

# Health officials encourage flu shots

State health officials are urging older adults and people with chronic illnesses to get their flu shots now, before the influenza virus makes its annual invasion into North Carolina. Flu usually arrives in late fall or early winter, but immunization must be given well in advance for the immunity to have time to develop. "It's particularly important for people in the high risk group — persons over the age of 65 or those with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart, lung or kidney disease — to get their flu shots now," according to Dr. J. N. MacCormack, head of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources' Communicable Disease Branch. Flu is usually a mild disease in children, young adults and middle-aged people who are healthy. However, flu can be life-threatening for older adults or

persons with chronic illnesses because flu lowers the body's resistance, making a person more susceptible to secondary infections like pneumonia. Pneumonia is one of the five leading causes of death among people over the age of 65. MacCormack said flu is a viral infection of the nose, throat and lungs which can be confused with the common cold. Flu is normally accompanied by a fever which is usually absent during a cold. Nasal congestion, however, is more often associated with a cold than with the flu. "Most people can fight off the flu with a few days in bed, a few more days of rest, aspirin and plenty of liquids to drink," MacCormack said. "Because the elderly or people with chronic illnesses are more likely to develop pneumonia or other

secondary infections, many doctors recommend that these people get a flu shot early in the fall." Side effects may result from the injection, such as a low-grade fever or redness around the injection, but the risks associated with the flu and pneumonia are considered greater than the side effects of the flu shot. MacCormack noted that people who are allergic to eggs could get

some additional reactions to the flu vaccines because they are made from egg products. The 1983 vaccine is somewhat different from previous years because there is a new component which immunizes an individual against a new strain that was discovered last year. This new strain is part of the Hong Kong family of viruses.

## Accident limits raised

Effective October 1, a driver involved in a collision that causes at least \$500 total damage is required to notify local law enforcement officers, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT's) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has announced. The 1983 General Assembly raised

motor vehicle accident reporting limits from \$200, which was set in 1971, to \$500 to increase efficiency within each law enforcement office by reducing the amount of paper work that police have had to deal with in accident situations, according to R. W. Wilkins Jr., DMV Commissioner.



On Thursday, September 22, Sheriff Julian H. Broughton received information as to where some Marijuana plants could be found growing in Perquimans County. Upon further investigation by Sheriff Broughton, with assistance from the State Bureau of Investigation, 11 Marijuana plants were located in Perquimans County. These plants were confiscated and were found to be approximately 10 to 12 feet in height and also have an approximate street value of \$10,000.00 Further investigation is to be made. (Photo by Ken Castelloe)

## Area obituaries

**RIDDICK**  
NORFOLK — Mrs. Lillian Blaine Riddick, 66, of 351 Fort Worth Ave.,

Norfolk, Va., lifelong resident of Norfolk, died Friday in a hospital. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include four daughters, Margaret McDonald of Hertford; Mary C. Skinner of San Diego; Barbara A. Brinson of Virginia Beach and Patricia E. Lowe of Chesapeake.

Wilmington and Wayne Dail of Hertford; two sisters Mrs. Ebbie Lamb and Mrs. Emily Lane of Tyner; two half sisters, Mrs. Lucy Bunch of Suffolk and Mrs. Vivian Griffin of Edenton; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Safe Roads

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beverage. \*an underage person aids or abets another to attempt to purchase or purchase an alcoholic beverage. \*an underage person attempts to purchase, purchases, or possesses alcoholic beverages by using or attempting to use a fraudulent driver's license or other I.D., or by lending his driver's license or any other I.D. for that purpose. Any store that is charged with selling alcohol to a minor is subject to revocation of license. To sell spirits to a minor is a misdemeanor carrying a penalty of up to a \$2,000 fine, imprisonment of up to two years, or both. An underage person that purchases, attempts to purchase, or possesses alcohol is guilty of committing a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months or both. According to Captain Robert K. Morris of the Hertford Police department drugs seem to be on the decline and alcohol popularity on the increase in Perquimans County. "We get a lot of complaints from parents concerning alcohol use among youth.

It's not a matter of parents not being concerned enough to handle the problems, it's not knowing what to look for or recognizing the problems when they see it," Morris said. "Some of the warning signs that parents should look for are declining grades and changes in attitudes. If a young person ordinarily does well in school and his grades begin to drop, you can assume that something is taking away from his studies. If the problem is large enough, the parents will see it at home and should question the child as to what is going on," Morris said. In an effort to educate the public about the new Safe Roads Act statute, the Hertford Police Department is available to talk with any civic group and explain any and all phases of the new law. Earlier this month they spoke with all of the students at Perquimans High School and explained the new penalties and provisions of this statute. (Editor's note: See related story on page 2 concerning color coding of drivers license. All state and national survey data provided courtesy of the Hertford Police Department.)

Other survivors include four sons, Harvey Elliott of Virginia Beach, Joseph G. Elliott of Columbia, N.C., Danny R. Elliott of New Orleans and James T. Elliott of Chesapeake; a sister, Mary C. Montague of Wanchese and 26 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Monday at 12 noon in Chesapeake Memorial Gardens by the Rev. James G. Holloman. Information was provided by Swindell Funeral Home.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, September 26, at 2 p.m. in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton, by the Rev. George Cook. Williford-Barham Funeral Home of Edenton was in charge of arrangements.

**DAIL**  
Stephen Addison Dail, 83, of 707 S. Church St., died Tuesday, September 20, in Chowan Hospital. A native of Chowan County, he was the son of the late Patrick and Mrs. Sarah Boyce Dail and the husband of the late Mrs. Laura Belle Ashley Dail. He was a Baptist and a retired poultry farmer with Lancaster Farms. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Lynn Smisek of Minneapolis, Minn.; two sons, Floyd Ray Dail of

**BAINES**  
SUFFOLK — Mary Dail Baines, 62, of 1624 Cypress Chapel Road died Sunday in Louise Obici Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Chowan County and the widow of Wallace Kilby Baines Jr. She was a member of Cypress Chapel Christian Church. Survivors include four sisters Lucy D. Bunch of Suffolk, Vivian D. Griffin of Edenton, and Ebbie Lamb and Emily Lane of Tyner. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Sidney F. Harrell Funeral Home by the Rev. Willis Dowling. Burial followed in Cypress Chapel Cemetery. Information provided by Williford-Barham Funeral Home.

## Telephone repair number changed

Beginning Saturday, October 1, Carolina Telephone's number for repair service will change for customers in the Albemarle and Outer Banks area. Beginning October 1, customers in the Albemarle Metro Area, Kitty Hawk, Buxton, Hatteras, Waves, Kill Devil Hills, Manteo, Nags Head and Ocracoke areas will need to dial the

digit "1" plus 977-7100 to reach the company's repair service. There is no charge for these calls. Terry Daniels, district commercial and marketing manager, said, "The number change is necessary for more efficient access to our repair service." "Please write this new number in the front of your telephone directory for easy reference."

## Colored backdrops to be used in coding driver's license

The 1983 General Assembly recently enacted legislation that will require drivers' licenses, permits and special identification cards to be color-coded according to age, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT's) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has announced. This legislation becomes effective October 1. DMV Commissioner R. W. Wilkins Jr. explained that any driver's license, learner's permit or identification card issued on or after October 1 will reflect age by the following colored photographic backgrounds: "yellow" for ages 15-18; "blue" for ages 19-20; and "red" for ages 21 and over. As of January 1, of the 3.9 million North Carolina licensed drivers, 216,000 individuals holding drivers' licenses are under 19 years of age; 50,000 individuals holding permits are under 19 years of age; and 4,000 individuals holding identification cards are under 19 years of age. Wilkins noted that any individual may obtain a duplicate of his driver's license, permit or identification card for a fee of five dollars. Duplicate copies are available to those individuals whose drivers' licenses have been lost or destroyed, whose name or address on the license has been changed, or whose age has changed so that he is entitled to a differently colored background. DMV Director of Driver License Section Zeb Hocutt said, "To prevent fraudulent use of drivers' licenses, we have rigid requirements as to what constitutes satisfactory proof of identification in order to obtain a duplicate license, permit or identification card. "The best proof," continued Hocutt, "is a current or recently expired photographic driver's license. However, a birth certificate plus the combination of any two of the following documents is acceptable: school records, photo identification from a company or agency, military discharge papers, insurance policy (at least one year old), service

discharge DD-214, copy of census report, US passport, driver education certificate (if the name is correct) and a family Bible, commented Hocutt.

## Community Calendar

**Band Boosters to meet**  
Perquimans County Band Boosters will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, October 3, at 7:30 in the High School Library. Various business and upcoming band events will be discussed.


**Bike-a-thon scheduled**  
A combination Bike and Walk-a-Thon on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis research has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 9 at 2:30 beginning at the United Methodist Church, Market and Covent Garden Streets. All youth of the county are urged to participate. Sponsor sheets are available from the church office or by calling 426-5467. Contact Rev. Irving E. Cook at 426-5467 if you have any questions.

## THANK YOU

Our 2nd Indian Summer Festival was a tremendous success. This didn't just happen. It took a great deal of time, talent and plain hard work to produce this event. So many people were involved and helping in many areas to give Perquimans County a weekend to be proud of. This proves what can be accomplished when we all work together. It is great to have an event in our County where we see people of all ages bustling and having an exciting good time. All of this was possible with your help and cooperation and the Chamber of Commerce says "Thank You" to the many willing workers and contributors to the Indian Summer Festival. Your response was overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Mary C. Harrell  
President  
Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce

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