

# Schools Join 'Child Find' Coast Guard Lists Tips For Winterizing Boats

Edenton-Chowan Schools have been asked to join the state's 145 school systems in a "Child Find" program. Gov. Jim Hunt has proclaimed November as "Child Find" month.

"Child Find" is a statewide effort to locate and identify every handicapped and gifted person age 0-21 who is not now receiving educational services. This effort is designed to insure that these youngsters receive appropriate educational services when they become five years old.

This census, being coordinated by the Division for Exceptional Children, will also involve other state and local governmental agencies which provide special education services.

The Census Campaign is aimed at locating children and youth with a variety of special needs. Included in "Child Find" are those who are mentally retarded, epileptic, learning disabled, cerebral palsied, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically impaired,

autistic, multiply handicapped. Others to be indicated in the census are those who are pregnant, hearing impaired, speech impaired, blind or visually impaired, genetically impaired, other health impaired and gifted and talented.

The "Child Find" Census is one result of recent legislation enacted by the 1977 General Assembly which guarantees children with special needs a free, appropriate education. A census is also required by the comparable federal law, Public Law 94-142. The data from this census will be used as a basis for planning and implementing programs that will meet the needs of all exceptional children.

Anyone knowing of a child not receiving services should contact John Dunn, superintendent, P.O. Box 206, Edenton-Chowan Schools, Edenton, NC or telephone 482-4436. All information and records will be confidential; the privacy of children, parents and guardians will be fully protected.

Boat owners can prevent major weather damage and long delays in beginning next year's boating season by taking a few precautionary steps this fall and winter.

The following measures are recommended by the U.S. Coast Guard as a general way of winterizing recreational boats:

1. If you remove your boat from the water, make sure you store it with adequate support all around and not just with one or two points carrying all the weight. Put it under cover or place a weatherproof tarp over it leaving a way for air to circulate through and around the boat.
2. For outboard motors that use an electric starter, remove the battery, take it home and put it on trickle charge. If you leave your boat in the water (inboard cruisers and auxiliary sailboats) and use the battery to run an automatic bilge pump, arrange to have the battery placed on trickle charge at the marina and have it monitored.
3. Outboard motors should be flushed with fresh water and stored upright and out of the weather (in your basement or garage). If your outboard is too large to remove from the boat, make sure it is well covered against the elements.
4. On inboard engines, drain the engine block after closing the raw water intake. If the engine is cooled by fresh water heat exchanger system, you can either drain the system or add sufficient anti-freeze to prevent freezing.
5. Portable fuel tanks should be drained. Installed tanks should be filled with fuel and have a fuel stabilizer added.
6. If you live in an area where ice sometimes forms in the water you store your boat in, arrange to have a water disturbing device,

such as a bottom water circulator or a "bubbler", to keep the area around the boat ice free.

7. No matter what kind of boat you have, no matter whether you keep it in the water or in unattended dry storage, check it over at least once a week. It cannot take care of itself!

For more specific information on protecting your boat and engine from winter

damage, consult your owners manual or contact your local marine dealer.

To get yourself ready for next year's boating season, you might consider taking one of the many free boating courses available. For information on class schedules, contact your nearest Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla, U.S. Power Squadron, Red Cross Chapter or State Boating Authority.

## Chowan ASCS News

### Crop Acreage Report

A report of the 1977 crop acreages is needed for every farm in order that a normal crop acreage can be established for the farm. Producers cannot have target price and disaster coverage for 1978 until the acreage is reported. This normal crop acreage will represent the farm's normal total acreage of the following crops: barley, wheat, oats, rye, grain sorghum, corn and soybeans and will be used in 1978 and future years to administer the set-aside and other provisions of the new Food and Agriculture Act of 1977. Farm operators who have not filed their 1977 crop acreage reports at the ASCS office should do so immediately.

### 1978 Wheat Program

Producers who wish to be eligible for loans, deficiency payments, or disaster coverage on wheat or any other crop included in the "Normal Crop Acreage" must set aside an acreage equal to 20 per cent of the wheat acreage planted for harvest as grain in 1978. There is not payment for the set-aside acreage. The set-aside acreage can be on any cropland tilled at least one of the past three years in the production of a crop, other than hay or pasture. It can be below average in productivity. The area

should be at least 5 acres unless it comprises the total set-aside acreage. The set-aside cannot be new ground.

### 1978 Prevented Planting

A change in the prevented planting provision for 1978 made by the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 requires the County Committee to establish that the planting of the crop in question was intended but was prevented by a disaster before approving a prevented planting payment for a feed grain, rice, wheat, or upland cotton. Producers intending to plant barley or wheat this fall, who are prevented by a disaster from doing so, must file a prevented planting report immediately to be considered for a prevented



**OFFICERS INSTALLED**—The 1977-78 officers of the Edenton National Guard Ladies Auxiliary were installed last Thursday at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant. Pictured above from the left they are: Mearplene Peoples, reporter-historian; Teresa Jordan, secretary; Cathy Everson, treasurer; Lucille Stalls, president; Sharlie Spruill, vice president; and Glenn Lane, chaplain.

### Planting payment.

**Peanut Marketing Cards**  
Peanut producers should return their peanut marketing cards as soon as all sales from the farm have been completed. Peanuts are going under an acreage-pounding program for 1978 and these cards are needed to determine the farm yield.

Don't overcrowd your refrigerator by piling food on top of food unless it is necessary for a short period. Space is needed around food containers for air circulation.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who gave support and encouragement during the past election campaign and especially each of the 746 to whom I owe this opportunity to serve our town.

**GIL BURROUGHS**

**ANNOUNCING**

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