

Weekly Perspective

Our view

Chilling forecast

In the interest of giving credit where credit is due, we hereby concede that the big snow of March 2, 1927, probably surpassed our recent blizzard in both severity and staying power.

One senior gentleman on a recent visit to our office, said the snow was belly deep to a mule, and that wasn't counting drifts. He said that trees came down all over the county making travel almost impossible.

On top of that, the snow hit so fast that snow-moving equipment (consisting mostly of Model T Fords) had to be abandoned all over the county and it was a week before the machines could be retrieved and put to work.

But despite the present spring-like weather, the rumbling around the county is that the 1927 monster will be put to another test.

Yes folks, informed sources tell us that the almanac is calling for one more snowfall, the eighth and heaviest of the year, to take place this weekend.

For those of you who might doubt the wisdom of that book, we are told that it has been on the money so far, predicting seven snows this winter.

Will the almanac finish up the season with an unblemished 8-8 record? Let's cross our fingers and hope not. We've had more than our share of the white stuff this year.

First district coalition formed

A non partisan, non-profit organization consisting of Conservative Democrats, Republicans, and other First Senate District voters "working together for the cause of good government" was established recently.

The organization, called the "First District Conservative Coalition," has pledged to work for such causes as: keeping the people of the area informed on current political issues, limiting government, sponsoring needed legislation, supporting conservatives, and eliminating unnecessary taxes and wasteful government spending.

L. W. Overman, Jr. is Perquimans County's

representative on the coalition's executive committee. Other members of the committee are Ron Olds, of Currituck, Scott Barber of Pasquotank, and Ashby Browder of Chowan.

The newly elected officers are Chairman, M.H. Quinn; Vice Chairman, Kentwood Turner; Secretary, Peggy Brabble; and Treasurer, Frankie Meads.

The FDCC plans to meet on the second Monday night of the first month of each quarter. The time and place will be announced prior to each meeting.

A membership drive is currently underway and all interested first district voters are invited to the meetings.

Labor head pays visit

North Carolina Commissioner of Labor John Brooks visited the Northeast to speak at the graduation of some 40 prospective apprentices from a formal job skills training program at College of the Albemarle on Monday night.

The graduates have completed the six month classroom stage of the Wanchese Harbor Cooperative Marine Crafts Training Program, a forerunner of the Wanchese Harbor Project in Dare County.

Next, they will be placed in apprenticeships with area tradesmen so that they can reach the status of a fully

skilled laborer, or journeyman.

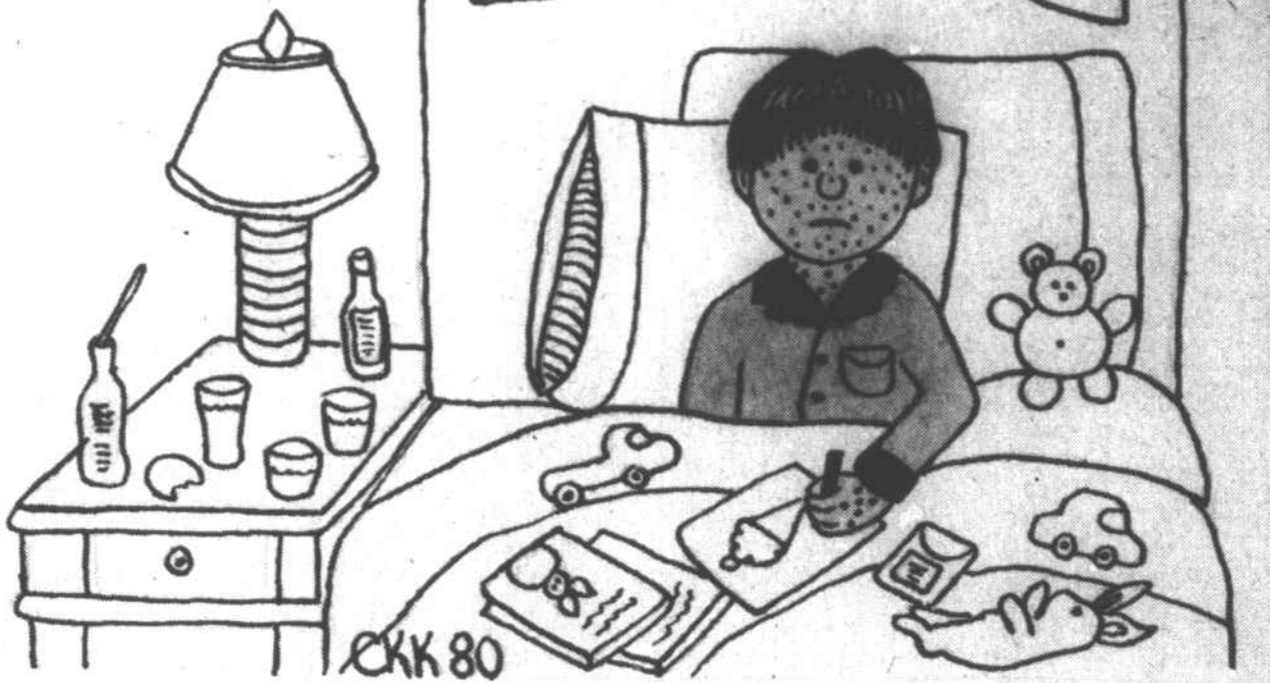
According to Brooks, the training program was an effort to address the "which came first problem" of whether to provide labor skills or job opportunities in an area in which both are short, by doing both at once.

"We wanted to anticipate the skills needed in an expanding industry and go ahead and develop a skilled labor supply," he said.

The marine related job skills taught at COA are designed to mesh with the expanding seafood industry at Wanchese.

An added objective is to introduce area businessmen to the apprenticeship concept,

Home From School



Taking a look backward

MARCH 1942
by VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

REGISTRATION FOR SUGAR CARDS TO BE AROUND MARCH 24: F. T. Johnson, County School Superintendent, announced today that the schools have completed the survey of the county in estimating the number of sugar rationing cards needed here, and he believed the registration for cards will be held sometime around March 24.

PRICE CEILING PLACED ON USED TIRES, TUBES BY GOVERNMENT EDICT: As a

result of wide-spread complaint of profiteering, the government on Wednesday announced a price ceiling for all used tires and tubes effective as of March 16. The announcement was made by Price Administrator Henderson.

MAUDE ELEANOR KEATON WEDS J. WYLIE PAUL: Miss Maude Eleanor Keaton, daughter of Mrs. R. R. Keaton and the late Mr. Keaton, and J. Wylie Paul, of Richmond, Va. were married in a quiet but impressive ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. B.

Matthews, in Norfolk, Va., Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mrs. and Mrs. A. M. Mulik announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Racheal, born in Wilmington Hospital, on February 28th, 1942. Mrs. Mulik was before her marriage Miss Rachael Alice Mansfield, of Hertford, Route one.

WHITE-WILLEY: The Marriage of Miss Eula White,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom White, of Winfall, to Sgt. Francis Edward Willey was solemnized Thursday afternoon, March 5, 1942, at Columbia, S.C. Sgt. Willey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Willey, of Woodville. He is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C.

HOME FOR HOLIDAY: Madge Lane, Mildred White, Celia Blanche Dail, Mildred Copeland, Mary Morris, Nancy Darden, Frances Newby and Pat Edwards.

My turn

NOEL TODD-McLAUGHLIN

This month's NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC features an article entitled "Coming Home to North Carolina" that documents evidence that just might give some viability to the premise of that silly song; living here is, indeed, "like living in a poem." (And that's pronounced "pome.")

The author, Neil Morgan, returns to his native state from California "in search of the familiar...in awe of the new" with an attitude that belies Thomas Wolfe's claim that "you can't come home again." (And the fact that Morgan's glowing account of our state contrasts sharply with Wolfe's scathing review might indicate that he wishes to return again.)

The son of a Baptist preacher, Morgan mixes the objectivity of a newcomer with the prejudice of a native in what blends into a fairly accurate, if sometimes romantic, portrait of the Tar Heel state and its people.

He aptly condemns parts of western N.C. (around Cherokee) as "full of tourist traps" and praises eastern N.C. for a lack of such promotion.

"Such towns are splendid... After visiting the 1776 Georgian courthouse in Edenton, I wandered the main street without finding a tearoom or coffee shop; even motels are scarce."

Morgan defines the people of North Carolina as full of independence and a certain amount of pride. From his accounts of conversations with our state's leaders to

quotations from the self-declared "just plain folk," it is revealed that it is such independence that has, oddly enough, been our common trait and unifying factor.

And it is the spirit of independence that Morgan uses to explain the dispersion of our population. "You are seldom out of sight of a farmhouse...edges of town are blurred; suburban spaciousness imperceptibly becomes rural. This pleasing scatteration results from an odd pattern of settlement by independent farmers," writes Morgan who goes on to say, "North Carolina remains a small town state where an obsessive loyalty to the idea of being a North Carolinian unites about 5.5 million people."

But it is that Tar Heel pride that surfaces most frequently in the article. Sam Ervin, in a conversation with Morgan said: "We don't put on airs like our Virginia friends, we're not so emotional as the South Carolinians. I'd say, too, we're a bit more rational than the people in Tennessee."

Morgan reflects on a time when North Carolinians united "against the aristocratic pretensions of Virginia and South Carolina, taking refuge in what they called 'their vale of humility between two mountains of conceit.'"

But it was "mountain aristocrat," Hugh Morton, who provided the comeback for that claim. Said Morton, "Some folks say we're a bit too proud of not bein' proud."

Letters... Recent "My turn" column attacked

Editor's, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY,

I would like to comment on the article written in the Feb. 28 issue entitled "My turn."

I have recently migrated from southern California; a state commonly thought of as the "sin state" and an area suffering from a dearth of Christianity.

I was happy to be enroute to the area known as "the Bible belt." I had in mind a land of people who really loved the Lord Jesus Christ and lived for Him. Since arriving here, I have found that the church has become so worldly and the world so churchy, that I cannot discern one from the other in far too many cases. I wonder if perhaps people like the author of this column, Noel Todd-McLaughlin, might be in some way responsible for this.

Miss (or Mrs.) Todd-McLaughlin must have had a noble idea in mind when she wrote the column, but I only see ridicule for right in it. I get the feeling at first that she is upset because the National Federation for Decency has not taken up a dual role (that might be noble), but her closing statements killed those thoughts. Apparently,

she is out to promote indecency.

I do hope my thoughts are unfounded. If the young lady could walk the streets of Hollywood, California for a few weeks, and see with her own eyes the results of this great sin, she might return to our state and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in her column.

This information has been obtained first-hand, as I have been there and been engulfed in it. I thank God for His ability to release me from it.

I sincerely hope that Noel did not mean this article to be received as I received it. If she was, indeed, upset because of the lack of action against violence on the part of the NFD, she might consider that the decency fight was started by one man who did not have the tool of a news column to begin the fight.

I am a parent with two young girls at home, and I would not dare leave them alone with a TV set. If organizations such as the NFD, or Noel's organization to end TV violence were successful, I could leave my children alone with a TV just as my dad left me with ours and as Noel's dad probably did with hers.

As for the present situation, there is not much a little lady can learn except how not to be a young lady by flaunting her body before the world.

The teaching for young men is even worse. I dare say that a man or boy cannot watch TV for more than an hour without committing adultery in his heart and Jesus said that is a sin (Matthew 5:27, 28).

In closing, may I say, "Noel appears to have something missing from her life and that something is someone by the name of Jesus." Serving the Savior, Aubrey T. Yancey, Jr. Route 1, Box 2 Belvidere

EDITOR'S NOTE: We regret any misunderstanding

that may have been generated by our column on the NFD. We would, however, like to stress that we were in no way "out to promote indecency," merely satirizing an organization that chooses to ignore TV violence in lieu of counting the number of alcoholic beverages consumed and foul words uttered on TV.

We concede, as the column clearly stated, that there are many television programs aired that should not be and we in no way meant to sanction the use of illicit language or suggestive scenes on TV.

Our premise was that if violence had also been under scrutiny by the NFD, a more constructive, and clearly less arbitrary report, could have been made.

Let's kill ERA

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY,

In recent weeks in Washington, President Carter has told representatives of various women's groups that there is nothing that he would not do to obtain the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, and that he meant to accomplish this through Democratic National Committee efforts and his campaign workers.

He also pledged to carry to the Supreme Court, if necessary, any adverse ruling that would allow states to rescind a previous vote for

ratification of the amendment.

President Carter says that ERA is one of his major commitments, but ERA is number one on the priority list of many North Carolinians and they have proved it—inspite of outside money and supporters—not three times, but four.

Why not kill it once and for all when it comes up again by checking out all of the candidates BEFORE we cast our ballots in the next election? Emily J. Moore 609 Avondale Avenue Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801

Immunization drive continues

Perquimans County is continuing efforts to get all students immunized before the 1980-81 school year.

Students who fail to comply with the new immunization law will be expelled from the 1980-81 term, according to Pat Harrell, Perquimans County schools superintendent.

Individual student records have been checked and parents whose children's files are incomplete are being notified.

Although not required by law, Harrell said that the

schools' checking of files at the health department would save parents from having to do so and would thus be more efficient.

This school year, the law only affects kindergartners, first-graders, and students who have transferred to the Perquimans County school system from out of state; however, next year all students will be required to comply.

Kayce Boyce, Perquimans County school nurse, said that a clinic will be set up at the health department within in

the next three weeks for those students whose records are still incomplete. Exact dates will be released later.

Parents of children who will be starting in kindergarten or first grade this fall have been urged by state health officials to get their children immunized as soon as possible if they want to avoid the summer rush.

"If there ever was time when parents should get their pre-schoolers immunized early, it is this year. The new

The current program is sponsored jointly by COA the N.C. Department of Labor, and the N.C. Employment Security Commission.



John Brooks

Light bills explained

(Continued from page one) multiplying the kwh's times \$.01967. This will yield the fuel adjustment charge. Then add the fuel adjustment to the \$.27 base rate and the actual number of kwh's consumed to get the total bill.

The March 1 bill reflects electric energy used during the period between Jan. 15, and Feb. 15.

There is also a demand charge which is based on the maximum amount of power

the town of Hertford requires for any 30-minute period during the month. That demand determines the size of generating equipment and other facilities needed by Veeco to serve the city at its peak demand.

Veeco has recently submitted a request for a rate increase to the Federal Power Commission, claiming that their operational costs have risen.

Will the FPC sanction still another rate hike?

"Based on past history, I think they'll get it," said Cox.

Concert

The Perquimans County Band will hold a concert on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Perquimans County High School Auditorium.

Gun law change is debated

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In other business, it was announced that Monroe Johnson's Construction Company, whose bid had been accepted for work on site B of the water front park (the boat ramp), was ineligible because they did not have a license.

The council moved to enter into negotiation with the next lowest responsive bidder, T.D. Eure, to investigate their credentials.

There is a difference of \$1,804.44 between Monroe Johnson's bid and Eure's bid and the possibility of holding Johnson liable for the difference was discussed.

Merritt reported that during the month of February, the police department had made a total of 44 arrests and citations which included one larceny, one assault, and two breaking and enterings.

He further reported that there was a problem controlling dogs in the town because "people won't allow us to put traps on their property."

Corporal Robert Morris announced that he was going to attend a drug administration school sponsored by the federal government in Charlotte from May 11-23. His attendance at the two-week

seminar will be paid for by the Albemarle Law and Order Association.

The council met in executive

First PTA meet set at Hertford Grammar

The faculty of Perquimans County Central School and parents of students in K-3 are planning an organizational P.T.A. meeting on Thursday, March 20, 1980 at 7:30 in the school multi-purpose room.

"The purpose of P.T.A. is to foster a better understanding and relationship between school and community and it

allows teachers and parents to work more closely toward common goals for the betterment of all children," said a spokesman of the planning committee.

Mr. Arthur Wall will conduct the meeting. All interested persons are urged to attend.

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