

State 4-H Winners Complete Trip To Texas

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This news article will be a report about the trip Carroll Perry, Bob Jordan, Bill Jordan and I took to the American Institute of Cooperation at Texas A and M University located at College Station, Tex. College Station practically joins Bryon, Tex. (East Central Texas).

The trip was an award for the boys for placing second in the individual and second in the team competition for the State American Business System demonstration contest. As coach of the two demonstrations I received the trip too. These contests are sponsored by the Cooperative Council of N.C.

The bus trip originated in Raleigh and Charles Colvard, executive officer of Cooperative Council of North Carolina, was in charge. O.W. Synder was bus driver, and he has driven to 15 American Institute of Cooperative meetings.

All together there were 38 people on the trip. Three other 4-H'ers from N.C. were on the trip and one F.E.A. member.

From South Carolina there were four 4-H'ers and two FFA members. Also from South Carolina there were an extension agent and vocational agricultural teacher. From N.C. there was a leader, a vocational agricultural teacher and myself.

There were six cooperative people on the trip.

SOUTH CAROLINA
The first night was spent in Greenville, S.C. Along I-85 Western South Carolina is pretty country with beef cattle and fruit the principle commodities. Western South Carolina was dry and Piedmont North Carolina was extremely dry.

The drought was very evident nearly all the way to Texas. There was an area in between Vicksburg, Miss. and Shreveport, La. where the crops were pretty.

ALABAMA
From Greenville we went to Atlanta and turned west across Alabama and Mississippi. At least 95 per cent of the land bordering the interstate was in pine

trees. Some of the trees were nice sawlog size, but most of them were young pines, pulp wood size.

Most of the cities were bypassed but we went through Birmingham, Ala. and saw U.S. Steel Iron Works. I went to the front of the bus and told the travelers as best I could how steel is made.

MISSISSIPPI
We spent the second night in Meridian, Miss., and this was the end of the trip for two of our people. Tracy Angley became violent ill and had to go to the hospital. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever was suspected. Tracy and Mrs. Rachel Smith of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Cooperation were left behind when the bus pulled out. We were all a bit sad about this but we had to move on, if we were to attend the National meeting.

CANTALOUPE
Dorus and Melvin Copeland gave us three Saticay and three Super Market Cantaloupes to take on the trip. We stopped on the side of the road and ate them. Each person had a chance to eat a small piece from each variety. Everybody thought the Supermarket was the superior eating variety judging on the basis of the six melons. The vocational teacher from S.C. said the Saticay would probably haul better.

At Vicksburg we toured the Civil War battleground there and went into an old mansion.

Our boys and girls were disappointed at the width of the Mississippi River at Vicksburg. It was only about one-fourth mile wide.

LOUISIANA
When we crossed the Mississippi River, we were at last in pretty farm country. The farms were large and the crops pretty. It was almost entirely soybeans and cotton area. The cotton and soybeans showed good growth. Some fields were pretty clean but most fields had scattered weeds, probably more than we have. We didn't see any sweet potatoes in the state although Louisiana is second to North Carolina in sweet potato production.

The third night was spent in Ramanda Inn in Shreveport, La.

TEXAS
The next morning we finally arrived in Texas. It was pretty country at first! The area was nearly 100 per cent cow country. A few oil

wells were seen right out in the middle of pastures and homes were modern and attractive. Soon the green grass gave way to poor grass and finally to completely dead appearing grass. It looked like December here!

I spotted two Texas farmers in a restaurant and soon was talking to them. They said that area use to grow crops but they had recently found cattle to be more profitable. A few watermelons were grown in the area.

TEXAS A and M
Texas A and M is located in a flat area like Eastern North Carolina and has about 30,000 students. Ten thousand are women and 20,000 men.

Our meeting was for most part held in Rudder Convention Center. This consist of a beautiful auditorium (seats about 5,000); two smaller elevated auditoriums and numerous small meeting rooms. Adjoining it was an elaborated Student Union. There is nothing to compare with these facilities in North Carolina that I have seen.

We stayed in air conditioned dormitories and ate in a near-by college cafeteria. The food was good and nearly all of us ate too much.

The coliseum and football stadium were both inferior to those at N.C. State.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE
There were actually three meetings going on simultaneously: one for youth; one for young farm couples; and one for adults. The youth meetings were more fundamental and encouraged individual participation. Bill, Bob, and Carroll said that they all knew a lot about the subjects already. They had learned this information while preparing for the state contest.

HOUSTON
The most exciting part of the entire trip for me and I think the boys, too, was the day we took off and went to Houston. There we visited Dr. and Mrs. Leo Spillane. Leo and I worked together in Philadelphia during World War II.

Leo is now president and part owner of Gulf States Asphalt Corporation. We were very hospitable treated! One of the boys in the family accompanied Bill, Bob, and Carroll on tour of the Space Center and Astrodome in our rented car. Leo and Kay showed Anna and me around. We also went to the Space Center and Astrodome and one of the plants of Gulf States Asphalt. I was surprised that space center has 37 buildings. I had expected only two or three.

TRIP HOME
We got up at 4:15 A.M. for the return trip. This time we traveled fairly close to the Gulf of Mexico. In Texas it was still cow country. Much to my disappointment I had hoped for cotton and peanuts, but the grass was green, indicating that they had had rain. Again there were only a few oil wells. When we came into Louisiana again, we were in

beautiful flat farm country. There were four main crops: soybeans, cotton, sugar cane and rice. The farms were large and there were special irrigation ditches for the rice. This area apparently has had rain all year long.

I wanted so much to get out of the bus and look at the cotton close up, but we didn't stop near a cotton field.

When we crossed the Mississippi River, we again were out of the row crop area. Nearly all of the land was in trees and poorly drained. Riding by it looked like much of this area could be profitably taken into cultivation. Of course I could not see the soil itself.

GULF COAST
We left I-12 and went to U.S. 90 which runs right

along the Gulf Beaches. The bus stopped briefly for wading in calm Gulf waters.

The first night was spent in Mobile, and we visited for a short time with Clara Gay Bunch (my niece and Carroll's aunt) and her three boys.

The country of North Mobile was devoted to cotton, soybeans cattle and trees. Clara Gay said they had plenty rain in the area. We by-passed Montgomery and again headed east to Atlanta, Greenville, Raleigh and home.

OBSERVATIONS
The drought has been wide spread in the south and parts of mid-west. There are endless acres of pine trees in southern states and many, many cattle. There is much land that can still be brought into cultivation in the south if food prices demand it.

Lunch Policy Revealed

The Edenton - Chowan Schools today announced its policy for Free and Reduced price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Special Milk programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Each additional family member 910 1420
Income Scale is in Dollars.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk (an extra one-half pint of free milk is available to those who are eligible for free meals). In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter cost in excess of 30 per cent of income, Special Education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that

all information furnished in the application is true and correct. An additional statement is added to warn that the application is being made in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, that the school officials may, for cause, verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to

Family Size	Free Meals & Free Milk	Reduced Price Meals
1	0 - 3,930	3,931 - 6,120
2	0 - 5,160	5,161 - 8,050
3	0 - 6,390	6,391 - 9,970
4	0 - 7,610	7,611 - 11,880
5	0 - 8,740	8,741 - 13,630
6	0 - 9,860	9,861 - 15,380
7	0 - 10,890	10,891 - 16,980
8	0 - 11,910	11,911 - 18,580
9	0 - 12,840	12,841 - 20,030
10	0 - 13,760	13,761 - 21,470
11	0 - 14,680	14,681 - 22,890
12	0 - 15,590	15,591 - 24,310

prosecution under applicable state and criminal statutes.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, they should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, the principal of the school will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make one either orally or in writing to Mr. Cecil W. Fry, associate superintendent, P.O. Box 206, Edenton, N.C. 27932, telephone 482-4436 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed, if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals and free milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In operation of Child Feeding Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

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REUNION LEADERS—Pictured here are a group of officers who headed a four-class reunion of students at D. F. Walker School. They held a two-day event at the school for classes of 1966 through 1969.

Classes Enjoy Two-Day Reunion

The classes of 1966 thru 1969 combined their thoughts and ideals together to plan a class reunion. Plans started back in the middle of last year and was successfully carried out Friday and Saturday July 1 and 2, 1977, at the D.F. Walker Junior High School.

Friday night was scheduled for decorating and getting acquainted with John Bonner playing on a disco set. The night moved swiftly as various classes went back through the years in talking and reacquainting themselves with old classmates. There were present class members as far as California, New York, Virginia, and various other cities, with the majority of the night spent dancing and decorating for the big Saturday night.

Saturday night began with cocktail hour with the super professional catering services performed Brown's Catering Service from Virginia Beach, Va. Later dinner was served buffet style with a beautiful display and very delicious ham, roast beef, string beans, salads, potatoes, and pie just to mention some of the things of a lovely prepared meal. It was a treat to participate in such a glorious affair.

The arriving from Rocky Mount, N.C. was the Soul Unlimited Band with a

native Edentonian playing brass Raymond Privott a graduate of 1966, and they were unlimited in producing all of the current and contemporary soul sounds of today. If you didn't know better, you would have believed they were the original producers. They were really dynamic. So after eating your fill of the delicious dinner you could or did work off a few pounds dancing in the early hours of Sunday morning. Guests included: D.F. Walker, retired principal from 1932 thru 1968 who made some outstanding remarks. Also on the guest list were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rascoe, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shields, and Mr. Louis Belfield.

Congratulations Fantastic Four for successfully initiating the plan of a four class reunion and working to

carry it out. It was a tough job, but consider yourselves winners, because everyone present enjoyed themselves, if they didn't it was their own fault. Also congratulations for your selection of caterers for magnificent services, and finally, your choice of the splendid Soul Unlimited Band.

If nothing else was gained from this experience of organizing the reunion, we did gain some unity in the group pleasurable experience to work so close to your fellow Edentonians who planned the event and then to see the plan actually materialize.

The officers were as follows: Chairman, Percy Foxwell, Co-Chairman, Douglas Stallings, Treasurer, Eddie Roundtree, Secretary, Phyllis Madrey, Correspondence Secretary, Carolyn Etheridge and Carolyn Higgs and Assist Treasurer Diane Brooks.

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