



John Beers, co-chairman of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross, recently presented certificate of appreciation to local organizations which helped to make the recent Bloodmobile visit successful. Shown here, Beers (left) makes the presentation to Donald Stallings, representing the Perquimans County Jaycees as chairman of the blood program.



John Beers presents a certificate of appreciation to Theresa Smith, representing the Perquimans County High School Beta Club. Other members of the Beta Club that helped in the Bloodmobile program were Joan Miller, Terry Cobb and Sue Green.



Shown here, John Beers makes the presentation to Ray Ward, general manager of The Perquimans Weekly. The award was made to the Weekly for their help in publicizing the Bloodmobile visit.



SHOWING AWARDS — (from l. to r.) Donald Stallings, Theresa Smith, and Ray Ward display the awards. Due to the efforts of the groups that these people represent, the recent bloodmobile program was most successful with 120 donors turning out.

Raleigh Report

By VERNON JAMES

As the end of the session is now in sight, I would like to briefly recap some of the legislation which I have introduced or co-introduced during this session of the Legislature.

One of the most important is the medical school at East Carolina, and I am very happy that this bill got a good report out of the Appropriations Committee and is incorporated in the budget.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I can assure you that a lot of long hours and hard work has gone into all the many bills that were studied by this Committee. I am very pleased that \$500,000 is included in the budget for Jockey's Ridge. We did not get as much as we had asked for, but we feel that it is a start in the right direction, and we will eventually wind up with all that is needed to secure this property.

The Coastal Land Management Act has passed in the Senate and has 21 amendments attached to it. I feel that this bill has far reaching effect, and just how it will fare in the House, I am not sure at this time. I certainly will keep a watchful eye on it; in its present form, I am not convinced that it is in the best interest of the people in the area which it affects. Every county in the 1st District has their own Planning Boards, and I feel they should have the opportunity for local control.

The Appropriations subcommittee deleted about \$4,000,000 from

SATURDAY AT NORFOLK

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stallings visited relatives in Norfolk, Va. on Saturday.

SUNDAY AT NAGS HEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Britt were guests of Miss Bea Skipsy at Nags Head on Sunday.

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Mental Health and an effort is being made to restore this, and I feel that it probably will be, on a matching funds basis.

The four obscenity bills are still in sub-committee, and we are expecting a combined bill to be reported out favorably.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, I had introduced a bill which would provide funds for a Regional Agronomist for the First District. This has been approved by the Appropriations Committee. The Agronomist would be stationed at the Tidewater Research Station in Plymouth.

A bill which I think will be of interest to most of us is House Bill 1900, which pertains to drivers license renewal. It provides that persons applying for operator's license not be required to take a written or road test unless convicted of a traffic violation or adjudged negligent in motor vehicle operation within four years preceding renewal application or unless mental or physical condition impairs the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle. So, drive carefully, and you won't have to take a renewal test!

Thank you for your support during this Session. Please feel free to call on me if I can be of help to you.

Spring Festival Saturday

The Student Council of Perquimans Union School is sponsoring a Spring Festival on Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festivities will take place in the school gym and cafeteria.

The gym will be filled with games, crafts, a flea market, cake walks, a bake sale, and other fun-filled activities. Also a car bash will be held outside the gym. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be on sale in the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. for those who desire lunch.

A King and Queen from the 7th and 8th grades and a Prince and Princess from the 5th and 6th grades will be crowned at 2 p.m. These students will be determined during a contest held here at school this week.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a fun-filled day full of games and surprises.

Literary Musings

By ROBERT G. MULDER

There seems to be another book-burning brewing. Out in Nashville, Tennessee, some preachers have started marching in protest of the Living Bible. "Vulgarity is the name of the game in the Living Bible," one of the posters announced. Fourteen of the forty marchers were Baptist ministers objecting to the sale of the new version of the Bible. This latest translation was made by Dr. Kenneth Taylor who used primarily the 1901 American Standard version, considered by most scholars to be the most accurate translation written. Dr. Taylor paraphrased the entire Bible because he said that his ten children had trouble understanding the version written during the time of King James of England.

Those who voice opposition to the Living Bible seem to favor the King James version authorized in 1611. It is no less than preposterous to assume, as do many such critics, that the King James version is superior because it is the one used by Jesus and the apostle Paul.

Some television screen names are certainly to be around for a long time. Among those I should nominate for permanence are Miss Cloris Leachman. I first saw Miss Leachman as a cold-hearted coach in "The Last Picture Show," for which she won an Academy Award. She handled the part with complete understanding and sympathetic force.

Her most recent portrayal was the mother in CBS Playhouse 90's "The Migrants," a screen adaptation of Tennessee Williams' story. This unglamorous role presented a face worn by poverty, stringy hair, mouth set against adversity, but eyes filled with hope.

Miss Leachman was seriously effected by the role. "It took me weeks to get over it after making it," she said. She states that she was not striving for sadness in her interpretation. "My character is not a defeatist...I didn't play it for tears." Her characterization of the mother was one of despair, to be sure, but one who would survive despite the very obvious abuse and hardship.

A new novel of special interest to dog lovers is A Rascal. Oh No by North Carolina author Mabel Evans Jones (Vantage Press, 1973, 166 pages, \$4.95). Filled with heart-warming adventure, the novel concerns a black, long-haired pup named

Rascal. The many phenomenal deeds of "Ras," as he is affectionately known by the crew members of a Cape Hatteras ship wreck, run the gamut from the rescue of two boys adrift in a rowboat to the saving of his master's drowning children.

The author is a graduate of Greensboro College with a master's degree from UNC at Chapel Hill. She served as school superintendent of Dare County for several years. Her energy was productive in ignition of a visual education program in North Carolina. Mrs. Jones was prominent in the first staging of the "Lost Colony" story in the form of a silent film.

The educator, who since retirement lives on Roanoke Island, is working on another novel, this one concerning the life of a young and daring educator.

WATCH THOSE MIXED-UP ANIMALS! The official journal of the Animal Health Foundation, Animal Cavalcade, has come out with a shocker. Mental illness among domestic animals is said to be increasing. One veterinarian writes: "I'm seeing more neurotic animals with psychosomatic illnesses than ever. Hardly a week passes that I don't see several mentally disturbed dogs."

Pets confined to apartments and back yards are subjected to unnatural tensions. The magazine also suggests that many pets reflect the anxieties and frustrations of their masters. This could be especially alarming for health walkers or bike riders who must come leg-to-face with disturbed, mixed-up animals every day.

Even the birds are exhibiting some disgust at the way we humans are handling things, or so it appears to me. Late Sunday afternoon I was driving my good wife and young son to my parents' home for a visit. A small bird flew over and voided on my front windshield. Five minutes later a large blackbird did the same inconsiderate thing on my wife's side of the car. When we finally arrived, I cleaned three such calling cards from my front windshield, not daring to examine the back one. Now that may not be a record, but it's a darn good average.

Washington Report

By CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

The major Congressional action of the week ending March 30 was the approval by both the House and Senate of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1974. Simply stated, this means a change in the Wage and Hour Law. This is similar to the bill that President Nixon vetoed a few months ago, which veto the Congress failed to override.

The new bill is very much modified, compared with the original bill. For example, the minimum wage rate for nonagricultural employees covered under the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act prior to the effective date of the 1966 amendments (including Federal employees covered by the 1966 amendments) will increase to \$2.00 per hour on May 1, 1974, to \$2.10 on January 1, 1975, and to \$2.30 on January 1, 1976.

Of special interest to the First Congressional District is the Agriculture employees who will be covered under this new Act. Their minimum will be \$1.60 beginning May 1, 1974, but with a prolonged period of time extending into January 1978 before the maximum of \$2.30 is reached.

Of further interest to the District is the section referring to tobacco employees. This section retains a limited overtime exemption for employees engaged in activities related to the sale of tobacco. Overtime compensation must be paid for employment in excess of 10 hours in any workday and 48 hours in any workweek for a period or periods not to exceed 14 workweeks in any calendar year. Without this section, the limited overtime exemption would be ultimately repealed by Section 19 of the law.

Another section important to our District is the one covering Seafood canning and processing employees. This reduces and ultimately repeals the overtime exemption for employees engaged in this work. During the first year after the effective date of the 1974 amendments, overtime compensation must be paid to such employees for hours worked in excess of 48 per week; during the second year, for hours worked in excess of 44 per week; and

thereafter, for hours worked in excess of 40 per week.

One of the more controversial items in the bill vetoed by the President, concerned the employment of students during vacation periods. The new bill provides for the employment of full-time students (regardless of age but in compliance with applicable child labor laws) at wage rates less than those prescribed by the Act in retail and service establishments, agriculture, and institutions of higher education at which such students are enrolled.

In the event this bill becomes law, this office will be happy to fill any requests for a thorough explanation of the new law.

Of much interest to the many tobacco farmers, warehousemen and purchasers is the proposed pre-designated registration of warehouse choice for the 1974 selling season. I will not attempt to explain the provision at this time, but will state that instead of penalties for failure to comply, there would be elimination of participation in the price support program. In this connection, as ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Tobacco, I am tentatively announcing a public hearing to be held in Greenville, N.C., on April 12 at 10 a.m. by Mr. William Lanier, Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, ASGS. Mr. Lanier will explain details of the proposal and will attempt to answer questions and criticisms which might be offered. Specific information as to time and location of the hearings will be announced in a few days. I urge all who are interested in the tobacco program to make plans to attend this hearing.

MORE TURKEYS

North Carolina is expected to raise around 14.9 million turkeys in 1974. This would be 14 percent more than a year ago. Only California and Minnesota are expected to grow more turkeys than North Carolina.

BURLEY QUOTA

The marketing quota for burley tobacco this year will be about 608 million pounds. This is an 8 percent increase over 1973. Burley use is up, and this is the reason for the quota increase.

NOTICE!

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I will advertise for sale in May, 1974 all Real Estate on which 1973 taxes have not been paid and also will levy on all delinquent Personal Property Taxes. I will hold the sale of the Real Estate on Monday, June 3rd, 1974. Please make prompt settlement now and save yourself the additional cost of advertising.

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Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON — The Senate has been debating a complex, omnibus bill to finance both Presidential and Congressional campaigns with tax funds.

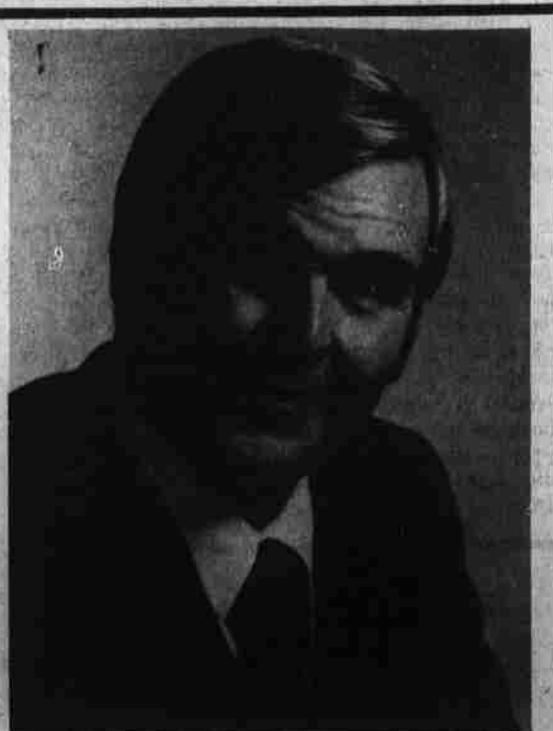
This legislation is designed to bring together various laws already enacted or passed by the Senate which relate to campaign contributions and expenditures for Federal elective office, including tax-derived funds which any candidate may be entitled to receive. As reported by the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, the bill, S. 3044, is an amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 which made sweeping changes in controls over, and public disclosure of, receipts and expenditures in both Federal primary and general election campaigns. That Act did not become effective until April 7, 1972, and due to a scramble to raise funds prior to its effective date and also due to disclosures arising out of the Watergate affair, there has been an insistent demand for public financing and more comprehensive controls of election campaigns.

I agree with those who advocate that something must be done to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures. At the same time, I do not support the concept of public financing of political campaigns, nor do I favor those provisions of S. 3044 which provide for the use of Federal tax monies to finance Presidential and Congressional primary and general election campaigns.

The proposal to require taxpayers to contribute to the campaigns of candidates for public office, it seems to me, runs contrary to the basic right to express our thoughts as we choose and to support those causes in which we believe.

Under this bill, the first two dollars of tax liability for Federal income taxes of any individual would automatically go into a Federal fund to be distributed on a "matching" basis to any candidate for Congress, the Senate, or the Presidency, once the candidate raised certain minimum amounts by private contributions. To prevent such a contribution on his part, the taxpayer would have to specifically reject the automatic check-off on his tax return. Thus individuals would be supporting candidates of all political parties, and having views which they supported and those they adamantly opposed. This strikes a major blow at representative government.

There is a better way to achieve the purposes that we seek. I have joined with Senator Baker and others in offering an amendment to strike Title I of S. 3044, the provision which provides for public financing of campaigns for Federal office, and substitute in its place an incentive toward more effective private financing of all political campaigns. We propose that a tax credit be provided for all political contributions made in a calendar year of up to \$50 on an individual return and \$100 on a joint return.



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