

# Bits of Interest For Our Readers

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Susan Lawrence, former Miss North Carolina and first runnerup in the Miss America Pageant, will be serving as Honorary State Chairman for the 1976 Christmas Seal Campaign according to Mrs. Carl Brinkley, President of the North Carolina Lung Association.

In making the announcement Mrs. Brinkley stated, "Lung diseases constitute one of the nation's greatest threats. Forty-seven million Americans, children and adults, suffer from one or more chronic respiratory diseases. Susan Lawrence's leadership will help us a great deal in the fight against emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, tuberculosis, and other lung cripples," said Mrs. Brinkley. "As State Christmas Seal Chairman, she will be an effective ambassador for lung associations throughout the state." (Letters bearing Christmas Seals are now being delivered to the homes of North Carolinians.)

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The next meeting of the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission will be held Nov. 4-5, at the Ramada Inn in New Bern, N.C. The public is invited to attend all meeting sessions. Areas of Environmental Concern will be one of the main topics discussed. For further details contact Kenneth D. Stewart, CRC Executive Sec., P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 (919 829-2293).

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North Carolina's Citizen Band Radio Operators desiring a 1977 automobile license plate with their call letters have until Nov. 1, to make application (MVR-38) for the special plate. According to the Registration Section of the Division of Motor Vehicles, license plates may be obtained for passenger vehicles and private trucks. Only one plate per vehicle will be issued and the vehicle must be registered in the persons name to whom the call letters were assigned by the F.C.C.

Forms applying for the special plates may be obtained by contacting the Special License Plate Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, N.C. \$10.00 fee must accompany the application form when it is returned to the Division for processing.

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The Sept. 1976 Report of Local 1 percent Sales and Use Tax Collections, Dept. of Revenue, State of North Carolina, report that the County of Perquimans collected \$10,014.39 in taxes.

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Wash. D.C. reports that 105 death certificates involving flammable liquids are on file in the National Injury Information Clearinghouse for 1975. Although the death certificate reporting system is not statistically complete and specific products are not always included on the certificates, some useful information can be extracted. Slightly less than one-half of the death certificates associated with these pro-

ducts involved victims between 25 and 64 years of age, and almost three out of four were men; the majority of the deaths resulted from burns, although ingestion and aspiration of flammable liquids and asphyxiation from vapors were also reported.

Approximately 46,000 injuries associated with flammable liquids were treated in hospital emergency rooms in 1975. Males outnumber females in flammable liquid injuries by almost 3 to 1. Portable gasoline cooking stoves and portable gas heating stoves each were cited in seven death certificates. Adults were the sole victims in deaths associated with cooking equipment; four males and three females were involved. Carbon monoxide poisoning resulted in four deaths; burn fatalities resulted from two explosions and one clothing ignition.

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The largest diamond found in the eastern United States, the 3 1/2-carat "Punch Jones," was found by Grover and William Jones while pitching horseshoes in their front yard in Peterstown, West Virginia. Picked up in April 1928, the rough gem was kept around the house for 15 years before anyone realized it was actually a diamond. (Reported in National Geographic Society News Feature.)

### REFRESHER COURSE BEING TAUGHT

A refresher course for the recertification of Emergency Medical Training (EMT) personnel is being taught in Hertford on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-10 p.m. The Continuing Education Department at College of the Albemarle is sponsoring the 20-hour review.

Class instructor is Marsha Massey and classes are continuing through Nov. 16 at the Perquimans County Rescue Squad Building. Class meetings began on Oct. 26.



DEMONSTRATION — At a recent meeting of the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers Council, Mrs. Susan Bridges presented a demonstration of new appliances and equipment with new recipes. Mrs. Bridges is a Home Economist from the Oster Company in Charlotte, N.C.

## Home Economist Featured At Homemakers Meeting

Mrs. Susan Bridges, Home Economist from the Oster Company, Charlotte, N.C. was featured at the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers Council Fall Meeting. Her program consisted of New Appliances and Equipment, with emphasis on "Holiday Foods." She showed the members of the Council how to make and use the following recipes: Mayonnaise, Impossible Coconut Pie, Holiday Dessert, Dip for Raw Vegetables, Mock Ham Dip, Basic Crepe Batter, and

Pananas Foster, Show, Tell, and a tasting period followed the demonstration.

During the Council meeting, the following officers were installed for 1977. President, Mrs. Donald Madre; First Vice President, Mrs. Millard Hurdle; Second Vice President, Mrs. Joseph Ayscue; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy U. Wills; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Reuben Knoph; Treasurer, Mrs. Bobby Eure; and Advisor, Mrs. William Modlin. The Program of Work

Chairmen are as follows: Citizenship, Mrs. Ed Nixon; Cultural Arts, Mrs. Martin Curran; Education, Mrs. Emma Burke; Family Life and Youth, Mrs. G. Thomas Eure; Health, Mrs. Clarence Felton; Home Economics, Mrs. Ray Godfrey; International, Mrs. Ray Schofield; Public Information, Mrs. Mary Spence; and Safety, Mrs. Levi Brothers.

The Committee for the Christmas Parade plans was appointed by Mrs. William Modlin. The committee will consist of Mrs. T.T. Harrell, Mrs. Hattie Williamston, and Mrs. Martin Curran. The Executive board members were asked to assist with the plans.

Mrs. M.B. Taylor and Mrs. Paige Underwood, Home Economics Extension Agent, joined Mrs. William Modlin in expressing thanks to the Council members for the excellent support this year.

## Arrives for Duty

FRANKFURT, GERMANY — Air Force Sergeant Willie W. Chappell, son of retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant and Mrs. Wilmer B. Chappell of Rt. 1, Belvidere, has arrived for duty at Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

Sergeant Chappell, an inventory management

specialist with a unit of the Military Airlift Command, previously served at Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

He is a 1971 graduate of Perquimans High School in Hertford. The sergeant's wife, Patricia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rowell of 212 Madison St., Roanoke Rapids.

## Friendship Club Meets

The Senior Citizen Friendship Club met Oct. 12 at the Economic Improvement Council Building in Hertford with Mrs. R.B. Gibbs presiding. Devotions were led by Mrs. Drumgold, followed by a reading by the president, "Move Not the Land Mark."

Mrs. Chester Small of Plymouth, N.C. was the main speaker of the day. Information was given on Medicare, Media Aid, Swine Flu shots, transportation, work shop, etc. A questions and answer period followed.

Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economic Agent, was on hand with many ideas for making gifts with spices.

Mrs. Dixon spoke on election of officers and the Christmas party.

The president reminded all of the trip to Raleigh, N.C. on Oct. 20th for "Senior Citizens Day" at the State Fair.

Birthday gifts were received by Mrs. Viola Lloyd, Mrs. Geraldine Lowe, Mrs. Marie Bryant and Mrs. Nannie White.

The meeting closed by repeating of the Misphazs. Refreshments and social hour followed.

## GED Centers Are Approved

RALEIGH — As of this week all 57 technical institutes and community colleges have been designated as General Educational Development (GED) centers.

The approval of the 56th and 57th schools to offer the GED program came Oct. 7 by action of the State Board of Education.

The two schools approved to offer the program this week were Caldwell Community College and Rockingham Community College.

In 1973, 6,500 GED certificates were issued compared with 13,700 in 1975.

Locally, the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City participates in the GED program.

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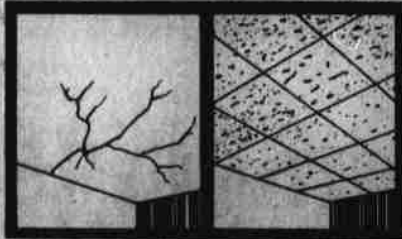


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