

Community

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National homemakers week set

The Perquimans County Extension Homemakers will be observing National Extension Homemakers Week with a Share-In on the Courthouse Green, Hertford, NC on Friday, May 8 from 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will

be stools, wallpaper fans, stuffed toys, battenburg lace, quilting, corn shuck dolls, armenian needle lace, sausage biscuits, homemade ice cream, and brownies.

Optimist club to meet

The Optimist Club meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Perquimans County Recreation Department. The Optimist Club is composed of men who have an interest in the

Youth in the community. All Optimist activities are directed toward service to the youth. All who are interested are urged to attend.

Memorial services set

The Memorial Day services will be held May 25, at 1:00 p.m. at Westlawn Memorial Park, W. Main St., Elizabeth City. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Francis Walker, Currituck County Commissioner.

of our deceased veterans. Please contact Norma Phillips at 338-3931 for more information and to sign up.

Show your support by joining with us in honoring the men and women who gave their lives for the Freedom we share.

A.A.R.P. meeting held

The AARP, held a social meeting on April 27, 1987 at the Senior Citizen Center. They had a covered dish luncheon and the Snug Harbor Combo serenaded with very enjoyable music followed by a sing-a-long. The people

present from the Combo were, Mr. Paul M. Detmer, Mr. Ray T. Chedester, Mrs. Janice Potter, Mr. Frank Harrington, Bert Detmer and Mrs. Hazel Detmer.

VA insurance dividend is considered a hoax

Despite attempts by the Veterans Administration to quell the rumor, official looking application forms are disseminated which falsely inform US military veterans that Congress recently passed a bill authorizing a special dividend to be paid to veterans regardless of whether the policy is still in force. In the past, reports concerning a special dividend were directed only to World War II veterans. Recently, the misinformation has been directed to all veterans. In addition to the application forms, the dividend hoax is spread through simulated news article clippings.

consultants have shared the information with clients. Occasionally Veterans Service Organizations have been taken in by the rumor, although most of them have recently published articles in their newsletters trying to inform their members of the cruel hoax.

In addition, the answering inquiries with an explanation that no special dividend is being paid, the VA has also tried to find the sources of this fraudulent information. Despite its efforts, the VA continues to receive thousands of inquiries concerning this hoax each year.

Evidently there is malicious intent involved in some of the sources of this information, but often well-meaning individuals help to perpetrate the hoax. The VA has had reports of legitimate newspapers running the article, and financial

North Carolina veterans with questions about US Government Life Insurance or any other VA benefits may call the VA Regional Office in Winston-Salem toll-free by dialing 1-800-642-0841 from anywhere in North Carolina.

New 400th anniversary book examines reaction

During the statewide celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Roanoke Voyages, much has been written about the relationship of the voyages of people and events in Elizabethan England.

During the years that followed, many Spanish leaders held the mistaken belief that a large English colony existed on Chesapeake Bay. Hoffman writes about how finding and destroying that imagined colony became a major goal of Spain's foreign policy, a goal that was never realized because of a number of internal problems.

A new book, now available from the Historical Publications Section of the Department of Cultural Resources, offers a fresh perspective by examining the impact of the voyages on Spanish foreign policy during the late 16th and 17th centuries.

Paul E. Hoffman is an associate professor of history at Louisiana State University.

Published in cooperation with America's 400th Anniversary Committee, "Spain and the Roanoke Voyages" is the eighth title in a projected ten-volume series dealing with English attempts to establish a permanent colony on the North Carolina coast during the 1580s.

He is also the author of "New Light on Vicente Gonzalez's 1588 Voyage in Search of Raleigh's English Colonies," which was published in the April, 1986 issue of the "North Carolina Historical Review."

Written by Paul E. Hoffman, the work examines how the planting of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony on Roanoke Island in 1585 influenced the traditional rivalry between England and Spain from supremacy on the high seas.

"Spain and the Roanoke Voyages," a 74-page paperback book, is illustrated with maps, engravings and photographs. Also included is a useful section that suggests books and articles for additional reading on the competition between England and Spain for colonies in the New World.

Domestic violence conference set

Professionals and volunteers who assist victims of domestic violence across the state are encouraged to attend a conference on domestic violence at Peace College in Raleigh, May 27-29.

Participants will attend workshops covering topics such as grant writing, rural program needs, legal issues, education in this schools and in the community, child sexual abuse and many others.

Featured speakers will include Sister Elaine Roulet, known for her ministry to women in prison; Rep. Margaret Keesee-Forrester of Greensboro; Beth Richie, co-chair of the Women of Color Task Force of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Catherine A. Jourdan, a clinical counselor with the Stress Management and Counseling Center

The fee for the conference registration is \$30, covering workshops, materials and breaks. For those who register after May 15, the fee will be \$35.

For information and registration, contact Julia Reeves, Director, N.C. Domestic Violence Project, 526 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C., 27604,

or call (919) 733-2455. The conference is being sponsored by the Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence and the N.C. Council on the Status of Women in cooperation with about 15 other agencies.



MRS. ERIC G. LACKEY

Reilly-Lackey united

Miss J. Renee Reilly and Eric G. Lackey were married March 20, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Father Breslin at the Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, Va.

Kim Krammes, sister of the groom, of Wilmington, Del. All bridal attendants wore matching floor length satin dresses in sapphire blue. The dresses featured a V neckline in back and front with short puffed sleeves. The skirt fell from a fitted waist that was enhanced with a long tapered pleum.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Patrick Reilly of Louisville, Ky. and Ms. Judith B. Jones of Virginia Beach, Va. The brides grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George W. Baker. Her great-grandmother is Mrs. Effie Caddy; all of Hertford, N.C. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gerald Lackey of Carlisle, Pa.

Tiffany Baker, cousin of the bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rómie Baker of Hertford, N.C., was the flower girl. She wore a Victorian style ivory, satin gown with Gibson girl sleeves, trimmed with Alencon lace, sequims and pearls designed by the bride. She carried a basket of mixed rose petals and sequims.

The bride, escorted and given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory satin gown of Victorian inspiration. A lace neckband released a sheer yoke with Gibson Girl sleeves of satin and cut-outs of re-embroidered Alencon lace that ended with bridal points over the hands. The satin and beaded lace bodice ended with a dropped basque waistline. The satin skirt featured pyramids of lace appliques on the front as well as on the extended cathedral train. The entire hemline was edged in beaded lace.

Mr. Richard E. Parks of Middletown, R.I. served as best man. Groomsmen were Thomas M. Lebo and Randolph K. Hays of Carlisle, Pa., Joseph Takach and Melchor A. Ramirez of Virginia Beach, Va. The groom wore black tails and the groomsmen wore black waist coat tuxedos.

The ivory headpiece of matching lace and pearls was adorned with a pouf of silk illusion that fell softly to the edge of the cathedral train. She wore diamond earrings, which was a wedding gift from the groom.

Following the ceremony, a cocktail hour and full course dinner and dance was given by the brides father at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Lisa Sharpe of Virginia Beach, Va. served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Nancy Sutton Norfolk, Va., Kelli Kondrach and Caroline O'Brien of Virginia Beach, Va., and

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Captain's Table restaurant on the Oceanfront in Virginia Beach, Va.

The couple honeymooned at Sandals Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica. The now reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Student writers to compete for honors

Eleventh grade students across North Carolina are competing for scholarships and other awards as the second year of the North Carolina Writing Award program gets underway.

to write a composition on a certain topic. Students can submit short stories, essays, character sketches or parts of novels.

In all, 266 eleventh graders will compete in regional events for the chance to advance to state competition in October. State finalists will be vying for college scholarships.

The North Carolina Writing Award, held for the first time in 1986, is designed to help students receive recognition for good writing and financial assistance for a college education in North Carolina. Colleges and universities are being asked to award scholarships to students earning top scores in statewide competition.

Competition for Region 1 is May 15 at Elizabeth City State University.

The State Department of Public Instruction's Division of Communication Skills is sponsoring the awards program. For more information, contact Betty P. Moore, assistant director, at 919-733-3703.

Fields promoted

Planning Research Corporation of McLean, Virginia has selected Edgar M. Fields, Jr. as president of one of its major operating groups.



Ed Fields

Fields, a 21-year veteran of the company, took over as president of the \$130 million PRC Systems Services group. He succeeded George E. Monroe, 62, who had headed the unit for 29 years and announced retirement plans last year.

"This is a very significant promotion from a personal perspective," Fields said. "It's a high level of management, which is something that I've been targeting for the last 21 years."

Fields, 47, joined the company in 1966 from Computer Sciences Corporation where he had been a computer programmer and analyst. At PRC he had held positions that included general manager of the systems-conversion division and general manager of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Scientific and Technical Information Facility.

Mr. Fields is the son of Mrs. Edgar Fields, Crescent Drive, Hertford, N.C.

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