Randall Glen Calhoun II and weighed in at 7 pounds and 9/16 ounces at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. He entered this world at 2:20 p.m.

Everything went smoothly, except for poppa who works at a naval postal installation. Coming from his office to his home to take Mrs. Calhoun to the hospital, he managed to drive into a ditch. Other than that — the family is doing fine.

"A boy was expected," Calhoun said, and he has a roomful of blue to prove it, as well as a rocking crib he made himself with the boy's name emblazoned on it, all done several months ago.

The Chamber sponsored the wedding. The Calhouns were on their own after that.

They have made many visits to Hertford since, as guests of Chamber manager Frank Roberts and his family with whom they have become close friends.



Presenting the Program at the Garden Meeting for the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Program Aides were (From left to right) Mr. Bill Reid, Area Horticulture Specialist, Dr. John VanDuyn, Area Entomology Specialist, Ila Grey White, Area Home Economics Extension Agent, EFNEP, and Mrs. Steve Barnes, Area Agronomy Specialist, Soils, from the Agriculture Extension Service, North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

RC&D Project Expansion

North Carolina's newest resource conservation and development project, the New River Valley serving Tar Heel and Virginia counties, has been expanded, it was disclosed today by State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks, who heads the Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina.

The expansion, according to SCS Administrator Kenneth E. Grant, will add Carroll County and the City of Galax to the four counties previously approved for the project. Until the new approval, the project area had included Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga Counties in North Carolina and Grayson County in southwestern Virginia.

Project Coordinator Joseph H. Williams has the project office at Jefferson, in Ashe County.

The original project was authorized for planning assistance in the summer of 1972, following approval of an application made by sponsors including county governmental units and local soil and water conservation districts. A number of active committees have been organized to bring the RC&D project to fruition. Objectives include:

- Improved development of soil and water resources.
- Better land use planning for orderly growth.
- Improved crop production methods.
- Development of improved water storage facilities.
- Expansion and

improvement of housing, educational opportunities, transportation, recreation, industry, health and sanitation facilities, and other community facilities.

While the Soil Conservation Service is assigned U.S. Department of Agriculture program leadership for the 123 RC&D projects in the U.S., other federal and state agricultural and agencies support the work of RC&D committees.

Effective leadership comes from local volunteers who — as on coordinator put it — "decide what shall be done, how it shall be done, and then they take the leadership to actually do it."

North Carolina has three active RC&D projects, while applications from four more geographic areas are in Washington waiting approval by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The oldest project is the North Central Piedmont RC&D, which serves Rockingham, Caswell, Guilford, Alamance, Orange and Chatham Counties. This project has carried out an effective program of activities ranging from improved outdoor recreation to flood prevention, from economic improvement to restoration of historic sites.

The six westernmost counties make up the appropriately named Western Six RC&D Project, which serves Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon and Jackson Counties. Here, too, varied project measures have been

adopted, with many centering on recreational development of these mountain counties.

Even while awaiting approval, the four application areas have been moving ahead with varied programs: project committees have been named, and volunteer work has been done in such fields as sedimentation control, erosion prevention, and similar work.

Two of the application areas are in the Piedmont-Mountain area. The South Central Piedmont area comprises Lincoln, Gaston, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Cabarrus, Union and Stanly Counties, covering one of the most populous areas of North Carolina.

The Unifour RC&D area includes Alexander, Catawba, Burke and Caldwell Counties.

Two major application areas are found in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina. The Mid-East area, where a number of project committees are hard at work, includes Pitt, Beaufort, Martin, Bertie and Hertford Counties.

Directly adjoining this project area is the big Albemarle RC&D application area, ten counties including Gates, Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, and Hyde. This project area has large water acreages, including sounds, estuaries and the ocean front itself.

Happy Holidays To All