



VOICES RAISED IN SONG — Cast members John Gillikin, Jim Bridges, Bud Wright, Ann Bissett, Peggy Camardo, Lynn Gillikin and Jenny Houtz rehearse one of the musical members for "Godspell", the final production of the 1977-78 season at Col-

lege of the Albemarle. The musical, a modern interpretation of the life of Christ according to St. Matthew, will be presented by the Satyrs in the college's gymnasium in Elizabeth City on May 12, 13, and 14. (COA Photo)

'Godspell' will be presented by Satyrs

College of the Albemarle's dramatic group, The Satyrs, is hard at work having fun rehearsing its final production of the academic year, according to Lucy Vaughan, drama instructor. "Godspell", written by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelack, will be staged at the college on May 12, 13 and 14. Schwartz, who wrote the music and lyrics, won two Grammy awards for the original cast album of the production. He also wrote the lyrics for "Pippin", "The Magic Show" and Leonard Bernstein's "Mass". Telelak worked on the book for "Godspell" as a thesis for his master's degree at Carnegie-Mellon University where the show was originally produced. After a six-year run in off-broadway theatres, the production was successfully staged on Broadway. According to Mrs. Vaughan's interpretation, unlike "Jesus Christ, Superstar", which tells the life of Christ allegorically, and symbolically links His martyrdom with that of all misunderstood and persecuted peoples, "Godspell" makes a joyful noise in the updated recounting of Christ's life according to St. Matthew. She

explained that actors of medieval times presented the lives of the saints and of Biblical stories with music and dancing in the streets, miracle and mystery plays, dumb shows and masques to celebrated important religious holidays. Not too far removed from their predecessors, "Godspell" parables are enacted by contemporary casts consumed in T-shirt, jeans and junk-store clothing. The setting for the show is an amusement park. The Elizabethans continued to masques the mums' plays. The custom of acting out religious stories in pageantry and street theatres survived through the ages, Mrs. Vaughan said, and is paralleled today to a great degree by the Mardi Gras and the Shrine parades. Puritans considered the merrymaking sacrilegious, and during several long periods of dramatic history, it became non-existent. The drama instructor, who also serves as director for "Godspell", recalls a shocked audience in Houston, Tx. In 1985, she participated in a Christmas mummer play in that city. "When the cast members ran through the aisles, blowing horns and throwing confetti, then jumped upon

the stage, where they slew a statue of St. Nick, there was a stunned silence in the audience," she said. "All was forgiven, however, since it was later shown that the production was, in fact, historically correct." Alice Sue Rousseau assumes a triple responsibility in the local production. Not only will she act as musical director and choreographer, but she also is a cast member. Ms. Rousseau is not unfamiliar with the show, having played an important part in the production when it was staged at Atlantic Christian College. Bud Wright, a seasoned member of previous Satyrs performances, start in the role of Christ. His sensitive interpretation of the young Saviour lends a sure air of dignity to the modern version. Carlotta Jordan will be featured soloist with the band. It is composed of Bryan Hobbs, David Albert, Kim Rose, and Bob Thomas. Other cast members include Ann Bissett, Peggy Camardo, Lynn and John Gillikin, Jenny Houtz, Chris Midgett, Wayne Richardson, and Jim Bridges. Technical Director Cliff Lewis is assisted by Ken Powers and Shari Lane. Lour Harris serves as the production's assistant director.

Farmers have additional time

Farmers wishing to participate in the feed grain and-or wheat programs will have an additional two weeks to sign up, according to Thomas L. Riddick, County Executive Director, Perquimans County ASCS Office. Riddick stated that the Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland was extending the sign-up period for the programs from May 1

through May 15 because of changes announced March 29 in the programs. On that date Secretary Bergland authorized additional diversion of cropland under these programs on which payments would be made to participating farmers. Farmers planting corn, barley, grain sorghum or wheat should contact us to find out how these programs can effect them.

Church to hold special services

The Hertford United Methodist Church will hold Evangelistic Services from Sunday, April 30 to Wednesday, May 3, beginning at 8 p.m. with guest ministers from various churches in the area. The schedule of featured speakers includes: Sunday night, the Rev. C. Clyde Tucker, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Elizabeth City; Monday night, the Rev. Nathan Byrd, pastor of Ahoskie United Methodist Church in Ahoskie; Tuesday night the Rev. William Presness, pastor of Riverside United Methodist Church in Elizabeth City and Wednesday night the Rev. Barry Barbour, pastor of the Gatesville United Methodist Church in Gatesville.

There will be special music each evening. A nursery will be provided, and the public is cordially invited to attend these services. Mrs. Marion Swindell, Chairperson of Commission of Evangelism, and her

committee have labored diligently to make this a program of spiritual renewal for active members.

Musical program

A musical program will be presented at Bagley's Chapel beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The program is sponsored by the Youth Choir. Various groups from Chesapeake, Va.; South Mills, Elizabeth City and surrounding areas will participate. The public is invited. Edwina Parker is president; Gwayland McClenney is organist.



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Senior citizens hear program

The Memory Lane Senior Citizens Club met April 17 at the Perquimans County Office Building with eight members present. Lonnie Pritchard led the group in prayer. Charles Hammond, director of Area and Management Planning for the area was present and gave a

presentation on wills and estate planning. During the business meeting, it was decided to donate \$25 to the Rescue Squad. Upcoming will be a fish fry and covered dish luncheon June 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Pritchard. Members and their guests will be asked for a \$1 donation. The meeting adjourned to meet again May 15.

Parents meet

Teachers, coordinators, and supervisors in the Perquimans County Schools exceptional programs met with interested parents last night for organizational purposes at the Albemarle EMC auditorium. Presiding at the meeting was Jerry Pangallo, Director of the Access to Mainstream. The parents discussed the idea of forming an interested parents' group. All parents who have students enrolled in an exceptional children's program in the county were invited to the organizational meeting. Following discussions and several activities, the group held a social hour.

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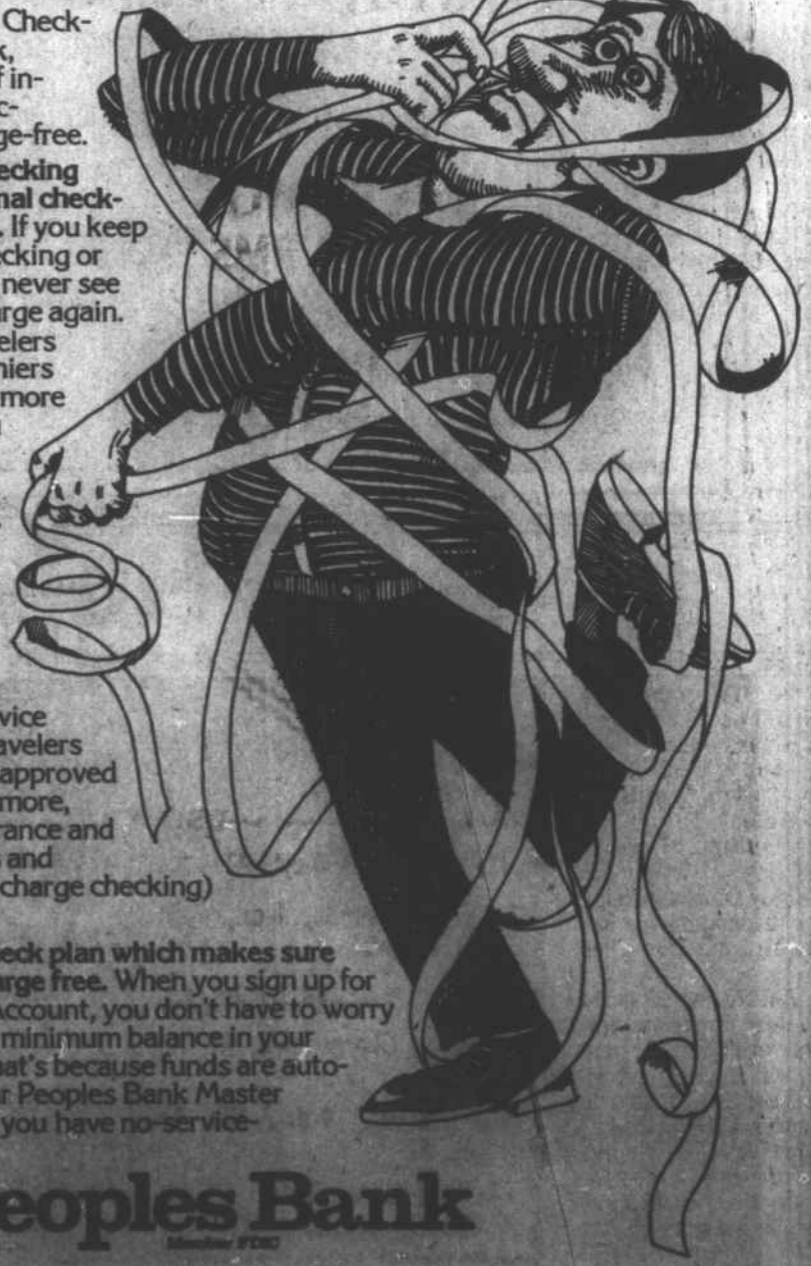
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