

Editorial

Bicycling on the walk is a hazard

Bicycling is fun, it's healthy and a great means of transportation, using no gas or oil. It is a prime means of transportation for our young. It can also be a hazardous occupation, both for the rider and the pedestrian.

Since school has recessed, there has been a ten-fold increase in bicycles being ridden on the sidewalks in the business district of Hertford. This poses a serious threat to pedestrians, especially elderly persons.

You might ask, why don't the police put a stop to it? There is a town ordinance against this practice which carries with it a maximum fine of \$50 and/or 30 days in jail. The police can also write a ticket for \$1 for such an infraction.

However, the Hertford police do not have enough officers to post one in the business district for this purpose.

We suggest that it is up to the parents to put a stop to this reckless use of bicycles in the business district. We realize that a parent cannot watch his child twenty-four hours a day, nor should he. He should, however, be responsible enough to counsel his children on bicycle safety.

We also believe that the Hertford police should begin handing out citations if this situation continues. If this editorial does not capture parents' attention, we believe a citation would.

Letters From Our Readers:

Editor's Mailbag



Director is proud of bands' progress

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the Perquimans County Band Benefit Day such a fine accomplishment. Kay Boyce, the band students, Billy White and the Band Boosters members have our deepest gratitude for their hard work. We are indebted to those persons behind the scene whose donations and gifts made this benefit possible. To the citizens of this county we extend a special thanks, for it was your spirited willingness to work and play together that ensured the day's success. We can all be proud to have helped a very deserving group of young people, your band members, and the many who will be future members.

The success of a good school band program depends not just on a teacher, but on the children, the parents and the community. Because of all of you, our first year was not only a success, but it assures us that Perquimans County will never again be without a band. We look forward to watching it grow and develop, and we are very proud to be residents of Perquimans County.

David and Sally Ziemba
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Belvidere, N.C.

Tribute is given to Mrs. Taylor

So many times we fail to give credit where credit is due. Often a dead person receives more compliments than he or she received while living.

Today, I would like to say thanks to Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economic Extension Agent in behalf of the many who have been helped in any way during her 30 years with us in Perquimans County.

Mrs. Taylor has gone beyond the call of duty. She has done a wonderful job and we are thankful that she passed this way and touched our lives.

We hope that her retirement on June 30th will be the beginning of a new area of her life, that she will be able to take life a little easier and enjoy the harvest from her labor. "God Bless you Mrs. Taylor."

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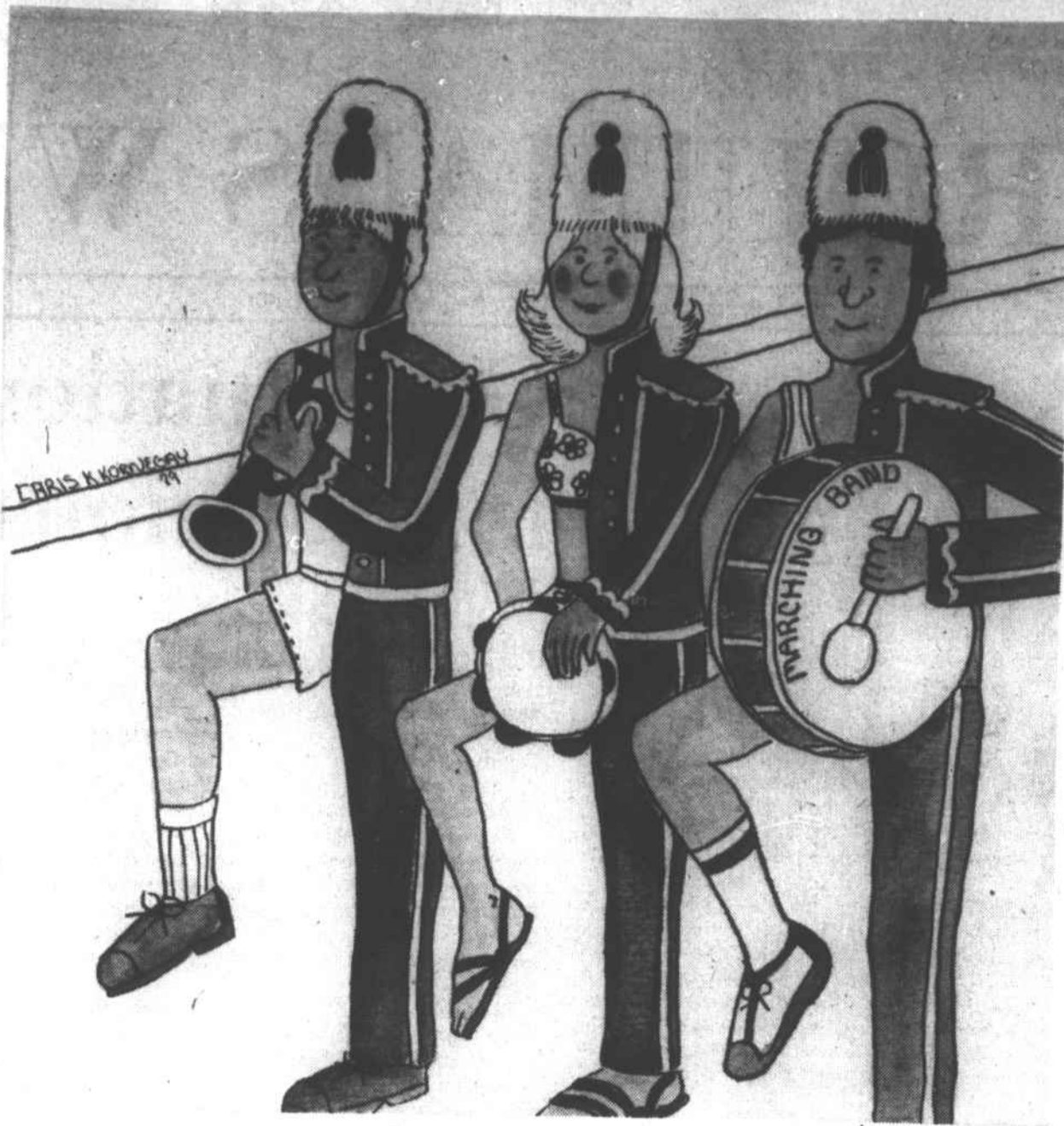
Public lauded for Band Day support

The effort our community put forth to make the Band Benefit Day a success, made me proud to be a part of it.

Without the public, there is no way it could have been done. Everyone worked hard together — friends, parents, children, members of the Hertford Saddle Club, entertainers, and especially the law officials who helped park cars, making it a safe and fun day for all.

I think the public has expressed their appreciation of a band for Perquimans County and since it is not self-supporting, people will continue to help reach our goal of \$12,000. The \$8,300 raised was a fine start.

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"Half way there!"

Yields have been affected by weather

By THOMAS L. RIDDICK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASCS OFFICE

This has been a trying season for the farmers in their efforts of preparing land and planting the crops for the 1979 crop year. We have had an excessive amount of rainfall, generally covering the county which has hurt the crops and delayed planting or prevented planting in many cases, corn, peanuts and soybeans.

Realizing that yields have been affected and there is a possibility that the quality product we are used to producing may not be there, it is difficult to determine at this time what our loss is or will be. This will depend greatly on the weather conditions for the remainder of our growing season and throughout harvest.

On May 29, an area in the county was hit by a hail storm damaging mainly truck crops and field corn. Damage was heavier in the Bear Swamp - Beach Spring area. In most cases the battered corn appears to be recovering and the production potential looks fair.

We have had several to inquire about the county being declared a disaster county and the availability of emergency loans.

The County ASC Committee, Melvin Howell, FmHa Supervisor, and myself, have been discussing this matter and we have sent to our agencies preliminary reports on our condition and will continue to keep both ASCS officials and FmHa officials aware of our plight.

At this time, none of the counties in our area have been declared a disaster county. Emergency loans are available when farmers can prove a loss of as much as 20 percent on a major crop. The interest rate on such a loan is 5 percent. This rate only applies to the amount of loss and the loan must be secured.

We will work in every way possible to get the county approved for the emergency loans and the loans approved for farmers who suffer such a loss.

Due to extremely wet weather, the ending planting date for peanuts has been extended to June 11. Those who have finished planting their peanuts should come in and file their report on the acreage they have planted. The ASC Committee has made a request for the final certification date of June 14 be extended to allow those who are still planting, additional time for filing their report. We will publicize any change in the date as soon as we receive notice.

ELIGIBILITY FOR INCREASE IN FARM POUNDAGE QUOTA FOR UNDERMARKETINGS: The farm poundage quota may be increased for 1980 if, in the 1979 crop year, the final acreage of peanuts planted, or was prevented from being planted, was equal to or greater than 75 percent of the farm's effective allotment. For a producer to receive prevented planting credit, he must file an application for prevented planting credit before June 25, 1979.

Court News

Judge Grafton Beamon presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court and heard the following cases:

William Thomas Zavodnic was found guilty of larceny and received a 9 months sentence (credit for 12 days served), suspended for 3 years, a fine of \$200 and cost. The defendant was ordered to make restitution to the Colonial Store in the amount of \$15.68, and was told to remain off premises for a period of 2 years;

Mark Anthony Nearny, charged with driving under the influence, was given a 60 day sentence suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$100 and cost, and was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle

in North Carolina for 12 months. A certified copy was sent to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles;

Craig Dean Stuart was found guilty of assault of a female;

Charles Edward Billups, charged with driving under the influence (2nd offense), received a 90 day sentence suspended for 3 years, a fine of \$175 and cost, was ordered to surrender his driver's license to the Clerk of Superior Court, was told not to operate a motor vehicle until relicensed, and to present himself to the Albemarle Mental Health Department within 5 days;

Probable Cause was found at the hearing of Elva Faye Lee (also

known as Micki Miller), charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial;

The State took a Voluntary Dismissal in the case of Mattie Felton, charged with assault with a deadly weapon;

Motion for non-suit was allowed in the case of John Henry Hughes, charged with assault with a deadly weapon;

Edward Harold Norman, charged with driving under the influence and not having an operator's license (consolidated for judgment), received a 60 day sentence suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$150 and cost, was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle

in North Carolina for 12 months, and not until relicensed. A certified copy was forwarded to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. An appeal was noted;

Probable Cause was found in each case of Ronald Dorrell Wilkins, charged with 2 counts of breaking and entering and larceny, and the cases were placed on the

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Looking Back

JUNE 1941
By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO HOLD RALLY AT NAGS HEAD JUNE 28th: Young Democrats of the First District will hold a rally at the First Colony Inn, at Nags Head, next Thursday night, June 28th at 8 p.m. All Young Democrats of the district are urged to attend and a special program is being arranged for the occasion. Tickets for the affair may be obtained from J. Emmett Winslow, who requests that those planning to attend see him not later than June 25 as he must report the number expecting to attend from this county.

ALICE ROBERSON WEDS JAMES A. JOHNSON, JR., June 15th: Miss Alice Louise Roberson and James Archie Johnson, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va., were married Sunday afternoon, June 15th at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J.G. Roberson.

RIDDICK-EASON: In a private ceremony of simplicity and beauty, Miss Katherine Elizabeth Eason of Belvidere became the bride of Lonnie N. Riddick of Hobbsville on Saturday evening, June 7th at 8 p.m. in the home of the Rev. R.E. Brittle of Suffolk, Va. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Eason of Belvidere. The groom is the son of Mrs. Nathan Riddick and the late Mr. Riddick.

CALLED TO SERVICE: Second Lieutenant Richard S. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Payne, has been ordered to active duty and is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. Before being called, Mr. Payne was with the Virginia Engineering Co. in Norfolk, Va.

COMMUNITY BUILDING WPA PROJECT APPROVED: Information has been received that President Roosevelt has approved a WPA project for Hertford in the amount of \$2,922, to construct a community building and perform incidental and apportionment work, including moving old building and grading and landscaping grounds. This project was sponsored by the Town of Hertford according to the information given out.

ROTARY CLUB SPONSORS NEGRO BOY SCOUTS: The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford Tuesday night. Members of the club voted to sponsor the Negro Boy Scout Troop No. 90, which is composed of Negro boys of Hertford. The local club is also the sponsor of the Hertford Troop No. 155.

Library News

ONGOING EVENTS

BOOKMOBILE: The Bookmobile will operate as usual every 2 weeks. This week will be "Route B" - call library for stops near your home.

STORY HOUR: Story Hour is held every Friday morning 10-11 a.m. for ages 3-5 years.

NEW BOOKS

A WALK ACROSS AMERICA by Peter Jenkins, the author and his dog set out on a journey across America. He stopped, worked, and lived with people to rediscover America.

NURSE, by Peggy Anderson, is about the life of nurses, of its gratifications and difficulties.

AMERICAN CAESAR, by William Manchester. The brilliant biography challenges the cherished myths of McArthur's fans and critics alike.

TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, by John J. Sirica, is a new version of Watergate - the break-in, the Tapes, the conspirators, the Pardon.

ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE, by Desmond Seward. She has captivated the hearts and minds of historians for centuries. This book is an attempt to do justice to a magnificent woman and a magnificent life.

THE CULTURE OF NARCISSISM, by Christopher Lasch, is a troubling, but fascinating book.

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