

PERSPECTIVE

Other views

Farm-City Week observance promotes understanding

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Survey after survey have shown that farmers are highly respected members of their community and their contributions are properly recognized. There can be no question that agriculture has a good image in the mind of the public.

Even so, it is important that there be a continuous effort to help promote a better understanding between the rural and urban segments of our society.

Each group is dependent upon the other for products and

services that are essential to modern living.

Farm-City Week (November 16-22) is designed to call attention to this interdependence and to increase the knowledge and appreciation of each for the American way of life.

It is an effort to demonstrate to the people of this country that the dynamic combination of agriculture, business and distribution have made our nation the best, most efficiently fed in the world.

This special week, just before Thanksgiving each year, was established 27 years ago. The movement soon spread to year 'round activities. Today, many

thousands of local groups in farming communities and cities conduct a wide variety of farm-city projects.

The key to this success is volunteer workers who understand the need for rural-urban understanding.

It is clear that the national interest is served best when there is a free and full interchange of views and opinions between farm and city people on questions that affect the welfare of all of us.

Activities of farm-city programs encourage these interchanges and create an atmosphere in which they can operate easily and effectively.

Reagan's victory gives voice to the ideals of Americans

If you're like me, you are glad the election is over. Maybe you aren't happy with the results, but are still glad to see it end. It was a drawn-out process with many voters tired long before November.

dictator.

Mr. Reagan has been sent a very serious message. A message that indicates confidence in his certainty and in his belief that America has reason to be proud.

While there are many problems that must be addressed, that working together, America can continue to prosper.

The president knows government spending must be contained. He knows honest efforts must be made to curb the serious threat of nuclear war. He knows government has got to be responsive to the needs of the elderly, the disadvantaged, the poor.

The president also knows, unlike many past leaders, that money is not a cure-all for all our problems. He realizes many of the failed social programs of the past have only served to keep poor Americans poor. He knows America must have a strong military, while at the same time giving equal energy to promoting world peace.

Most of all, Mr. Reagan knows the spirit of America is not dead. He knows there remains much pride in that spirit. He knows Americans are not quitters.

No America has not given him unquestionable authority to do as he sees fit. No president or political individual has that right or authority. Americans have simply stated their preference for a positive leader. A leader

Political independence began ecclesiastical independence

The Church of England was the established religion in several American colonies, including North Carolina. When those colonies won their political independence from Great Britain, many Anglicans felt the need of achieving ecclesiastical independence as well.



Anglican polity gave bishops a central role in maintaining faith and order. For the church to grow with the new nation, America needed bishops. The clergy of Connecticut were the first to act, choosing the Rev. Dr. Samuel Seabury to be their bishop in 1783.

Seabury was born in Connecticut on November 30, 1729. A graduate of Yale, he also studied medicine in Edinburgh. He was ordained priest in 1753, after which he spent about 20 years as a missionary in and around New York.

Like many of the Anglican clergy, especially those in New

England, Seabury remained loyal to the Crown during the American Revolution. He wrote pamphlets supporting the Loyalist position and was for a time imprisoned for his beliefs.

Seabury earned his doctorate of divinity at Oxford in 1777, then served about six years as a chaplain in the British army. With the coming of independence, he cast his lot with the new nation and accepted the break with the Crown.

Having been elected bishop, Seabury had to journey to Britain for consecration, the completion of the bishop-making process. However, he encountered major problems.

Then English bishops raised questions about oaths of allegiance to the Crown required by English law, about the method of Seabury's election, about authority and jurisdiction, and about the relations between the church in Connecticut and the civil government.

All discussions and endeavours came to naught. Seabury then turned to the Episcopal Church of Scotland, a small body more independent of royal control than was the Church of England. The Scottish bishops agreed to consecrate Seabury.

In Aberdeen on November 14,

that offers hope for all Americans for a brighter tomorrow.

This is the message the American voters have sent the president and many other elected officials. It is a message we all must hope they understand.

More than anything else, I believe this election has shown the need for change in our political systems. Politics needs an infusion of courage — courage that refuses to compromise. It needs the inspiration of a person who is honest — honest in the face of trial and temptation.

It needs the initiative of a person who will work for the good of all — even in the face of challenge and criticism.

Politics has long been a suspicious endeavor. And that is understandable. Much of what faced the American voter daily during the last election only added to that suspicion.

The American people see a steady parade of corruption, compromise and collapse in politics. Politics, if it is to earn respect and support, must clean up its act, put its house in order, and start rendering substance and leadership to its followers.

Politics owes something more to the American people than promises and rhetoric. It owes leadership, servanthood, honesty, representation and pursuit. Few politicians have demonstrated such qualities in the past. Let's hope for improvements in the future.



"Weekly" announces plans

This week's column contains various items of information that we'd like to share with you. We've implemented a few changes in the paper that we'd like your opinion on, and we invite you to share your suggestions or ideas for future editions.



A recent trip through old records at the Perquimans County Courthouse has shown us that The Perquimans Weekly is about to enter its 50th Year. (in December) and to celebrate the event we'll begin our year with new features and promotions for our readers.

As most of you probably noticed, we began a new comic feature in the paper a few weeks

ago. We have received several requests over the past few months for this type of entertainment in the paper; and depending on reader response, we'll consider adding it as a regular feature.

During this trial period we will be featuring several different entertainment features. We request that you contact our office with your preference to the different comic features that we run, so that when a final decision is made it will be based on our readers preference.

Another new feature of the paper that began last week is "Health Hints". This column will provide timely news on new discoveries in the medical field, as well as hints on how to remain healthy. Plans are for the column to appear on a bi-weekly basis.

We hope to be adding several new features during the coming months and hope that you will give us your comments from time to time regarding these additions. Feel free to give us a call at 426-5728 anytime you have

comments or suggestions for the paper.

As a reminder to our younger readers, we will be publishing "Letters to Santa" in our Christmas edition on December 20. Letters should be written and decorated in dark colors, and the most original letter writer will receive a prize. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number on the back of your letters; and send them to: Santa Claus, c/o The Perquimans Weekly, P.O. Box 277, Hertford, N.C. 27944.

The deadline for entering letters in the contest is December 7, so get busy!

If your group, club or organization has a special event planned for the holiday season that you would like to have covered by The Perquimans Weekly, please call us as soon as possible to reserve a reporter or photographer. Our calendar fills very quickly during the holidays, and we have to provide coverage on a first-come first-serve basis.

Looking back

20 Years Ago
By VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

PERQUIMANS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING UNIT: The Perquimans County Marching Unit's 34 energetic young ladies perform with precision at football games as well as parades.

The girls dress as Indians to carry out the symbol of the high school football team. Amy Nixon leads the group. Therefore, she is appropriately called the chief majorette.

In the unit are the following girls: Margaret Ainsley, Nancy Allen, Faye Boyce, Marcia Copeland, Pam Cox, Paulette Dail, Monnie Divers, Patsy Elliott, Virginia Fowler, Barbara Harrison, Rita Jordan, Judy Long, Pat Long, Jo Frances Perry, Audrey Sawyer, Sandra Stallings, Evelyn Tarkington and Carolyn Faye White.

Girls serving as flag bearers are Anna Chesson, Nell Cox, Bea Skipsey, Lou Vickers and Sandra White.

Jo Barnes, Mary Barbee, Aileen Beck, Carolyn Long, Mary Lee Newby, Linda Owens, Margaret Sawyer, Dickie White, Linda Winslow and Sylvia Daniels are drummers.

Practice sessions for the

marching unit began on June 1, 1964 under the supervision of Mrs. Janice Boyce and Mrs. Kitty Brown.

MEETING IS CALLED CONSIDERING BAND IN HERTFORD: Sidney Harmon, chairman of the Perquimans County Marching Unit Planning Committee, announced today

that Arnold Hoffman, State Supervision of Music, has accepted an invitation to meet with the citizens of Perquimans County to discuss the program of developing the Perquimans Marching Unit, and to explore the possibility of eventually obtaining a band for Perquimans High School.

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