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NATURE'S BEST—One of the prettiest sights you'll ever see are the roses in bloom during the late spring and early summer months. Photographer George Wilmore spotted this

beauty during a recent outing with his camera, and shares the beauty with us.

Hurricane threats call for preparation

If a hurricane threatens, keep listening to your local radio or television station for the latest National Weather Service advisories, as well as special instructions for local government, according to Keith W. Haskett, Perquimans County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Hurricanes can cause power failure and contamination to the water supply. Check battery-powered equipment such as radios and flashlights now. Your battery radio could be your only source of information in a hurricane emergency. Store a supply of drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils. Your town's water system may be contaminated or damaged by the storm.

Fill your car's fuel tank to be prepared in case evacuation should be necessary. Also, there is a possibility that service stations may be inoperable after a storm strikes.

Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters or tape. Small windows are easily broken by wind-driven debris. Larger windows may be broken by wind pressure. Tape may not keep a window from breaking, but it is an effective way of preventing flying glass.

Secure outdoor objects which may be blown away. Garbage cans, garden tools, toys, signs, porch furniture, and a number of harmless items can become weapons in hurricane winds. Boats should be moored securely

before the storm arrives, or moved to a designated safe area.

Residents of low-lying areas which may be swept by high tides or storm waves should evacuate such areas without delay. It would be extremely dangerous to be caught in your car on an open coastal road. Roads to safer areas could become flooded before the full force of hurricane strikes, and getting out of such areas could be further complicated by the fact that the density of the population in some areas makes it impossible for a few roads to accommodate everyone within a short amount of time.

If authorities advise evacuation of your area, Do So Immediately. Keep listening to your car radio for further instructions, such as the location of emergency shelters.

If you live inland, away from the beaches and low-lying coastal areas, your home is well constructed, and local authorities have not called for evacuation in your area, stay home and make emergency preparations.

As you monitor National Weather Service advisories, be alert for tornado watches or warnings.

Tornadoes are often spawned by hurricanes. Should your area receive a tornado warning, seek inside shelter immediately, preferably below ground level.

Once the hurricane has reached your area, remain indoors. Blowing debris can injure and kill. Travel is extremely dan-

gerous. Be especially wary of the "eye" of the hurricane. If the storm center passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from a few min-

utes to half-an-hour or more. At the other side of the "eye" the winds will increase rapidly to hurricane force and will come from the opposite direction.

Newbold-White garden planted

Newbold-White, North Carolina's oldest house, is looking even older these days. There are zigzag rail fences, strange crops like flax and tobacco, and a real 17th century scarecrow to protect the crops.

The 17th century garden is a project of the Perquimans County Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, and is being funded by a grant from Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. Jeanne White, Chairman of the Committee, and W.C. Meekins, Jr., Community Relations Manager for Carolina Telephone, looked over the garden last week and expressed appreciation for the volunteer effort which made the garden possible. Dr. John Crawford, Eldon Winslow, James Houlihan, and Leigh Winslow have helped David McCall, Program Director at Newbold-White, with breaking the land and planting the crops.

North Carolina was a strange, new world to the first English colonists who came to Perquimans. Tobacco proved to be the principal money crop as smoking to-

bacco was very fashionable in London society. Tobacco was used as money in many transactions. Another important crop was flax, which provided fibers for cloth for table and bed linens. Flax fiber were woven with lamb's wool to make a tough fabric, called linsey-woolsey. It is said that this cloth was so tough that britches made from it were handed down from the oldest to the youngest son.

In addition to tobacco and

Jeff Rohrer, Star Scout, made this 17th century scarecrow for the Four Hundredth Anniversary garden at Newbold-White. When the first colonist came to Roanoke Island they found the Indians using live "scarecrows" to keep the animals and birds from the crops. One such guard is seen in John White's drawing of Secotan. Jeff made the Newbold-White scarecrow as part of his American Heritage merit badge project. He has earned 25 merit badges and will become a Life Scout at the end of July. Jeff is the son of Captain and Mrs. William M. Rohrer,

flax, all necessary food could be produced on the plantation. The Newbold-White garden has various peas and beans, squash, Indian corn, pumpkins, melons, and sunflowers flourishing. Dried peas, beans and corn were exported as well as stored for

winter use.

"Newbold-White is the only visible symbol of 17th century life in North Carolina", said Mrs. White, "and our Committee felt that by growing these old-time crops we could recreate some of the way of life of the 17th century."



Lois Asbell Stokes scholarship given

ELIZABETH CITY—Carrie L. Twine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Twine, has been named the recipient of two private scholarships at College of the Albemarle for the 1986-87 school year.



CARRIE TWINE

The rising sophomore, who is enrolled in the General Office Technology program at the community college, will receive the Lois Asbell Stokes and George J. Winslow scholarship awards. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average, the highest attainable level a student can achieve academically.

Twine is a 1985 graduate from John A. Holmes High School. She ranked eleventh in her class of 164 graduates. She was a member of the Art Club, participated in numerous art exhibits, and contributed to the school literary publications. She also was a Royal Flush member and worked as an assistant in the library.

She currently is a member of the college Nu Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa national honor fraternity for academic excellence. As an annual staff member, she assisted in the production of the 1985 edition the COA yearbook.

