

# Attend Meeting

PORTLAND, OREGON — Fifty-seven members of the North Carolina Association of Extension Home Economists attended the National Association of Extension Home Economists meeting at Portland. The following Perquimans County Home Economists in attendance were, Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Mrs. Paige L. Underwood and Mrs. Ila Gray White. The agents were glad to have Mr. Billy White, husband of Mrs. Ila White, and children, Andy and Alice to attend.

Among major speakers at the meeting were Dr. Thomas R. Bennett II, president of Media Productions; Dr. Norge W. Jerome, University of Kansas Medical Center; Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, extension economist, public affairs, Kansas State University; and Edwin L. Kirby, administrator, Extension Service, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Bennett explained that the United States is the first fully urbanized nation in the world and now is a post technological society with services and services to services. He also pointed out that people are life-long learners and students.

Dr. Jerome said social forces are affecting diets and diets are individualized. Dr. Flinchbaugh believes Americans are going to have to opt for competition or a government controlled economy. He said people and leaders must exhibit morality, justice, and a keen sense of economics.

Kirby, in presenting professional challenges, asked how many women had opportunities in Extension for administrative positions, how many were qualified, and how many accepted administrative positions when they are offered.

"Insight, Action, Impact," was the theme for the nearly 1500 persons in attendance. The perquimans County agents toured many Educational sights while in the area. The Bonville Dam, the Crown Point, Mt. Hood, the Carnation Co., Krass Garden, and the Space Needle in Seattle, Wash. were on the tour.

# Book Week

"Bookmagic" — the magical wonders found in books — is the theme for Children's Book Week next week.

The 57th annual Children's Book Week, Nov. 8-14, will be observed throughout North Carolina and the nation, to highlight the numbers of good books available for children. During this week, in libraries, classrooms, bookstores, and wherever books are evident, bright-eyed youngsters will enjoy stories and films, displays, posters, mobiles, flyers, bookmarks — all inviting children to experience the magic of books. Parties, special exhibits and visitation will mark the week's activities.

A sampling of programs planned at several North Carolina public libraries reveals a variety of enticements for young and older alike.

Cumberland County Library's children's librarian Gail Terwilliger and their several branches have come up with unique plans for the "Bookmagic" theme. At Gillespie Street Branch, a book fair will highlight books of all kinds, with a special emphasis on magic. On Wed., Nov. 10, a magician will arrive to delight the youngsters with his "impossible" feats.

Books from the "write-a-book workshop" will be the main attraction of Children's Book Week at Cumberland's Bordeaux Branch. Young people in grades six through eight have been writing books throughout the fall, to be proudly displayed during Children's Book Week.

Another kind of workshop, the "storytelling workshop," will take the place of honor at Cumberland's Frances Brock Branch (main) branch during the observance. Programmers from throughout the county will bring stories told by fifth through eighth graders —



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HOOTS

CONTINUED STORY — Last week I used the words "unsung heroes" to refer to bookmobile drivers but that is no longer strictly true. Our own Pearl Furlough, bookmobile extraordinaire for the Pettigrew Regional Library, was the subject of a full-page illustrated story by Dot Jackson in the Charlotte Observer.

In my usual quiet way — I'm always bragging about my staff — I happened to mention to Ariel Stephens, director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library, that we had the best bookmobile librarian in the state. So, when Dot Jackson, a feature writer for their local paper, asked him for suggestions on a story about bookmobiles he recommended that she make a trip to the Albemarle Sound to meet Pearl. The result was an exciting day a couple of months ago for Pearl, who acquired two new friends (Dot Jackson and the photographer John Daughtry) and finally, a very flattering portrayal of our mobile service.

Entitled "A Front Porch on Wheels," the story emphasizes the friendliness which is so much a part of good library service. The sub-head for the article describes it this way: "The mobile library serving the farm towns on Albemarle Sound brings books, neighbors' news and a chance to get together with folks."

I envy Dot Jackson her way with words — she makes it sound positively poetic. Her story begins with "Through the cornfields of eastern North Carolina, across wide rivers and dark, slow-moving streams, between the country stores and fisheries and farmyards, a blue and sometimes balky shuttle carries a social thread that binds three counties." (Note: this was written before the merger of Perquimans County with Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington to make this a four-county system.)

One of the nicest things Dot said had to do with Pearl's attitude. "She learned librarying on the job and the course did not include frowning and shushing. Pearl is a smile."

The timing for the appearance of the article was fortuitous. It appeared on the very day that Pearl was in Burlington attending the very first Bookmobile Conference in the state.

### SCREECHES

GHOST STORY — The screeches heard in the libraries of the Pettigrew Region last week came from some very able puppeteers and a large number of entranced children. Mary Eileen Bieler, our coordinator of children's services, planned a hectic schedule for herself and her co-workers but thanks to everyone's cooperation, the special Halloween Puppet Show had a very successful run.

Although, 371 children heard the ghost story as performed by Evelyn Neptune and Vicki Chappell with Mary Eileen as understudy. There were eleven performances in all with an average audience of around 35 kids. Making the puppets and practicing the script are well worth the effort, according to Evelyn Neptune, when the children express their pleasure so vocally.

An added attraction in Edenton was the "Haunted House" prepared by Vicki Chappell in the partly-finished second story of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

# Wildlife Afield

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ELECTRIC FENCES  
SPARK UP A  
HUNT

Nothing will shatter your concentration quicker than an electric fence. This was rather abruptly brought to my attention again this past week when I leaned over to open a gate and happened to brush my ear on an innocent looking piece of wire. Of course, I should have noticed the small, white ceramic insulator on the post — and that's exactly what I told myself when my eyeballs stopped spinning.

participants in the storytelling workshop.

"The Lively Art of Picture Books" will be the theme for an adult program at Cumberland's main branch. A film and two college professors will explore books for children, and the speakers will discuss "how artists' personalities are reflected in their illustrations for children;" and "what makes a good picture book for children."

Ashe County Public Library plans a "Spreading the Word" contest for children during Children's Book Week. Mrs. Clarice Weaver, children's librarian, has prepared a box to receive children's registrations as they visit the library. On Nov. 12 a drawing will be held, with two winners, each receiving a handsome dictionary — thereby "spreading the word."

Asheville-Buncombe library system will offer a full array of activities for Children's Book Week observance. Debbie Robinson has planned a film festival as the highlight. South Branch is offering a storytelling evening for the whole family, featuring folk musicians playing Appalachian songs along with their stories. At storyteller will weave tales of magic from traditional Appalachian stories and fairy tales from all over the world.

And so on in libraries throughout the state — we'll have children exploring the magic in the world of books. The observance which began more than half a century ago continues to call attention to the importance of the reading of our children.

# Bits Of Interest For Our Readers

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A favorite trip for weekend travelers is the Historic Chesapeake Bay Circle Tour. Worked out by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, the drive-it-yourself tour can begin anywhere in the Bay area, at the nation's capital in Washington, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, the statehouse in Dover, Del., or the Debtor's Prison on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Almost every mile on the Tour has some historical attraction, monument or road marker. You can go clockwise or counter-clockwise. Using the Bridge-Tunnel to cross over and under the wide mouth of the Bay, you can cover 500 miles of interstate, state and country highways without retracing your route.

The Circle Tour is not all history though. The Chesapeake Bay area offers all kinds of recreational activities from modern theme parks, to challenging golf courses, fresh and salt water fishing, to hiking trails.

For a colorful map folder, Historic Chesapeake Bay Circle Tour, write: Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Dept. GQ, Cape Charles, Va. 23310. Available Free.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the importers involved, announced recently the recall of two brands of imported baby pacifiers that may pose a substantial product hazard. The pacifiers, imported from Spain and known as Chupetes in Spanish, were marketed under the names DOLAX and OLLA and sold for about 45 cents.

Consumers who suspect that they may have purchased one of these pacifiers should remove it immediately from the child's possession and return it to the place of purchase for a

refund. For further information, consumers may call the Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 800-638-2666.

The art of writing and publishing local history will be the subject of a day-long meeting of the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies this week. Members will gather for the first annual meeting of the newly-organized group on Friday, Nov. 5, for workshop sessions at the N.C. Medical Society Auditorium at 222 N. Person St., Raleigh. Sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Artifacts from the oldest continuous black fire department in the state are now on exhibit in the N.C. Museum of History. Parts of the equipment from the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department, which was chartered in 1874 (organized in 1868), will be put on display in the Museum's first floor galleries as of Nov. 1.

Parts of the refurbished horse-drawn wagon, as well as several ladders and pike poles in the exhibit were built in the 1890s by James Ranson and Sons, a Warrenton carriage maker and member of the fire company. The exhibit also includes photos of old fire fighting equipment and diagrams of how early American equipment was used. A large photo of the first chief, John Plummer, along with a fireman's hat add interest to the exhibit.

RECALL OF BICYCLE CHILD CARRIERS: Hamill Manufacturing Co., Washington, Mich., and the Huffman Manufacturing Co., Dayton, Ohio, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, warns consumers that 25,000 bicycle child carriers may separate from the bicycle if not carefully installed. The carriers were sold nationally

under the trade name "Tote Along" during the summer of 1976.

Persons who have these carriers should carefully inspect both the latching mechanism which locks the detachable child seat to the carrier and the metal clamp which attaches the front of the carrier to the bicycle frame. Before placing a child in the carrier, check to see that the seat and clamp are secure.

In the interest of child safety, the companies are recalling the "Tote Along" carrier and are offering a refund to consumers who send them the seat clamp. For instructions on how to receive a refund, consumers should write The Hamill Manufacturing Co., Consumer Relations Dept., P.O. Box 255, Washington, Michigan 48094, or call Hamill collect at the following number: 216-379-7792.

"America: A Musical Portrait," a world premiere program featuring the music of this nation's greatest composers, will be presented at 8:15 p.m. on Nov. 20 in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium by the North Carolina Symphony. Maestro John Gosling will be on the podium for this special event which unites 77 musicians, 100 choristers, a barbershop quartet, 10 projectors, and more than 6000 slides as well as selected movie footage.

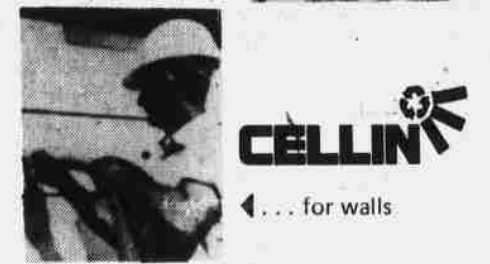
All proceeds from the concert go to the Sustaining Fund to support the state wide artistic and educational programs of the North Carolina Symphony. World premiere patron tickets are \$15 (\$10 tax deductible) and include an invitation to a post-concert reception. Reserved seats are \$10 (\$5 tax deductible) and general admission tickets are \$5. Write P.O. Box 28026, Raleigh 27611 (919) 829-2750 for reservations.

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