

Local News

DAR celebrates 75th year

EDEN—As the nation moves toward the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, a North Carolina patriotic organization is celebrating its own anniversary.

The North Carolina State Society of the U.S. Daughters of 1812, organized in 1912, observes its 75th birthday this year, while commemorating the Tar Heel state's role in the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

The society's members are lineal descendants of one or more ancestors who rendered civil, military or naval service to the nation between 1784 and 1815—the period between the end of the American Revolution and the end of the War of 1812.

"We think of the War of 1812 as the 'Second War for Independence'—overcoming the British invaders this final time was needed to establish ourselves once and for all as an independent nation, rather than a group of rebellious colonies," said Mrs. Archibald Reeser of Eden, state society president.

"It was during the War of 1812 also, that Francis Scott Key wrote the 'Star Spangled Banner,' which eventually became our National Anthem."

The U.S. Daughters of 1812 recognizes all types of service to the young nation during its critical first 30 years, Mrs. Reeser said, not only that of soldiers, sailors or legislators.

"So many public services were performed by citizen volunteers then; there were very few fulltime government employees. Ordinary citizens were called on to be overseers of committees for such tasks as maintaining the roads or building bridges," Mrs. Reeser explained.

"The county courts were run by justices chosen from among the general population. Jury service was an important contribution to local government performed by respectable property owners.

"Descendants of early justices and jurors are eligible for membership in the society."

At present the North Carolina society is particularly interested in paying tribute to several hundred unsung heroes of history—the delegates who represented North Carolina's counties and larger towns in the state's Constitutional conventions in Hillsborough in 1788 and in Fayetteville in 1789.

"We have had some members already joining on this service of their ancestors," said Mrs. Reeser, "but we'd really like to have more of them represented in our membership."

Some well-known North Carolinians who participated in the Constitutional effort were the delegates to national convention in 1787—Alexander

Martin from the Piedmont and easterners William Blount, Hugh Williamson, William R. Davie and Richard Dobbs Spaight.

"James Iredell fought hard for the Constitution, with pamphlets and speeches," Mrs. Reeser added.

The North Carolina Society is organized into three chapters, each with a membership concentrated in the mountains, Piedmont or coastal plain area.

Cherokee Chapter, organized primarily of western N.C. members, will host the annual State Council meeting in the Gold Room at Greensboro College Sept. 26. Other N.C. USD1812 units are the east's "Snap Dragon" Chapter, named for the privateer vessel commanded by War of 1812 hero Capt. Otway Burns.

Mrs. Reeser noted that north Carolina Daughters will host members from across the nation this fall for a tour of Crossnore School in Avery County. The school is one of several mountain schools receiving support from USD1812 and other hereditary and patriotic societies.

Other educational and patriotic programs supported by the society are the American Merchant Marine Library, Bacone College for American Indians, Veterans Rehabilitation and the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore.

One of the society's first projects was installation of a huge stained glass memorial window at St. Michael's Church, Dartmoor, Devonshire, England, in honor of the 218 American War of 1812 prisoners of war who died at Dartmoor Prison. The captured seamen helped to build the church during their imprisonment. Daughters from North Carolina and 15 other states will visit the church this summer, during an official society tour of England.

USD 1812 also maintains an active grave-marking program for 1812 veterans. In its Rhode Island Avenue headquarters in Washington, D.C. are kept the society's collection of early 19th century antiques and a genealogical and historical research library.

The Daughters' emblem features a five-pointed star resting on an anchor. Its official colors—blue and gray—were the colors of federal era military uniforms.

"Proving service of an ancestor for membership in the U.S. Daughters of 1812 is not difficult," said Mrs. Reeser. "Most sizeable libraries have the published 'State Records of North Carolina' and the North Carolina 'Muster Rolls of the War of 1812.' These volumes include thousands of names of persons who rendered some type of service.



Pictured above are members of the 8th district of the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds. Perquimans County Register of Deeds, Jeanne White, hosted the district meeting last Wednesday at the court house.

Trip scheduled for hall of fame induction

The Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Cooperstown, New York, on July 25-27, 1987 for the induction of Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Also while in Cooperstown, we will tour the Farmers Museum, The Fenimore House and the Baseball Hall of Fame and

Museum. Tour package includes transportation on a deluxe motor coach, 2 nights lodging at Holiday Inn and admissions to museums.

The cost of the trip is: Single, \$225; Double, \$185; Triple, \$165; and Quad, \$160. For more information or to make reservations call 426-5685.

Senior picnic planned

In the celebration of Older Americans Month, the Perquimans County Senior Center, Perquimans County Nutrition Site and Albemarle Commission, would like to invite county residents, 60 years of age or older, to their annual cookout, which is held on Wednesday, May 27 at 12 noon at

Missing Mill Park in Hertford. Please call the Senior Center at 426-5404 or the Nutrition Site at 426-8552 for more information or to register. This activity is free of charge. Entertainment will be provided by the Snug Harbor Combo.

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We want you to know how much your support has meant to us these last 3 years. We thank you for everything — the Jill Haskett benefit, your prayers, your visits, your gifts and your love.
Your love has made the loss of our little Jill so much easier to bear, as last week you come forward again with your calls, visits, flowers, cards, memorial gifts, food, serving, dishwashing, scrubbing, loan of table and concern.
"Thank God for Little Kids" and
Thank God for friends like you.
The family of Jill Haskett

Area obituaries

JILL M. HASKETT
HERTFORD—Miss Jill Melissa Haskett, 3, of 207 Wooland Circle, Hertford, died Thursday morning, May 14, 1987, in Duke Medical Center, Durham.

A native of Norfolk, Va. she was the daughter of Pamela Owens and Keith Webb Haskett, Jr.

Besides her parents survivors include a brother, Jamie Haskett of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Owens of Edenton; the paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Haskett of Hertford; the maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Goodwin of Edenton and the paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Haskett.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in Cedarwood Cemetery with the Rev. Henry Bizzell officiating. Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Dr. Bob Pennington, Dr. Mike Barrett, John Owens, and Cliff Haskett.

GEORGE M. TRUEBLOOD
ELIZABETH CITY—George Matthew Trueblood, 64, of 211 E. Broad

Street, Elizabeth, died Monday evening, May 18, 1987, at 10:05 in Albemarle Hospital.

A native of Perquimans County he was the son of the late William Elisha and Lillie Mae Lane Trueblood and the husband of Mrs. Cora Etheridge Trueblood. He was a former sawyer with a lumber mill.

Besides his wife survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Lander (Mary) Overton of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Edna Mae Mooney of Rt. 4, Hertford; four sons, George Trueblood and Haywood Ray Trueblood, both of Elizabeth City, Jesse William Trueblood of Grand Island, S.C. and Johnny Trueblood of Merritt Island, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Chappell of Route 4, Hertford and Mrs. Jepty Boyce of Edenton; a brother, Charlie Trueblood of Elizabeth City; 21 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Swindell Funeral Chapel, Hertford, with the Rev. Roger Gauthier officiating. Burial followed in the Family Cemetery at Belvidere.

Community calendar

AARP meeting scheduled

The AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 26th at 1:00 at the Senior Citizen Center, 300 Grubb St. The Assistant State Director of North Carolina will be present.

Members of the board of directors please attend one hour before meeting, 12:00. There will be a free eye check after the meeting. For more information please call 426-5404.

Poppy day scheduled

Hertford VFW Post 8148 will sponsor the annual Buddy Poppy Sale on May 29th.

"In Flanders Fields The Poppies Blow..." So went the immortal words of Col. John McCrae's poem. Little did he realize when he penned those lines that someday the very poppies of which he wrote would be the true

symbol of all those who gave their lives in our nation's wars. Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors their "Buddy" Poppy sale in the Hertford area to raise money for needy and disabled veterans. You, too, can pay your respects on May 29th. Do your part—buy and wear a VFW "Buddy" Poppy.

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Prices Good At All Family Dollar Stores Through This Weekend. Quantities Limited On Some Items. No Sales To Dealers.

BE-LO SHOPPING CENTER 9-9 Mon.-Sat.; 1-6 Sunday