

Weekly Perspective

Our view

The big step

On Wednesday night of last week, 114 Perquimans High School students, the largest class ever, walked out of the high school gym as certified graduates.

For many of them, the event marked the end of their school days. Others will go on to enroll in colleges and universities.

But in any case, high school graduation is a big event, a tremendous transition in the

life of a young person.

We congratulate these young people for successfully completing their high school educations, and offer them our best wishes as they begin life after high school.

Hopefully, they will make positive contributions, and the towns and communities in which they choose to settle will become better places to live because of their efforts.

Looking back

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GASOLINE RATION UNITS NOW DOUBLE VALUE: NEW BOOKS EFFECTIVE JULY 15: E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans Ration Board, announced Monday that the Board was in receipt of a telegram from the OPA stating, beginning on Monday morning, present gasoline ration units will entitle motorists to six gallons of gasoline, instead of the three gallons issued during the past month.

HERTFORD STORES TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, JULY 6th: An announcement was made this week by the Hertford Merchants' Committee that all stores in Hertford will remain open on Saturday, July 4th, and observe the National Holiday on the following Monday, July 6.

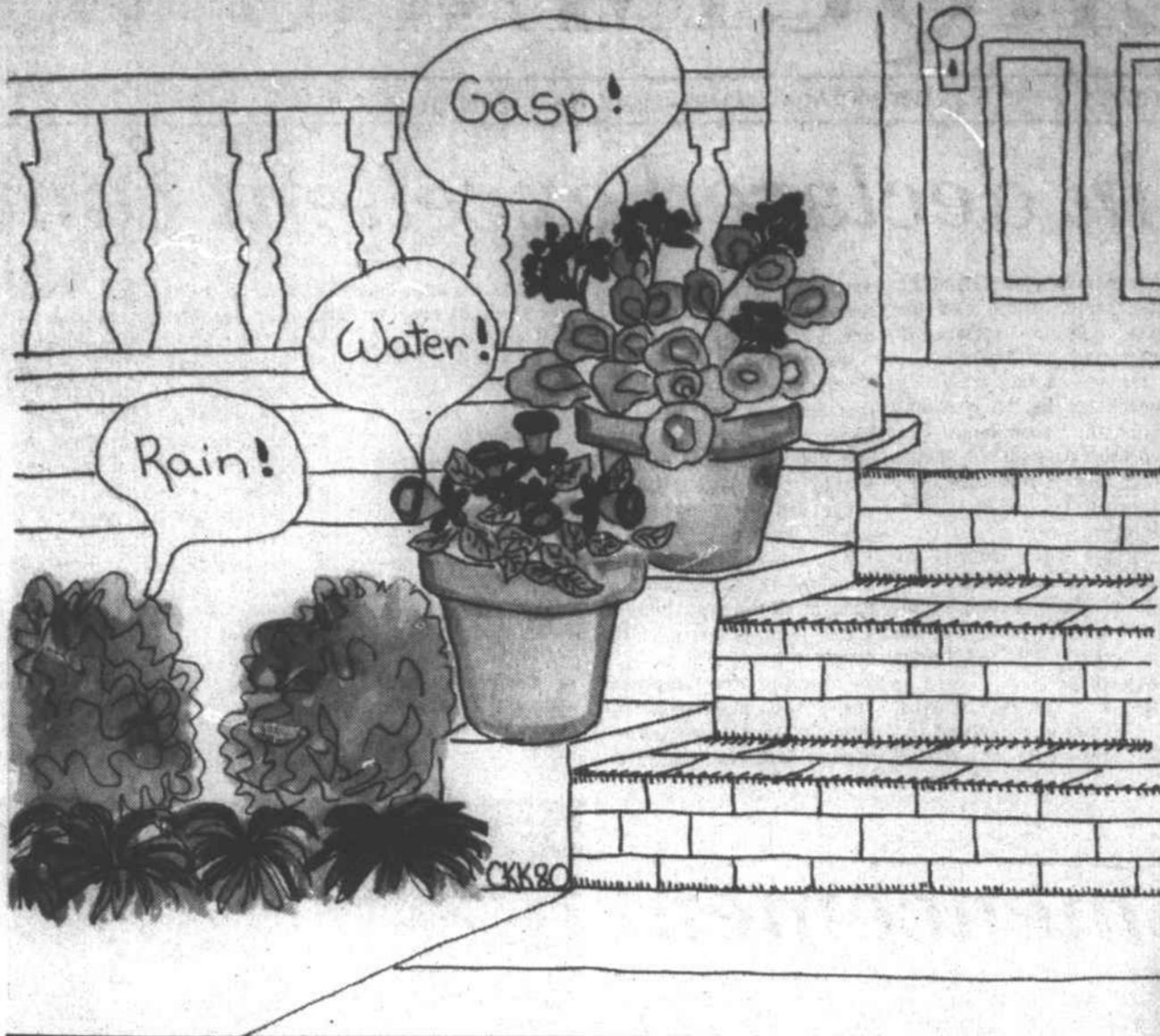
TO TEACH AT KENLY:

Miss Mae Edla Asbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Asbell, of Belvidere, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree on June 8th, at the commencement exercises of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. She has accepted the position of French and English teacher in the Kenly High School, Kenly, N.C. for next year.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byrum, of near Belvidere, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Ronald Roy, born on Friday, June 19.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. William Cherry announce the birth of a son, born on Thursday, June 18.

RECEIVES PROMOTION: Mrs. George Butler was notified this week of the promotion of her son, Fenton Butler, from Lieutenant to Captain. Captain Butler is stationed at Olympia, Washington.



My turn

NOEL TODD-McLAUGHLIN

An older friend of mine brought in the following inspirational message clipped out of a magazine.

She said she wishes she had read the piece 60 years ago, and thought its publication would be beneficial.

So this one's for her. The piece was written by Nadine Stair at the age of 85.

Second chance

If I had to live my live over again, I'd dare to make more mistakes next time.

I'd relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip.

I would take fewer things seriously. I would take my chances. I would take more trips.

I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and less beans.

I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those

people who live seriously and sanely hour after hour, day after day.

Oh I've had my moments. And if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else, just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day.

I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute.

If I had it to do again, I would travel lighter than I have. If I had to live my life over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.

I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

My friend added a phrase to the last line: "And pick fewer weeds."

Edmisten speaks

Drug crackdown sought

The need for cracking down on drug dealers was the primary theme of a speech delivered by N.C. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten to the spring dinner meeting of the Albemarle Law and Order Association at Nags Head on Friday night.

Edmisten said that tougher laws are needed to discourage large scale dealers and halt the surge of drug traffic coming through the state of North Carolina.

"One priority that I'm a fanatic about is this drug trade in North Carolina," said Edmisten. "If we keep going in this state, we're going to be number one in the country, not number two like we are now."

"Anybody who deals in drugs is the scum of the earth, and I don't care who they are," said Edmisten.

The attorney general said he is backing legislation that

would make an active jail sentence mandatory for dealing in large quantities of drugs.

"The legislation that I, Tom Watts (first district attorney for the state) and the governor propose says this, 'If you deal in LSD, marijuana, heroin or any other illegal drug, you're going to jail,'" Edmisten said.

He said that he would get the help of elected officials of the first district to get the legislation passed.

"And we mean business," Edmisten said. "We're going to do it."

Here Edmisten was interrupted by applause.

Edmisten also advocated encouraging the governments of South American countries to spray their marijuana and poppie fields with paraquat, a herbicide reputed to be dangerous to humans. Edmisten said he has seen no evidence that the chemical is harmful.

In addition, he argued the need for more drug agents in the state. Edmisten said that the 12 additional agents to be appropriated by the General Assembly this year will not be enough to combat the state's drug problem.

In comments on crime in general, Edmisten espoused a get tough philosophy in dealing with habitual criminals.

"I'm sick and tired of all the sociological excuses for being simply mean," said Edmisten. "Money expended to build prisons to put (habitual criminals) away will be money well spent," he said.

There is a new wave of excuses for criminal activity, Edmisten said. "People are asking, 'Why don't we do a better job in the schools and churches? Well it's supposed to start at home.'"

Edmisten said that when a parent asked him why he didn't do something about all

the violence on television, he responded, "Lady, I don't mean to be rude, but your television set has a push button that has an 'off' and 'on' on it. If you're so concerned about it, why don't you just push that button to off and tell your kid to go out and play, or simply to read a good book?"

The attorney general also encouraged local law enforcement agencies to set priorities and to concentrate on major crimes.

"To get picky about somebody driving 37 in a 35 miles per hour zone is just plain foolish when somebody's breaking and entering or selling heroin around the corner," Edmisten said.

"Law enforcement officers should set priorities that protect lives, liberty and property and let the little idiosyncrasies go," he said.



Rufus Edmisten

Town hires new police officer

The Hertford Police Department has taken on a new officer.

Michael Jasielum, 28, of Elizabeth City, was sworn in Monday.

Following graduation from Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. degree in traffic engineering, Jasielum worked with police departments in that state.

"I enjoyed working with the police departments in traf-

fic," said Jasielum, "but I felt I could do more for people as a police officer."

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt said Jasielum would spend the next several weeks in training, and would attend the Elizabeth City Police Academy sometime this fall.

Jasielum said he planned to move to Hertford sometime in the near future.

Recreation

(Continued from page one) made to provide joint facilities that could be used by both the schools and the recreation department.

"I definitely think if we do something we should work with the schools to create something they both can be proud of. I think it will be a better facility if it's separate," Winslow said.

He asked for more time to think about whether or not to call for a referendum.

Caddy was still expressing

doubts. "I can see an end to the recreation program as we know it," he said, adding "Nobody wants taxes."

In an unrelated matter, members of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce appeared before the commissioners to press for a county manager.

Chamber president Henry Carney said that the organization feels that a manager would more than pay his own salary in service to the county, and should be hired.

"We as a chamber feel that

it ought to be done," he said.

Nowell said he is in agreement with the need for a manager, but that the economic situation and the expense involved dictate putting the matter off for a while.

He said that hiring a manager would add four to

five cents to the tax rate.

The meeting had gotten underway with a budget hearing, but as there was no public comment, finance officer Reed called for a special meeting on Tuesday, June 24 at 8 p.m. to consider adoption of the county's 1960-61 budget.

County, schools get safety awards

Chief Deputy Labor Commissioner Taylor McMillan was to present the N.C. Department of Labor's annual award for outstanding safety achievement to employees and management of 48 firms from a seven county area at a dinner in Elizabeth City on Wednesday night, June 18.

At the program, co-sponsored for the third consecutive year by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce,

the chief deputy was to honor representatives of businesses, governmental units and service establishments from communities in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Perquimans and Pasquotank Counties.

The Perquimans County Public Schools and Perquimans County government were to be honored for the second straight year.

Summer feed set

The Perquimans County Board of Education will sponsor a summer feeding program June 23- July 25, from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. each day (except July 4) at Perquimans County Central Grammar School only.

All lunches, which will meet the minimum nutritional requirements set by federal and state guidelines, will be available without cost to all children under 19 years of age regardless of race, color, national origin, income level or handicap.

Actually

In last week's edition of the PERQUIMANS WEEKLY, we stated that William Nixon addressed the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on the subject of funding the recreation department. Herbert Nixon actually addressed the board. William Nixon did not attend the meeting. We apologize for the error.

Editor's Note

Letters to the editor are welcome. Each must be signed and include complete address.

The subject matter should be of interest to the community, not a personal gripe. Letters may be edited for clarity and space limitations.

No more than one letter per person, concerning the same subject, will be published each month.



Truck overturns

This Perdue truck hauling chicken feed overturned off New Hope Road (S.R. 1300)

early Wednesday morning while its driver was at-

tempting to turn around. The driver was uninjured, and was

charged with making an unsafe movement.

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