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Takes A Stand

L.E. Pierce, owner of five trucks, some of which haul produce, grain and logs, stands atop a fuel pump at a Woodville service station, demonstrating his objection to high fuel cost and lower speed limits on the nation's high-

ways. Flanking Pierce is a patrol deputy car from Pasquotank County. There was no violence in Friday's truckers protest.



From left to right - Wayne Ashley, of the Bank of North Carolina, N.A., Marshall Caddy, Richard Bryant, County Extension Chairman, Ronnie Baker, and R.L. Stevenson, of Peoples Bank and Trust Co.

ABC Board Lowering Prices

By FRANCINE SAWYER
The price of alcoholic beverages throughout the state has gone down five cents or more in many cases and gone up five cents or more in some cases.

It is ironic, with the price of virtually everything going up, that something is getting a lower price tag.

The price change came into effect Feb. 1 and is regulated by the North Carolina Board of Alcoholic Control.

There are several reasons why prices have gone down. In many cases the proof of liquor has been dropped from 86 proof to 80 proof. In some instances the wholesale price has gone down, therefore the retail price has been lowered.

The price decrease with lowered proof is done in many instances by the distillers in order for their brand of liquor to hold on and get into competition.

In many cases, the price of shipping the stuff by freight may have been lowered, thus the price of the pink, fifth or half-gallon takes a dip in price. Age of brew even sets price.

The quarter for the ABC board beginning Feb. 1 listed 130 items getting a different price tag. This kept town ABC personnel busy changing prices by the



Some Prices Going Down

code sent by the state. Just what is done with profit from ABC sells can be noted here in Hertford. In 1961 the town of Hertford voted to have an ABC store. From the period ending Dec. 31 1973 the town received \$4,700 while Perquimans County board

of education got an equal amount. Since the Hertford ABC store opened in 1961 figures for June 30, 1973 showed that \$739,150.32 have been returned to the town and county for whatever lawful uses of funds the respective boards wished.

Officers Elected

The Young Farmers and Ranchers of Perquimans County elected new officers last week.

Those elected to serve were: president, Billy Williams, vice president, Paul Smith Jr., secretary-treasurer, Ann Lane and assistant secretary, Lydia Perry.

An announcement concerning the upcoming state Young Farmers and Ranchers convention was made to the organization. The

convention will be held Feb. 18 and 19 in Raleigh. Representing Perquimans County will be Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Towe White, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gene Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Jr.

The Young Farmers and Ranchers will be collecting farm items to auction for the Perquimans County Heart Fund Association. These items will be collected throughout the county.

Short Course Is Set

North Carolina Bankers are continuing their award-winning service to agriculture through the sponsorship for the 22nd year the annual two-week Short Course in Modern Farming at North Carolina State University, set for Feb. 4 - 15, in Raleigh.

Scholarships for 2,300 young North Carolinians involved in agriculture have been provided by the hometown banks of this state since the Short Course began in 1953.

This week, the county Key Banker for Perquimans County, R. L. Stevenson, announced that Peoples Bank and Trust Company, and Bank of North Carolina, N. A. will send two young farmers to Raleigh for the Short Course. All expenses will be paid by the banks.

Attending the Short Course from this county will be Ronnie Baker and Marshall Caddy.

An enrollment of around 100 is expected for the 1974 Short Course. While in Raleigh, these young farmers from all sections of North Carolina will learn to recognize and evaluate technology in a changing agri-business environment. The program covers broad areas of interest to agricultural leaders and specific commodity information.

The Short Course is one of the numerous agricultural projects sponsored by the NCBA which has won national recognition for many years for its service to agriculture.

MEETING FRIDAY

The merchants Committee of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will meet Friday morning at 9:15 to discuss plans for this month's annual George Washington birthday sale. All local merchants are urged to attend.

DANCE

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance and steam and or fried oyster, all you can eat \$4 per person Feb. 9, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. dinner then dance 9:30 to 12:30 a.m. Music will be provided by the Countrymen for shrimpers and must



Earl Lane

Deputy Cited As 'Swift'

By FRANCINE SAWYER
Earl Lane, deputy sheriff of Pasquotank County, and native of Perquimans, has been cited for his swift and positive action in aiding in the apprehension of four persons who have been charged and tried in the robbery of Peoples Bank & Trust Co. in Hertford on Nov. 21.

The letter came from Edward J. Krupinsky, special agent in charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte.

Addressed to Sheriff Davis M. Sawyer of Pasquotank County, the letter stated:

"It has been called to my attention that on Nov. 21, Deputy Sheriff Earl Lane was responsible for first observing a vehicle containing four persons who have been charged with the robbery of Peoples Bank &

Trust Co. at Hertford. This robbery took place Nov. 21 and these persons were arrested a short while later as a result of his keen observation.

"I would like to commend deputy sheriff Lane for the swift and positive action he took after recognizing the getaway vehicle. The professional manner and the knowledge he displayed in this difficult situation is certainly noteworthy. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. Through the co-operation that was afforded the robbery were identified and quickly taken into custody."

Lane is a native of Hertford. He is the son of the late Mrs. Sarah V. Lane.

He has been a deputy with Pasquotank County for more than eight years.

He is the father of two daughters.



PLANS FOR HEART FUND AUCTION—Shown above are chairmen for the Perquimans County Heart Fund. They are: (l. to r.) Wayne Ashley, chairman; Ray Ward and Ed Nixon, co-chairman. Plans have been made for a Heart Fund Auction Sale to be held at 10 a.m. Mar. 2 at the Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club Ring. Harold Winslow will be auctioneer and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Heart Fund. Local farmers will be contacted to donate items. The public is invited to attend.

Truckers Stop Truckin'

Protesting High Operation Costs

By FRANCINE SAWYER
Independent truckers of the Albemarle continued their peaceful protest at press time Tuesday, while throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio scattered violence has virtually stopped most truck hauling.

Last Friday's protest by area truckers totalling some 15 to 18 trucks held at a truck stop in Woodville, was followed Sunday by a national request for a moratorium in the truck halt.

Friday's protest was one of high fuel prices and lower speed limits on the nation's highways.

Walter Cartwright told The Perquimans Weekly that the reduced speed

limits keep truckers on the road for longer periods of time. Cartwright also said a rig uses more fuel going the 55 m.p.h. speed limit than traveling at 65 m.p.h. Non-truckers do not realize that today's big roadmasters of the highway are geared for higher speeds.

Most of the Albemarle truck drivers own their own rigs, many sharing the ownership with finance companies, but the rigs belong to the men making the big monthly payments.

Cartwright, an independent trucker for 10 years owns three rigs. He said, "if the truckers were not staying off the highway for protest reasons, they would be staying off the

highways for safety reasons. (Editor's Note: There have been reported injuries and slaying of truckers in many northern states who continue to haul cargo. Many truckers in the Albemarle expressed openly they are afraid of traveling the highways.)

Cartwright said the truckers involved in the protest haul up and down the East Coast. Picking up fresh produce in Florida and hauling it as far as Boston.

He said he didn't want the country to go hungry, but someone must call attention to the plight of the trucker.

A Florida brokerage, L&M, located in East Palaka was contacted on the situation of getting truckers.

Ad Nottingham, a salesman for the firm said 50 per cent of the company's trucks come from North Carolina, the Elizabeth City area (this includes throughout the Albemarle). East Palaka, known as the potato capitol, is having some difficulty getting truckers to come down to the Sunshine State to get the loads of cabbage. While L&M has leased trucks of its own, Nottingham said even some of their own truckers are timid about taking to the roadways. He said he didn't blame them for their fear.

While the fear is on, L&M has some 750 to 800 acres of cabbage to move. Nottingham said he contacted

some truckers from this area and the truckers told him they would not go down to pick up loads yet.

Nottingham said the situation is not critical, but it is a situation he is "concerned with."

Governor Milton J. Sapp of Pennsylvania, Sunday asked for a 45-day moratorium in the violent coast-to-coast shut down by independent truckers and asked federal officials for a firm commitment to the truckers problems.

At press time, truckers still facing the high cost of fuel, limited quotas and Sunday's closings of fuel pumps still had not agreed to any 45-day moratorium.

While the Attorney General of the United States said, the shutdown (by truckers) was not following any pattern that could be negotiated and called on all 50 governors and all law enforcement agencies to recognize an attempt by independent truck drivers to take over this country.

"There is no more cheap fuel," he said. "And here we have a leaderless group trying to take over the movement of trucks in America in an attempt to fight off this fact of life."

He advised all U.S. attorneys to use whatever means were available to them to put a stop to the shut down.

County Hosting Education Meet

Perquimans County will host District I of the North Carolina State School Board Association's annual meeting at Perquimans County High School Feb. 13.

Guest speaker for the event is John Pritchett, vice chairman of the State Board of Education.

The theme, "building better tomorrows through public education" begins with the registration at 4 p.m.

There will be business and discussion sessions, highlighted by dinner at which time Pritchett will speak.

School administrative

units from Bertie County, Edenton-Chowan, Dare, Hertford, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Perquimans and Elizabeth City Pasquotank County units will be represented.

New officers for the coming year will be elected. Present officers include, Clifford Winslow, chairman of Perquimans County school board, president; E.M. Cooper, chairman of Currituck County School Board, vice president and C.C. Walters, superintendent of Perquimans County school system, secretary.

Next year's meeting will be held in Currituck County.

Albemarle Academy Seeks Accreditation

Don Sivills, Headmaster announced today that Albemarle Academy had received approval from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and also that Albemarle Academy had applied for accreditation from North Carolina Private School Association.

Standards for approval are set by the N.C. dept. of Public Instruction and include such items as properly certified teachers, curriculum and facilities (gym, laboratories, etc.) adequate to provide a sound basic education, sufficient library services to supplement the curriculum, class size and hours of operation, etc.

Accreditation from the NCPSSA requires that applying schools meet stringent standards in

teacher qualification, curriculum content, library services, evaluation and proper placement of students, adequate facilities (laboratories, gym, etc.), etc. Mr. Sivills noted that Albemarle Academy's application is now being reviewed by the NCPSSA Accreditation committee, which includes Dr. John East, Professor of Political Science, ECU; Dr. Bart Reilly, Professor of English, ECU; Dr. Tilton Willcox, Associate Professor of Business, ECU; Dr. George Grice Retired President of the College of Charleston; I. J. Edwards former Director of ECU Placement Service; and William W. Lee, Headmaster, of Pace Academy. If the application is acceptable the NCPSSU will send an accreditation team to evaluate the school.