

A Look Backward

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TRANSEAU

LIGHTNING PLAYS HAVOC ON PERQUIMANS FARM: Lightning struck a barn on the Belgrade farm in Harvey's Neck on Wednesday night during the severe storm which struck this section, burning the \$2,000 rat-proof building to the ground and destroying the contents including a quantity of corn and hay. Two horses, a cow and calf in the shelter beside the barn were also destroyed. The entire loss is estimated at \$3,000. Belgrade Farm, one of the largest and most valuable in Perquimans, is owned by Coppersmith & Jones, of Elizabeth City, N.C. Spivey is the tenant. Fire equipment from Elizabeth City responded to a call in the early morning to protect the fine old residence from sparks which the breeze carried in that direction.

BOAT PARTY ENDS IN DISASTER: What turned out to be merely a lark from the standpoint of the participants, might have been another water tragedy, when the sail boat on which a small party of Hertford young folks went out on Friday night sank and turned over a short distance from shore. In the party were Miss Louise Payne and her house guest, Miss Hancock, of Snow Hill, Md., Miss Joyce Harrell, Billy Tucker and James Evert Newby. The leaking boat began filling too fast for comfort and before anything could be done turned over from the weight of the mast. The entire party, as a matter of course, went into the water. All but one, were good swimmers. Miss Hancock went down. Both young men dived for her at once and she was brought up safely. The mast was taken out to relieve the boat of extra weight and the boat was turned upside down. While the rest of the party clung to the upturned boat, Mr. Newby swam ashore, returning promptly in a small skiff for the others. While nobody became excited and there was no exhibition of fear, the situation was a dangerous one and it is lucky that the boat filled before it had gone farther from shore.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, at their home in Hertford, on Monday, July 13, a daughter.

HEIRLOOM: The wedge

which literally made the opening for the success of T.W. Nixon, an ordinary iron wedge used for splitting rails, has been in the Nixon family for generations, handed down from father to son. It was, to Mr. Nixon's knowledge, owned by his great-great-grandfather. The wedge is still used sometimes about the home place of T.W. Nixon, near Hertford. T.W. Nixon is one of the county's most successful farmers and one of its most substantial citizens. He owns half a dozen farms in the county, several town lots in Hertford, and other property. He has reared a large family but he is still not an old man, and is still making money. The first money, however, that he ever made after he became twenty-one years of age, he says, he made by splitting rails at the price of \$1.00 for 300 rails. He used this same wedge to split those first rails. Splitting rails, time-honored labor, once the occupation of Abraham Lincoln, was the means of livelihood for a great many men as recently as forty years ago. Practically all of the fences on the farms of the South, until recent years, were made of rails split from the native pine and cypress. The implements used to split rails were an axe, and iron wedge and a wooden maul. It must have been more than a day's work to split 300 rails, so that one didn't get rich quick at this back-breaking labor. Not many rails are split nowadays. There is no longer the same necessity for fences that was the case before the "no fence" laws which came into existence some twenty-five years ago. Before this period, when whosoever would might allow his livestock to run at large, cows grazing by the roadside, pigs wallowing in the mud holes of the road, every farmer must of necessity keep his fences about his fields in good repair. It took a lot of rails for fences then. Now that fencing is only necessary for pasturing livestock, few rails are used, as most of the fences are made of wire. It would be interesting to know how many other small fortunes were begun with axe, an iron wedge and a maul.

Resource

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Elizabeth City. He was nominated by Chowan County, Hyde County, and Perquimans County. Dr. Chesson, 32, is dean of instruction at the College of the Albemarle. His educational and employment background is in marine biology. He is a member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, North Carolina Academy of Science and National Wildlife Federation. He received his Ph.D. in science education from North Carolina State University. He is a Democrat.

AT LARGE—Walter Davis of Elizabeth City, Davis, 54, was nominated by the Governor. A native of North Carolina he has residences in North Carolina and Texas. He is president of Basin Products, Inc. of Midland, Texas.



SPECIAL VISIT — Robert Morgan, Democratic Senate nominee, visits First District Congressman Walter Jones in the nation's capital. Morgan, who has pledged an all-out effort for Democratic Party unity in the November election, recently called on Congressional leaders in Washington.

The Washington Report

By CONGRESSMAN
WALTER B. JONES

The major legislative action of the U.S. House of Representatives was the consideration of an authorization to fund the International Development Association in the amount of \$1.5 billion. Being a long time critic of foreign aid, I,

of course, voted against the bill on final passage as well as voting for all amendments which would have reduced the effectiveness of the legislation. The program is designed to assist developing nations by making 50-year loans and in some cases with no interest whatsoever, and in others with from one to five per cent interest. It is difficult for me to understand how any member could vote for such legislation when there is not a citizen of this nation who can borrow necessary monies at such a ridiculous interest rate. As one Member stated, as of this date, "...we have poured out \$260 billion in foreign aid in herculean efforts to cultivate friendship and establish a favorable climate in these countries so that private investors could go in and invest their money in the production of raw materials." So, by voting against this bill, I continue my record of consistently opposing our foreign aid program as it is now constituted.

Tax Value Set

The Board of Perquimans County Commissioners adopted the Budget at their meeting on Monday and set the tax rate of \$1 per \$100 assessed value for the year of 1974 — and levied a tax rate of \$1 per \$100 assessed value on all real and personal property within the County — together with a dog tax of \$1 for male and \$2 for female dogs — and scheduled "B" taxes in amounts set out in General Statutes of North Carolina. T. Erie Haste, Jr., Joe Towe White, Sr., and Joseph W. Nowell were re-appointed by the Board to serve for three year terms as members of the Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission effective July 1, 1973.

The Board re-appointed John G. Beers to serve as Veterans Service Officer for Perquimans County for a period of 1 year.

Bids for the lease of Parkville Township farm, known as the County Home Property, for years 1975, 1976 and 1977 are now being accepted by the Board. The lease is for cultivated land only, which has a peanut allotment of 4.3 acres. Bids must be filed in writing with Julian C. Powell, Clerk of the Board, on or before 10 a.m. on Monday, August 5. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Ms. Barber Attends Workshop

Ms. Chris Barber, a teacher at Perquimans County High School was among 25 teachers from North Carolina to attend a unique workshop at Appalachian State University. The workshop focused on teaching local folk lore through the high school English department. Elliott Wiggenton, a teacher at Rabun Gap, Ga. instructed the workshop participants on how to go about doing this. Wiggenton initiated the Fox Fire student publication which has received national recognition and has now developed into a one-fourth million dollar operation.

The purpose of the workshop was to give teachers creative ideas on how to work with and help students recognize the importance of local history. Teachers also learned how to make students more independent in developing their own ideas.

During the workshop, teachers were placed in a reverse role; they did the learning. Students from Rabun Gap, Ga. attended the conference with Wiggenton and showed the teachers how students can get involved with and learn from the local folk lore. The idea of involving local history with classroom studies mixes learning with pleasure.

Mrs. Barber stated that the highlight of the workshop was an excursion by teachers and students into the mountains. The teacher participants interviewed an old banjo maker and an elderly gentleman who made and worked with looms.

Local school officials expressed delight that Mrs. Barber was able to attend and feels that the ideas she developed during the workshop will prove to be advantageous.

Fake Perfume Pushed

Attorney General Robert Morgan said Saturday that bogus Chanel No. 5 perfume has filtered into North Carolina from a suspected northern manufacturer and distribution point. Morgan said, "We have no way of estimating losses due to street sales, but we don't believe Chanel will suffer dramatically from the activity across the state. We simply don't want any North Carolinians to lose money. We believe we are aborting sales efforts with early detection and investigation."

He added, however, that between November and February, New York City police seized more than 80,000 one-ounce bottles of fake perfume. The estimated street value was set at \$1 million.

Reports of sale of the counterfeit perfume have been registered in eastern, central and western North Carolina. Some of the phonyies were said bought at legitimate retail stores. Other purchases were made at a flea market near Asheville.

Morgan said that to underworld figures, the fake perfume is called "gaff." In metropolitan areas, he said, the illicit manufacturers sell to shops believed to be controlled by organized crime, and to street hustlers for about \$2 a bottle. Chanel No. 5 usually retails for about \$35 an ounce.

The hustler sets his own price and sells to bargain-minded consumers, known as "apples," Morgan said.

The Attorney General said several irregularities are evident in the bogus bottles of Chanel.

—Authentic Chanel bottles are from a solid mold; the phony is molded in two parts with the adhesive joint clearly visible.

—Authentic bottles have an inscription on the back denoting the amount of perfume in ounces; the fake has no inscription.

—Labels on bogus bottles have a fuzzy, faded appearance.

—Tops or stoppers on authentic bottles are glass; the phony products' tops are plastic.

—True bottles' necks are smooth; the bogus bottle neck has a rough edge.



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WASHINGTON—Every one is feeling the effects of the most severe epidemic of inflation in our peacetime history. The poor, the not-so-rich, and the rich are trying to live with constantly rising prices that never seem to stabilize.

To curb one of the causes of inflation—federal spending—the Senate recently adopted an amendment to impose a \$10 billion cut in the federal budget. The amendment offered by Senator Proxmire would limit Federal outlays during the fiscal year which began July 1 to \$295 billion. I supported the amendment which was adopted by the Senate 74-12. This is the second attempt by the Senate to set a budget ceiling. Several months ago, this body voted favorably on a similar amendment to the wage-price control bill, but that measure was tabled, and at that time the ceiling died.

The Proxmire amendment is in accord with a recent suggestion by Treasury Secretary William E. Simon to the effect that one way to curb inflation is for the government to cut spending. In my judgment, Congress has a duty to exercise its constitutional power, the power of the purse, to reduce government outlays and thereby cool the fires of inflation which is robbing the people of their earning and their savings.

When we look at the Federal budget, it is apparent that there are areas where we can reduce spending without curtailing any essential government

service. Our foreign aid budget runs between \$8 and \$10 billion annually, and I do not think the American people would seriously object to a major reduction in grants, loans, and giveaways to other nations. Indeed, a reduction in foreign aid might assist us in engaging in wiser diplomacy.

In our domestic programs, there is no doubt that we could achieve considerable savings in many departments and agencies if every expenditure had to be for "a necessary purpose." One of the distressing things about government is that there always seems to be examples of expenditures which serve little or no useful purpose. A leaner budget will help in getting us back to basic priorities and will weed out projects of doubtful value.

The need for a Federal spending ceiling is apparent when it is viewed in the context of the public debt limit. One June 26, in spite of my "nay" vote, the Senate passed and cleared for the White House an increase of \$19 billion from \$475.7 billion, and permits the Federal government to continue borrowing to pay its expenses.

Inflation commands our attention. Something is wrong when the average citizen is being priced out of the market for things he needs everyday. Since government is the big spender, any effective solution must begin by revising its spending policies.

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NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County, N.C., desire to lease and will accept sealed bids for the lease of farm in Parkville Township, generally known as the County Home Property, for the years 1975, 1976 and 1977. Beginning on January 1, 1975, and ending on December 31, 1977.

The lease will be for the cultivated land only, and no buildings and woodland are included.

This farm has a peanut allotment of 4.3 acres.

Bids must be filed in writing with Julian C. Powell, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, on or before 10:00 o'clock A.M., Monday, August 5, 1974.

Terms: The rent for said farm shall be cash, payable in three annual installments. One on January 1, 1975, one on January 1, 1976, and one on January 1, 1977.

The Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Board of County Commissioners
Perquimans County, Hertford, N.C.

By: Julian C. Powell, Clerk
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