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Briefs

Planters Bank declares third quarter dividends

The Planters Corporation (NASDAQ:PNBT) has declared a third quarter cash dividend of 15 cents per share, a 3.4 percent increase from the 14.5 cents paid in the third quarter last year.

The dividend is payable on September 15, 1990 to shareholders of record on August 31, 1990. It is the 24th consecutive year Planters has increased cash dividends to its shareholders.

The Planters Corp., with its subsidiary Planters National Bank, is the 10th largest bank holding company in North Carolina with total assets on June 30, 1990 of \$1.2 billion.

Peoples Bank announces third quarter dividends

The Board of Directors of Peoples Bank Corporation declared on July 18 a third quarter dividend of 15 cents per share, up from 14 1/2 cents per share the previous quarter, to be paid on September 19, 1990 to shareholders of record on September 5. The ex-dividend date is August 29, 1990.

Peoples Bank Corporation is traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol PBK.

Arrests reported

The Hertford Police Department reported the following arrests:

Nancy Joyce Harris, 39, 603 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hertford, was arrested July 1 and charged with simple assault.

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Stanley Lee Jones, 33, Rt. 2, Box 55, Hertford, was arrested July 5 and charged with first degree trespass.

Sheima Clay Miller, 34, 329 Market St., Hertford, was arrested July 9 and charged with assault on a female and injury to personal property.

Robert Neal Kirk, Jr., 27, 222 Apache Trail, Edenton was arrested and charged with DWI and simple possession of marijuana.

Doug Eugene Pickop, 31, Box 5442 Holiday Island, Hertford, was arrested July 14 and charged with assault of a female.

John Daryle Elliott, 36, Rt. 5, Box 112, Hertford, was arrested July 21 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests:

Lenay Nathaniel Felton, 17, Rt. 5, Box 375, Hertford, was arrested July 5 and charged with larceny - Perquimans County, breaking and entering auto - Perquimans County. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail on a \$6,000 secured bond.

Donald Felton, 30, Rt. 5, Box 373, Hertford, was arrested July 16 and charged with one count of failure to appear in Perquimans and two counts of failure to appear in Chowan County. He was released on a \$1,100 secured bond.

William Continental Jump, Jr., 52, Box 5192, Holiday Island, Hertford, was arrested July 17 and charged with a worthless check. He pleaded guilty, and made restitution and costs to the magistrate.

Johnny Lee Flythe, 29, 416 Dobb St., Hertford, was arrested July 18 and charged with failure to appear. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$200 secured bond.

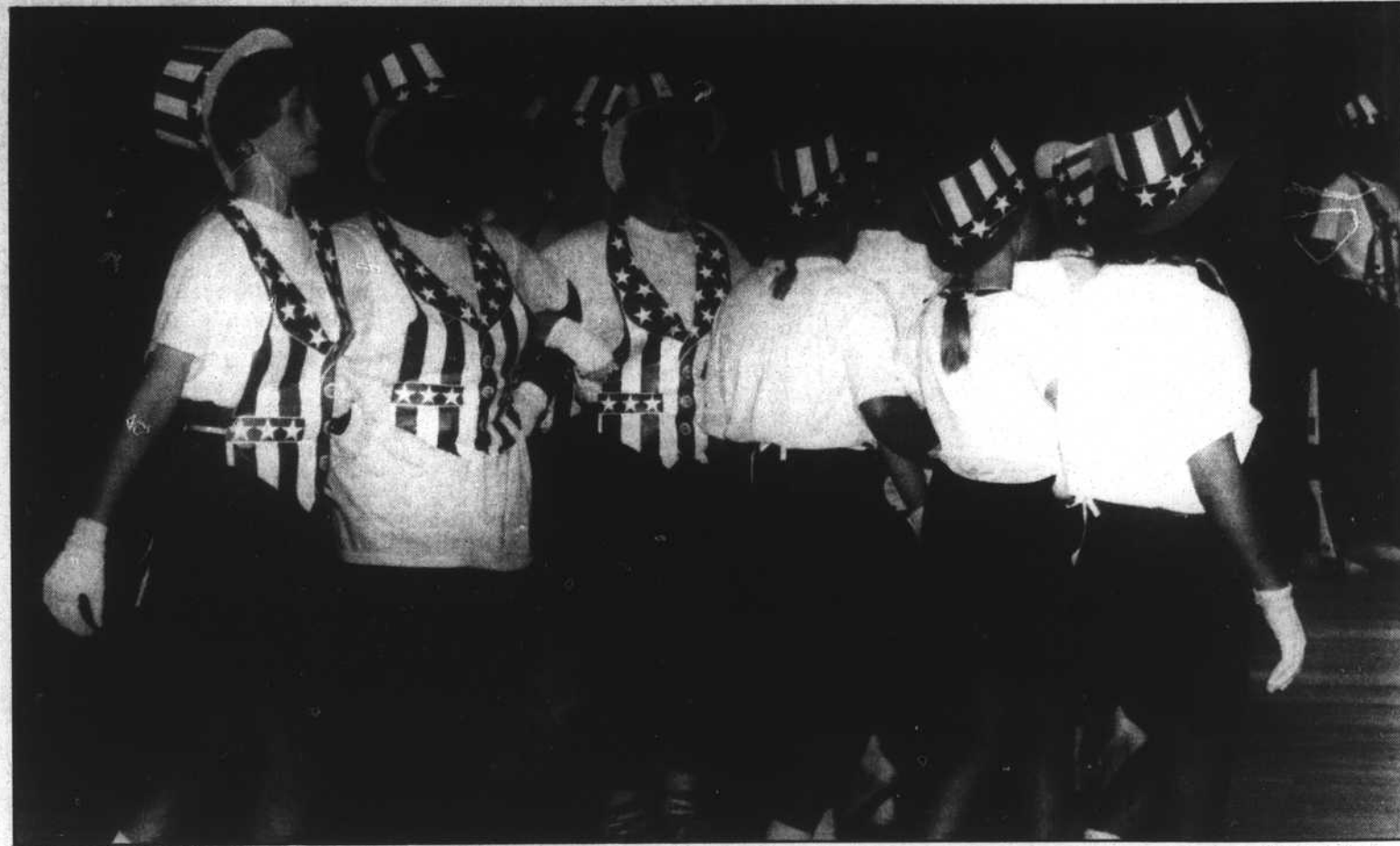


Photo by Beth Finney

The patriotic grand finale included rifle, flag and dance routines.

Students produce successful show

For the second time, the Stage Right Players hit the stage at Perquimans County High School. And again, their production was a success.

The 29 students who participated in the Stage Right summer enrichment program presented "A Special Summer Package," adapted from John Jacobson's script concept of "It's a Small World."

As the curtain opened, campers and staff at Camp Itch 'N' Scratch were contemplating summer fun. The staff remembered the fun of last year when they had traveled in time through the rock 'n roll era. This year, they decided, they would travel around the world to visit children in other countries. But the time machine failed to function, and their plans were temporarily stymied.

But not for long. Mr. Jet Plane of Jet's To 'N' Fro Travel Agency took the campers and staff on a whirlwind tour of Mexico, the Brit-

ish Isles, Europe, Africa and the Far East.

The students performed songs and dances from around the world with enthusiasm and poise.

The show's finale was spectacular. With assistance from John Merritt, color guard instructor of the Marching Pirates band, the students learned rifle, flag and dance routines set to the patriotic "Before the Parade Passes By." Just before the final curtain fell, the riflemen lined up to form an arch under which the American and North Carolina flags marched.

Patrons showed their appreciation for a job well done with a curtain call and a standing ovation.

In addition to the acting, singing and dancing, the students made their props. All of this was accomplished in only four weeks under the direction of instructors Margaret Brothers and Sue Leeete.

Students involved in the production were rising sixth through eighth graders.



Photo by Beth Finney

The Mexican Hat Dance was one of the highlights of the students' stop by Mexico.

Guardian ad Litem volunteers help children

The Office of Guardian ad Litem Services in Raleigh provided more than 6,250 abused and neglected children caught up in the court system with legal help and other urgently needed assistance in fiscal 1988-89, according to a report issued by the Office in March.

The report shows that the number of children reached by the office has risen substantially since the volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program was authorized by the General Assembly as part of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in 1983.

In 1984-85, its first full year of operation, the program had 326 trained volunteers working as guardian ad litem with court-appointed attorneys representing 1,887 abused and neglected children in the courts.

By fiscal 1988-89, when the program reached over 6,260 children, the office had 1,200 trained volunteers working with 106 attorneys appointed to represent abused and neglected youngsters in the court system.

Volunteer Guardians ad litem spent more than 108,000 hours working in behalf of the children they represented that year.

Chief Justice James G. Exum Jr. of the State Supreme Court and Franklin Freeman Jr., Director of the AOC, said they were pleased with the progress the program has made and praised volunteers working in the program.

Under the program, volunteers are trained to perform impartial investigations after Department of Social Services workers file petitions in court against the parents of minors who have allegedly abused or neglected them.

The volunteers act as advocates for children, recommending services that focus on the needs of the children.

Guardian ad litem volunteers are sworn in as officers of the court, attend hearings, and make written

reports of their findings to judges who must make a ruling in the case.

The program "gives the abused, neglected or dependent child a representative who is specially trained to speak up for the child" and thus can help assure that the child "has the care and support necessary to become happy, secure and productive," said Chief Justice Exum.

The volunteers also provide judges with "the objective information they need to make decisions based on the best interest of the child," he added.

"Because of the information the volunteer pieces together and represents to the courts, because of what the volunteer recommends, judges can make decisions that can put the lives of these children back together," Freeman commented.

Guardian ad litem volunteers attended more than 7,000 court hearings in behalf of children in 1988-89, up from about 4,000 hearings the previous fiscal year. District Court judges across the state strongly support the program.

The office, headed by administrator Virginia G. Weisz, had 1,200 trained volunteers working with 106 attorneys appointed to represent abused and neglected youngsters in the court system in 1988-89.

While progress has been made, "the number of abused and neglected children who need the services of a volunteer Guardian ad litem grows at an even greater pace," Ms. Weisz said. "More members of local communities are needed to speak up for and help these children."

In the 1st Judicial District, which includes Perquimans County, Veola R. Spivey is program coordinator. There is a caseload of over 40 representing 75 juveniles. The program has 24 volunteers. Janice M. Cole is the program attorney.

In Perquimans County, five volunteers have helped children in distress. These people have taken 16

A typical volunteer case

What types of children benefit from the Guardian ad Litem volunteer program? Mrs. Spivey helped to outline a typical case. It is not the case of any particular child who has received assistance through the program, but rather an example of the type of help given through the program.

Junior "falls" a lot. One day he came to school with serious bruises. His teacher was concerned about the situation and called in the school psychologist.

After speaking with Junior, the psychologist spoke with the principal, relaying her fears that the child had been beaten by his mother. The principal in turn called the Department of Social Services who dispatched a case worker to do a home study. Finding substantial evidence that the child had indeed been abused, the case worker filed a petition with the court to remove the child from the home.

The clerk of court, upon reviewing the petition, contacted Mrs. Spivey. She then reviewed the petition and called upon a volunteer to whom she felt the child could relate.

The volunteer began an independent investigation which included speaking with the child, the parents, neighbors, family members and school personnel. The volunteer found that the parent had an alleged alcohol abuse problem which led to the beatings Junior received.

The volunteer's report sug-

gested that the judge order treatment and subsequent counseling for the parent, and that the child not be allowed to live in the home until these treatments were completed. Further, the volunteer felt that Junior needed counseling from the school psychologist to help him deal with the problems at home.

The Guardian ad Litem volunteer attended the hearing in support of the child's best interests.

In making his decision, the judge reviewed the findings of the case worker, school psychologist, attorneys and the volunteer. Because he had so much information upon which to base his decision, his job was much easier.

The judge opted to follow the recommendations. Through professional help, the mother learned to deal with her problems. Junior's school work improved as his self-confidence improved through counseling.

At a subsequent hearing, the judge felt that Junior could safely return home.

Of course, all cases do not end happily. Sometimes lengthy foster care is required. In other cases, the child is returned home only to be abused again. But thanks to the Guardian ad Litem program, children know there is someone who cares about them and will help them through difficult times.

hours of training, and observe in court before handling a case.

More volunteers are needed to help represent the needs of children

in the area. Mrs. Spivey welcomes telephone calls at 335-2877. She is also willing to speak to church and civic groups about the program.

Farm crops look good

Perquimans County crops look good right now, according to county extension agent Stan Winslow.

Winslow said that although the rain has been spotty, most crops have not suffered from severe damage due to dry conditions in June.

Some areas of the county have had sufficient rainfall, he said, while others west of Bethel and in Joppa in are still dry. Some areas even got too much precipitation.

The two key areas to watch now are peanut and cotton diseases, Winslow said.

"By and large, we have a good corn crop," Winslow said.

There was some damage to corn as a result of the high temperatures in June. Winslow reported that the heat caused some pollination problems. Depending on the location, rainfall and soil type, he estimated that some farmers had 25-30 percent damage in their cornfields.

Fortunately, peanuts seem to be developing well.

"Peanuts look good all the way through," Winslow commented.

He said that farmers should scout their peanuts closely for Southern stem rot, and treat fields as needed.

"This hot, humid weather we're having is ideal for leaf spot development," Winslow added.

He recommends that farmers maintain a good spray schedule to fight the disease.

Winslow said that cotton production in the county has more than doubled this year, with over 3900 acres planted. He said that cotton got a good start and has fruited up well.

"It's well on its way to making a good crop," he stated.

Farmers are presently having to deal with one of the earliest boll worm infestations ever in the county. While spraying for boll worms is typically done during the first full week in August, farmers are spraying now to eradicate the pest.

Winslow has issued an alert to farmers to watch cotton closely for boll worms. He said that crops can be lost if farmers do not keep an eye on their cotton.

"Soybeans are looking fine," Winslow said.

He said that most farmers have good stands and that weed control is progressing very well. The earliest peas are now beginning to bloom.

As with cotton, early pest management in soybeans this year is required. Corn ear worms have hit, and soybeans should also be scouted closely.

"I'm optimistic," Winslow commented. "I really am."

"We are really blessed compared to other counties in the state and some parts of the country," Winslow summed up his crop outlook.

The county's annual crop management tour will be held on the afternoon of August 14. Winslow said that details will be available soon.

Football practice begins

Football season is just around the corner, and the Perquimans High School football teams are getting ready for competition. Both varsity and junior varsity players should report to the high school on Monday, July 30 at 6:55 p.m.

The first two days will be used to condition athletes. Several students have taken advantage of a summer conditioning program which included weight lifting, running and general strengthening exercises.

Anyone who has not had the required physical should meet at the gym on Tuesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. This will be the last opportunity for group examinations.

"We need to hit the ground running in order to make up for last year," said athletic director and head football coach Frank Ciamillo.

For information or to discuss playing football, contact coach Ciamillo at the high school.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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