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Briefs

Tour is Saturday

The North Carolina Society of Social Dames Seventeenth Century will dedicate a marker to Ann Durant at 3 p.m. on May 4 at the Newbold White site.

A Pilgrimage from Land's End in Durants Neck will begin at 10 a.m., on May 4 and includes lunch at Durants Neck Ruritan Club, four National Register Houses, and the Ann Durant marker dedication and reception at the Newbold-White Regional History Site. For more information call 426-7567.

PTSA plans sale

The Perquimans Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student Association will be sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spaces are available for rent and those interested should contact Sherie Duncan at 33-2141 (day) or 264-2976 (after 6 p.m.) to reserve a space. There will be a charge of \$10 per space. Now is a good time to get rid of some of the "treasures" you may have discovered while doing your spring cleaning! Concessions will be available. Candy is also being sold for the organization.

Class schedule change

College of the Albemarle has announced that the one-night Notary Public Training class that was scheduled for May 2 at the main campus has been changed to May 9 at the same location.

The class will be held from 7-10 p.m. in room 229 of the A Building. Jeanne C. White, with the Perquimans County Register of Deeds office, will teach the course.

The cost is a one time fee of \$25 plus \$5.25 for a required manual. A social security number is needed to register. For more information, call COA's Continuing Education office at 335-0821, ext. 250.

Office extends hours

Beginning April 29, 1991, the Albemarle Child Support Office will begin extended hours during the summer. Office hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Event set at hospital

The second annual Chowan Hospital Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, May 11 with a starting point at the Library on Water St. in Edenton.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in front of the courthouse green on Water St. Races will begin at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is \$2 and includes a t-shirt. To register, call Chowan Hospital Public Relations at 482-6283.

Also, on Tuesday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., we will sponsor a blood pressure and cholesterol screening at Woodard's Pharmacy. The cost is \$3.

Fundraiser planned

Perquimans County baseball programs will get a financial boost Saturday. There will be an adult trap shoot and batting practice with a pitching machine from 8-11 a.m. at Perquimans Middle School. The trap fee is \$5 for 40 shots. Over at the pitching machine, youth can get 15 balls for only \$1.



Photo by Susan Harris

Smoke continued to pour out of the day, where a Sunday fire destroyed the blaze was at Ward & Nixon Cotton flaming cotton seed warehouse on Mon- about \$150,000 worth of cotton seed. Gin in Winfall.

Parents, educators attend school budget rally

A group of seven parents and educators from Perquimans County attended the school budget rally held last Tuesday in Raleigh at the Legislative Building. A group of approximately 300, composed of school personnel and parents, had an opportunity to talk with legislators expressing their concerns.

Bobby Etheridge, state superintendent, said progress had been made in education with the Basic Education Plan since 1985. However, he cautioned, "We have to make sure we don't lose that ground." He also advised the group to let the people back home know the seriousness of the situation.

Speaker of the House Dan Blue said that the legislators fully understand the situation. "We've gone as deep into the education budget as we can afford to go," he said. Legislators are committed not to have to make further cuts, but they are still over \$400 million short of a balanced budget.

Senate President Pro Tem Henson P. Barnes also said the group must consider the inevitability of some kind of new taxes in order to balance the

budget and continue programs that are already in operation.

The Perquimans group visited Vernon James and R.L. "Pete" Thompson. The representatives were willing to listen and are in support of education, but were quick to point out that the budget crisis is real. The money has to come from somewhere in order to balance the budget. Both representatives thanked the group for taking time to come to Raleigh.

Senator Marc Basnight, chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, addressed the delegation. Basnight said a likely solution to the budget deficit would be a 1-cent sales tax increase which would eliminate the need for more cuts in education. He said he had received "more than 500" letters this week urging him to protect the education budget.

School supporters from all of the northeastern counties met with legislators. Perquimans County was represented by superintendent Dr. Randall Henion, Helen Hunter, Estelle Felton, Ellen O'Neal, Mary White, Frances Hammer and Jeanie Umphlett.

Williams to preach youth crusade in Perquimans

Hank Williams doesn't croon country-western tunes and all his rowdy friends have settled down. But the message of this young evangelist is as far-reaching as the music of his namesake: life's meaning and purpose can only be found through the acceptance and service of Jesus Christ.

The 32-year-old minister began taking his message to youth in 1981 as a youth pastor. Now he travels internationally, sharing his message and making an impact on the lives of young people around the globe.

"We began to see where teenagers are," Williams said of his decision to focus his ministry on youth. "Their world ends at the parking lot on Friday night." Somebody, Williams said, has to show kids what God has to offer them. "That's where it began for us, I think," he said.

Williams' theme is "God's dream," what he calls "an old dream for a new generation." He believes that there is a purpose for everyone on earth, and that through Christ, that purpose can be found.

Lots of teens think that religion is "uncool," Williams said, and that Christianity is for old people. Youth reach for things that feel good or give them an instant high, but those good

feelings don't last, Williams said. "The satisfaction that the world offers is short-lived, it's very momentary," Williams said. He added that youth need heroes that show that being Christian is being cool, and that living a Christian life is a real and lasting experience.

There are 3.3 million teen alcoholics in the nation, Williams said. He attributes the numbers to lost youth trying to find a niche in life, trying to be cool, and trying to find a purpose. But those things can only be found through Christ, he said.

In order to reach youth, "We have to begin in the home," Wil-



Photo courtesy of Perquimans County Schools

Estelle Felton, Helen Hunter, Mary White, Ellen O'Neal and Frances Hammer were a part of the Perquimans delegation to the state school budget rally last week.

iams said. The primary objective in his pre-crusade messages to church congregations is to strengthen Christian family life. He said teens have to see Christ at home.

"As a Christian, your life has to speak for itself," he said. "Your life speaks louder than your words a lot of times." When parents are hypocritical and don't set an example, the family unit is weakened and Satan can take over.

Williams admitted that it is difficult to gauge success during his crusades, but he has come to realize with God's help that even if only one person comes to Christ, his mission is successful. So far, every crusade has been "overwhelming," he said.

Williams will preach during the Greater Perquimans County Youth Crusade which begins Sunday night at 7:27 in the Perquimans High School football stadium. Sponsored by the Perquimans County Ministerial Association, the interdenominational revival will run through Thursday night. Special guests for the week include Mark Lippard, a renowned unicyclist and juggler and Glen and Beth Ward, singers. Ward is also a kick boxing champion.

"I really believe a lot of people will be changed by God through the crusade," Williams

said. "It's the only way to find peace."

Williams has already reached many in the county. His sermons in local churches have brought many to the altar to make decisions for Christ or to rededicate their lives. He has also joined in the street ministry which has begun on the corner of Edenton Road and Market streets.

Williams said his message during the revival will not be gimmicky, but consists of a straight-forward presentation of the gospel. "The power of the gospel. That's what this whole thing's about," Williams said. "Teenagers are hungry for the gospel."

"Young people are our greatest resource. Unless we reach them with the message of the gospel, we're in trouble," Williams stated.

Admission to the youth crusade is free. Special music will be provided nightly by a choir of Perquimans residents under the direction of Scotty Gullede, crusade music director.

Blaze destroys gin

Perquimans County volunteer firefighters were summoned early Sunday morning to a warehouse fire at Ward & Nixon Cotton Gin in Winfall.

Winfall Fire Chief Wayne Winslow said his department was dispatched to the scene about 6:30 Sunday morning, dumping over 30,000 gallons of water on the blazing cotton seed stored in the warehouse. Winslow said firefighters from all county departments and equipment from Perquimans County, Belvidere-Chappell Hill, Hertford, Durants Neck and Winfall helped to battle the fire.

Smoke continued to pour from the building and flames were still flickering Tuesday morning. Winslow said that the fire was contained, but could not be put out. He explained that water penetrates only to a certain depth into the individual seed, but the natural oils in the seed prevent the total absorption of the water.

Co-owner of the business, Charles Ward, estimated that seed worth \$150,000 was lost in the fire.

A salvage expert from Memphis, Tenn., was contacted by owners Ward and Ned Nixon, Winslow said. He said that the expert was expected to arrive on Tuesday, and would advise Ward and Nixon, as well as firefighters, on handling the situation. Winslow said that it is possible to save some of the seed.

The metal warehouse, located next to the gin, was completely ruined. The top caved in, and the sides buckled and ruptured. Also lost in the blaze was a John Deere tractor and a conveyor belt.

Ward said the fire would not affect the operation of the business, which serves between 100-150 customers.

Sheriff hires new deputy

A new deputy has been added to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, sheriff Joe Lothian announced recently.

Susan Rivenbark, a civil process, physical fitness and Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy instructor, joined the department in April.

Rivenbark has served as an Elizabeth City police officer, as well as with the Dare County Sheriff's Department. She has about 10 years of law enforcement experience.

"I've known her for a long time," Lothian said. "She's competent. She knows how to do the work. I think that she'll be a very valuable asset to our department."

Service places employees

The Edenton Employment Security Commission office placed 50 individuals in jobs during the month of March 1991. The office has placed 789 individuals in jobs during this program year, which began July 1, 1990. This office thus far has a total of 944 transactions. Placement transactions include applicants placed in more than one job during the program year. Of those finding jobs 674, went to work in non-agricultural related work.

The Edenton Job Service office has available to the public a self service computerized job information system. Through this program applicants can access information about jobs listed throughout the state.

The Edenton office is located at 709 North Broad Street and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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