



AT REUNION — Some of those attending the Class of '26 reunion were: (i. to r.) Martha Jane E. Pollard, class president; W. J. Taylor, high school principal; his wife; Bertha Lane, student; and Hanna Fleetwood Holmes, one of the class teachers.

ARRIVAL — Some of the 1926 graduates of Perquimans High School arrive for the class reunion 50 years after their graduation.



Class Of '26 Holds Reunion

The first graduating class of Perquimans County High School held its fiftieth reunion on July 28 at Boswell's Restaurant in Edenton at 6:30 p.m. for a social hour and dinner.

The Class of 1926 president, Martha Jane Elliott Pollard presided, welcoming the class members, their husbands or wives, the 1926 high school principal and teachers and the present chairman of the school board.

The class secretary, Charlotte Nixon Umphlett, called the roll. Out of 39 graduates, 26 answered "here." Seven members were unable to attend and six are deceased.

Those present were Emma Booth Barclift Umphlett, Fred Chalk, Bertha Chappell Lane, Gladys Chappell Warren, Martha J. Elliott Pollard, Elizabeth Hollowell Lane, W. L. (Tody) Hoffer, Charles E. Johnson, Maggie Lane Umphlett, Ina Lane Stal-

lings, Mabel Layden Matthews, Nove-la Matthews White, Charlotte Nixon Umphlett, Mary Frances Shepard Flinn, Audrey Stallings Roach, Shelton Sutton, Margaret Towe Eason, Elizabeth (Shrimp) Tucker Sutton, Virginia L. Tucker, Dora White Roberson, Elwood White, Helen White Winslow, Wilbur (Dick) White, Delsie Whitehead Howell, Carrie Winslow Gregory, and Lena Winslow.

Those unable to attend were Mildred Hinton Montgomery, Ruth Hurdle Burden, Emily Leigh Tunno, Miriam Morgan Hughes, Virgie Parker Gilchrist, Carrie Smith Chappell, and Leroy Speight.

The centerpiece of white roses, the class flower, was given in memory of Heyward Butler, Mills Eure, Eddie Thomas Langston, Gertrude Sutton, Annabel White, and Fred Winslow by Bertha Chappell Lane and Helen White Winslow.

Mr. Walter J. Taylor, principal for the Class of '26 and his wife of Edenton were present as were Mrs. Hannah Mae Holmes of Hertford and Mrs. Eunice Perry Winfield of Washington, N.C., teachers; and Clifford Winslow, the present chairman of the school board, and his wife were also present.

Virginia Tucker, valedictorian of the class, read letters of regret from teachers and classmates and also the program for class night exercises to refresh memories of that occasion.

Fifty years brings up a lot of reminiscing as well as a lot of changes. They were lean, plump, white-haired, bald, gray, slightly wrinkled, but all in all we thought we were beautiful and handsome.

Submitted by: Charlotte Nixon Umphlett, secretary
Martha J. Elliott Pollard, president

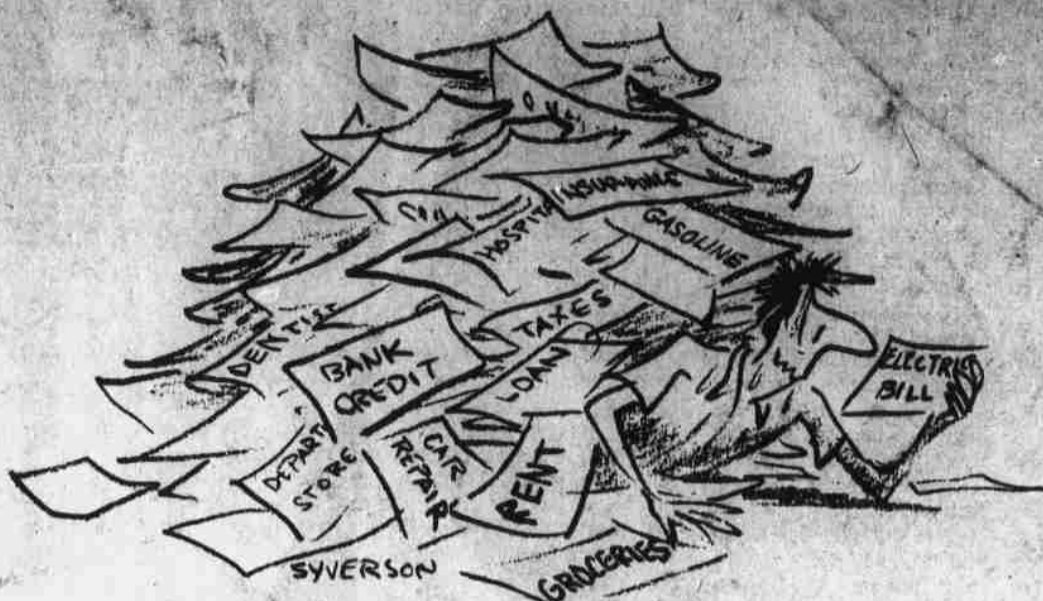
Mrs. Edgar Lane and Edgar Lee Lane spent last week at Nags Head. Miss Theima Elliott was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Godwin, Jr. in

Williamston on Tuesday of last week. Talmadge Stallings has returned home after being a patient in the Chowan Hospital.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Will Green and family of Laurel Bay, S. C. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Nixon. Mrs. J. T. Biggers and

Miss Theima Elliott will be guests of Mrs. T. P. Brinn at her cottage at Nags Head today. Mr. and Mrs. Webb Gould and family of Virginia

Beach, Va. were guests of C. L. Dail on Sunday. Miss Ann Winslow and Miss Mary Bryant left this week to enter Peace College in Raleigh.



The cost of living and your electric bill.

Since 1940, the cost of living has increased a whopping 284%. Everything—food, gas, rent, clothes, you name it—has gone up in price. And electricity has been no exception.

But a close look at the unit price of electricity shows it has actually increased very little over the years. From 1954 to 1970, Vepco reduced its rates several times. Today, the average residential cost per kilowatt-hour is 3.88 cents—5% more than 1940.

Why then are electric bills higher than they were in 1940?

Consumption and fuel costs soar.

The biggest single factor is the tremendous amounts of electricity households, business and industry consume these days compared to a generation ago. The average Vepco family is using about 9 times as much electricity as it was 35 years ago.

The second major reason for rising electric bills has been inflation, especially the higher cost of fuel used to generate electricity. The days of cheap energy disappeared with the oil embargo in 1973. Over 70% of the increase in the price of your electricity since 1970 is due to the increase in fuel costs.

Electric service must be weighed against other commodities in both value and cost. Prices for groceries, medical services, gasoline and many other commodities have risen sharply in the Seventies, as has the price of electricity. The question is whether the value of the commodity or service has increased during that time.

Still a lot of value for your electric dollar.

Today, a typical North Carolina family might consume about 750 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month. Their August bill would be about \$32.66.

When you consider the many uses of electricity—lights, refrigerator, TV, radio, washer, toaster, and so on—all for about a dollar a day, it's a hard bargain to beat.

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Keeping a good thing going.

The biggest challenge facing electric utilities today is to find the most economical way of providing the huge amounts of power needed for the future.

Right now, Vepco is working toward developing a balanced use of domestic energy sources that will reduce our dependence on expensive foreign fuels.

Nuclear power stations will produce half of Vepco's energy when our first two North Anna nuclear units go into operation, making use of the most economical fuel source presently available. Coal is being used wherever it is more economical than oil. And plans for pumped storage hydroelectric generation are also being developed.

Energy is our livelihood.

America must have dependable, economical energy in order to grow.

To provide this energy, Vepco supports a strong national policy of energy independence, built on environmentally sound use of domestic fuel resources and wise use of electricity we generate. In this way, America can extend its high standard of living to all our citizens, and help insure adequate energy supplies for future generations.

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Arts & Crafts Fair Held

Holiday Island held its annual Arts and Craft Fair Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Club House. Several booths were rented by persons displaying arts and crafts. One of much interest was that of sculpturing which was demonstrated in dough (bread) and woodcarving by Barbara Frierson. Other booth displays were afghans by Marie Evans; Sewing by Helen Allen; Flower arrangements and ceramics by Pat Worthington; Gem stones jewelry by Ted Weeks; and other items were shown.

Fried chicken snacks were served by Anna Rodgers, Lelia Weatherford, Grace Trinca and Sue Conway. Chefs for the occasion were Cecil Tims, Floyd Frierson and Phil Phillips.

Games and contests were handled by Howard

Weatherford. The free suds was ably dispensed by Joe Segar, who was assisted by Don George.

The Teens bake sale was under the direction of Sandy Berry.

The event was climaxed by a dance in the Club House during the evening with

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Democrats and Republicans have helped the birth and growth of this council. The council is for all people, both men and women."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the local council or the progress being made in Region R can contact the Regional office at 426-7466. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The office is closed daily from noon until 1 p.m.

In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Price of Crisfield, Md. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward on Tuesday.

Bobby and Johnny White of Newport News, Va. spent

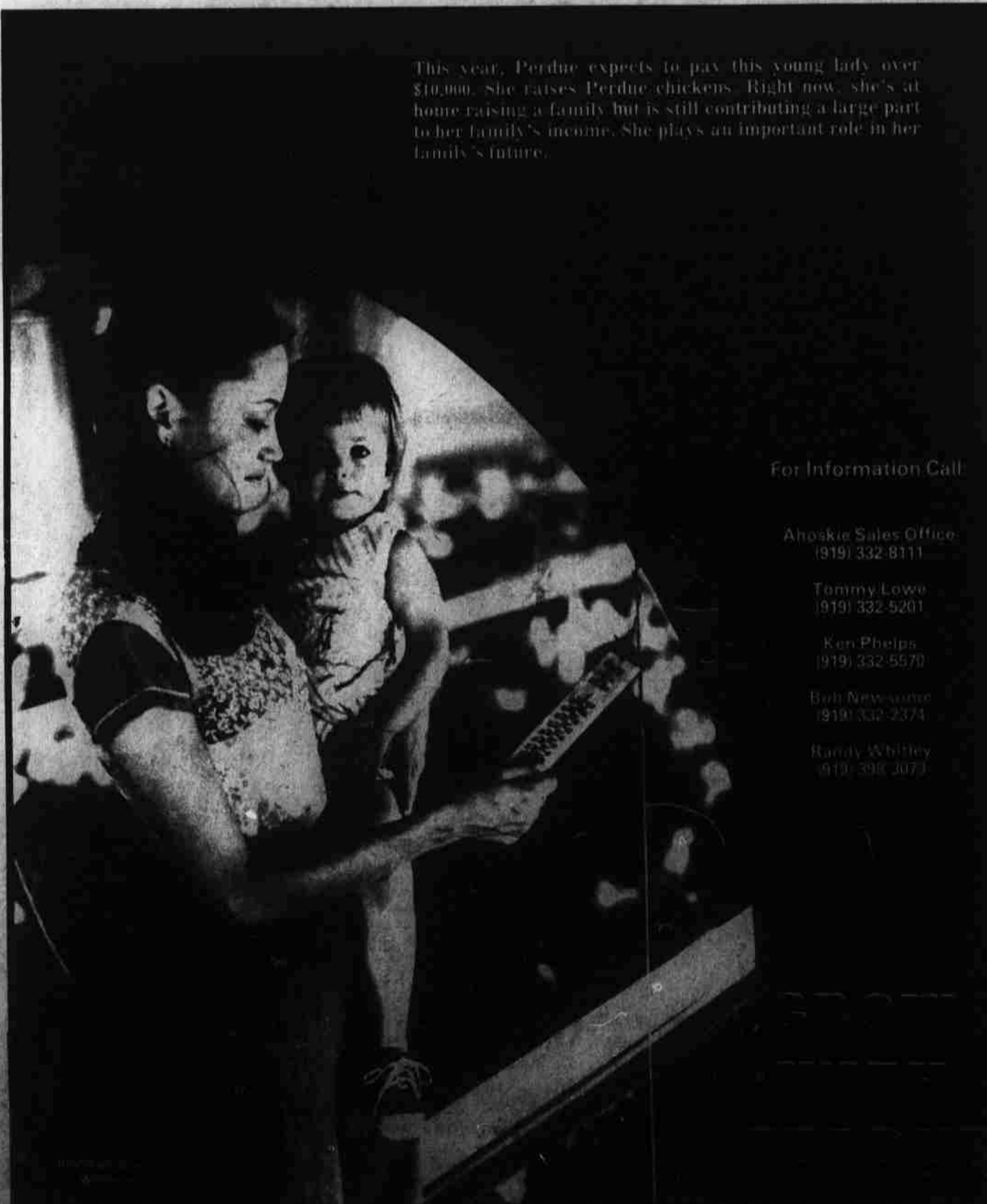
several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bass.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Broughton, Jr. and family of Indiana, Pa. spent several days this week with Mrs. Broughton, Sr.

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Gun Safety Program

The Perquimans County Jaycees will be sponsoring a Gun Safety Program to be conducted at their Sept. 9 meeting. The program will begin at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Albemarle EMC Building on U.S. 17, north of Hertford.

Program leader will be Joe Tunnell. All area residents interested in participating in the Gun Safety Program are urged to attend. There will be no charge for the program.