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Summer Reading Program Begins

During the months of June, July and August, the Perquimans County library will sponsor a reading program for children in grades three through nine. Each child who participates in the summer reading program will be eligible for a certificate of recognition if he or she reads one book in each of the following groups:

1. A book about a foreign country (fiction or non-fiction).
2. A book about a famous person (biography).
3. A book about a person of a different race or color.
4. A book about a period or event in history.
5. A book about science, stars, sea, earth, etc.
6. A sports book or one about fairy tales, legends, etc.
7. A book about animals, birds or fish.
- 8, 9. and 10. A book of the reader's own choice.

Each child must keep a list of the books read for credit showing the title, author and brief notes about the book.

Children usually need very little encouragement to do summer reading, but the librarians hope this program will serve as a guide to more profitable summer reading. Books may be obtained from the main library or the bookmobile, but only one book in each category may be taken out by one person at one time.

The librarians will also conduct a story hour for small children in the library each Tuesday and Saturday morning beginning at 10 a.m.

During the summer months the main library will be closed on Saturday afternoons, but will be open until 5 p.m. on other days. The King Street library will be open Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.



LOCAL ATTENDANCE — Some of the local residents attending the law and order meeting are shown with Edmisten above. Front row (l. to r.) Edmisten, chairman of the county commissioners Lester Simpson, and Hertford Police Chief Ben Gibbs. Second row (l. to r.) Commissioner Tuck Webb, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, Commissioner R.S. Monds and Town Commissioner John Beers. (Newbern photos)



GUEST SPEAKER — Attorney General Rufus Edmisten (left) talks with Representative Vernon James (center) and R.L. Spivey (right) of Hertford during the spring meeting of the Albemarle Law and Order Association of which Spivey is president.

Beef Week Proclaimed

Beef Week in North Carolina starts with Father's Day.

Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. has proclaimed June 15-21, 1975, as Beef Week for North Carolina and commends this observance to the citizens.

The Governor stated that the beef industry is one of the most important segments of the economy of North Carolina and it is important that the people of North Carolina recognize the importance of beef in the everyday life of our citizens.

Beef is one of the most nutritious foods, rich in protein and other health-building factors, scientifically proven beneficial to people of all ages and, "the week of June 15-21 is an appropriate time to honor the beef industry and its contribution to the strength and welfare of our great State and Nation," he said.

Governor Holshouser, in his Beef Week proclamation recognized the members of the N.C. Cattlemen's Association and the N.C. CowBelle Association.

The N.C. CowBelles, auxiliary of the N.C. Cattlemen's Association, promote the use of Beef for Father's Day to honor dad on his special day.

State Fair To Honor Century Farm Families

Officials of the North Carolina State Fair are seeking farm families who have owned their land for 100 years or longer.

These families qualify for inclusion in the Century Farm Family Program, held each five years in a salute to agriculture. In the fall of 1975, it will be time once again to honor these families at the State Fair.

In 1970, the fair's first endeavor with the program, some 400 such families were located.

This year on September 20, Century Farm Families will be honored at a luncheon and receive certificates from the governor and the commissioner of agriculture. They will also be guests of the fair during the week of October 17-25, the fair's 180th year.

The recognition day for Century Farm Families in 1970 included free admission to the fair, a luncheon, greetings from the manager of the State Fair, a few remarks from James A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture and Pat Taylor, N.C. Lt. Governor, entertainment and tickets to the night performance in Dorton Arena.

According to records in 1970, six families from Perquimans County were eligible for inclusion in the Century Farm Families recognition. They were: Henry Thomas Brown Jr., Mrs. Sallie S. Halsey Mrs. Melinda Gooding Hunter, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Jethro, Samuel N. and Levent Winslow Riddick and Mrs. Kate Lawrence Walters.

It is expected that other Century Farm Families reside in Perquimans County and would be eligible to be honored at the 1975 State Fair. Management of the fair welcomes new participants. Interested families who are eligible and those previously listed who have not been contacted should Bob Willis in care of Farm Families, P.O. Box 33007, Raleigh, N.C. 27606.

The Deadline for inclusion in the program is July 1.

Requirements are that deeds to farms must be passed down through sons or daughters for 100 years or more as of October 1, 1975. Officials will accept abstracts of titles, land patents, original deeds, county land records or other authentic proof of ownership.

Edmisten Speaks At Law And Order Meeting

"The greatest problem that we have in America and North Carolina today is the lack of speedy trials. The most important thing that we have to do is speed up the trial process."

These words were spoken Friday night by Attorney General Rufus Edmisten at the spring dinner meeting of the Albemarle Law and Order Association held in Nags Head, N.C.

In his brief remarks to the group, Edmisten also advocated raising the

minimum salary for law enforcement officers from \$6,000 a year to \$7,500. He explained that a bill to this effect is up before the legislature and encouraged concerned citizens to request its passage. He also attacked the state Law and Order Committee saying that far too much "bureaucratic red tape" existed and that since the establishment of the committee, it has been prone to ignore the local law enforcement officer.

In closing, Edmisten said, "I support a measure to make it absolutely certain that local law enforcement and the local governmental level have an equal voice on the law enforcement committee."

During a brief business session, the association elected new officers. Serving as president once again will be R.L. Spivey of Hertford. Chief of Elizabeth City Police W.C. Owens will be the first vice-president.

Second vice-president will be Troy Toppin. Sheriff of Chowan County. Service as secretary with be Troy Toppin, Sheriff of Chowan County. Service as secretary with be Dare County Sheriff Frank Cahoon and Camden Sheriff John Walston will be the association's treasurer.

A few of the special guests at the Albemarle Law and Order Association meeting included legislators Walter B. Jones, Vernon James and Stanford White.

Junk Car Clean-Up

WANTED: Junk cars in the Town of Hertford.

It may seem unusual but junk cars in the Town of Hertford are on a wanted list. They are wanted by the town's newly appointed beautification committee.

The removal of the junk cars is the first in a series of efforts to be undertaken by the permanent committee in order to clean up and beautify Hertford.

Appointed by the Town Board, the member committee will for the next two years be drawing up beautification plans and sponsoring clean ups in the town.

The first step, removing the junk cars, is an effort to start the clean up in time for the July 4th celebration, a kick-off for the Bicentennial activities in the town and county. Owners of junk cars are required to sign a release form and then their cars will be towed away free of charge. The forms and further information may be obtained from Mayor Bill Cox's office in the Municipal Building in Hertford phone 426-7805. Residents of the town are also encouraged to clean up vacant lots they own as well as other properties in time for the Fourth of July which will see many visitors coming into the town.

The finance for projects to be sponsored by the Town Beautification Committee are coming from town funds as they become available. The first step in the permanent beautification campaign will be to clean up what already exists in the town, such as the junk car removals. This will hopefully later be followed by adding to the beauty of the town with such things as shrubbery and trees.

Members of the committee are: Thelma Appleton, Joan Chappell, David Cox, Billy Griffin, Lib Harris, John London, Laura Lowe, Kathy Newbern, J.P. Perry, Minnie B. Taylor, Louise Ward, Ray Ward, J.H. Webb, Jean Winslow, Hulda Wood and Anne Young.

Land Use Planner Comes To County

By KATHY NEWBERN

Curt Robbins, an Alabama native, will be working with officials in Perquimans County and Hertford as the new land use planner. His office will be located in the County Office Building where he may be reached on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Working with the local advisory committee and land use planning board, Robbins will be drawing up land use plans for the town and county acceptable to the Coastal Resources Commission as outlined in the Coastal Area Management Act.

Robbins said, "I've never met so many friendly people in such a short time. I am sincerely looking forward to working with the people in Perquimans County." He got that chance when he met with city and county officials last Tuesday night to review the land use questionnaires recently returned by citizens in the county.

Of the 3,250 questionnaires

sent out, approximately 25 per cent of them were returned which officials said was fairly good for this type of survey. Included in the final results were the opinions of seniors at Perquimans High School who were also questioned.

The questionnaires revealed that 54 per cent of those answering received their information about activities in the county through newspapers. This was followed by word of mouth at 35 per cent.

Concerning the growth of the county, 43 per cent felt there should be a small population increase while 35 per cent felt the next decade should see a substantial increase. An overwhelming 75 per cent would like to see more tourists come to Perquimans County. The same percentage also felt

that the county had inadequate shopping facilities.

Of those answering the questionnaire, 63 per cent felt that residents of the county have an adequate opportunity to participate in local government and community affairs.

Concerning industry, 80 per cent felt that more industry is needed to supplement the existing agricultural base and 72 per cent felt the county should attract the more industry. About 56 per cent agreed that county should remain rural and agriculturally oriented while 28 per cent disagreed and some were neutral.

Sixty per cent answering felt there should be limited control of shoreline development while 16 per cent disagreed with 24 per cent neutral.



NEW FIRETRUCK — Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jimmy Chappell proudly displays the new fire truck purchased recently with a \$27,000 loan from the Farmer's Home Administration. (Newbern Photo)

Loan Received For New Truck

When the fire whistle blows, members of the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department will be rolling in a red, shiny, new fire truck thanks to a \$27,000 loan from the Farmer's Home Administration.

Although the truck was received about three months ago, the loan was received Monday. Members of the department were quick to point out that the '75 Ford John Bean pumper truck was purchased at a real bargain. The truck that was ordered about a year ago would now cost close to \$32,000.

With the addition of their newest truck, the department now has a total of two tankers and two pumpers.

The department has 15 years to pay back the 5 per cent interest loan at a rate of \$1,000 per year, including

principle and interest. This will be done with the help of the community through the yearly pledge drive, suppers and other various fund raising activities.

One such fund raising event will be held Saturday, June 14 when the department sponsors a miniature tractor pull at the fire station in Belvidere. The pull will begin at noon and more information can be obtained by calling the Chappell-Copeland Warehouse at 297-2338.

The fire department is also in the process of getting rated and with the addition of the newest truck, department members feel sure that they now have the necessary equipment to qualify. If successful, this rating will mean a drop in insurance rates for residents living within a certain distance of the fire station.

Swimming Lessons

Perquimans County Extension Homemakers and 4-H Clubs will sponsor American Red Cross Summer Swimming Classes for beginners, advanced beginners, and intermediates, starting June 9. Thomas Gregory, certified Water Safety Instructor, will teach the

classes each day at the river home and water front of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford "Pete" Perry, Route 3, Hertford, N.C.

The five sessions will run for a two weeks period as follows: June 9-20; June 23-July 4; July 7-18; July 21-Aug. 1; Aug. 4-Aug. 15.

There is a limit to the number in each class and special rules and regulations. Instructions are on the application which must be signed by the parent or guardian when the \$10 registration fee is paid at the Extension Office, according to Mrs. Paige Underwood, Home Economics Extension Agent.

Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. If interested, please call immediately by calling 426-7807 or stopping by the County Office Building.

A Salute

We proudly salute the two top graduates of the senior class. Earl Lane, valedictorian and Carolyn Feltton, salutatorian. Earl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane Jr. of Rt. 1, Hertford. Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Henry Feltton of Rt. 1, Hertford. Our congratulations to the entire graduating class of Perquimans High School.



CURT ROBBINS

News Briefs

BOARD TO MEET
The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet June 16 at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Hertford.

COOK OUT
Perquimans Lodge No. 106 AF & AM will have a steak cook out at Jim Bass' cottage at White Hat at 7 p.m. Friday, June 13.



CANCER SOCIETY TRIBUTE — Mrs. Birch E. Bay Jr. of Edenton and John T. Biggers of Hertford recently attended a luncheon meeting in Raleigh where Mrs. Bay paid tribute to North Carolina's American Cancer Society volunteers representing the Breast Project, Reach to Recovery and the Uterine Task Force. Biggers is also on the division board.