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Pictured above are significant events that took place throughout 1986. Perquimans County was a growing and active community in 1986. The Bryan Center and Apricot, Inc. broke ground on new facilities, the municipal building annex opened, the Pirates had a winning season, and the community grew and prospered. Happy New Year from the staff of the Perquimans weekly. We hope these pictures bring back memories of a great year.

January set as month to renew fishing licenses

North Carolina fishermen who have 1986 commercial fishing licenses will have the month of January to obtain their 1987 commercial fishing licenses, according to Edward G. McCoy, Deputy Director, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.

The 1986 licenses will be valid through January 31, 1987. McCoy said Marine Fisheries law officers would be on the lookout February 1 to make sure fishermen have their 1987 licenses.

The 1987 licenses will be available beginning January 1 from license agents open for business on New Year's Day, and beginning January 2 from the Morehead City office, and other license agents located in coastal counties.

For further information contact the Division of Marine Fisheries by calling toll free 1-800-682-2632 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Area college schedules career day program

Albemarle area high school and college students will have a chance to explore career opportunities with many professionals when College of The Albemarle hosts its annual Career Day early in January.

Sponsored by the college counseling and placement office, the program will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday, Jan. 9. More than 200

students from high schools in the college's seven-county service area are expected to attend the morning event.

Ray Scaffa, assistant dean of counseling and placement, said the students will be able to discuss career opportunities, the job outlook, and specific training requirements with representatives from a wide range of

occupations. More than 20 businesses and public agencies are expected to participate, the dean said.

Local businesses, state, federal, and public agencies taking part in the program include: Alpine Data Systems; Biggs Pontiac, Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile; N.C. Agricultural Extension Service; Albemarle Hospital; Chesapeake General Hospital;

Chowan Hospital; Friends of the Court; Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public Schools; Elizabeth City Police Department; E.C.S.U. geoscience department; National Park Service; N.C. Highway Patrol; U.S. Army; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Navy; and Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, N.A.

Harris elected

WILSON, N.C.—Jesse Harris was re-elected an at-large executive committee member on the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency Board of Commissioners during its monthly meeting December 18. Harris is a Hertford commissioner.

As the agency governing board, commissioners approved an annual budget and direct projects. The board of commissioners approve an annual budget and direct projects. The board of commissioners consists of a representative from each participating city.

NCEMPA is one of two municipal power agencies in the state. Its 32 participants own their electrical distribution systems and purchase power from the agency. The agency has ownership interests in generating facilities operated by Carolina Power & Light.

NCEMPA has contracted with Electricities of North Carolina, Inc.



for management and technical services. Electricities is a joint municipal assistance agency composed of 64 North Carolina cities and towns which own and operate their electrical distribution systems.

Children celebrate Christmas

The Perquimans County Head Start Program has been very active this holiday season.

The Parents of the children sold over 2000 raffle tickets for holiday groceries. The groceries were given away last week and Mr. John Hoffer of Hertford was the proud recipient of the food items.

A portion of the money from the sale of the raffle tickets was used to

purchase a Christmas gift for each of the children, and the remaining money will be spent on a spring field trip to the Norfolk zoo.

Local businesses also donated to the program over the holidays. Don Juan Manufacturing and Apricot, Inc. donated shirts for each of the children. 17 South Garment Company also donated two outfits to head start and The Carrboro donated toys for the children.

Convention scheduled

Soybean meeting speakers will assess profit possibilities in '87 Raleigh NC-With soybean profits thin to non-existent at current levels, farmers will hear speakers discuss a variety of topics affecting supply, demand and income potential for the state's most widely grown crop during the 20th annual membership meeting of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association here on January 16. "The meeting, to be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, will begin at 9:45 A.M. with the association's business session being the first activity," said President Preston Harrell of Stan-tonsburg.

Don Leavenworth, Group Vice President for Cargill, Inc. out of Minneapolis, Minnesota will be a featured speaker at 10:45 A.M. The Cargill official who represents one of the largest world-wide grain merchandising firms, will discuss domestic and international production and demand and how farmers might react to these factors in 1987. Cargill owns major soybean processing plants in Raleigh and Fayetteville, as well as Norfolk, Virginia and Hartsville, South Carolina.

Ken Bader, Chief Executive Officer for the American Soybean Association in St. Louis, MO will round out the mornings program. Bader, who served as chairman of the congressionally established National Commission of Agricultural Trade and

Export Policy, will discuss the findings of this committee's recently completed two-year study. He also will discuss the world soybean outlook and programs of the American Soybean Association.

Following an industry sponsored luncheon, North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham will deliver a luncheon address.

During the afternoon session specialists from North Carolina State University will discuss a wide array of topics, including cost-cutting measures; soils and tillage tips, the 1986 tax reform act; the latest in weed and grass controls and new herbicide products; and, an update on production know-how and innovative rental and financial arrangements.

Parralleling the days session will be a trade show to exhibit products and services for soybean farmers; and, a morning program especially designed for ladies. The noon luncheon will be open to all convention attendees.

The annual banquet and awards program will round out the one-day event at which time the 1986 State Soybean Yield Champion will be named, along with other special award recipients. Bones McKinney, prominent basketball personality and TV commentator, will provide special entertainment to conclude the day's activities.

Police Chief issues reminder about safety belt law

Marshall Merritt of the Hertford Police Department announced today a reminder that the \$25.00 fine for violation of North Carolina's mandatory seat belt law goes into effect January 1, 1987.

Merritt stated, "The increased use of seat belts caused by passage of the law, and voluntary compliance with it have already saved thousands of North Carolinians from injury or death. We believe reasonable enforcement can save thousands of other families from suffering the emotional and financial burdens when a child or parent is seriously injured or killed in an automobile accident."

North Carolinians have had over a year to get into the habit of wearing a seat belt as the law went into effect without a fine on October 1, 1985.

"We've had one of the longest warning periods of any state in the country," said Chief Merritt.

Effective January 1, 1987, all drivers and front seat passengers must be in a lap belt or lap and shoulder belt. Already in effect in North Caro-

lina's child passenger protection law. This law requires children less than age three to be in a safety seat, and children between the ages of three and six to be in a safety seat or buckled up no matter where they are in the car.

"From a law enforcement perspective, it's interesting to note that in North Carolina three times more people are killed in auto accidents than are murdered. Three times more people are seriously injured in automobile accidents than robbed," Merritt said.

He also added "the economic impact of auto accidents is six times higher, not counting repairs, than the value of property stolen, and in North Carolina more people were injured in automobile accidents than were treated nationwide for cocaine overdose."

Each year approximately 1,400 people are killed and 14,000 injured in automobile accidents in North Carolina. Automobile accidents are the leading killer for people 40 and under in the state.

KNCB and NC clean join forces

RALEIGH—First Lady Dottie Martin announced today that Keep N.C. Beautiful, Inc. and N.C. Clean have taken action designed to merge the two organizations effective January 1, 1987. She was joined by former First Lady Jeanette Moore and Secretary of Transportation Jim Harrington.

Keep N.C. Beautiful (KNCB), a 20 year-old, statewide non-profit organization based in Raleigh was founded under the administration of former Gov. Dan K. Moore. Mrs. Moore serves as chairman of KNCB which administers educational environmental programs in schools and communities throughout N.C.

North Carolina Clean (NCC) is a program established in December 1983 in the state Department of Transportation. This program markets and implements local and state efforts to prevent litter and promote recycling.

Operation funds for the merged organization will continue to come from the private sector.

Ed Woodhouse of Raleigh, who serves as president of KNCB, said, "For two decades KNCB has been in the forefront of educating the North Carolina citizenry about the need to enhance the environment of our great state. We owe a debt of grat-

itude to the many outstanding North Carolinians, particularly Gov. Dan Moore, for their vision in helping to build a solid foundation for this beautification program.

"By merging with NCC we are confident that our educational efforts and leadership role will be strengthened and will help insure that the generations following ours can enjoy the natural beauty of North Carolina as we have enjoyed it," he added.

Chairman of NCC Council Malcolm W. Owings of Pinehurst commented, "Several months ago, we discussed the idea of merger with Secretary of Transportation Jim Harrington.

He agreed with us that by uniting NCC and KNCB we would strengthen our effectiveness in reducing litter, increasing recycling and enhancing the visual appearance of our beautiful state. We are excited about the plan to merge and look forward to our new partnership," Owings said.

The merger was approved in principle by KNCB's board of directors and the NCC Council during meetings in Asheville in late October. Specific details concerning administration operation and financing are being worked out. The name of the newly formed organization will be Keep N.C. Clean and Beautiful.

Perquimans County well represented at meeting

Several area residents were present in Williamston recently for the Fall Board Meeting of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, Inc. (NNCT).

Mrs. Ila Gray White was one of the special guests introduced and given a moment to speak to the Board and thank them for their support and help. Mrs. White is the area Home Economic Extension Agent, and she is in charge of the Extended Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP). She also introduced several area residents she brought with her as representatives of the EFNEP program: Mrs. Eula Jordan, area 4-H EFNEP aide; Mrs. Margie Harrell, and EFNEP aide for Chowan County; Mrs. Earlene White, an EFNEP aide for Perquimans County; and Katherine Elliot, an EFNEP homemaker who has benefitted from the program.

These women joined other invited guests from the 16-county region who were invited to speak to the NNCT Board to explain their programs. Mrs. Ila Gray White thanked the NNCT Board for its support in providing transportation for people with limited incomes to attend a series of meetings on nutrition and fitness.

Another highlight of the evening was the viewing of "Eye Can," a teenage-pregnancy prevention film produced by NNCT. The film is an up-beat, motivational story designed to encourage and inspire young people to say "yes" to a good education and better future, and "no" to sexual involvement at an early age. The film will eventually be available for

distribution to schools, health educators and other interested and involved organizations.

Hertford resident Philip McMullan, Jr., Executive Director of NNCT, introduced the guest speaker for the dinner meeting, Admiral Harry Train (Ret.), Executive Vice-President of "The Future of Hampton Roads." His invitation to speak was part of NNCT's "Hampton Roads Project," an ongoing effort to promote the close economic relationship between neighboring Northeastern NC and southeastern VA. Admiral Train's theme was "Regionalism Works: The whole is stronger than the sum of its parts." The sixteen counties of Northeastern NC working together will have more clout than acting individually as one.

NNCT is a non-profit organization created to promote and enhance regional development in the areas of agriculture and natural industries; business, industry and tourism; conservation and natural resources; and pride, education and community service.

It is guided by a 15-member Executive Committee and a 60-member Board of Directors. Mr. Isaac Battle of Gatesville is Chairman of the Board. NNCT's office is located on the campus of Elizabeth City State University. Assisting Mr. McMullan are staff members: Joseph Umes, Assistant Director; Shirley Brown, Research Assistant; Beverly Sampson, Information and Communications Specialist; and Felicia Whidbee, Secretary.

Happy New Year