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Special Events Planned July 4th

According to the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, residents of Perquimans County have two choices of what to do for the upcoming Fourth of July.

The chamber says that residents can fight the traffic and drain the gas tank to get someplace, then try to stay awake for an enjoyable time while visions of the long drive home linger. Or — Residents of the county can stay home and participate in a day of fun and frolic unlike anything the county has seen in years.

Plans are being made for an upcoming Fourth of July celebration to get the Perquimans people in the mood for the Bicentennial Year. The host of activities being planned for the day include games and prizes for the young and old, plenty to eat, a mini parade, costumes and prizes, a horse and pony show, a presentation by the Hertford Fifes and Drums and many many more surprises.

One of the highlights of the July 4th festival will be the largest fireworks display ever put on in the county — one that should prove a delight to all people of all ages.

County residents are also reminded that their friends and relatives living away from the county have a choice of what to do for the fourth. They can stay where they are with nothing to do or hop in their cars and take a relaxing, scenic and enjoyable ride into Perquimans County to join in the fun.

More details and finalized plans for the Fourth of July celebration will be appearing in The Perquimans Weekly. For now, the chamber office urges the people of the county to mark July 4th on the calendar under "something special."



RECEIVES CITATION — Jimmy Hunter of Hertford is shown above receiving the Red Shield Award of Merit from Captain and Mrs. Ivor Rich of The Salvation Army. The presentation was made during a ceremony at Shea Stadium in New York City, N.Y.

Hunter Receives Award Of Merit

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Jim "Catfish" Hunter, famed baseball pitcher from Hertford who the Yankees lured to their team with a \$3.5-million bait, was recently presented the Red Shield Award of Merit by Captain and Mrs. Ivor Rich of The Salvation Army during the ceremony in Shea Stadium.

The text of the Citation was as follows: Inasmuch as James "Catfish" Hunter has established himself as a practitioner of baseball's highest exploit — the perfect game — and since the unpretentious Tar Heel is reviving hopes for former Yankee days of glory — The Salvation Army salutes James "Catfish" Hunter for his steadfastness of purpose and for his inspiration to young people and presents to him the Salvation Army Red Shield Award of Merit.

Presentation of the Citation was arranged by Ralph E. Chamberlain, director of development, and Hubert A. Elliott, formerly of Edenton, director of communications for The Salvation Army in Greater New York.



RUNNER UP — Dori Shannon Overton, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overton of Hampton, Va., was recently chosen second runner-up in the Annual Little Miss Tidewater Beauty Pageant held in Hampton. Dori is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bass and Mrs. Harry Overton and the late Mr. Overton, all of Hertford. The Pageant, which was for little girls ages 3-7, included modeling in party dresses, bathing suits, and sportswear outfits.

Progress Continues At Newbold-White House

This is an update on the state's number one restoration project — the Newbold-White House which, when completed, will be an economic and cultural boon to Perquimans County and the Albemarle.

While it will be open to the public during the Bicentennial Year, work probably will not be finished until the following year.

And there is a lot of work to be done. Another house on the site will become a museum, adding to the enticement the area will have for tourist visitation.

But a lot of work has already been completed. The archaeological survey is 80 per cent finished. Much of what has been uncovered is under study, much has already been catalogued. The findings thus far are of extreme value, historically — and there were many surprises, all of which will be a part of the museum at the site.

Since the seven-acre site was grassed last year, the grounds have been cleared of debris, and the ditching dirt has been smoothed over

carefully so as not to disturb the topography. There are no funds, at present, for upkeep and a lot of the clean-up work has been tackled by volunteers. Ground renovation is 50 per cent done.

Demolition is 70 per cent completed, and restoration of the interior and exterior is 30 per cent finished. The former simply means getting rid of the newer items that detract from the home's history.

Restoration is one of the most important parts of the project. We are not building something new to resemble something old (i.e. Williamsburg) but are restoring something old, of value. About 7,000 handmade cypress shingles and reproduction brick are at the site, to add to areas of the house where necessary. They are exacting reproductions. Upon approval by the National Park Service that work will be finished, as well as electric and mechanical installation.

The project is time-consuming. There is a lot of

red tape and delay involved, because it involves with so many people and organizations.

And, of course, there is a lot of money involved — money which anyone with foresight must realize will come back — thousandfold — to the people of the county.

The project has received state, federal, and private grants and, in spite of tight money, more of the same is expected. Local fundraising drives have gone over the top, a story that is expected to be repeated.

The project is an exciting one for the county. Support not only from Perquimans but from around the state has been received. More will be sought.

The work is done by the Perquimans County Restoration Association, with Mrs. Jean Winslow giving about 90 hours a week, as a volunteer, to keep it going.

The Chamber of Commerce will continue to work hand-in-hand with the association, since it represents the people, and this project is for the people.

Casper To Attend Workshop

Steven Roy Casper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin V. Casper of Rt. 1 Belvidere, will represent Perquimans County at the Resource Conservation Workshop

June 9-13, Belvidere, at N.C. State University, in Raleigh.

The workshop is held each year for high school graduates, rising juniors, and rising seniors to develop the potential of young men to more keenly appreciate the value of conservation of natural resources to the economy.

These representatives will study various subjects pertinent to conservation resources including soils, land use; soil and water conservation; research; forest protection and management; and wildlife and fisheries management.

Each year this workshop is sponsored locally by the Perquimans Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors, with Floyd Mathews serving as chairman.

Sponsors of the workshop are the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, N.C. Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America, and the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

Steven is a rising senior at Perquimans High School, where he is a member of the Future Farmers of America Chapter, and plans to further his education in the school of forestry.

The S.C.S. said they are pleased that Steven has been selected to attend this workshop, because through his studies he has shown a special interest and this will give him the opportunity to learn more about conservation practices and related subjects.



STEVEN ROY CASPER



EARL LANE, VALEDICTORIAN

CAROLYN FELTON, SALUTATORIAN

Graduation Exercises Friday Nite

Graduation exercises for the 143 members of the Class of '75 will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow night (Friday, June 6) in the Perquimans High School gym.

The commencement address will be made by Melvin B. Daniels, Jr., N.C. Senator from the First District. Special awards will be presented by Principal William E. Byrum. County School Superintendent C.C. Walters will introduce the chairman of the Board of Education, Clifford Winslow who will present the diplomas.

Class Salutatorian Carolyn Felton will present the welcome and Valedictorian Earl Lane will present the farewell address.

Other seniors on the grand honor roll include: Cathy Evans, Ruthie Ward, Terry Chappell, Terry Cobb, Jacqueline Overton, Paula Perry, Sue Green, Rita Byrum, Ruby Felton, George Bowser, June Jordan, Marvin Riddick, Teresa Smith, Olga Simpson, Homera Jennette, David Trueblood, Gloria Riddick, Deborah Saunders, Oliver Felton, Anthony Whitehurst, Deborah Harrell, Ella Sue Chappell and Nancy Long.

Marshals for the fiftieth commencement will be chief marshal Debbie Meads, Priscilla White, Deborah Lowe, Claudia Winslow, Cindy Hendren, Janet Riddick and Karen Hoogerland.

Toppin Is Elected

At the North Carolina Department of the American Legion First District meeting hosted by Post 40 Edenton, on May 22, E. C. Toppin was elected to serve as First District Commander for the 1975-76 year. Toppin is a member and the chairman of Post 40 Edenton. He was recently appointed to the North Carolina Department of the American Legion Rules Committee. Elected to serve as Vice-Commander of the First District was Tom Applegate, the incoming Commander of Post 119 Edenton.

District Officers will be conducted at the Department Connection to be held in Winston-Salem on June 26-29.

Out going First District Commander Roy Ball of Hertford reported that seven of twelve Posts in the First District had exceeded their 1975 membership goal. Ball read a letter from National Commander Wagonseller praising his work in the First District and informing him that he had been awarded the Gold Cup Award for the 1974-75 year.

School Calendar

The Perquimans County Board of Education has released the following 1975-76 school calendar which was developed in cooperation with the Professional Advisory Council. The council is made up of two teachers from each school, the county principals, C.C. Walters, and Pat Harrell.

- Aug. 14-22 — Teacher Employment Days
- Aug. 25 — Pupil Orientation Day
- Aug. 26 — First Full Day for Students
- Sept. 1 — Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 23 — End of 1st School Month
- Oct. 7 — End of 1st Six Weeks
- Oct. 10 — Teacher Employment Day
- Oct. 22 — End of 2nd School Month
- Nov. 19 — End of 3rd School Month and 2nd Six Weeks
- Nov. 21 — Teacher Employment Day
- Nov. 27, 28 — Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 19 — Christmas Holidays Begin at close of school
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 — Christmas & New Year's Holidays
- Jan. 5 — School Begins after Christmas Vacation — End of 4th School Month
- Jan. 19 — End of 3rd Six Weeks — 1st Semester
- Jan. 22, 23 — Teacher Employment Days
- Feb. 4 — End of 5th School Month
- March 3 — End of 6th School Month; End of 4th Six Weeks
- March 5 — Teacher Employment Day
- April 1 — End of 7th School Month
- April 15 — End of 5th Six Weeks
- April 16, 19, 20 — Easter Holidays
- April 21 — Teacher Employment Day
- May 5 — End of 8th School Month
- June 2 — End of 9th School Month — Last day of school for students — End of 6th Six Weeks
- June 3 — Teacher Employment Day
- June 4 — Teacher Employment Day — 1/2 day — Vacation — 1/2 day
- June 7-11 — Teacher Annual Vacation Leave Days

Bicycle Dress Up

As part of the upcoming 4th of July Parade in Hertford, all the young folks have an opportunity to win a prize for the "Best Dressed Bike." The rules are simple: decorate a bike with a patriotic scheme letting your imagination be your guide, and then enter the parade on the 4th.

American Legion Post 126 will be responsible for the judging of the "Best Dressed Bike."

Ingenuity and imagination, with some crepe paper, flags, or what-have-you are the order of the day.

There might even be a prize awarded to the "not-so-young-folks" for their entering a "Best Dressed Bike." One word of warning though, they must not only enter the parade, but also finish.

Legion To Install Officers

American Legion Post 126, Hertford, and Edenton's Post 40 will conduct a joint installation of newly elected officers on the 7th of June. The idea of the joint installation was suggested at the last District meeting and eagerly accepted by the Hertford attendees.

Steve Carter, Department Vice Commander, Division III Commander, and unopposed nominee for the new North Carolina State Commander will be the installing official.

The evening's program which starts at 8 p.m. includes not only the installation, but recognition of deserving Legionnaires as well...not to mention a steak supper, followed by a dance.

All Post 126 Legionnaires are cordially invited to attend, and should stand up and be counted at the next regular meeting on June 5.

Budget Hearing Planned

A tentative budget of \$1,995,000 has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners with a tentative tax rate of \$1.10 which represents a 10 cents increase due mainly to increases in social services, and operation costs. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held Monday, June 16 at 8 p.m. in the courthouse.

Tony Copeland Chosen As An ECU Delegate

East Carolina University's N.C. Student Legislature delegation will be represented on the NCSL statewide slate of officers for the academic year 1975-76.

At the recent NCSL Inter-Council meeting at UNC-Greensboro, four members of the ECU delegation were elected to office.

Debbie Rutledge of Raleigh was elected NCSL Attorney General, Frank Saubers of Virginia Beach, Va. was chosen chairman of the NCSL East-Finance Committee, Don Rains of Princeton was elected co-chairman of the NCSL Student Rights Committee and member of the NCSL Liaison Committee, and David Cartwright of Ahoskie was elected NCSL Polling Committee Chairman.

The ECU delegation will attend a summer workshop for delegations from the 40 participating N.C. colleges and universities at UNC-Wilmington August 1-3.

Chairman of the ECU delegation is Steve Nobles of Aurora. Other delegates are Kathy Drake of Asheville, delegation secretary, Larry Price of Rural Hall, Jennifer Lynn Gibbs of Washington, Richard Cole of Havelock, Lynn Mitchell of Alexandria, Va., Ricky Price of Benson, Lynn Bailey and Diane Brady of Vienna, Va., Ray Tyler of Winston-Salem and Tony Copeland of Hertford.

ECU's delegation was successful in having two

bills passed by the annual NCSL Mock General Assembly in Raleigh March 19-23. They were a bill for the benefit of senior citizens

and a bill to decriminalize such victimless crimes as marijuana use, gambling, prostitution and public drunkenness.



RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S CUP — Margie Rogerson was recipient of College of The Albemarle's annual President's Service Cup award. The institution's most prestigious award was presented recently by Dr. S. Bruce Petteway. The honor is awarded to the graduate who has contributed most in services to the college during his two years of attendance. Selection of this student is made through a vote of the faculty and administrative staff. Miss Rogerson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Rogerson of Rt. 3, Hertford. (COA photo)