

Obituaries

Southern States earns Respect

Lawrence C. Corprew

Lawrence Curtis Corprew, 77, of Route 1, Box 541-A, Hertford, died Friday morning, August 7, 1998, in Chowan Hospital.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Maude Haskett and John Hardy Corprew. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Inez Harris Corprew; a daughter, Patricia C. Markham of Elizabeth City; two sons, Larry Corprew and Bobby Corprew, both of Hertford; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Billy Dean Corprew.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Boyd, Rev. Robert White and Rev. Howard Sutton officiating. Burial followed in Bethel Cemetery with Swindell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Bethel Baptist Church, Route 1, Hertford, N.C. 27944 or the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, Route 1, Hertford, N.C. 27944.

Hertford farm co-op one of 7 regional DuPont award winners

A Hertford agribusiness was one of seven companies across the nation to earn a 1998 Regional Environmental Respect Award last month.

Southern States Cooperative joined award winners from Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Washington at a presentation ceremony held in the Senate Caucus Room of the Russell Building on Capitol Hill for the awards ceremony on July 28.

Hertford Service Manager Rick Strecker accepted the unique crystal trophy given in honor of the company's achievement.

"We must consider the impact that our daily decisions have on the environment and be accountable for those decisions," Strecker said.

Southern States Hertford recently underwent a \$600,000 upgrade that included a new dry fertilizer storage and blending facility and a new fluid fertilizer and chemical storage and mixing facility.



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Rick Strecker (center), manager of Southern States Cooperative, Inc. in Hertford, accepted one of the seven 1998 Regional Environmental Respect Awards. Congratulating him on his company's achievement is Elliott Nowels (left), publisher of Dealer PROGRESS magazine, and Nancie Johnson, vice president of government affairs for DuPont Agricultural Products.

The outlet services some 50,000 acres of corn, soybeans, cotton and wheat.

The annual environmental awards ceremony began in 1990 and has become a tradition of excellence within the agriculture industry. DuPont Agricultural Products and

Dealer PROGRESS magazine co-sponsor the program, which aims to recognize those who promote environmental protection through their businesses' in-house safety and community outreach achievements.

"DuPont feels it is neces-

sary to recognize individuals who make a dedicated effort to maintain and protect the environment," said Nanci Johnson, vice president of government affairs for DuPont, who presented the awards. "They are leading others by example in the agriculture

(industry) to enhance our country's quality of life while improving the future of the world food supply."

The 1998 selection committee is made up of industry experts and previous award winners. This group chose the award recipients based on plant-site storage and handling procedures, proper fertilizer and crop protection chemical application methods in the fields, the facilities' physical layouts, leadership in environmental activism and concern for stewardship and safety among their employees, customers and surrounding communities.

From nearly 100 entries, the selection committee chose 15 state winners and seven regional winners. 1998 state winners, as well as past state-winning businesses, who entered, qualified for regional judging.

"Agriculture is changing rapidly," said K. Elliott Nowels, publisher of Dealer PROGRESS magazine. "The Environmental Respect Awards distinguish farm supply dealers who are proactive and influential in this process. The effort is a way for us to show our appreciation toward those who strive to make a stewardship difference in the agriculture industry."

Youth grants available

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State-funded mini-grants are available to youth groups seeking funds for community projects.

A total of \$11,500 is available to North Carolina organizations composed of young people, ages 13 to 18, who want to implement programs to benefit their peers. The mini-grants, which average \$500 each, are administered by the N.C. Youth Advisory Council. The council functions under the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the N.C. Department of Administration.

To be eligible for the next round of awards, applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25.

"Mini-grants are helping with youth projects throughout the state," said Administration Secretary Katie Dorsett. "Through mini-grants, we are hoping to encourage our young people to become involved in activities that will benefit their local communities."

Examples of projects that have received funding include after-school tutorial programs, purchases of recreational equipment and orchestral music, an alcohol-free graduation celebration, and publication of a newsletter. Requests for cost of food, entertainment, travel and salaries will not qualify for funding.

Applications will be screened by the State Youth Council when it meets Nov. 13-15. Applications will also be reviewed by the Youth Advisory Council before grants are awarded.

For applications or information, contact the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, 217 W. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27603-1336 or phone (919) 733-9296.

The latest nonfiction: August is busy at library

What, you may ask, has been keeping me so busy that I haven't found time to write this column?

The answer is multi-faceted. First, it's August. That means that Wonder and Ann Carol each get to take a much-deserved week of vacation. Just having one person gone makes a big difference to those who remain.

Second, our summer programming is drawing to a close. We are glad to have had so many people attend our children's programs this summer. Now it's time to do the follow-up paperwork.

Third, it's almost time for school to start. Since adults have spent so many years adhering to an academic calendar, I think we get into a "back-to-school" mode, even if we don't anticipate stepping foot inside a classroom in the foreseeable future. Groups that didn't meet during the summer are scheduling meetings. People are looking at their personal planners to see what's on the horizon. Students are trying to complete their summer homework.

Fourth, Becky Rayburn has accepted a teaching position in Gates County, so she will no longer be working here after this month. She has been part of our staff for more than two years, and I'm going to miss her competence, reliability, and many other characteristics that make her such a valued employee. She and I have

Snapshot Jeri Oltman Perquimans County Librarian

been trying to make sure that the tasks she routinely does are sufficiently documented so that they can be handed over to another worker with little confusion.

Fifth, we're working on updating our patron database. It's surprising how many people who used to have library cards haven't checked out any books or videos in the last two years. Yes, we've been automated for two years already. We've kept all the folks who had valid library cards as long ago as 1994 in the database, but now it's time to do a little cleaning.

Sixth, oh, heck, this list could go on and on. Just take my word for it - there's plenty of things to keep me away from the keyboard.

One of the duties that I have managed to keep up with is ordering fiction. So we have a nice selection of current best-sellers and popular titles for readers to choose from. New this week are:

Bridget Jones' Diary by Helen Fielding. According to Publishers Weekly, "It's hard to imagine a funnier book appearing anywhere this year."; Daughter of Troy: A Novel of History, Valor and Love by Sarah B. Franklin. An epic of incredible scope and power, bringing the Trojan War to vivid life; Cat Crimes for the Holidays, a collection of 19 short stories by Carole Nelson Douglas, Barbara Paul, Jeremiah Healy, and others. One review termed it "Purrfect."; The First Eagle by Tony Hillerman. "The most chilling and beautifully crafted novel yet from the beloved and best-selling master of Southwestern suspense."; The Blue Place by Nicola Griffith. "A stylishly erotic and suspenseful new thriller that combines the chilly atmospheric dread of Smilla's Sense of Snow with relentless white-hot excitement."; The Burglar Who Studied Spinoza by Lawrence Sanders. "A wickedly exciting tale of crooked cops, honest thieves, and a murderer who is giving them all a very bad name."; and Fortress of Eagles by C.J. Cherryh. Sequel to Fortress in the Eye of Time, this fantasy is an epic saga of destiny and ancient magic.

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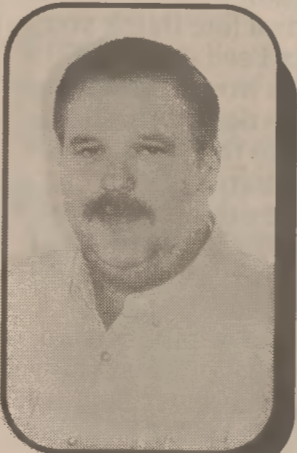
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