

Perquimans People

Tasting tour tickles many palates

Someone was in the kitchen at the ARPDC building last Wednesday night, but it wasn't Dinah, and he wasn't strumming on the old banjo.

It was Ray Ward, and he was demonstrating his own concoction for deep frying "African shrimp," at the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers Food Show and Tasting Tour.

Ward said he, A.L. West, and Wayne Hamilton, came up with the "shrimp" recipe five years ago when the three were faced with the problem of feeding a hungry crowd of Jaycees.

Instead of shrimp, however, the three used a variety of fish they had left over from a fish fry. Ward used 15 pounds of flounder, trout, and rock fish to feed the some 150 people who turned out not only to see what Ward looked like in an apron, but to taste the many delectable foods prepared by members of the area's extension clubs.

Ward's recipe for "African shrimp," follows: 15 pounds of fish. Filet, then cut into strips
2 cans of Pet milk
2 lbs. all-purpose flour
½ bottle garlic salt

2 T. black pepper

Mix last four ingredients together, dip fish into mixture. Drop coated fish strips into hot grease. (Ward said the secret in the shrimp-like curl lies in not cutting the fish strips too thick.)

Yield — enough "for a crowd and then some," according to Ward.

Nine of the county's extension homemakers clubs comprised the rest of the food show, representing nine different categories of food and types of cooking.

Included were convenience foods, presented by the Bethel Club; economical foods, prepared by the Snow-Hill — White Hat Club; low salt foods, prepared by the Bay Branch Club; holiday finger foods, demonstrated by the Burgess Club; foods that men can prepare, shown by the Belvidere Club; low-calorie foods, presented by the Pools Grove Club; low sugar foods, prepared by the Helen Gaither Club; microwave cooking, presented by the Bethel Club; and picnic foods, demonstrated by the Winfall Club.

The extension office compiled a cookbook of all the recipes utilized in the foods and dishes presented during the tasting tour. To obtain a copy, call the extension office at 426-5428.

The show and tour was coordinated by home economics extension agent Juanita Bailey.



Shrimper Ray Ward

Memories of a forgotten store

The last paying customer who pulled up to the old Pure Oil service station and general store in Belvidere was probably driving an antique automobile.

The station was last open in the 1930's, and its present owner, Glen White of Fayetteville, guessed that gasoline was probably less than 10 cents a gallon at the time. He estimated that the building is well over 100 years old.

The station appears to be pretty much forgotten among residents of the Belvidere Community. It took a lot of phone calls to find out just a little bit about it.

White's grandfather, F.C. White, originally operated the store. F.C. White's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary White, said he moved it from the center of town to its present location on the western edge of the small community.

"It used to be right in the big town of Belvidere," she said.

She recalled that there was a cotton mill, grist mill and saw mill behind the store and that her husband, Edwin S. White, operated the cotton mill "until cotton went out of the county."

The time-ravaged gas pump has hands on the front of its clock-like face that once told the customer how much gas had been delivered.

"It had a big globe on top that said Pure," Mrs. White said. "A lot of people tried to buy it but my husband never would sell it. Somebody finally shot it to pieces."

Clinton Winslow, Mrs. White's nephew, remembered a more unusual use for the old store. "Grand-daddy used to use it to store caskets in when he was in the undertaking business," Winslow said, "and I've got the horse-drawn

hearse he used to use. It's a child's hearse. I think it's the only one around here."

Edwin White used the building to store things in for the mill business and kept it

full of antiques. He auctioned them off when he learned he had cancer, and that's where the child's hearse came from.

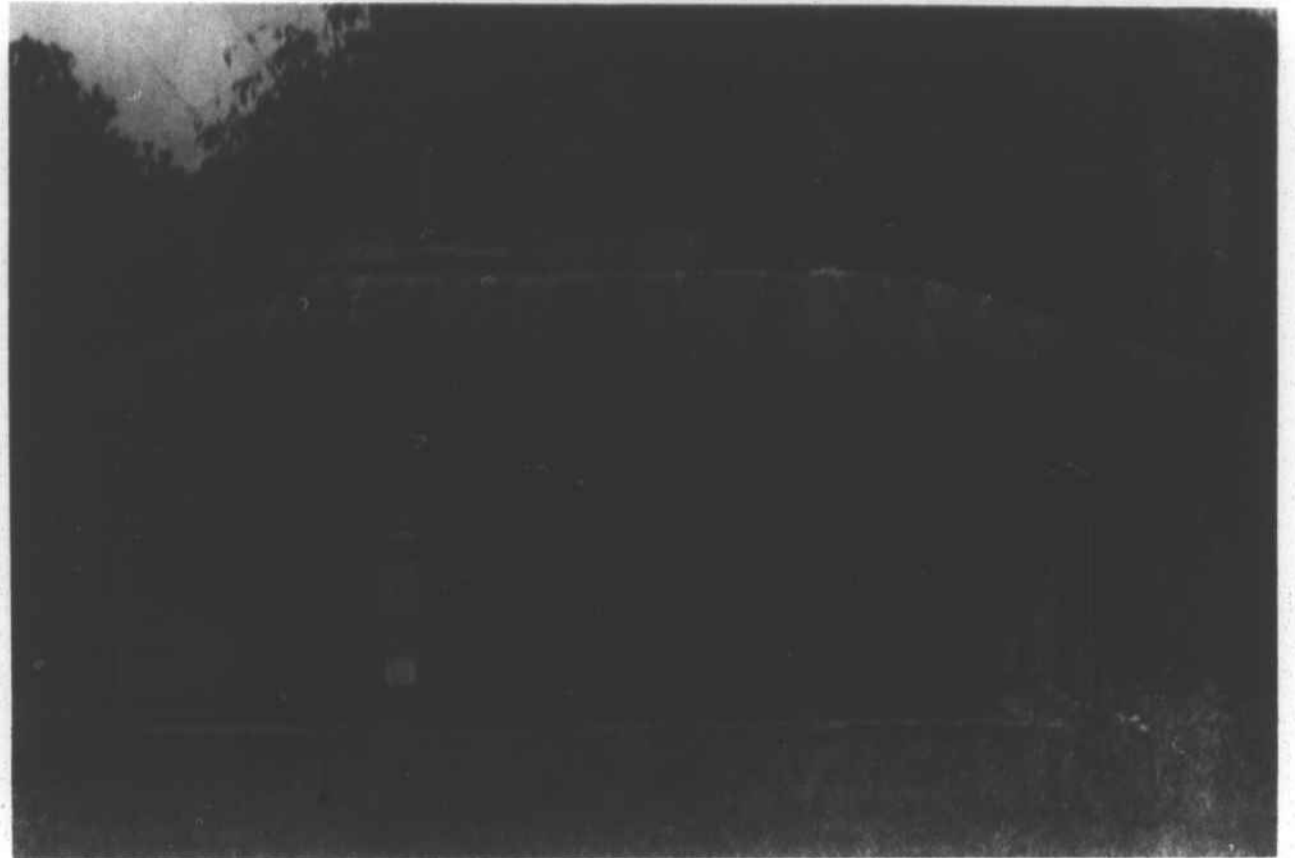
"Pure Pep," reads the emblem on the front of the gas

pump. "Minimum discharge, five gallons per sixty seconds," it claims.

The motorist who made the last purchase from the pump probably got two or three

minutes worth of gas for the price of one gallon today.

But time brings changes and some things, like the old general store and mill in Belvidere, get left behind.



A store from another era

Constitution week proclaimed

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox recently proclaimed the week Sept. 17 through 23 Constitution Week in Perquimans County.

Sept. 17 marks the 193 an-

niversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States by the Constitutional Convention.

The proclamation urges all citizens to pay special at-

tention during the week to the Federal Constitution and to the advantages of American Citizenship.

The week is observed locally

by the Edenton-Tea Party Chapter of the North Carolina federation of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which several local women belong.

W.S. Long completes short course

W. S. Long, Perquimans County Building Inspector, recently completed the sixth

and final short course sponsored by the North Carolina Insurance Department and

North Carolina State University. The courses were required by the North

Carolina Qualifications Board and the Department of Insurance for recertification.

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