

Local News

Area obituaries

GRACE L. COLSON
HERTFORD—Grace Leonard Colson, 62, of Route 3, Box 478, died Feb. 17, 1987, at 12:50 a.m. in Albemarle Hospital.

The funeral was conducted Friday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. in Vogler-Piedmont Funeral Home, Lexington. Burial was in Lexington City Cemetery.

Twiford's Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Colson was a native of Lexington and a homemaker. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Bertha Sykes Leonard.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Heatherington of South Mills; a son, Ashton Colson, Jr. of Hertford; three sisters, Mrs. Odessa Walls, Mrs. Lula Morris and Mrs. Gladys White, all of Lexington; six brothers, Richard Leonard, Hulin Leonard, Robert Leonard, Walter Leonard and Charles Leonard, all of Lexington and Jerry Leonard of Calabash; and four grandchildren.

GLORIA B. STALLINGS
BELVIDERE, NC—Gloria Byrum Stallings, 38, of Route 1, died Feb. 19, 1987, in a Norfolk hospital.

Mrs. Stallings, a Chowan County native worked at the Social Security Commission, Suffolk, Va. She was a member of Sandy Cross Baptist Church, Gates County.

Survivors include her husband, Richard E. Stallings; two daughters, Terri L. Stallings of Belvidere and Christie S. Venters of Edenton; her parents, Cecil G. and Emma L. Byrum of Tyner, N.C.; three sisters, Margaret B. Belvin of Norfolk, Joyce B. Summerlin of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and Bertha B. Blanchard of Hobbville, N.C.; and a granddaughter.

The graveside service was conducted at 2 p.m. Sat. (Feb. 21) in Stallings Family Cemetery by the Rev. Bobby Hewitt. Harrell's Funeral Home, Gatesville, handled the arrangements.



DISCUSS STRATEGIES—Superintendents from six of the seven counties served by College of The Albemarle met with college officials recently to exchange views on how the area public school systems and community colleges can continue to work together to improve the quality of education for citizens of their communities. The group listens as Perquimans County Superintendent J.P. (Pat) Harrell (third from left) expresses his opinion. From left are: Dr. Parker Chesson, COA president; Dr. William C. Symons, Jr., Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County schools; Harrell; Stephen G. (Steve) Basnight, Jr., Dare County Schools; and John E. R. Perry, Gates County Schools; Jeanne E. Meiggs, Currituck County Schools; and John Simmons, COA dean of student development. (COA Photo)

Auditions set for the Lost Colony performance

"The Lost Colony", America's oldest outdoor drama, will hold auditions for its 50th anniversary season on February 28, 1987, at the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Manteo, North Carolina, in "The Lost Colony" building. Over 125 actors, dancers, singers and technicians are employed each summer. All positions are salaried.

Actors and singers will audition at 10 a.m.; dancers at 3 p.m. Those interested only in technical work may apply at either the morning or afternoon session.

All those auditioning should be prepared to perform a memorized audition scene about two minutes long from the play of their choice. Singers are also asked to present a two-minute vocal selection in English. All singing auditions must be accompanied by piano. A pianist will be provided for those who do not have their own accompanist.

Dancers will participate in a dance movement class. They will be given several combinations to execute following an ample warm-up period. Training in ballet, jazz, modern or folk dancing is especially helpful. No prepared material is necessary for dance auditions.

A number of actor-technician positions are available. These draw upon both performing talent and technical ability.

All those auditioning are required to bring a head-shot photograph and a resume and must be at least 18 years old. The only exceptions to this age requirement are local children and children of cast members.

"The Lost Colony" offers low-cost company housing and, as an added benefit, formal theatre training through its Professional Theatre workshop. The Workshop is designed to provide participants with the training and knowledge needed to bridge the gap between academic and professional theatre. Top professionals in all phases of theatre arts will share their expertise in teaching seminars. Productions staged, performed, produced and directed entirely by "The Lost Colony" cast members will provide practical experience.

Following the February 28 auditions in Manteo, "The Lost Colony" will continue the audition process at the Southeastern Theatre Conference auditions in Richmond, Virginia on March 5, 6, and 7, and at the Institute of Outdoor Drama auditions in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on March 21. Interested parties should contact the Southeastern Theatre Conference at

914-272-3645 or the Institute of Outdoor Drama at 919-962-1328 to arrange an audition at these locations.

The 50th anniversary season of "The Lost Colony" opens on June 12 and runs through August 29, 1987, at the Waterside Theatre, Manteo, North Carolina. Rehearsal will begin on May 25.

For more information call "The Lost Colony" at 919-473-2127.

Sale training seminar scheduled for COA

Two sales-training opportunities will be offered this spring at College of The Albemarle. Those who wish to improve their techniques as sales people will have the choice to enroll in an evening credit course, attend a daylong seminar, or to take advantage of both options.

"Principle of Sales," a three credit-hour business course, begins with other Spring Quarter classes on Mar. 5. It will be taught each Thursday from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in Room B-210, through May 27.

Associate business professor Jesse Mercer will teach the course which is structured to teach students fundamental techniques that bring success in the sale of ideas, products, and services. Mercer, a veteran of 11 years of classroom teaching at the college, earned his baccalaureate degree from High Point College and his master's degree from East Carolina University.

Registration will be held between

Mar. 5 through Mar. 11. The tuition fee is \$16.50, plus the cost of the textbook. Further information may be obtained by calling the admissions office at 335-0821, Extension 221.

The COA Small Business Center will schedule a one-day, cost-free course, "Sales Effectiveness," in the late March or early April. It will begin at 9 a.m. in the lecture auditorium, and last until 4:30 p.m.

The training session will emphasize the development of selling practices used by successful salespeople. Special attention will be given to the fundamentals of personal sellings.

Greenville Banks, manager of Belk's Carolina East Mall store in Greenville, will teach the course. The former Elizabeth City resident is a certified Performance Fundamentals Series instructor. He has taught related subjects at COA and at Pitt Community College in Greenville.

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