



Snow Means Work For Some



Play For Others

Hunt to Talk at Peanut Show

Ahoskie — Governor Jim Hunt will participate in the North Carolina Virginia Peanut Trade Show, Feb. 27, 28, and March 1, at Farmers Warehouse in Ahoskie. The Governor is scheduled in the program at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Peanut production is basic in the economy of northeast North Carolina and southeast Virginia. Up-to-the-minute exhibits and displays at the Show make it convenient and easy to see the latest production

technology. Therefore, the Peanut Trade Show serves a vital role stimulating a major industry in the area.

"The North Carolina-Virginia Peanut Trade Show is chartered as a non-profit corporation under the Charter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina," explains Shirley S. Pierce, President. The purpose of the Show is to "provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas between peanut growers and providers of supplies and service," Pierce said.

ERA Support Doesn't Die

Supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment saw their hopes for ratification in North Carolina dashed for the fourth time last Thursday as the bill never left the Senate committee.

Even with the defeat, local ERA supporters say they will continue the fight. Bonnie White and Linda Grieve, organizers in Perquimans County, responded that the fight is not over.

Grieve said Saturday, "We are

proud of the work we did, the letters written and support we did find. A number of people are for it. We'll assemble our forces and get ready for the next fight."

The amendment is expected to come before the North Carolina legislature again in 1981. Not only was it a blow to the state effort, but a blow to the national forces. Three more states are still needed to ratify ERA before it can be written into the Constitution.

Civic Calendar

THURS., FEB. 22
Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. in the Hertford Methodist Church.
Perq. Co. Jaycees will meet.
Bethel Ruritan Club meets.
MON., FEB. 26
Perq. Co. Rescue Squad meets.
Perq. Co. Unit American Cancer Society Regular Quarterly meeting 8

p.m. in the County Office Building.
TUES., FEB. 27
Perq. Masonic Lodge meets.
Belvidere Homemakers Club meets.
Hertford Rotary Club meets 8:30.
Inter-Co. F.D. Ladies Aux. meets.
Woodmen of the World meets.
WED., FEB. 28
Jaycees Directors meeting.



THE CALLER — Steve Casper explains the next moves to the dancers. Asked whether he would ever do anything other than calling, like a radio job, he said never. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

Legislators Attend Meeting at Angler's Cove

By Tony Jordan

Despite continued discussion on a 65-foot span over the Dismal Swamp Canal, county and town officials were able to voice major concerns of Perquimans and Hertford to state legislators. The Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns met with State Senators Monk Harrington and Melvin Daniels and Representatives Vernon James and Charles Evans Friday at Angler's Cove.

Local citizens as well as county commissioners and Hertford town council members were present to state needs of the county and town at the ten-county, Region 'R', meeting.

Highway Commissioner Marc Basnight along with the legislators, was present to answer questions concerning secondary roads in the county. A meeting will be held this Friday in the Perquimans County Courthouse to discuss this issue. The public is invited to attend.

Basnight pointed out the attention the northeastern area is getting on highway improvements in the state's capital. Before the Hunt administration, the area was receiving the least money of the 14 districts. At present, northeastern North Carolina is ranked sixth in highway funding.

Sen. Daniels pointed out the job that Gov. Hunt is attempting to do for the northeast. "He the greatest governor that North Carolina has ever had," Daniels said of the Wilson native.

PROPOSED WILDLIFE LAW CHANGE

Representative Evans informed the group of the proposed change in hunting laws. If passed, the law would repeal local laws concerning hunting and transfer the power to the Wildlife Resource Commission.

Sheriff of Chowan County, Troy Toppin, asked that the law include unlawful carrying of a high power rifle on the road with the "intent" to shoot. In some counties, it is now illegal to shoot from the road, but Toppin pointed out that the law is hard to

enforce since the hunter must be seen shooting.

Evans added, in some cases, local laws may remain if specifically requested.

ALBEMARLE HISTORIC TOUR

In mention to the Albemarle Historic Tour, the legislators agreed to support the tour as it has in the past. The tour will receive \$40,000 a year. After completion, Newbold-White House may be included in the tour. Although still property of the county, the public it would give the home the publicity needed to draw tourist to the home.



OLD FRIENDS — Former County Commissioner R.S. Monds chats with State Senator Melvin Daniels at the Counties and Towns Meeting held at Angler's Cove Friday. The

meeting was for the officials and interested citizens of the ten county area to help them express their concerns with the legislators. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

Lowe Shot Monday Night

Responding to an appeal for a warm place to sleep on a cold night proved to be a mistake for Isaac Lowe of Hertford who was shot in the head twice Monday night in an upstairs room of his 212 S. Road Street home.

State Bureau of Investigation authorities joined local law enforcement officials in seeking the identity of the gunman, and why he would harm someone who had befriended him.

Police quoted Moore's wife as saying the assailant came to the home inquiring about renting a room. As Moore was showing him his accommodations the young black man reportedly revealed a pistol and ordered the couple upstairs where the shooting occurred, according to investigators.

Lowe was taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad. Hospital spokesmen reported that

by late Tuesday Moore was showing improvement. The shooting is reported to have occurred around 9 p.m. Monday night.

Robert Morris of the Hertford Police Department said descriptions of the assailant were given to S.B.I. and area police and sheriffs departments who cooperated in the investigation.

A representative of the S.B.I. reportedly planned to sketch a composite of the gunman from details provided by Mrs. Moore.

Square Dancing Gains Support

By TONY JORDAN

Square Dancing is not a new form of entertainment by anyone's standards. It is something new for 26 Snug Harbor people. Since Oct. 29, the group has met in the Snug Harbor Club House to practice their California Twirls, promenading and other Western style square dancing steps.

The idea started when Alva Harrington attended a meeting in which Perquimans County Recreation Director, Billy Wooten, talked. She suggested it to Wooten and, although with a slight delay, the group was started.

The class will last 35 weeks, according to caller and teacher, Steve Casper. At that time the class will become a club, entitled the "Harbor Lites". The class, composed of teenagers and grandparents and every age in between, are expected to finish training during the spring. After graduation, the "Harbor Lites" will be one of 42 clubs in the Tidewater Square and Round Dance Council.

Casper, a Perquimans County native, keeps a busy schedule working at Jackson Wholesale by day and adding the colorful voice on the country music by night. He pointed out the difference between western and traditional square dancing.

Traditional has fewer moves, four of five, while western has 69 moves. "You'd have to go to a class to learn it," Casper said.

Along with teaching the Snug Harbor class, Casper presently works dances for the Gates County and Edenton clubs. Casper is the president of the Tidewater Callers Association, in which there are 20

callers.

Asked whether he would ever considered a job in the radio profession, Casper replied, "Never, I love what I'm doing too much."

The class is starting the process of organizing the club. They will be electing officers to serve for their first full year of operation soon. The "Harbor Lites" are hoping to be

teaching a class, with the cooperation of Casper, next fall. Anyone who might be interested may come and watch the class and "see how much fun it is", as Harrington puts it.

Eddie Rickman, one of the dancers said, "When I get out at a regular dance, I'm two left feet. I get out with this and I'm a little better."



SQUARE DANCERS — A couple of the square dancers go through their steps at the Snug Harbor Club House. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)