

Weekly Perspective

Looking back

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MRS. PHILLIP WHITE GIVES TALK ON CHINA TO HERTFORD ROTARY: Mrs. Phillip White, the former Mattie Macon Norman of Hertford, was the guest speaker at the Hertford Rotary meeting Tuesday night.

"China's war is our war, for China is fighting for the principles of democracy, freedom and for what is right," declared Mrs. White, who is a former missionary to China.

Mrs. White is the widow of Phillip White, beloved missionary to China who died there following an unsuccessful operation last year, gave high-lights in the history of China from a period before the birth of Christ to the present day.

"China considers America as a friend, and it is time for us to realize the significance of this," said Mrs. White in conclusion.

HERTFORD BOY SCOUTS AWARDED HIGH HONOR AT ANNUAL MERIT

COURT: Troop 155 of the Hertford Boy Scouts carried away the major portion of the honor awards at the annual Court of Honor held by the Tidewater Council of the B.S.A. at Norfolk, Va., last Sunday afternoon.

Hertford boys winning merit badges included Julian Broughton, Sidney Broughton, Broughton Dail, William Elliott, Robert Holmes, Doward Jones, William Murray, Charles Skinner, and William White.

Of the sixteen boys to receive the Star Scout badges, second highest rank, 10 of that number were from the Albemarle District and six of the boys represented the Hertford Troop.

PERRY-BUSSES: Eugene S. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Perry, and Miss Mary Isabel Busses, of Miami, Fla., were married Wednesday, February 11, 1942, in Miami. Mr. Perry, formerly of Hertford, is now in the U.S. Air Corps stationed at Opalocka, Fla.

Jesse Parker Perry, brother of the groom, left on Monday to attend the wedding.

SNOW DAYS



My turn

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Have you ever considered what it is like to be affected by government regulations?

Let's just look at a morning in the life of an oh, so carefully controlled environment.

We wake up here in Perquimans County to Eastern Standard Time, established by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Music from our clock radio serenades us from a frequency assigned by the Federal Communications Commission.

We take a deep breath, checking out the Environmental Protection Agency's handiwork, and turn over for just another regulated minute on our mattress made to Federal Trade Commission flammability standards.

We haven't even gotten out of bed yet, and already some four government agencies have been making a fuss over us.

But it doesn't stop there. If we live in a house, it was built according to a local building code. Its wiring meets electrical standards, its pipes meet plumbing standards, the water that travels those pipes meets not only the requirement of the EPA, but also those of a couple of state agencies and a few local departments of health to boot.

If we turn on a light, or the stereo, or the TV, or if the telephone rings, somewhere a regulatory agency has had its finger in the pie of rate setting, license issuing, or policy determining.

But we rarely think about all these regulations. They are just there.

We brush our teeth with toothpaste that is labeled and advertised truthfully.

We style our hair with a hair dryer we assume is safe because it hasn't been recalled by the Consumer

Product Safety Commission.

We use cotton towels made to official shrinkage standards and that bear a label required by the FTC offering laundering instructions.

Even breakfast is regulated, consisting of price-supported milk, and eggs the Department of Agriculture deems "large" instead of "medium" or "small." Our cereal comes in a package containing nutritional information on a form spelled out by the Food and Drug Administration.

It's time for work. If we drive to the office, chances are that the car has seat belts, a must, according to the governmental safety standards.

We stop at the bank, and take advantage of fair credit and truth-in-lending.

Once on the job, we might send out some letters according to the U.S. Postal Service regulations.

And it's only time for a coffee break in our regulated day, so we sip on the stuff on which customs duties have been paid.

Pretty soon it will be our regulated lunch hour and we'll eat in a restaurant checked for cleanliness by the health department.

You get the idea. Admittedly, some of these regulations are a nuisance.

But have you ever considered what our lives would be like if the government didn't set standards?

We might wake up together on a mutually agreed upon time.

That early morning deep breath might be tinged with industrial pollutants that nobody controls.

And that last minute in bed might be spent in flames because the mattress manufacturers tried to cut corners.

You get the idea.

Letter...

ERA will bring draft

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY,

As far back as last May, according to the LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH senior NATO women were told at a conference that women in wartime armed forces can undertake any tasks and are regarded as full combatants under international law. A Netherlands army spokesman said that there is no exemption for women after capture by enemy forces, and they must be prisoners of war on an

equal footing with their male compatriots.

Do you want your daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, or cousin drafted into the military under such circumstances? She will be if the ERA is added to the Constitution, for it will be mandatory that women be subjected to exactly the same marital responsibilities as men.

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Sweetheart Day's rich history

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, is traditionally the festival of romance.

Although Valentine's Day comes on the feast day of two different Christian martyrs named Valentine, the customs connected with the day have nothing to do with the lives of the saints.

Traditions surrounding the day probably come from an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia, a lovers' feast honoring Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan, the Roman god of nature. For these celebrations, young men

and women chose partners for the festival by drawing names at random from a box.

Although it is the sentimental association of the old holiday that has remained, churchmen tried to give the pagan festival a Christian meaning following the spread of Christianity.

VALENTINE'S DAY AROUND THE WORLD

While American and Canadian children and sweethearts exchange valentines in the forms of cards, flowers, and candy,

customs throughout the world vary.

•In Great Britain, children sing special Valentine's Day songs and receive gifts of money, fruit, or candy. Housewives in the county of Rutland bake Valentine's Day buns containing plums or currants. In the town of Norwich, some young suitors secretly leave baskets of gifts on their loved ones' doorsteps.

•In Italy, some people hold a Valentine's Day feast on the 14th. Girls from Sicily get up before sunrise and stand in front of their windows watching for men to pass the house. They believe that the

first man they see will become their bride groom.

•In Denmark, many send pressed snowdrop flowers to special friends. The Danes call one type of valentine a "gaekkebreve," which is a humorous letter. The sender writes an original rhyme but does not sign his name. He instead uses a code of dots, with one dot representing each letter of his name. If his lady guesses his identity, he rewards her with a decorated egg on the following Easter.

Editor's note: The source of information for this story was the 1976 edition of THE WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA.

Correction

Last week's account of the Hertford Town Council meeting erroneously stated that the Hertford Housing Authority had applied for the management of 16 of 32 subsidized housing units included

in Hertford's housing assistance application.

The housing authority has actually applied for management of all 32 units, as has a private developer.

Winslow leads Washington trek

Clifford Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education, returned recently from leading a delegation of North Carolina school board members to Washington, D.C.

The delegation was participating in the Federal Relations Network Conference, sponsored by the National School Boards Association, held Feb. 3-5.

The Federal Relations Network is a "grassroots" organization comprised of members of boards of education from across the country.

The purpose of the conference is to provide board members with an opportunity to discuss federal education issues with members of Congress.

Winslow was acting in an official capacity both as a representative for the 1st Congressional District and as president of the North

Carolina School Boards Association.

He was elected to the one-year term of president at the November, 1979 NCSBA convention.

Winslow also serves on the Legislative Research Commission's Committee on School Facilities Needs in North Carolina.

He was called back from Washington to attend the committee's meeting on Feb. 5.

The result of that meeting was the recommendation that the proposed \$600 million bond issue be placed on the General Election ballot in November.

NCSBA is proud to have as its president an individual who works so effectively on the local, state, and national level, said a spokesman for the organization.

Renovation almost done

It's almost like a second childhood for the old agriculture building on Dobbs Street.

Renovations to the building are some 60 days a way from completion, and what sections are finished might just as well be brand new.

The \$40,000 remodeling project is expected to nearly double the office space of social services and soil conservation service workers, according to social services director Paul Gregory.

While social services had previously had enough space to operate in, its offices were too large, and included too many workers, to insure confidentiality of the client.

With three workers to an office, there was no privacy for those persons seeking food stamps, aid to families with dependent children, or other assistance programs offered by Social Services.

The state had been after the county office for years to correct the situation, Gregory said.

The problem was, however, that until the Agricultural Soil

Conservation Service was able to move into the ARPDC building, there was insufficient county office space to give social services more room.

Now Social Services has expanded from five to 12 offices, and eligibility specialists as well as social workers will be afforded space for private, one on one interviews with clients.

The remodeling includes carpeted office space for social services, and tile floors in the hall and foyer and in the SCS office.

The building has also been reroofed, but the cost of roofing was not included in the renovation bid.

Two water to air heat pumps have been installed in the building, and according to Gregory, the heating system is, with the exception of solar, the most economical to operate on the market today.

Gregory said he considers the new building a bargain. "We're coming out with a real good building for the amount of money we're putting into it," he said.



Room to breathe

Social Services employees Diane W. Phelps (right) and Mary S. Lane work in the

renovated offices on Dobbs Street. The project, some 60 days away from completion,

has given breathing room to the previously cramped

agency (Photo by MIKE McLAUGHLIN).

Big snow submerges county

(Continued from page one) needed assistance.

The Inter-County Fire Department was also kept jumping, responding to a false alarm during the height of the snowstorm at 4:30 on Wednesday, and containing a fire at the Pasquotank County Home of Lucky Harris.

According to Inter-County fireman Danny Gregory, Harris had run a pipe for a woodstove through a wall of his house and the wall caught fire after getting too hot. The fire was contained, but there was some smoke damage in the rest of the house, Gregory said.

The Inter-County firemen also spent the night at the fire station Wednesday night for

quick response in the event of an emergency.

The town of Hertford suffered minor power outages due to the snowfall. Mayor Bill Cox attributed them to pine limbs falling on power lines and said that in most cases the outages lasted no more than two hours.

The town had no equipment to scrape side streets, Cox said, and snow mounded bumper deep in many of them, rendering them impassable to most vehicles. Cox said it was too early to tell what street damage would result from the snow, but that there would be some.

Garbage collection was

getting back underway on Saturday, and the mayor said that crews should have gotten to every house in town by Wednesday of this week.

But perhaps the biggest disruption to services came in the county, where the white stuff blacked out power for as much as two days at a stretch.

Damage to power lines was so extensive that two crews from Roanoke Electric Membership in Rich Square were called in to help out with repairs.

Albemarle Electric Membership Company manager Ed Brown said the company had not suffered so

much damage since a major ice storm in 1968.

Many AEMCO employees worked round the clock on both Wednesday and Thursday and well into Friday to get the situation straightened out.

Even postal employees were prevented from making their deliveries on Thursday, proving that snow, if there is enough of it, can keep them from their daily rounds.

And if the big snow wasn't enough, sleet and freezing rain turned to white late Saturday night and early Sunday morning, sprinkling four more inches on the remains of the blizzard.

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Waymare Billups was convicted of armed robbery charges in Chowan County Superior Court last week and received an active sentence of not less than 40 years nor more than life.

Vernon L. Austin identified Billups as being the man who pointed a sawed off shotgun at him as he robbed LaDell Distributors of Edenton on Dec. 20, 1979.

entering and larceny, and another of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and inflicting serious bodily injury.

Most of the offenses occurred in February of 1979, including the shooting of Isaac Lowe of Hertford, and an

Unemployment taxable

Unemployment insurance benefits received in 1979 are subject to Federal Income Tax, the North Carolina Employment Security Commission announced recently.

Under the Federal law

armed robbery at Franklin's Grocery on King Street.

Billups is also facing charges stemming from a breaking, entering and larceny occurring in 1972 in which a juke box control unit and money box were stolen from the Rainbow Lounge on Edenton Road Street.

changes, a single person's benefits will be taxed if the combined income, including benefits, exceeds \$25,000.00. If a married person files a separate income tax return, benefits may be taxable regardless of income.