



PAINTING — Mrs. Rebecca C. Spivey, Belvidere resident, takes time to paint out-of-doors, one of her favorite areas. Her senior art exhibit went up June 20 at ECSU with another exhibition going up July 18 at Peoples Bank & Trust Company, downtown Hertford. (ECSU photo by Francine Sawyer)

For Rebecca Spivey:

Housekeeping & Art Go Hand-In-Hand

By FRANCINE SAWYER
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Rebecca C. Spivey, wife of a Quaker minister and mother of two young children, is also an artist and her senior art exhibit went up June 20 at the Walter N. Ridley University Center on Elizabeth City State University's campus. It has been a task indeed for her to gain her art degree. Starting as a young girl with food color to paint scenes in her own Asheboro, N.C. backyard to selling a new portable TV after marriage to pay for a home-study course, rewards of fortitude are coming forth. The earliest recollection Mrs. Spivey has of her interest in art was at age 14. "I remember very vividly, on a Sunday afternoon sketching with pencil on a sheet of notebook paper, a peaceful scene of water, a willow tree and a church steeple. I painted it with food coloring which was probably the only medium at my disposal. I remember thinking how really good it was. I still have it," she recalled.

Art courses were not offered at Ramseur High School and the formal instruction was a learn-to-draw television program. Her parents gave her an off-shoot drawing kit that paralleled the television program for Christmas.

As a senior in high school, she joined the school newspaper staff as artist. A year after high school she married Kenneth. She became busy with working and housekeeping and had little time for art.

According to Mrs. Spivey, she had been married about a year when her husband convinced her to enroll in a sketching class at a local technical institute. This was followed by two painting courses, and the home study course, and everyone was happy. However, midway through the home study venture, the couple's first child arrived. "After that I could never seem to find time to get back to it," she said. In the meantime, her husband enrolled in college and the following eight years were filled with being a mother, a wife, a working woman, and housekeeper. No time for art.

After the birth of a second child in September of 1973 Mrs. Spivey decided to take an art course to "get out of the house." She took a course for only several hours a week from Mrs. Maxine Ferrell. The "old spark," as she terms it, returned and she entered a work in the Pasquotank Arts Council show and won a ribbon.

She took several more courses and with her husband's encouragement she entered Elizabeth City State University in the fall of 1974. She has been an honor student from the onset.

During her studies at ECSU, she and Wilbur Davis Jr., were co-sculptors of "The Hands of Liberty," a bronze sculptural monument carved under the guidance of Dr. Vincent J. deGregorio, chairman of the university's art department. The piece is placed on the Pasquotank County courthouse lawn and is also photographed on the cover of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company phone directory.

BPW Plans Year

The Hertford Business and Professional Women's (BPW) club held its regular meeting Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Roxanna Jackson. Miss Linda Grieve, program chairman, gave the program on a State Convention highlights. She brought out the fact that Mrs. Kathy Newbern, Club Young Careerist candidate, placed third in the state among strong competition.

Mrs. Bonnie White, president, presided during the business session. A new member, Mrs. Becky G. Perry, was welcomed to the club. Miss Hulda Wood, Scholarship chairman announced the Health Careers scholarship had been

Mrs. Spivey's first interest is painting and especially acrylics. Her second interest is sculpture. She is also fascinated with realism. Sometimes she paints on a larger than life scale. "So many people walk through life never seeing the beauties around them, a drop of dew, a leaf, a flower...by painting things larger than they actually are, I hope that I can awaken an appreciation in people."

Dr. deGregorio, who has observed Mrs. Spivey's development during a period of several years, has said of her work... "Love of sound drawing, which is a very demanding discipline, has caused her to become impatient with facile solutions, regardless of art media." He adds, "She gives her art a straightforward approach, reflective of her resolute attitude toward a work."

Mrs. Spivey has 15 pieces of work on display with 10 works for sale. The public is invited to view the exhibition.

Another exhibition goes up at Peoples Bank & Trust Company in downtown Hertford from July 18 through July 29. This display is also sponsored by the Department of Art at ECSU.

awarded to Miss Beth Winslow. The budget for the coming year was presented with the following approved: sponsor girl scouts, ice cream social July 4, Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, sponsor Metric System Class for County, present play, "Tom Thumb Wedding in Mother Goose Land" for children.

A social followed the closing of the meeting and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

FROM GRIFFON
Roland and Louise Smith from Griffon, N.C. are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lane at Nags Head.

Looking Backward

JUNE 1939
By VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

PERQUIMANS ONE OF 24 COUNTIES WITHOUT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: One of 24 counties in North Carolina which does not have a health unit, citizens of Perquimans County should investigate the services being rendered in counties and communities where there is a public health department...as well as looking into the cost. The present allocation of funds to health organizations from the various agencies figures out like this: local, 68.7 per cent; state, 7.4 per cent; federal, 18.5 per cent; other agencies, 5.4 per cent.

HERTFORD BUSINESS HOUSES WILL CLOSE ON JULY FOURTH: It is indicated that all principle stores and business houses in Hertford will be closed on the Fourth of July. No plans are laid for observance of the Fourth in Hertford, and the day will probably be spent visiting nearby beaches or on the river fishing.

CLAUDE WILLIAMS HAS FIRST COTTON BLOSSOM: Following an established custom, the year's free subscription to *The Perquimans Weekly* for the first cotton blossom of the season, has been awarded. Claude Williams brought the first blossom of the 1939 season to the office of *The Weekly Tuesday* afternoon. He found it that morning on his farm on Route 3. Williams also brought in the first bloom of 1938, last year, which appeared on the Fourth of July.

MEYER-REED: The following announcement, taken from a Greenville,

S.C. newspaper, will be of interest here: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Meyer announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Helma, to Wallace Litchfield Reed on Saturday, June 20, 1939, Saluda, S.C. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Reed of this county.

BOB BATES WILL NOT RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY: Supt. F.T. Johnson has been advised that Coach Bob Bates will not return to the Perquimans County High School faculty and teaching staff this year. A native of Springfield, Mass., Bob came to Hertford two years ago following Carl Rogers, who succeeded Sidney Hughes, now athletic director of Norfolk Schools. Coach Bates will also be

located in Norfolk, his job there being something on the order of Coach Hughes'.

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SPECIAL DAY
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