

Perquimans Gardening



By **Jean Winslow**

I was strolling around the yard, munching a Bean-sprout on Cracked Wheat and swilling a raspberry diet Fago when—

"Sluggo! Lordy, I know it's summer now! Why, I didn't even have a pan of Schlitz out to welcome you. How was your winter vacation? Let's see, you visited the rain forests of South America, didn't you?"

"Jean! Yes, I'm back, and what a story I've got to tell!

"The whole thing started when I got in with that Snail Set—so continental—we started at Caracas and just slid our way on down. The Amazon was simply packed with bored French escargots. Remember that terrible drought in Burgandy last February and March? Well, they all fled la belle France and since then have been drifting from one resort to the other following the rain."

"But drifting just ain't your style. I know you've been up to something. You look so prosperous—fat as a, well, pig. Let me ask you, Slug—"

"Prez."

"Prez?"

"Actually, I'm called El Presidente."

"I'm all ears."

"Well, it seems that until I got there, no one had introduced video games to the sub-forest-canopy population. They were ripe for it. Oh, it was a piece of cake. I found this giant mahogany tree, see, with a huge cavity in it, and set up shop."

"Of course, since no one had ever created a video market, there were no game supplies at all, so I built my own: Mr. and Ms. Saltman; Slime Alert; Super Slug; Mud Waller; Slitz Sipper—they went wild! It was the biggest thing since decay that ol' forest had ever seen. (I invented little tokens you buy to play the machines with. Named them after myself. In fact, they even call them 'slugs' over here in the States.)"

"When the business started showing a profit I began to offer other services. I warned butterflies when I saw pith helmets and nets lurking in the foliage. I offered protection to parrots and macaws against pet merchants from Marseille. Crocs willingly paid my price to keep poachers out of the territory."

"The fame of being both a game-king and godfather came to the attention of Juan Allesandro y Castillo del Lorica, a typical latin strong man

who ran four corners of the world. Even for a python he was mean."

"He imposed a choking tax on all video parlors in the area, of which there was one. When I refused to pay he sent thugs—young anacondas trained to wind terror around any offender."

"Enough was enough. I called upon friends and patrons alike for help, which resulted in a full-scale junta. We fought from vine to vine, tree to tree, and finally freed the forest canopy. Juan has been in hiding somewhere close to Lake Titicaca, I hear. But Canopy was FREE!"

"Then why did you leave?"

"What! Miss summer in Northeast North Carolina? Do you think I would leave you to raise your squash alone? I've left the Canopy in the charge of my capable young generalissimo Dr. Miguel Mollusca, a zoology graduate of Slippery Rock, '79. He can handle it for three months whilst I languish beneath this butternut leaf."

"So bring me my pan of beer, m' dear, sit here when it isn't quite so slick, and tell me all about your winter."



Parker signs with Chowan

Donny Parker, a senior at grant during the Athletic College in Murfreesboro in the Perquimans County High Banquet held recently at the Fall School, signed an athletic High School, to attend Chowan

Rec Happenings

ADULT AEROBICS — Register June 1-11 at the Rec. Dept. Teens-Adults. Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning classes for six weeks costs \$20. Tuesday and Thursday evening classes for six weeks costs \$15.

CHILDREN'S AEROBICS — Register June 1-11 at Rec. Dept. Ages 5-teens. Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes for six weeks costs \$8.

SUMMER ARTS AND CRAFTS — Ages 5-12. Classes held once a week for six weeks at 5 locations throughout the county. Classes start June 28. Locations are Durants Neck Ruritan Club, Whiteston Community Building, Belvidere Fire Dept., Hertford Grammar School, and Holiday Island Club. Cost is \$2 per location for six weeks. Register beginning June 14.

JUNIOR BABE RUTH — On Monday, Brinn-Reed Oil defeated Swindell-Peoples 11 to 3. Jackson and Thatch were 2 for 4 for the winners. Lyons was 2 for 4 for Swindell-Peoples.

At 8:30, Hollowell-Winfall defeated One Stop-Don Juan. Dizon was 3 for 3 for the winners as John Evans threw a no hitter.

On Wednesday, Swindell-Peoples defeated One Stop-Don Juan 4 to 3. K. Gillispie was 3 for 4 for the winners while G. Madre was 3 for 4 for One Stop-Don Juan.

In the second game, Brinn-Reed Oil defeated Hollowell Oil-Winfall 14 to 5 to take over first place. Jackson was 2 for 4 for Brinn-Reed as D. White was 1 for 2 for Hollowell-Winfall.

SENIOR BABE RUTH — In Senior Action last Thursday, Perquimans destroyed Camden 7 to 2. Wayne Corprew and Jim Underwood led

Perquimans going 2 for 3 each. B. Forbes was 2 for 2 for Camden. John Winslow pitched a 4 hitter for Perquimans. Mack Sawyer got the loss for Camden.

ADULT SOFTBALL — Last Tuesday, American Legion defeated Natural Light 16 to 10. Griswold was 3 for 3 for American Legion. Elliott was 3 for 4 for the losers.

Next Hollowell Oil defeated Bank of NC 9-3. D. Banks was 2 for 3 for Hollowell and Bunch 2 for 3 for BNC.

At 8:30 Albemarle Chemical beat the Rangers 8 to 2. Russell Lassiter was 3 for 3 for the winners. B. Eure lead the Rangers going 2 for 2.

At 9:30 the Outlaws defeated Palmerstown 6-4. S. Dail was 2 for 2 for the winners and six people had no hits for Palmerstown.

On Thursday, Natural Light defeated Bank of NC 3-2. Dail and Elliott 2 for 3 for Natural with Nixon 2-3 for BNC.

Then Hollowell beat American Legion 10-5. D. Banks was 3 for 3 for Hollowell while the losers picked up 6 hits.

At 8:30 the Rangers upset the Outlaws 15-14. D. Eure was 3 for 3 and B. Winslow was 3 for 4 for the losers.

Lastly, Budweiser destroyed Palmerstown 11-0. Roberson and Woodell were both 3 for 3 for the winners. The losers only got 4 hits.

SCUBA DIVING CLASS — First class at Rec. Dept. Monday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. Come to find out more.

For more information, call 426-5695.

Marine facts

To learn more about the coastal life of North Carolina, visit the Marine Resources Centers along the coast at Fort Fisher, Pine Knoll Shores and Manteo.

A sand dune isn't just something you climb over, it's a very important piece of natural engineering, according to the N.C. Office of Coastal Management.

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