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## American Legion To Begin Award Program

The graduating classes from the Perquimans County High School have something new to look forward to, thanks to the local Post 126 of the American Legion. In one of its recent meetings, Post 126 voted to institute locally the American Legion School Award Program.

This program is a project of the National Americanism Commission, and is presently in effect in many of the Legion Districts, and Posts.

The Award Medal represents the educational symbolism of the School Award Program, and associates it with the American Legion and its purposes. The medal can be awarded to either girls or boys. Along with the awarded medal is a financial assistance scholarship, payable to any higher educational institution.

The American Legion School Award is designed

around a threefold objective:

1. Place emphasis on the development of the qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service.

2. Develop those ideals of Americanism among young people which will make them citizens of the highest type.

3. Give recognition through the award of the American Legion Medals to the boy, and-or girl who are deemed most worthy of the

high qualities of citizenship and of true Americanism.

The selection of the winner (s) is to be made by members of the graduates peer group, school faculty and by the sponsoring Legion Post. The award, it is anticipated, will be made during an assembly of the PCHS student graduating class late in the school year.

Funds for the scholarship award are generated locally by The American Legion Post 126 through various fund raising ventures.

## ASC Committee Election Results

The results of the recent ASC Community Committee Election for the 1975 year for Perquimans County are as follows: Belvidere community — Louis L. Spivey, chairman; Emerson R. Asbell, vice-chairman; L. Clinton Winslow, regular member; Savage Jolliff, first alternate; and Elton Layden, second alternate. New Hope community — Belvin Eure, chairman; Robert E. Sutton, vice-chairman; Vernon Harrell, regular member; Robert H. Eure, first alternate; and Quinton Wilson, second alternate. Bethel community — Roy S. Chappell, Sr., chairman; Donald Madre, vice chairman; Thomas A. Proctor, regular member; S. Edgar Long, first alternate; and Emmett B. Long, second alternate. Nicanor community — J. Quincy Riddick, chairman; E.L. Hurdle, Jr., vice-chairman; Seldon Rountree, regular member; J.H. Stallings, Jr., first alternate; and Linwood Twine, second alternate. Hertford

community — Oras W. Winslow, chairman; L. Wayne Howell, vice-chairman; Maurice W. Byrum, regular member; Ray Lamb, first alternate, and Ray Hunter, second alternate. Parkville community — Floyd Long, chairman; L. Paul Smith, Sr., vice-chairman; Ralph L. Layden, regular member; W.E. Matthews, Jr., first alternate; and Johnnie M. Smith, second alternate.

The newly-elected committeemen held a county convention on Dec. 18 to fill vacancies on the County ASC Committee. There were eighteen delegates present from the six communities. The results of the election are as follows: Lester J. Baker was elected to a three year term of office of the County Committee. Wayne Howell was elected to serve as first alternate on the County Committee for 1975. L. Paul Smith was elected to serve as second alternate on the County Committee for 1975. The delegates also

designated Lester J. Baker as Chairman, Wade Morgan as vice-Chairman, and Marvin Caddy as regular member on the County Committee for 1975.

All committeemen will take office on Jan. 1, 1975.

Administrative changes in the peanut program are under consideration for 1975. Until a final deter-

mination is made, the Perquimans County ASC Committee cannot approve applications for peanut transfers. Producers will be notified as soon as a final determination is made.

The Perquimans County ASCS office will be closed on Wed., Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas Day.

## College Students Urged To Apply For Internship

Governor Jim Holshouser today urged North Carolina college students interested in State government to apply for the 1975 State Government Summer Internship program.

Holshouser said 24 students will be selected for the program. For 11 weeks next summer, the interns

will do meaningful work in State departments and learn about various aspects of State government.

To be eligible for the intern program, students must (1) be residents of North Carolina, (2) be currently enrolled in a college or university, and (3) have satisfactorily completed three years of college by June, 1975.

Information about other intern program may be secured from college placement offices or from the State Government Internship Office, 301 North Blount Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

## Council Completes Youth Work Project

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. closed out one of the largest youth work experience project ever undertaken in the Albemarle Area. On December 10, 11 and 12 the accounting firm of Benson, Farmakis and Hazel of Atlanta, Georgia completed an audit on the last phase of a \$5,000,000.00 youth program that began as the Neighborhood Youth Corps in December of 1965. The Economic Improvement Council was commended for the fine manner in which it had administered the finances of this project.

During the nine years of the project more than 7,500 boys and girls of the Albemarle Area received training experience to aid them in the world of work. Many of these boys and girls stayed in school and graduated as a direct result of the NYC program. The earnings from this \$5,000,000.00 has helped approximately 6,000 low income families to keep their children in school. The majority of this money went for school supplies, school lunches, clothing and family



REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT — This manger scene on the lawn of the Hertford First United Methodist Church reminds the public about the true meaning of Christmas. (Newbern photo)

## Bicentennial Barge Receives Attention

The North Carolina Bicentennial Barge had scarcely wet its hull, figuratively-speaking, before it received international attention.

### Special Issue

The last eight pages of this issue of The Perquimans Weekly contain special seasons greetings from merchants of Perquimans County and the surrounding area. The merchants have taken care in selecting a special holiday greeting from them to you, their patron and friends.

Also, throughout the paper, you will find special Christmas stories, pictures, hints for holiday cooking, gift ideas, and much more. From the staff of this newspaper, we sincerely wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a most Joyous New Year.

The mayor of Montreal, Jean Drapeau, the guiding light behind that city's acclaimed international fair, Expo 67, already has issued an invitation to the barge to visit "Man and His World."

"Man and His World" is the successor to Expo.

The barge, recently funded for a feasibility study by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources under Grace J. Rohrer, secretary, is the innovative idea of a Plymouth regional librarian, Nellie Sanders.

She sees the barge as presenting a changing picture, in exhibits and performances, of scenic and historic features of North Carolina. Her idea calls for the barge to travel to ports

on the coast and navigable waterways of the state.

In Montreal the barge could be moored at Ile St. Helene on the St. Lawrence River, adjacent to the pavilions of China, Czechoslovakia and other international participants.

Taking the barge to Montreal has been proposed as a joint tourism venture of the Southern Travel Directors Conference, a cooperative group of 11 states promoting travel in this area.

"Canadian travel to this region is an important asset to North Carolina economy," Jim Hastings, director of the Travel and Promotion Division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, said.

## Holiday Accident Prediction

The N.C. State Motor Club is predicting the safest Christmas and New Years holidays since 1968 but time, rather than careful driving, is the major factor.

The motor club is estimating that a total of 13 persons will die in traffic accidents on North Carolina highways during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Last year 40 persons were killed in the state during a 102-hour period for each holiday, and 49 persons died as a result of accidents in 1972 during 78-hour periods.

The fewest deaths over Christmas and New Years in recent years was in 1968 when 11 persons lost their lives during a similar abbreviated holiday schedule.

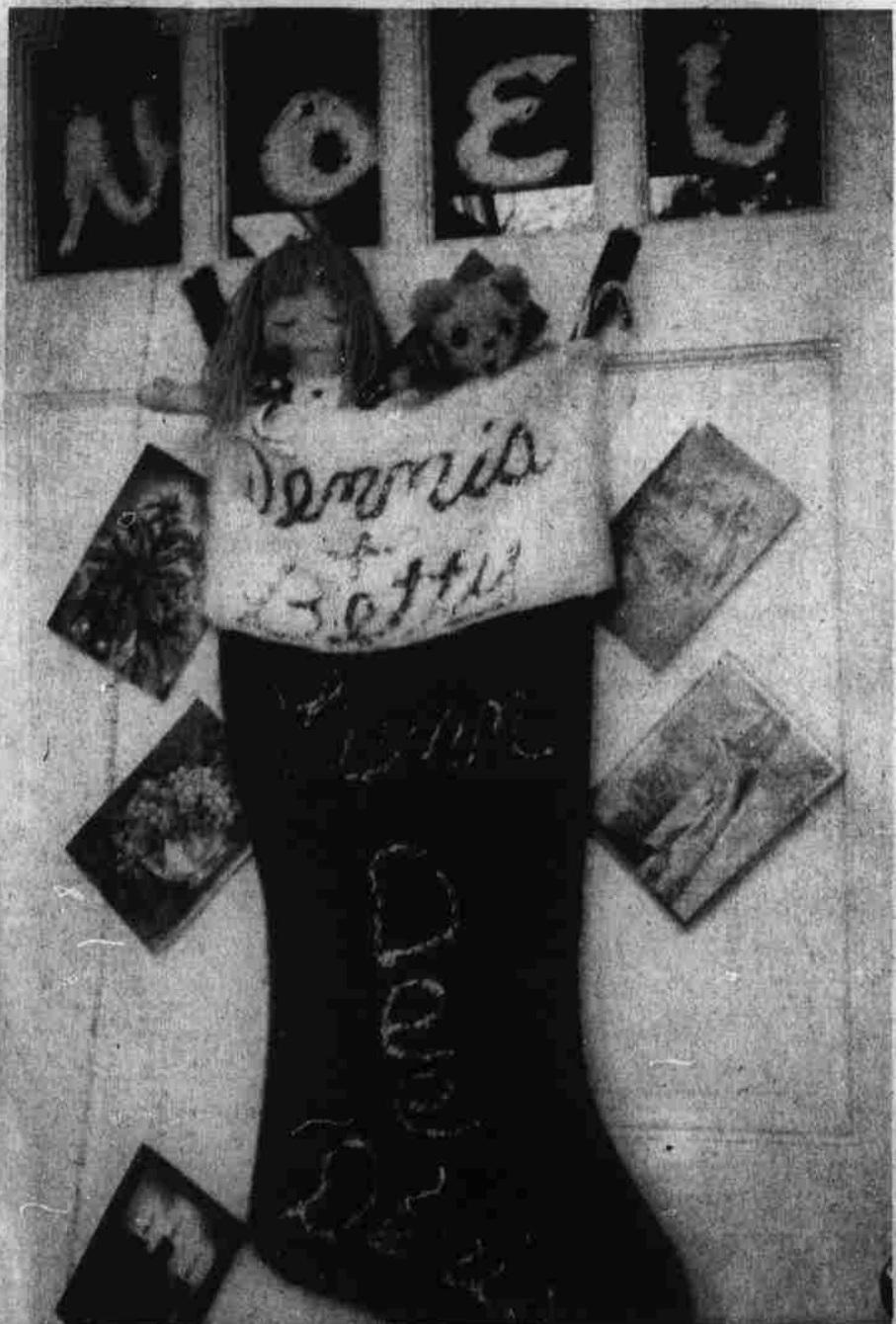
North Carolina will count its toll this year from 6 p.m. December 24 until midnight December 25 and from 6 p.m. December 31 until midnight January 1.

"The loss of a single life is a tragedy," motor club president Paul B. Marion said, "and we caution motorists to drive with care. We are especially concerned over excessive speed and urge drivers to obey established speed limits."

Marion said he was hopeful that the weather would not hamper traffic conditions during the holiday period. "If the weather is good," he said, "this could be one of our safest holidays in a long time. We certainly hope so."

Marion pointed out that traffic fatalities are down more than 350 from this time last year and commended the driving public and the State Highway Patrol for jobs done well.

"I just hope the trend continues," he concluded.



LOTS OF GOODIES — The Dennis Hare family of Hertford extend a personal Christmas message with this personalized stocking. Late tonight, Santa will come and fill it to the brim with lots of goodies. (Newbern photo)



SIGN OF THE SEASON — This lovely wreath is just one of the many reminders that Christmas is upon us. (Newbern photo)

# Merry Christmas