PERQUIMANS PEOPLE-

Teacher honored for years of service by Tyrrell School Board

Achieving greatness in one's lifetime is something that is sought by many and realized by few. Often it is those who never look for realms of greatness that are placed into the category of "heroic" standards by others.

Madge Lane VanHorne would most probably fit into the latter category.

A native of Perquimans County, Mrs. VanHorne left the community many years ago to pursue a career in teaching.

A 1939 graduate of Perquimans County High School, she attended the then East Carolina Teachers College where she graduated in 1943. Her teaching career, which spanned 40 years until her retirement this year, consisted of classes in social studies, French and English.

Mrs. VanHorne, the daughter of the late Lafayette and Hattie Rountree Lane of Perquimans County, began her teaching career in a four room wooden building that was heated by a pot-bellied stove. She first taught the ninth grade, and progressed with those students each year until they graduated from high school.

Thirty-six of the years that she taught were spent in the Tyrrell County School System. She spent numerous hours of her personal time helping students with the school's newspaper and annual, Baccalaurette, Graduation and Class Day exercises, raising money for class trips and the list goes on.

Her record of work in the school system would be outstanding on it's own, but Mrs. VanHorne didn't stop there.

In her youth she was an active member of the Up River Friends Meeting, taking an active roll as a Sunday School teacher for the young ladies in the church, she was a member of Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, now an

Senior news

The following is a list of events scheduled for the Perquimans County Senior Center beginning August 16.

16 - Exercise 9-10 17 - Blood Pressures checked

for free 9-12 and 2-5

20 - Exercise 9-10; Crochet 1-4; and Memory Lane Club Meeting 2:00

22 - Bingo 2-4

23 - Exercise 9-10; and Bible Study Class 1:30-3:30

COMPUTER OR ACCOUNTANT?

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your business and computers. He can provide valuable in putting the two together successfully. If you're thinking of purchasing a computer, there's no better place to start than with a phone call to your account. He can take much of the confusion out of the selection and purchasing process. selection and purchasing process.

He will begin by asking you what you want a computer to do. The tasks that the computer will be expected to do will determine in large part the software that

you will require Your account can get bids from several vendors and assist you in evaluating their proposals. Since your account has heard all the sales pitches used, he can help you sort out fact from fiction in what the computer salespeople

Before you buy, your accountant will probably suggest that you and he visit other people who are using computers for the kind of work you want yours to do.
Your account's experience with computers will also enable him to monitor your computer installation and help train your staff.

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Freewill Baptist Church, where she teaches a young adult Sunday School class, she is the Director of a youth league, member of the Womens Auxiliary, (who chose her as

Woman of the Year) and a youth

In July Mrs. VanHorne was honored at a dinner given by the Tyrrell County Board of Education. During the dinner she was praised for her consistency in teaching over the years by Superintendent Dave Davis. Mr. Wayne Brickhouse, Chairman of the Board of Education, reminded those present of the positive effects that she had on his life as well as others in the county. He also presented her with a framed copy of the Board's resolution to name the auditorium at Columbia High School in her honor.

Dennis Rogers, a noted columnist for the RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER, recently devoted his column to Mrs. VanHorne, Following are

"There is only one traffic light, one doctor and one lawyer in Tyrrell county, and they are adequte to meet the needs of the people."

"And there is only one Madge VanHorne. But that is a shame because no place has enough women like her."

"One day I was in a store, and a student came up to me and said, 'You're becoming just like Mrs. VanHorne,' Midge Ogletree said of her friend and co-worker. 'I just thanked him. That is the finest compliment I've ever had. She is the only saint I've ever

"Who is Madge VanHorne, and why are people saying such nice things about her?"

"Do you remember that one special teacher, that kind, gentle person who made you feel as if you wanted to do well because you didn't want to disappoint her; that teacher you always want to see when you go back home: that teacher you always talk about when you run into an

teacher you loved, respected and have had on us, and we salute trusted in your most vulnerable

years?"

"That's Madge VanHorne." "Mrs. VanHorne is far too modest to talk about why she is though of as perhaps Columbia's finest teacher, but what she says about good teachers she has seen tells a lot about her."

" 'All of the good teachers I've seen really wanted to help people,' she said. 'They really are unselfish people.' "

Although we in Perquimans County feel a certain loss in not having kept Mrs. VanHorne in our community to help guide our children through life, we know that we are fortunate to have the inspiration that her live has given to our area. Her life will serve for many years to come as a guide for teachers in the Tyrrell County Schools as well as those students whose lives she touched.

To Mrs. VanHorne, and all of those loving and unselfish teachers that we have known, we



Mrs. Madge VanHorne, a native of Perquimans County, was honored recently in Tyrrell County after her retirement from the public school system there. She is pictured with Wayne Brickhouse, Chairman of the

Tyrrell County Board of Education, who presented her with a plaque containing a resolution by the Board to name the Columbia High School Auditorium in her

