

Local News



Pictured above students from Mrs. Tunnell's room, Mrs. Barclift's room, and Ms. Thomas' room enjoyed a pizza party at Pizza Hut in Elizabeth City as their teachers look on

Students participate in Book-It program

This year three classes from Central School in Winfall participated in a program called Book It!

Book It is a national reading incentive program which is intended to enhance a child's appreciation for reading by making it fun, enjoyable, and rewarding.

The program runs from October until February, and must involve 100 percent participation from the children in each class in order for them to win.

This year the classes were required to read seven books a month for four out of the five months that they participated in the program. In order to insure that the students read the books some gave oral reports, some gave written reports, and in Ms. Thomas' fourth grade they wrote commercials for their books and tried to sell them to another student.

This year Mrs. Tunnell's second grade, Mrs. Barclift's second grade, and Ms. Thomas' fourth grade participated in the program.

Grand prize for completing the program was a trip to Pizza Hut in Elizabeth City for a free pizza party.

Last Friday, April 27th the students went to Pizza Hut as well as to TCOM, and Animal Crackers.

According to Mrs. Tunnell, Mrs. Barclift, and Ms. Thomas the students enjoyed the program, greatly improved their reading skills, and had a wonderful time participating. The teachers also stated that teacher participation, and parent participation were important in making the program work.

Students who participated were:

Mrs. Tunnell's second grade: Kesha Harrell, Debra Oder, Crayton Matthews, Joey Lothian, Kimberly Turner, Danita Whidbee, Michele Thomas, Nicky Stokely, Neil Aydtlett, De'Mon Jennings, Tyrrell Coston, Heidi Paul, Melody Peede, Corey Foreman, Dion Davis, Lakisha Overton, Tavaris Burke, Gy Juan Winslow, Dean Jarvis, Donata Felton, Ronald Maupin, Lamond James, Kenneth Nordstrom, Shakereal White, Clarence Chestnut, Crystal Taylor, Christina Bland, Mrs. Barclift's second grade: Torrey Bailey, Travis Cartwright, Kelly Elliott, Spring Elsbury, Kia Foreman, Aron Gallop, Travis Green, Kevin Harrell, Angela Hewitt, Heather Ivey, DeMadre Jennings, Anna Key, Jamie Lassiter, Karen Long, Ivan Mallory, Cory Morgen, Wesley Nixon, Sakina Parker, David Pettaway, Alvin Spruill, Matt Tunnell, Shannon Ward, Alacia Wilson, Andre Woodard, Brandy Wynn, Tari Ann Terry, and David Ballance, Ms. Thomas' fourth grade: Keri Drozdowski, Hope Stallings, Jamie Hudson, Tatisha Spruill, Matthew Byrum, Christopher Gregory, Troy Higgins, Justin Berry, Derrick Spruill, T. J. Hall, Buddy Hollowell, Christina Godfrey, Jermaine Coston, Larry Sheldon, Donald Markham, Faron Sawyer, J. H. Miller, Ronda Johnson, Brinn Winslow, Corey Hurdle, Patricia Holley, Angela Chappell, Julia Sabo, Melton Knight, Tanya Mallory, Chelle Moore, Chenise Beasley, Stacey Colson, and Scott Lawrence.



Students from Ms. Thomas' room are shown here as they enjoy their pizza on Friday at Pizza Hut.



In Finland it was once considered a sign of piety to shoot arrows at trees.

COA lecture series to highlight novels

Three novels of the 19th century will be the focus of a free state wide lecture series in April and May, sponsored by the N.C. Literary and Historical Association.

The series is made possible by a grant of \$6,800 from the N.C. Humanities Committee, and includes a novel from each of three areas of North Carolina—the coastal plain, the piedmont and the mountains.

Entitled "Three North Carolina Novels of the Nineteenth Century," the series is offered in an effort to revive interest in the state's rich literary heritage, according to Dr. Jeffrey J. Crow, secretary-treasurer of the Association. The often neglected, but important, novels highlight the cultural, political and social life of nineteenth century North Carolina, he added. The N.C. Literary and Historical Association, established 1900, is the states oldest ongoing cultural group.

The coastal novel, "Bettie: or, Life in the Old Field, a Humorous Novel (1851)" by "Gregory Seaworthy," the nom de plume of George H. Throop, details plantation life in eastern North Carolina. Throop was a Yankee schoolmaster who taught in North Carolina from 1849 to 1852.

"Bricks Without Straw" (1800) was Albion Winegar Tourgee's second novel about Reconstruction in North Carolina. A carpetbagger politician and judge, Tourgee settled in Greens-

boro after the Civil War, and the novel reflects some of the issues he faced and problems he experienced.

"Eoneguski," (1839) by Robert Strange, a superior court judge and U.S. senator, is an epic romance of the mountain frontier border. Strange's novel, the first-ever to use North Carolina as a setting, is a sympathetic portrayal of native Americans and the loss of their lands to white settlers.

Literary and historical scholars will examine the novels from the perspective of their individual fields of study, with special emphasis on the works as examples of the early novel and as documents in themselves for interpreting the history of the state and its three major regions.

All forums will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last for 90 minutes. Each speaker will present a 25-minute talk, to be followed by discussion with the audience. At each host site copies or excerpts from the novels will be available to the public ahead of time.

The Literary and Historical Association is a support group for the Historical Publications Section of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Dr. Crow, administrator of the section will serve as project director of the lecture series. For details write the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, 27611, or call (919)733-7305.

Look who's new

DERRICK C. HURDLE Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Hurdle and Kristi, of Rt. 1, Belvidere, announce the birth of their second child and brother, Derrick Chad Hurdle, born Saturday, March 28, at 5:16 p.m., in Chowan Hospital.

Maternal Grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lane of Hertford. Maternal Great-Grandparents are Mrs. J.R. Lane and Mr. Will Lane both of Hertford.

Paternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hurdle of Belvidere.

Mrs. Hurdle is the former Claudia Lane of Hertford.

Hospital celebrates anniversary

Chowan Hospital will celebrate its 40th Anniversary and Ground Breaking for its new Skilled Nursing Wing on Sunday, April 5th, at 2:00 p.m. Speakers will include Ashley Gale of the Duke Endowment, Burt Dodson of Sun Health, and W.P. "Spec" Jones, a member of the original Hospital Board of Directors.

A Time Capsule containing mementos, predictions, and other commentaries will be sealed and later placed in a cornerstone of the SNF

wing. The program will include with a release of balloons containing coupons for free services such as a mammogram, blood test, or respiratory therapy procedure. Tours of the hospital and refreshments will follow from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to participate.

In case of rain, the ceremonies will be held at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

Local area physician attends UNC conference

Each year, the Department of Medicine of the UNC School of Medicine sponsors an internal medicine symposium for primary care physicians. This year, Dr. Joseph Haskett of Chowan Medical Center attended "Internal Medicine 1987" from March 11 through March 14. A broad range of topics were discussed including the use of Streptokinase and balloon angioplasty in acute myocar-

dial infraction; new drugs for the treatment of high cholesterol; the increasing problem of AIDS; new drugs used in the treatment of ulcer disease; the use of helicopters for emergency medical transport; and other topics in the subspecialties of internal medicine. Continued medical education update remains a priority of the Chowan Medical Center.

Bookmobile schedule

The Perquimans County Bookmobile schedule for Friday, March 20th is as follows:

Cherrix Day Care, 9:45; Wynne Fork Court, 10:15-10:45; Holiday Is-

land Club House, 11:00-12:30; Snug Harbor, 1:00-2:00; George's Store, 2:15-2:45; Kirby Drive, 3:00; Gladys Warren, 3:15 and Gertrude Boyce Drive, 3:30.

Peoples Bank develops career path for tellers

Peoples Bank has promoted its tellers—all 275 of them.

The bank has begun a system-wide program that gives its tellers more professional training and greater career opportunities. The job classification of "teller" has been retired and replaced with a new title, Account Service Representative (ASR). But the program is more than a name change. It also includes a voluntary program of training, education, and skill proficiency for employees who seek higher levels in title and compensation.

The ASR program was developed by one of the bank's Organizational Improvement Project committees. The committees are special groups of bank employees who are appointed to work together to resolve specific problems and issues facing the bank. J. Marshall Tetterton, President and Chief Operating Officer of the bank said, "This program recognizes that the functions and responsibilities of the traditional bank teller, especially at Peoples Bank, have changed both in scope and importance." He added, "The title of ASR more clearly defines these employees' function, describes the responsibilities of servicing customers' accounts and represents a level of

professionalism and capability beyond the paying and receiving tasks." Beyond more accurately describing their responsibilities, Tetterton said, the ASR program offers employees an opportunity for greater professional growth.

There are four levels in the certification programs that include product knowledge, branch operations, communications, and economics. Any ASR can request entry into the program, with a recommendation of his/her branch manager.

Tetterton said, "In essence, the bank recognizes the value and critical importance of Account Service Representative in meeting our customers' needs. In response, we have developed a vehicle for growth and career enhancement that is time-demanding and rigorous, but that also will help us to attract, retain and reward the highest caliber of employee possible. That will mean better service for our customers, and it will keep Peoples Bank at the forefront of our industry as a progressive, innovative and dynamic organization."

The program is available to all of the bank's ASR's. Peoples operates 61 offices in 35 North Carolina communities from the Triangle to the coast.

Scraps by Mike Lente



Governor meets with Rountree

RALEIGH—Governor Jim Martin met recently with Earl Rountree, former member of the N.C. Board of Transportation, to discuss economic development issues and other topics of concern to Northeastern North Carolina citizens.

Governor Martin praised Rountree's work while he served on the Board of Transportation. "Earl has been a valuable asset to the Northeast and he continues to serve as a trusted and valued advisor on statewide issues," Governor Martin said after the meeting in his office in Raleigh.

"I hope Earl Rountree's expertise will help us continue to develop strategies for rural North Carolina," Governor Martin added. "He knows well my commitment to education and its relation to development in the Northeast."



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