

Local News

Bethel Fire Dept. plans project

Thirty four Perquimans County businesses will be for sale in the near future, available to anyone with a little luck and a special kind of money.

Before local realtors become too excited, they should know that the business will be available only on a "Monopoly" like game called The Game Of Perquimans County.

The game will be sold for \$12.00 by the Bethel Fire Department which is obtaining them from G & J Ideas, Myerstown, PA 17067.

"Much of the money goes right back to the community however through Fire Department projects such as the purchasing and maintaining of equipment for the Bethel Fire Department," noted Mr. Jeff Proctor, Projects Chairman.

Civic pride, the fun of playing the game, and the advertising for local businesses are other benefits to be derived from The Game Of Perquimans County.

Just thirty four businesses will be able to purchase spots on the board. Instead of spaces named 'Park Place and Marvin Gardens,' the local board game will sport the names of local businesses.

"A representative of G & J Ideas will be in town on Monday, January

26, to begin selling spots on a first-come, first-served basis," Mr. Proctor said and several local businesses have already expressed an interest.

The game board, similar to a "Monopoly" board, will also feature the names of the first 500 people who order games in advance, Mr. Proctor said.

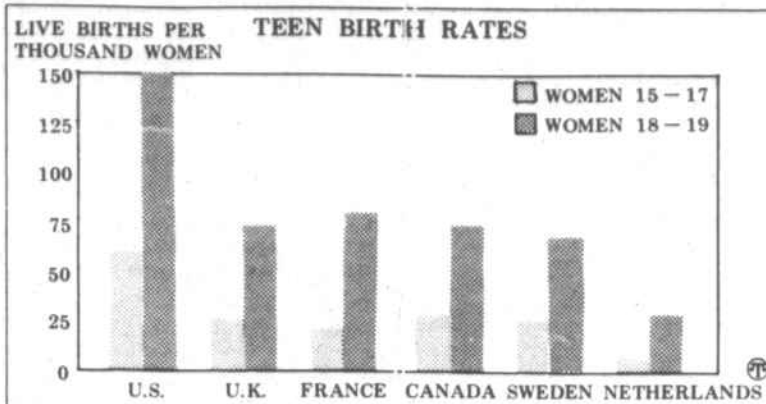
From two to six players start with \$69,000 and move around the board investing in local properties or commodities, such as oil, paper, tin, etc. One bad roll of the dice can spell financial ruin.

Even if players invest wisely, they must deal with pitfalls strown around the board. They can also lose big money if landing on City Hall and paying a tax.

The winner can be the person with the most money after a predetermined amount of time has passed or the millionaire who drives his competitors to bankruptcy and owns all of Perquimans County.

Persons can order games in advance by calling Ben Hobbs during the day at 426-7815 or Jeff Proctor at 426-7812 and Wes Weatherington at 426-8568 during the evenings.

Also any businesses that would like to participate please contact the above people.



Schools are trying to reduce the more than 1.1 million unintended pregnancies among U.S. teenagers every year.

Tarheel health watch

Before you go out to cut wood, the North Carolina Medical Society urges you to read your owner's manual carefully and follow its safety instructions closely. You should also ask your dealer any other questions you may have about operating a saw safely. There's no sense becoming a chain saw statistic.

It's also the time when chain saw accidents are most likely to occur. Each year thousands of accidents are most likely to occur. Each year thousands of accidents are reported, several lives lost, and hundreds of people left scarred for life. Most don't have to happen.

Chamber seminar to provide tools for success

If you've ever wondered how some people seem more successful than others...how they seem to be in the right place at the right time...how they balance personal and career life, the best person to ask is one who has accomplished it. That person is Rita Davenport who will lead a seminar entitled "Focus on Effective Success Concepts" at the K.E. White Graduate Center, beginning at 10:00 am, today (Thursday), January 22.

Davenport travels extensively as a keynote speaker and leading in-house business seminars for many nationally-known companies as well as seminars for groups and associations.

"I am trying to teach people how to find their talents," Davenport said. "Three to five percent (of the American population) actually know what they want to do in life." That's just what Davenport has been doing since she began her multi-faceted career as TV show hostess and producer, author, keynote speaker, seminar leader and mother. One reporter described her as "the southern

charmer who...is really a magnolia blossom with a will of iron. She is much smaller and thinner in person and can talk non-stop about goals, how to succeed..." One of her first goals was to own a Corvette; another was to be a college graduate. She accomplished both by working hard.

Author of two best-selling books, co-author of "Professionals at Their Best" and years of research in the field of developing human potential have established Davenport as an authority. Her seminars and lectures include motivation, sales training techniques and time management.

Attendees at today's seminar sponsored by the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce and ECSU will learn ways to increase the dollar value of every minute, utilize peak times, increase productivity and personal energy, balance personal and career life, establish long-range and short-range goals...and more.

For further information and registration, interested parties should call The Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, (919) 335-4365.

Methodist provide farm assistance

RALEIGH, NC—United Methodists in the North Carolina Conference have raised over \$43,000 for assistance to farm families who are victims of the farm crisis.

Contributions in the amount of \$43,052.82 from 280 churches have been received and other congregations will be sending money to be added to this figure, Bishop C.P. Minnick announced.

The money is from a special offering Bishop Minnick requested in the 844 churches in the conference which encompasses 56 eastern North Carolina counties.

When requesting the special offering, Bishop Minnick said the funds will be given "to individuals and families within the bounds of our Annual Conference who have been victimized by the farm crisis and are in need of some immediate, but limited, financial assistance."

In addition, Bishop Minnick has designated Sunday, February 8, as a special day of prayer for farm people in crisis and asked each United Methodist Church in the conference to observe the day as it deems appropriate.

Pastors of the United Methodist Churches in the conference have forms requesting support as specified by the Conference Task Force on Farm Crisis.

The guidelines for disbursement say the fund shall be disbursed without regard to race, sex or religion; that requests shall be by local United Methodist Church pastors with a

proval of the district superintendent. Amounts not to exceed \$500 will be made out to the recipient who must be a farming individual, family or families victimized by the farm crisis. The local pastor requesting funds will deliver the funds.

Applications for assistance completed by a local United Methodist pastor will be sent to the United Methodist Building in Raleigh where the Conference Farm Task Force Committee will authorize funds disbursement by the conference treasurer.

The Task Force was established during the June annual meeting of the conference to study and develop ways United Methodists can address farm problems.

Members of the Task Force were appointed by Bishop Minnick. It is composed of farmers, pastors, agricultural specialists and a representative of the North Carolina Conference.

Other members of the Task Force are the Reverend Charles V. Bryant of Raleigh, the Reverend Robert A. Fairley of Maxton, Bruce Flye of Battleboro, the Reverend David L. Harvin of Cedar Grove, the Reverend James R. Huskins of Hurdle Mills, and Loring McIntyre of Durham.

Also, Dr. Fate Thompson of Cary, the Reverend M. Whit Warren, Jr. of New Bern, Leroy B. Whitfield of Hookerton, Sherrill Williams of Newton Grove, and the Reverend Richard L. Stone of Laurinburg.

NCSSM invites student applications

DURHAM—The NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) has mailed thousands of application forms to high schools throughout the state, opening its 1987 nomination process. The state school is seeking students for next fall's junior class.

Opened in 1980 as the nation's first statewide, residential public high school for analytically gifted students, NCSSM invites applications by North Carolina tenth-graders who have demonstrated a high aptitude and motivation for the sciences and mathematics.

Because the school is residential, prospective students must be willing to live on the Durham campus, but NCSSM charges no fees for tuition, room and board, textbooks, routine health care or laboratory equipment.

Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 1987. Applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) no later than the Jan. 24 testing date.

The NCSSM application-nomination process includes these steps:

Nomination on an NCSSM application-nomination form during the sophomore year by teachers, parents or others acquainted with a student's work. Students may nominate them-

selves. And an evaluation form, completed by a science or mathematics teacher and a guidance counselor, must accompany all nominations.

Jan. 24, 1987. Students take the SAT.

Feb. 1987. Students take an NCSSM test that measures abstract reasoning, intellectual curiosity and writing ability. The test will be administered at eight locations across the state on Feb. 21 and Feb. 28.

March—Selection of semifinalists by a statewide group of scientists and educators, followed by interviews on campus.

May—Notification of finalists, each of whom is invited to attend NCSSM upon successful completion of the 10th grade.

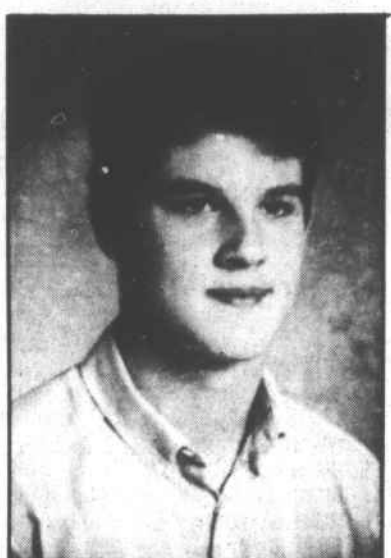
Those interested in nominating themselves or others for admission to NCSSM should contact local science and mathematics teachers, principals and headmasters, or guidance counselors for application-nomination materials.

Application booklets also may be obtained by writing to the Admissions Office, NC School of Science and Mathematics, P.O. Box 2418 Durham NC 27705.

Hobbs goes to conference

Benjamin Calvin Hobbs, a student at Perquimans County High School, will be one of 150 high school juniors from across Eastern North Carolina to participate in a Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference at the Ahoskie Inn of Ahoskie. The conference, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs District 771 and 773, will be conducted February 27 through March 1, 1987.

Discussion leaders will address such issues as Selling Your Ideas, Looking Like a Winner, The Next 100 Years, and the Attitudes and Qualities of Leadership. Each participant will receive a Personal Profile Analysis by Merly and Judy Fraser of Dallas, Texas. Discussion leaders include Gary Price of NASA's Research Center in Hampton, Virginia; Lou Hampton, Director of the Washington Office of the Executive Television Workshop; Krista Weih, President of Image Investments, Washington, D.C.; Major Bob Weber and Capt. Doug Watson of the United States Military Academy at West Point; and Dr. R.G. Israel of the East Carolina University School of Medicine.



BENJAMIN C. HOBBS

"Conference participants, selected by local Rotarians in conjunction with school officials, were chosen because of scholastic achievements, school and community involvement, and a desire for personal growth and development," said Conference Chairman Clayton Lewis.

Benjamin Calvin Hobbs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Hobbs, Rt. 1, Box 517, Hertford, NC 27944.

Facts about aids

"The AIDS Virus—What Does the Public Need to Know?" will be the topic of a panel discussion at the Chowan County Democratic Women's Club Educational Forum. The Forum will be held on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Boswell's Restaurant and is open to the public.

Panel members will include Mr. Timothy Wolfe, Health Educator, representing the Chowan County and Regional Health Departments' division of sexually transmitted diseases. Mr. Wolfe will present the most up-to-date knowledge of the AIDS epidemic in the United States and North Carolina. Local panel members will include Dr. Edward Bond, Edenton internal medicine specialist and former school Board member; Dr. John Dunn, Superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools; Mr. John Mitchener, III, current member of the Edenton-Chowan

Board of Education.

"We are pleased to be able to find leaders in our community who are willing to discuss the subject of the AIDS virus, the disease, and to look at the need for educating citizens in Chowan County. The disease is frightening not only to those who have contracted it and their families, but also to a community, large or small. We hope our panel discussion will be a beginning of squarely looking at the disease of AIDS and determining rational steps which we as a community can take to minimize the potential danger to our children and adults," stated Lueta Sellers, President of Chowan County Democratic Women.

For more information or to make reservations, call Dr. Candace Corson, Educational Forum Program Chair, at 482-7747 by Friday, January 23.

Tarheel health watch

Hypertension—also called high blood pressure—is a slow and silent killer, but the North Carolina Medical Society says prompt detection and treatment can control it.

Hypertension shows no symptoms, and a person who has it does not feel "sick." Though it's a "silent" disease, hypertension can be a killer if it's not treated. It is a major cause of stroke, heart failure, and kidney failure, but these disorders can be prevented with control of high blood pressure.

In most cases of hypertension the cause is not known. But several factors do play a part in the disorder. Those factors include heredity, obesity, excessive salt intake, and a stressful lifestyle. Smoking can further elevate the blood pressure of

some hypertensive patients.

The good news is that hypertension can be detected by a simple blood pressure check, and if hypertension is discovered, a physician can treat it through medications and changes in lifestyle. To control hypertension, a patient must begin a program of proper medical treatment and stick with it even though he or she may not feel sick.

It has been estimated that one in five adults has high blood pressure; half of those don't know they have it, and most of the other half aren't receiving effective medical treatment. Many of these people are drifting toward an avoidable tragedy. Have your blood pressure monitored regularly and follow the regimen your doctor prescribes.

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Fifteen years ago there was only one choice: hard lenses. Today there are many types and brands of lenses available. There are flexible soft lenses; semisoft-gas-permeable lenses that let your eyes "breathe"; and the fabulous, new super-soft, super-thin extended-wear lenses that everyone's talking about.

Each type of lens has certain advantages. Hard lenses remain popular because they have proven successful. They are less costly, easy to maintain, and provide excellent vision. On the other hand, most newcomers to the contact lens scene more often seem to prefer the comfort and ease of adaptation found in soft lenses. Your optometrist can help you choose a lens that best corrects your visual deficiencies while still providing comfort and safety.

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