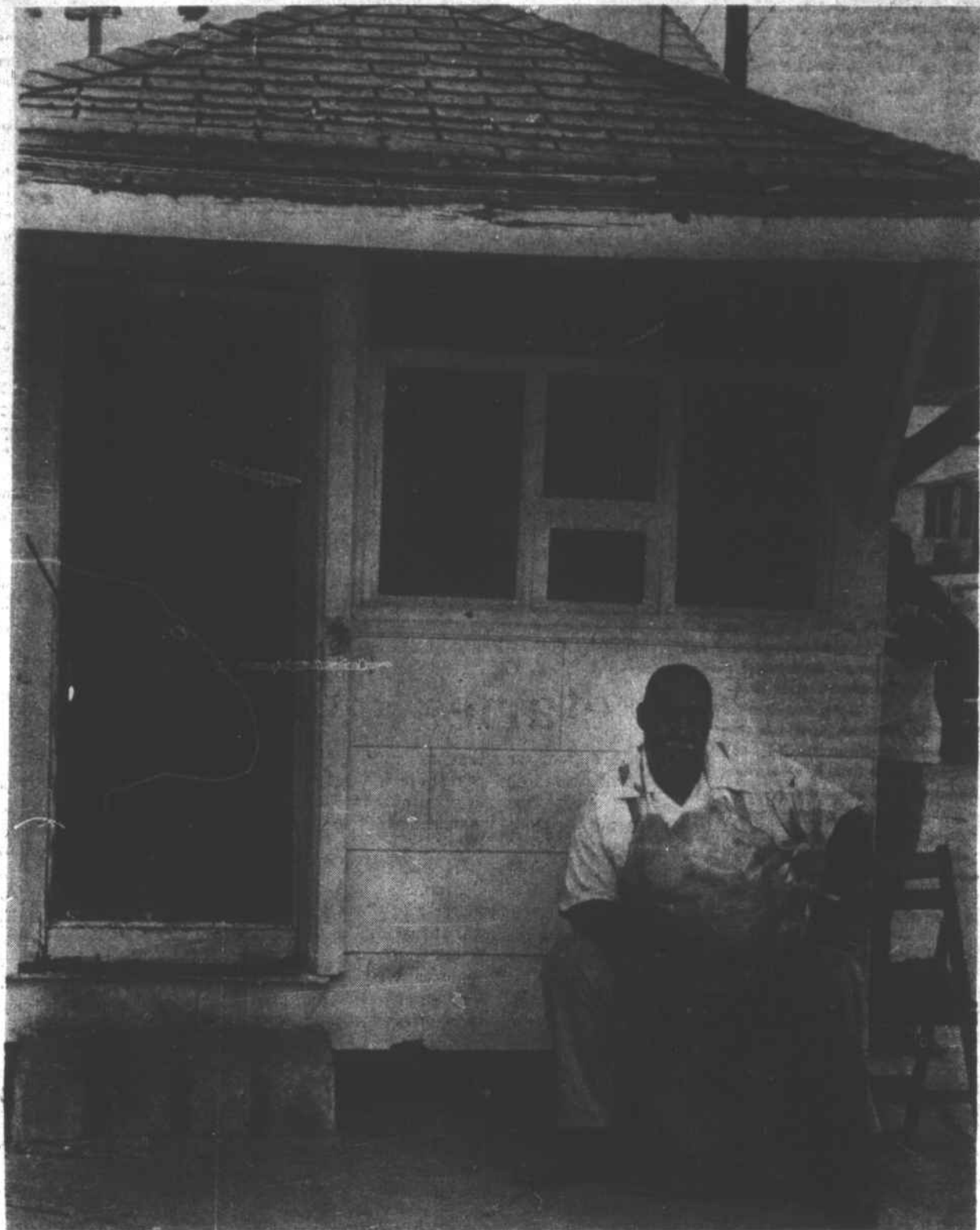


# Perquimans People



**Fish market minister**

William David Moore splits time between scaling fish and spreading the good news at his tiny shop on the corner of Market and Edenton Road Streets.



**Bike built for three**

David Hurdle, Claudia Lane, and Denise Hare (l-r) combined energies on a tandem bicycle in Sunday's Bike-A-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis. The event was sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees.

## Moore mixes gospel with seafood sales

There is nourishment for the body and the soul both at B.T.'s Fish Market, on the corner of Market Street and Edenton Road Street in Hertford.

That's because when proprietor William David Moore isn't inside cleaning fish for a customer, he's out by his tiny shop preaching the good news.

It's hard to miss Reverend Moore. He's so big that one chair will hardly hold him. Most afternoons he sits out front with a circle of listeners, the closest he's got to a congregation.

A 68 year old former cement finisher, Moore doesn't have his own church, but that doesn't stop him from spreading the gospel to anybody who'll listen.

"Yes-sir, you come back around here at 4:30 and I'll have a crowd," said Moore.

In a tiny room buzzing with flies, Moore stoops over a croaker and scrapes away, the knife making a rasping sound on the scales.

The reverend waves a fly swatter in a hand the size of a small catcher's mitt. He talks about the fish business, his health (which isn't very good), and, of course, his faith.

The fish shop has been in operation for about three years, minus a recent closing because of its owner's poor health.

Moore had been stricken with walking pneumonia, high blood pressure and a heart condition, and admits that he really shouldn't be working now.

"I don't know where I went but I lost knowledge of this world," he said. A heart shock got him back on his feet, and now his bill for drugs keeps him struggling in the fish shop.

"Ain't no money made in here," he said. "Working makes me feel a little better."

What Moore charges for fish depends on what he has to pay for them. He said that if he pays 75 cents a pound, he might charge 90 cents a pound for them after cleaning.

He gets them from Wanchese, Murray Nixon's in Rocky Hock, and in Swan Quarter. "Sometimes I don't clean 25 pounds a day. Sometimes I clean 50. I have, since I've been here cleaned 100 pounds," said Moore.

But Moore would really rather sit outside with his friends than clean fish. "I feel better setting out there talking than I do in here," he said.

What does he say that keeps folks coming back to listen almost every afternoon? "I tell 'em how to live," Moore said. "I tell them to leave this marijuana alone. You can see the results of it around you."

"You know they're smoking and drinking or something because they act different than they would... Our job as adults is to recommend them to leave that stuff off," Moore said.

Still, Moore's message has

more of a positive ring. "Preaching is good news and glad tidings," he said.

And according to customer Emily Jordan, he can really deliver it. "He can really preach and sing, both," she said.

Moore also makes short work of scaling and gutting a fish, and despite his poor health, he'll keep right on doing it. His drug bill of some \$80 per month requires it.

"There's no other way to get

my medicine," he said.

But bad health has done little to shake the big man's faith. In fact, it's had the opposite effect. "I believe in Christ more than ever," he said.

"You can't get the wrong story on your mind and think your going to win with it," said Moore. "You can't win with it."

"I'd go to Germany (to preach the good news) if I had the money," he said.

## Lanes observe 50th

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lane of 611 South Church Street, Hertford, were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception, Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m. in the Perquimans County Office Building.

Guests were registered by Michelle Lane, granddaughter of the couple. The receiving line consisted of the honorees and their three children, Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ray White, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lane, who hosted the event. They have 10 grandchildren.

The couple pledged their wedding vows on May 10, 1930 in Suffolk, Virginia. On display were pictures taken prior to the reception and gifts.

Mrs. Lane was attired in a pink dress and wore an orchid corsage. Mr. Lane was presented with a gold carnation boutonniere.

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Refreshments included a three-tiered anniversary cake baked by their daughter, and was served by Phyllis Moore and Miss Glenda Moore, granddaughters of the couple.

Presiding at the punch bowl were Miss Nancy White, Mrs.

Susan Lassiter and Becky White, granddaughters of the couple.

Out-of-town guests were from Elizabeth City, Hampton, Va., Norfolk, Va., Virginia Beach, Va., Edenton, Seven Springs, Raleigh and Wake Forest.



Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Lane

## Art grants awarded

The N. C. Arts Council has just awarded \$1.3 million in grants supporting arts activities in 92 counties. The announcement comes jointly from Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. and Sara W. Hodgkins, secretary of the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources. Awards were recommended at the spring meeting of the Arts Council's board of directors.

A total of \$3,937 was awarded to organizations in Perquimans County, with \$937 of that amount pending but expected to be awarded soon through Grassroots funds.

The grants category accounting for the largest amount of money is the

Grassroots Arts Program, in which funds for locally determined arts activities are awarded in each county on a per capita basis. The total award for Grassroots is \$560,449. Every county will receive Grassroots funds this year, although awards for some counties are still pending.

The Arts Council also awarded substantial funds \$428,600 in its Statewide Arts Resources Program, which supports major arts organizations whose impact significantly transcends county lines. Council members voted to add eight small presses and literary magazines to the dance, music, crafts and visual arts

organizations already participating as statewide arts resources.

In this area, a statewide arts resources grant of \$700 was awarded to Atlantic Christian College in Wilson for the magazine "Crucible."

Awards in other grant categories include: — \$130,503 in local government challenge grants, which match the next fiscal year's increases in local government funding of community arts organizations; — \$98,350 for arts-in-education programs in local school systems, especially to support local participation in the state Arts Council's Artists-in-Schools Program.


### Insurance

#### man awarded

A Certificate of Achievement has been awarded to William T. Nixon, Special Representative in Elizabeth City for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, for having completed the Company's Career School in Life Insurance, held at the Home Office in Greensboro, NC, May 26-30.

Mr. Nixon was among 42 Jefferson Standard representatives from 13 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico who were invited to attend the school because of their fine records with the Company.

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