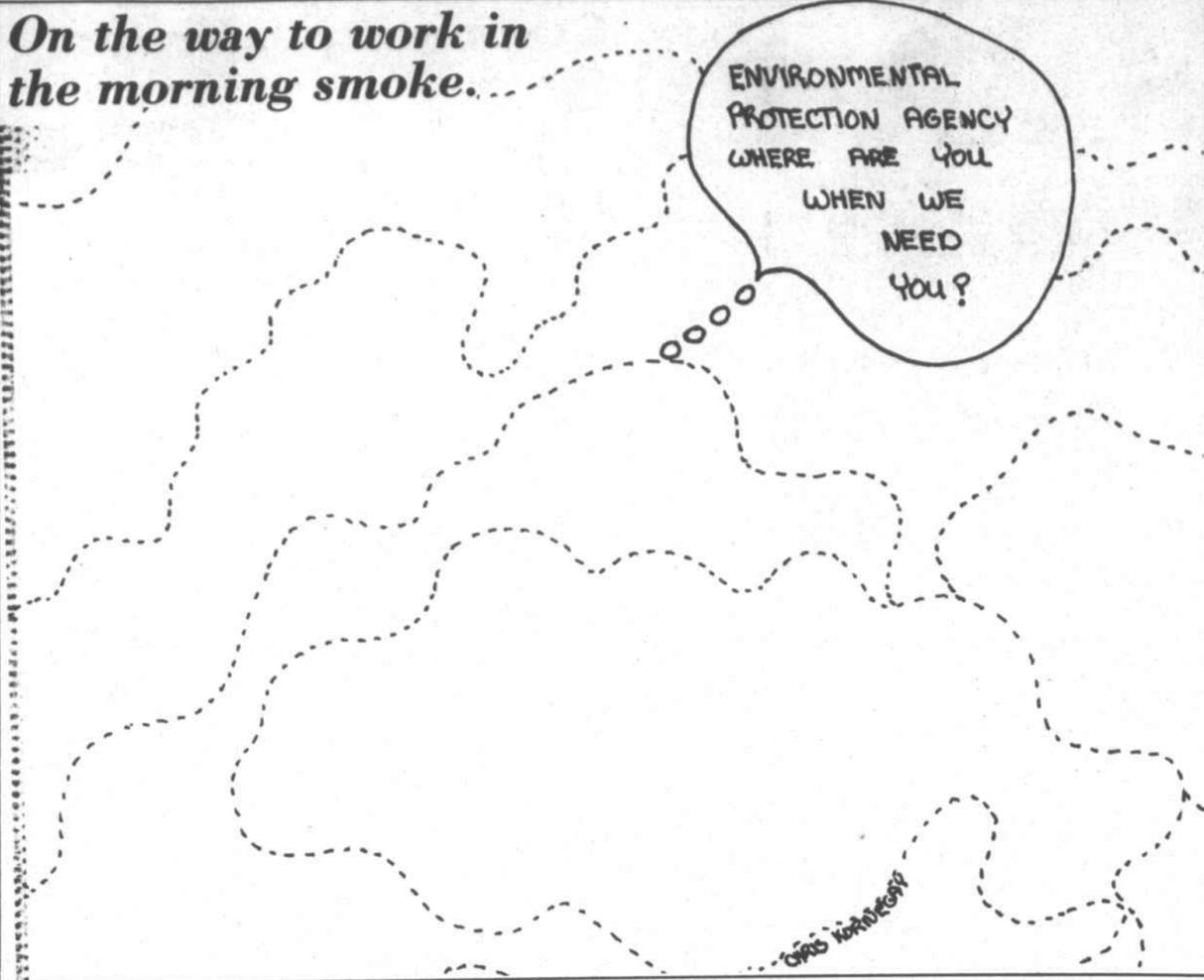


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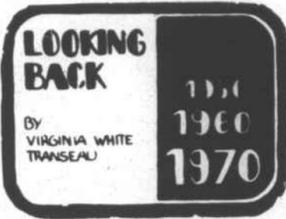
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Chamber presents check to restoration association

CHAMBER PRESENTS CHECK TO RESTORATION ASSOCIATION: The budget, the Restoration Association and the local option sales tax were the trio of three items that occupied the Board of Directors at the Chamber of Commerce at the October meeting. Since the Restorian Association will have no funds to work with until they are able to conduct a membership drive, the Chamber presented them with a check for \$100 and told them that if more were needed, to make a request. The check was presented by Chamber President Bill Coffey to the Rev. Edwin Williams,



chairman of the association. Not only did the Chamber sponsor the association and get it going, but it will continue to support it financially, if necessary, and in any other way possible.

PEGGY COPELAND IS PLEDGED TO SOCIETY AR ACC: Miss Peggy Copeland, of Belvidere, has been pledged to Phi Mu, national collegiate sorority, at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson. Miss Copeland was one of seventeen coeds initiated. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland, of Belvidere. Miss Copeland was elected President of Phi Mu pledge class at their first meeting. She is a junior in the school of Business Education at Atlantic Christian. ANNOUNCE BIRTH: Mr. and

Mrs. C. D. Barclift announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Linda Carol, born October 17, 1989 in the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Barclift is the former Emilie White. MRS. PAYNE URGES VOLUNTEERS TO SEND IN REPORTS: Mrs. Marian Payne, President Perquimans County Unit ACS, urges all volunteers to please send in their Cancer Crusade reports to her or the Treasurer, Mrs. Steliga, as soon as possible. Perquimans County has an increase in cancer patients this year, so please give generously to this worth cause.

Author discusses discrimination and homosexuality in society

Perhaps it was the innocence of the times and perhaps we were sheltered from many of society's ills, or perhaps it was a simple matter of times being different. But most of all, I believe it was a matter of being taught values and morals by parents, teachers, the church, and adults in general. Certain things weren't discussed, but you still knew the difference between right and wrong. The "ills" of society were not nearly as open as today.

It was only in my later teen years that I began to really understand or participate in discrimination. As children, we don't hate until taught to do so by adults or peers. I recall very well a Jewish boy in school who was the brunt of many jokes and pranks. I really couldn't understand what was supposed to be so different about him. As I grew older, I began to learn how hate and mistrust can come about from a lack of understanding.

Children talk about many things and often, especially in the early teen years, like to pretend they know more than they do. Language is used that isn't really understood. Though we apply words to certain situations,



we aren't certain what they really mean.

Homosexuality was one of those subjects. As a child, I don't recall such individuals being referred to as "gay". Most often, they were known as strange or different, and we stayed away from them. To me, a gay person was a happy person.

Recently, as thousands of admitted homosexuals and their activists marched in Washington, it was apparent that, while they may have been "gay", they weren't very happy. Led by numerous AIDS victims in wheelchairs, they demanded protection from discrimination and more federal money for AIDS research and treatment.

Wearing buttons, waving balloons and banners with messages such as "Thank God I'm Gay," the marchers heard from speakers including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a Democratic candidate for president. Rev. Jackson brought cheers from the crowd by demanding an end to the AIDS crisis. "Let's not dwell on distinctions," he said.

Activists of gay rights say the AIDS tragedy, which has hit the homosexual community especially hard, has created an increase in discrimination and violence against homosexuals, estimated at 25 million. They accused the Reagan administration of allowing millions to die and demanded more federal assistance.

If you are even slightly familiar with the AIDS tragedy facing this nation, then you know it is no laughing matter. While the initial impact has been felt strongest in the gay community, AIDS is no longer a disease restricted to homosexuals. Individuals, including children, with no ties to sexual activity, have been stricken. While our moral convictions may cause us to have little pity for those afflicted due to what we consider im-

moral conduct, we can't allow these feelings to cause us to ignore the threat to all of society.

In the same sense, the members and supporters of the gay community must understand the belief of many that AIDS is punishment from God, a curse cast upon those who have defied His laws and the laws of nature.

Perhaps admitted homosexuals feel pride in being abnormal according to the beliefs of most people, and they are certainly justified in being concerned about a disease that means certain death.

But they must remember that fear, regardless of the foundation, isn't easily overcome. Nor are age-old values easily changed. It's going to take a long time for society to accept gays as "normal" beings and few are going to share their feelings of "Thank God I'm Gay". It's difficult to see the pride in being an active promoter of a disease that is killing thousands. And it is even more difficult to accept those who have pride in such activity.

Grave markers are only reminders of prominent Perquimans family

Although the soil of Perquimans has received human burials for thousands of years, no inscribed grave marker has yet been found in the county any older than that of Colonel Thomas Harvey who died in 1729.

Colonel Harvey's marker is one of seven retrieved when the ancient Harvey family burying ground beside Albemarle Sound in Harveys Neck was moved to escape erosion into that Sound. By the time of removal many years ago some of the family gravestones had already gone overboard.

The oldest known tombstone in Perquimans reads: "Here lieth Interred the Body of Col. Thomas Harvey Eldest Son of Thomas Harvey Esqr. formerly Governour of this Province By whose Side he is Laid he was a Gent Universally Beloved went Thro Several reputable Offices in this Governmt and his Death was much Lamented as A Loss to his Country he died October ye 20 1729 AETatis Suis 37"

In the removal the bodies of father and son were separated, and no trace of a marker for Governor Harvey has been found.



Also missing is the tombstone of Colonel John Harvey, believed to have been a massive granite marker honoring that "Father of the American Revolution in North Carolina".

Responsibility for preserving the Harvey funeral remains now rests with the United States Government, which purchased much of the old Harvey plantation for military purposes presently housing the Harvey Point Defense Testing Activity.

The other six grave markers are those for the following individuals. Mary B. Harvey, wife of Charles W. Harvey, died 14 January 1796. Col. John Harvey, husband of Lavina Harvey, died 9 March 1805 aged 37

years 7 months and 18 days.

Mrs. Elizabeth Caldow, daughter of James and Elizabeth Coles, and first married to Col. Thomas Harvey, born 26 December 1696 and died 20 October 1761.

Col. Thomas Harvey, died 13 January 1788 in his 42nd year. Elizabeth Harvey, daughter of William and Martha Baker, and wife of Maj. Miles Harvey, died 9 October (year illegible) in her 37th year.

Sarah Skinner, daughter of Col. Thomas Harvey and wife Mary, wife of John Skinner, died 1 August 1789 in her 23rd year.

These few markers, no longer standing over the spots where their subjects were laid to rest, remind us of mortality and the inevitable loss of all worldly things. They are nearly all that is left of what was once the most prominent family in Perquimans.

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Misprints and slip-ups

MISPRINTS AND SLIP-UPS We've all made them. And, we've suffered enough embarrassment because of them....those misprints and slips of the tongue that make the rest of the world roll over on its side with laughter at our expense. I've been collecting other people's slip-ups for a while so I could eventually share a few of them with you. Afterwards, you shouldn't feel quite so badly about your own, since it's hard to beat these dandies. I'll begin with three newspaper "boo-boos," via the want add sections:

"Man to handle dynamite. Must be prepared to travel unexpectedly."

"Temporary help. Salesgirl wanted. Must be respectable until after the Christmas season."

"Livestock wanted. Need to buy a small horse. Must be gentle and able to work. Also do auto repairing."

A journalist reported on a young doctor who treated a rather wealthy victim of an auto accident. According to the newspaper, "the doctor felt of the patient's purse and decided to operate."

On the other side of the world, a Roman doctor proclaims himself, "Specialist in women and other diseases," while a Roman laundry suggests, "Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time."

One European hotel restaurant printed a flier about their delicious trout menu stating, "As for the trout served at the Hotel Monopol, you will be singing its praises to your grandchildren as you lie on your deathbed." And, the cuisine is equally as questionable among the delicacies on a Moroccan restaurant menu which serves "Dreaded veal cutlet."

In Thailand, an advertisement for



donkey rides asks, "Would you like to ride on your own ass?" On the desk at an Athens Hotel, it is publically stated, "If you consider our help impolite, you should see our manager, while at a Kowloon hotel... "Is forbidden to steal hotel towels. Please if you are not person to do such, is please not to read this notice."

But I do have a couple of favorites. In a Norwegian cocktail lounge, a posted sign states, "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar."

The best came from a Methodist Church Ladies Aid group which was planning to hold a rummage sale on Wednesday at the church. Their advertisement stated that it was a "good chance to get rid of anything not worth keeping but too good to be thrown away. Bring along your husbands."

In this mixed-up, fast-paced world of ours today, it's pretty likely that we'll see a few more misprints and slips of the tongue. And I'm kinda glad. So long as it doesn't happen TOO often to ME. After all, laughter is the ultimate therapy. It better benefits us to laugh at life than to lament over it, for there'll be plenty time left for grieving.

So, thank you world for your misprints and slip-ups. Some days, it's just what the doctor ordered.

Letters to the editor

Chappell praised

This letter is to commend Susan Chappell for a job well done on the Rescue Retirement Dinner.

She does deserve so much credit for all the caring things she does and does everything not as a burden, but a joy. I'm sure she must find great peace knowing God gives her the strength to do these things that make you find inner peace and joy.

We may not always realize that everything we do affects not only our

lives, but also touches others.

Her smile always brightens the day and her thoughtfulness creates a Ray of Sunshine.

She always shows she cares and understands and always has a kind and gentle word to give and deserves much praise and credit for many jobs well done.

Becky and Allen Winslow

Bus drivers thanked

Every parent who has a child riding a Perquimans County school bus owes his child's bus driver a great big "thank you". These bus drivers did an outstanding job transporting children to school Monday morning, October 19th.

With so much adverse publicity regarding bus drivers under the age of

eighteen, it is important to remember that our high schoolers exhibited maturity, responsibility and caution in performing their duties in the very worst of conditions on the very worst of days. (You adult drivers did great, too!)

Andrea Boone

First Baptist schedule

The First Baptist Church School will be at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship will be at 11:00 a.m. Pastor London will be preaching from the subject: "Life's Most Important Question" Mark 8:27, 29. The Senior Choir will be singing under the direction of Brother Robert Thomas, Organist.

Members of the church and Pastor London will be special guests at the Brian Center Nursing Care at 1:30 p.m.

The Senior Choir will present a play, The Wedding of Sloopy Joe and Aunt Jemima, plus a Fashion and Talent Show, at the Hertford Grammar School, Thursday, October 29,

1987 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults in advance, \$1.25 at the door.

The Perquimans NAACP Branch will meet at the First Baptist Church, Hertford, N.C. on Monday, October 26, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. Attorney Ronald Perrey will be reporting on the planned suit against Hertford-Perquimans elections procedures.

Use a straw

If the ketchup won't come out, put a drinking straw into the bottle, pushing it to the bottom. Then remove the straw. Enough air will have been admitted to start an even flow.

NEWS COUPON

The news and editorial staff of the Perquimans Weekly would like you to tell us what kind of stories you like to see in the paper. If there is something or someone you feel is important — or some provocative issue you would like us to examine — please, let us know.

Just clip and fill out this coupon. Include as many details as possible (Names, addresses, telephone numbers, etc.) It may not be possible for us to use some of the stories suggested but we are always looking for new ideas.

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