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Stokes Scholarship established



Gwen Perry of Route 3, Hertford is shown accepting Lois Asbell Stokes Scholarship from O. Lloyd

Armstrong, Assistant Dean, Financial Aid, at College of The Albemarle.

Perry is a first-year business student at the college.

A scholarship has been established at College of The Albemarle in memory of a Perquimans County resident.

The Lois Asbell Stokes Scholarship was established recently by her husband, Henry C. Stokes of Hertford, Perquimans County residents have preference for receiving this annual scholarship.

Gwen S. Perry of Route 3, Hertford is the first recipient of this award. A first-year student at the college, Gwen plans to complete the business administration curriculum at COA. She is a 1985 graduate of Perquimans County High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Perry of Route 3, Hertford.

First-year students who receive the Stokes Scholarship must have graduated in the upper 50 percent of their high school graduating class. Second-year students must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average in their college courses. Additional information on the scholarship requirements is available from the financial aid office at COA.

Renovation work underway on PCHS project

By SUSAN HARRIS

Work has begun in several areas of the high school renovation-construction project, according to Perquimans County Schools Superintendent Pat Harrell. "We're off and running," Harrell told the Board of Education in regular session Monday night.

Harrell said that Billy Ownes had installed partitions in the newest high school building to create more classrooms. All the classes previously housed in the 1928 facility have been relocated in the newest structure. All salvageable items have been identified and are being removed from the 1928 building. That project is nearing completion, Harrell stated.

The canopy connecting the cafeteria and the 1928 building has been taken down and the sidewalk torn up. The circle drive is presently being removed and curbing is being poured for the new driveway.

Temporary heat and plumbing for the cafeteria must be considered as the boiler has been disassembled and the water will be turned off when the wings of the old building are demolished.

Relaying other capital improvement activities at the high school, Harrell announced that the gym painting project is almost completed. He said that the work has taken longer than anticipated due to extensive caulking required by the metal windows. Also included in the project was painting the ceiling beams.

The new lights at the high school athletic complex weathered Hurricane Gloria with minor damages. Harrell said poles that had suffered wind damage were realized by a crew sent by Musco, Inc., the company that installed the lights.

New turf was bought for the

baseball infield by the Athletic Boosters, who also provided labor to install the project. Mack Nixon, board member and Athletic Booster Club member told the Board that the grass has matted and is growing well.

Assistant Superintendent Shelton Davis reported that the Union School flood control and drainage project has reached its final phases. He said leveling and contouring are being done now. The next and final step will be pouring concrete around the basins.

Davis and Harrell said that even unfinished the project made a dramatic difference on the school grounds during the heavy rains last week. No water was found inside the buildings.

Harrell reviewed the progress of the Career Development Plan. He said that the training sessions have been completed and make-up classes are being held for employees hired after the start of the sessions.

Feedback from the training sessions has been very positive according to Harrell and Davis. Participants receive a \$500.00 check as an incentive for completing the program.

Prospective substitute teachers will have to perform well on a basic English, reading, and math test to qualify for inclusion in the substitute teacher training session to be held next Thursday. On Thursday and Friday, October 10th and 11th from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. the screening test will be administered.

The more stringent standards represent an effort on the part of local school administrators to provide quality substitute teachers for county students. According to Harrell, teachers are leaving very good plans for substitutes, and expect their students to receive instruction in their absence.

Albemarle Electric to hold annual membership meeting this Saturday

The cooperative way of doing business has been successful for Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. The local Cooperative is completing forty years of productive service to its now 6,636 member consumers.

On Saturday, October 12th, the

members of the EMC will gather in Hertford at the Perquimans County High School for their Annual Member Meeting which will start at 2:00 p.m.

Providing power to themselves has been a rewarding achievement for members and management. For today, members own better than 3 million dollars of the total electric system. Thus far, the local EMC has returned \$973,422 back to local members since 1954 thru capital credits.

Manager Dorris White said "Our Board of Directors has approved the refunding of \$123,221 in capital credits to our members who were being served during the years of 1972 thru 1974." White stated that capital credit checks will be passed out before and after the Annual Meeting.

She encouraged members to come out to the meeting and take part in the election of 3 directors and hear reports on the 1984 operation.

One part of the program will be a slide show presenting the history of Rural Electrification. Like Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, the Rural Electrification Administration is celebrating their 50th birthday. REA is the financial arm of Rural Electrics.

The local EMC serves members in the following counties: Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck.

Elizabeth City man killed in shooting incident

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
WINFALL—An Elizabeth City man was shot and killed here early Saturday morning as the result of an apparent domestic dispute.

Richard Ardell Overton, age 28 of 111C Herrington Village, Elizabeth City, was pronounced dead on arrival at Chowan Hospital in Edenton after he was transported there by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

Edward Junior (AKA Buddy) Woodard, age 33 of Main Street, Winfall, was indicted Monday morning on a charge of first degree murder by a Perquimans County Grand Jury. He was placed in Albemarle District Jail, where he is being held without bond pending trial.

According to Winfall Police Chief Joe Lothian, he received a call and responded to Woodard's home around 3:00 a.m. Saturday. When he arrived at the scene he found Overton on the floor, shot once in the lower chest by a small caliber weapon.

Overton was the brother-in-law of the alleged perpetrator, and Lothian stated that the incident appeared to be the result of a domestic dispute.

Overton's body was transported to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville for an autopsy. Results of the autopsy were not available at press time.

Aiding Lothian in the investigation were Special Agent Dwight Ransome of the State Bureau of Investigation and Senior Patrolman T.K. Spence of the Hertford Police Department.

Junior Achievers learn business first-hand

By SUSAN HARRIS

The world of business is being explored by a group of county high school students involved in Junior Achievement (JA) of the 24 youth who initially signed up to participate in the program, about 12-14 are actively involved in the 15-week venture.

The Perquimans effort is one of thousands nationwide. The program stresses learning about business through hands-on experience.

Terry Chappell, financial advisor, Bill Glover, production advisor and David Twiddy, executive advisor, are local businessmen who have generously volunteered their time and expertise to JA. Attorney John Matthew is involved in JA on the district level.

The students must create a product, keep records, pay bills, name their company, sell their product, acquire start-up capital, elect officers—perform all the functions of a corporation operating in the free enterprise system.

The corporation, named "Goose Busters," manufactures geese with "Welcome" painted across the chests and bows around the necks. The geese sell for \$15.00.

Start-up capital was raised by selling for \$1.00 per share. Each participant was required to sell at least five shares.

Cutting the plywood geese was sub-contracted. From there the group works like an

assembly line: sanding, painting the body, painting the feet and bills, adding the eyes, lettering, and finally tying the bows.

The youth are paid wages of \$1.00 per night. Officers make \$1.25, while the president earns \$1.50 per session. They also earn a 10-percent commission on their sales.

Expenses include \$15.00 rent (set by JA) electricity, insurance, the JA kit, and workbooks.

Records are kept, and reports are sent in to JA outlining progress.

At the helm of the corporation is President Valerie Vaughan. Her duties include presiding over business meetings, setting goals, and keeping the business running smoothly.

Vice-Presidents are: Tanya Howell, marketing; Jeff Cain, production; and Wanda

Chappell, finance. Paul White serves as corporate secretary.

Other active participants include Carl James, Tina Wolfgang, Lisa Copeland, Ellen Lane, Melanie Corpew, Lisa Carter, Lynnette Riddick and Kay Matthews.

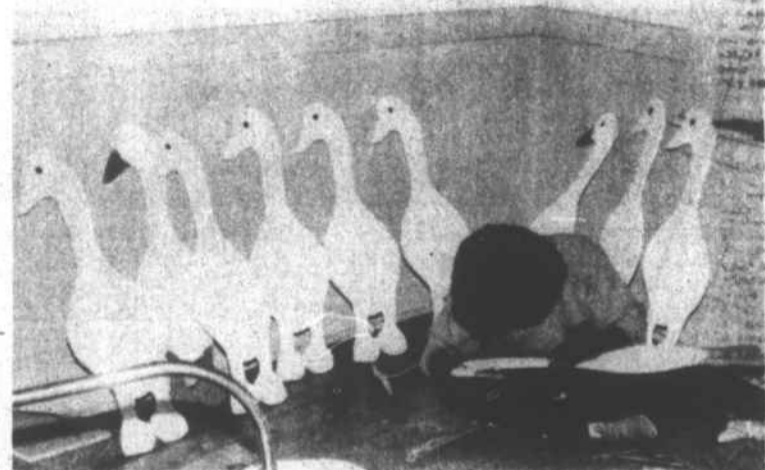
The youth have impressed their advisors who label them, "A great bunch of kids." When asked if they'd rather sell a lot of geese or put out a quality product, they unanimously chose quality.

Most of the group say they got involved in JA to gain business knowledge and skills, and some hope to major in business areas in college.

At the end of the 15-weeks the corporation must liquidate. The final bills will be paid, and the stockholders will receive their initial investment back with interest.

The net profit can be spent however the participants see fit.

The program offers an excellent learning opportunity for young people.



PHOTOS BY JANE WILLIAMS

