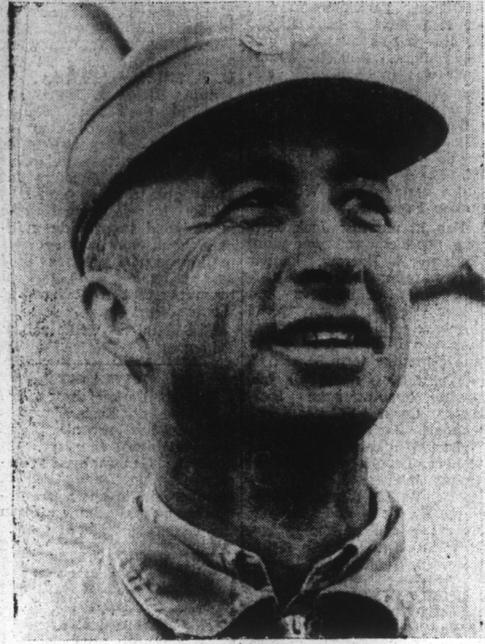


\$2,101,171 Peanut Crop Is Recorded In Chowan



ISAAC BYRUM
Champion Peanut Grower

Chowan County peanut farmers enjoyed a \$2,101,171 in 1965 and their average yield of 2,730 pounds per acre is expected to be the best in North Carolina. Yield was 293 pounds higher than a year ago.

O. West, local ASCS office manager, reports 602 farmers planted 6,157.6 acres of peanuts and produced 9,366 pounds. West said 103.2 acres of the Chowan County allotment was not planted.

Records in the ASCS office show 48 farmers averaged in excess of 3,500 pounds per acre. They will be certified as members of the Ton and Three-Quarters Club tonight (Thursday) at a banquet at Center Hill, sponsored by Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

Isaac Byrum of the Ryland community was the top producer. Byrum averaged 5,194 pounds per acre in a 2.7 acre field. Charlie Overman, extension chairman, said this is the highest individual field yield officially checked.

Byrum averaged 4,459 pounds per acre on his entire crop of 16.7 acres.

"He is going to be the farmer of the county who made the highest yield per acre on all the peanuts he grew in 1965," Overman said.

The highest allotment yield production honors go to Joseph Byrum of the Center Hill Community. He had a nine-acre allotment and averaged 4,636 pounds per acre.

Overman said this is the first time in history Chowan County farmers have produced a \$2 million peanut crop. He said the gross income from peanuts this year was based on an average price of 12 1/2 cents per

pound.

The extension chairman pointed out that since 1961 local farmers have boosted the gross income from peanuts by nearly \$1 million. He said while the price has increased by one and a half cent a pound, so has the quality.

Peanuts accounted for 28 per cent of the total farm income in Chowan County during 1965.

"This was one of the most suitable production years we have ever had," Overman said.

But with a smile which indicated his pleasure with the outcome, he added: "And more farmers are using more modern practices and this accounts for a higher yield."

He said he does not foresee any immediate danger as a result of increased peanut production. "There is constantly being developed increased usages for this food product," he added.

Statistics gathered by West show the highest average yield was recorded by 184 farmers in the Ryland-Gliden Community. They had an allotment of 1,444.2 acres, produced 4,359,561 pounds of peanuts for an average yield of 3,019.

The second best yield was recorded in the Rocky Hock-Center Hill community. There 207 farmers had a yield of 2,930 pounds per acre. Their allotment was 1,755.8 acres and on this land they produced 5,143,709 pounds.

There are 211 peanut farms in Yeopim-Cowpen Neck community. They have an allotment of 2,957.6 acres and on this land 7,306,096 pounds of peanuts were

produced. The average was 2,470.

Overman explained that while the yield in the third community was three-fourths a ton below the leader, this was a good yield for this area. He said the soil in the Yeopim-Cowpen Neck community is not the best for growing peanuts.

In October, Overman predicted a record yield of at least 2,500 pounds per acre. At that time 90 per cent of the crop had been harvested.

At Holmes High

Leaders To Meet

Three of North Carolina's leading educators will speak here February 22 at the annual meeting of District One, State School Boards Association.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, association president, said the meeting will be held at John A. Holmes High School with representatives from 11 administrative units in Northeastern North Carolina in attendance.

In releasing the program, Dr. Bond, chairman of Edenton City School Trustees, said Dr. Everett Miller of Raleigh, assistant state superintendent of public instruction; Dr. Harry G. Beard of

Raleigh, associate professor of education and rural sociology, and Dr. John Otts of Chapel Hill, dean of the UNC school of education, will speak.

School board members, district committee-men, superintendents and principals from schools in Dare, Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie and Gates counties will begin registering at the high school at 4 P. M.

Theme for the program this year is "Setting New Courses" and approximately 100 people are expected to attend. **Continued on Page 8**



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MEET THE CONGRESSMAN — Rep. Walter B. Jones is pictured on the Capitol steps in Washington greeting Chowan County supporters after being sworn in Thursday. Shaking hands with Rep. Jones is E. L. Hollowell. Behind Hollowell is State Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr. Also pictured is Warren Twiddy. A large delegation from the First Congressional District was in Washington for the noon ceremonies where Rep. Jones replaced Rep. Herbert C. Bonner, who died last year.

The Public Parade

UNNECESSARY DELAY—A broken power pole at the height of a severe wind and rain storm caused many Sunday lunches to be late. Electricity was off more than an hour.

The pole was blown down on Freeman Street within a block of Light and Water Department offices. Supt. Richard Hines had his efficient crew on the scene within minutes and had it not been for an "open" switch electricity could have been restored in 30 minutes.

The "open" switch was at a Virginia Electric Power Company substation. A VEPCO employee had to be called from another town to make the necessary adjustment. Thus the delay.

Last year the Town of Edenton paid VEPCO \$179,622.40 for electric power. We would say this makes our town a pretty good customer.

With this kind of money being paid into VEPCO coffers by Edenton it looks like a representative of the company could reside in town. This way unnecessary delays in restoring service such as the one Sunday could be avoided.

THE REAL SCOOP—Well, we joined more than 200 First District folk in Washington last week for Rep. Walter Jones' finest hour. And it didn't last two minutes.

Plans were to slip into the Capital City, get a scoop for The Public Parade and sneak back. However, ole Buff put a scoop in Heard and Seen before the chartered bus got to Hancock Station. Not knowing this, we were

diligent in our efforts and spent our time trying to get all available information.

Twenty-eight people from Columbia, Creswell, Plymouth, Hertford and Edenton arrived in Washington mid-afternoon on Wednesday. We had spent an enjoyable trip, munching on delicious fried chicken generously shared by Mack Marrow of Plymouth.

"My good wife couldn't come along but she wanted to be represented," genial Mack related as he pulled out a box filled with chicken, cheese and crackers, homemade pickles, celery and chocolate cake. We sent word back to Mrs. Marrow not to never again send celery without a salt shaker.

The Edenton delegation consisted of Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., W. B. Gardner, George Alma Byrum, E. L. Hollowell, Robert Moore, Warren Twiddy and your scooper who was already scooped. Police Chief James Griffin took a quieter ride—with a probation officer.

While others rested their eyes, we joined Rep. Earnhardt for a trip over to see our government at work. There were seven members on the floor of the House of Representatives and soon most of them disappeared, leaving the presiding officer and a couple others around to keep him company.

Over in the Senate, five men talked, walked around and appeared generally bored with the fact they had to be in session. Finally, Senator Russell Long called a halt to the foolishness.

We went over to Senator Sam Ervin's office and were welcomed by Edenton's Bob

Jones Gives Swanner Academy Appointment

Charles P. Swanner, 217 East Queen Street, has received a principal appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy from Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District.

Rep. Jones announced in Washington this week his selection of Swanner and other district high school seniors for appointments to the various military academies.

The deadline for appointments was January 31, but due to the special congressional election on February 5, Rep. Jones was able to get an extension of time.

In a letter to Swanner Rep. Jones said: "It gives me pleasure to inform you that I am nominating you today for a principal appointment to the Naval Academy." The representative went on to say he hoped Swanner was successful in

passing necessary examinations and would be able to enter the academy at Annapolis, Md. **Continued on Page Six**

Holiday Closing Set By Agencies

George Washington's Birthday will be observed here Tuesday with all governmental offices closed as well as the banks.

Both the main office and Consumer Credit Branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Company will be closed.

February 22 is a legal holiday for county employees, therefore the Chowan County Court House will be closed as well as other offices. There will be no Recorder's Court.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said the Municipal Building will be closed.

Postmaster James M. Bond said the post office will be closed and there will be no rural delivery.

Board Approves Language Arts \$82,000 Budget

Edenton and Chowan County schools have budgeted \$230,641.24 for a project to improve the language arts of economically and educationally disadvantaged pupils.

Final approval of the project came Tuesday night at a meeting of Chowan County Board of Education. Trustees of Edenton City School have already approved the budget for their schools.

The joint program allocates \$147,830.36 to the city schools while the Chowan County unit gets \$82,810.88.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo will be in Raleigh later this week with the proposal. Approval is expected by state school officials within the next few days.

This is a program in which all funds come from the federal government. No local monies will be used.

Thirty-eight additional employees will be needed when the project is at its peak.

Supt. Mayo said while the \$230,641.24 budget is for a six-month period (March 1-August 31) this is a three-year program. **Continued on Page Six**

Heart Sunday Canvass Slated

Mrs. Edward Bond heads a group of local volunteers who will be knocking on doors Sunday seeking funds for the 1966 Heart Fund.

Scores of local citizens have agreed to give of their time Sunday afternoon for the annual Heart Sunday collection. This is a highlight of the Heart Fund campaign across the nation.

In addition to receiving Heart Fund contributions, volunteers will distribute information telling how to safeguard the lives and hearts of all members of a family.

James Dail, Heart Fund chairman in Chowan County, appeals to all residents of the area to generously support the campaign in order that the local goal can be reached.

Rudd Claims Policy Change Caused Arrowhead Situation

Chairman W. E. Bond of Chowan County Board of Commissioners said this week the Arrowhead Beach situation was a bad one "made worse by my statements" at a recent board meeting.

Chairman Bond said he was in error when he said those who purchased lots in the Chowan River development "were sold a bill of goods." "They were sold lots too small to install a septic tank and well on," he said.

He went on to say commissioners for some time have recognized the need for a county-wide sub-division ordinance and are making plans to adopt such an ordinance.

"The county welcomes developments and are glad to see growth and change," the chairman said. "We did not have a planning board at the time (of the Arrowhead development) but hope to have one soon. "It was just a



LEADING SCOUTMASTER — Shown here is Elbert Copeland of Edenton who was named Scoutmaster of the Year in the Albemarle District, Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America. Copeland, Scoutmaster of Troop 156, won the high honor Friday night at a banquet in Elizabeth City.

Young Farmer Award

Ashley Honored

Thurman L. Ashley, Route 1, Edenton, was named Chowan County's Outstanding Young Farmer for 1965 Thursday night by Edenton Jaycees.

Zackie Harrell, assistant agriculture extension agent for Northampton County, emphasized to the group the changing trends in agriculture and how these trends affect the economy before presenting the award to Ashley. Harrell was introduced by Marvin Ashley, Jaycee agriculture chairman.

The purpose of the OYF is to give recognition to young agricultural leadership and to create better relations through Jaycee-farmer contacts. It is also hoped to create a greater public interest and understanding of agricultural problems today.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER — Chowan's Outstanding Young Farmer of 1965 is Thurman L. Ashley, Route 1, Edenton. Ashley is shown at center above with Marvin Ashley, right, chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of the program and Zackie Harrell, assistant farm agent of Northampton County.

Copeland Given Scouting Honor

Scoutmaster of the Year in the Albemarle District, Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America, is Elbert Copeland of Troop 156 in Edenton.

Copeland was presented the coveted Scouting honor Friday night at the annual district committee banquet in Elizabeth City. Approximately 250 supporters of the Boy Scout program were in attendance at the function.

He has been Scoutmaster of the local troop, sponsored by Edenton Rotary Club, for the past two years. He was a Cub Scout Pack Committee chairman several years ago.

One of the outstanding achievements of the local troop in 1965 was the fact that seven Eagle Scouts were realized in a single period. They were all certified as Eagle Scouts in a ceremony last year. Among those earning the high Scout honor was Scoutmaster Copeland's son.

The district meeting is held each year to climax Boy Scout Week in the area.

The local delegation attending the banquet were headed by Frank Holmes, area chairman. Those in attendance in addition to Holmes and Copeland were: Dr. L. Polk Williams, Jr., Glenn Mabe, Rotary president, Thurston Stallings, Rev. George Holmes and Paul Twiddy, assistant Scoutmaster.



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