



**SPECIAL TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES** — Chowan County Forest Ranger Roger Spivey, left and Nursery and Tree Improvement Forester H. Grady Harris, Jr. display a superior seedling which is to be planted on a test area provided by the James Roy Winslow estate.

## Tree Planting Begins

Special tree planting activities taking place on a few acres of land belonging to the James Roy Winslow Estate of Hobbsville, North Carolina promise to play a part in providing private landowners of this state with genetically improved loblolly pine seedlings.

For the past 15 years and more, wood industry, the North Carolina Forest Service and N. C. State University had worked hand in hand systematically developing a forest genetics program to produce a superior stock of seedlings. This program has been spear headed by Dr. Bruce Zobel, a professor at N. C. State University. Specially trained foresters and technicians have applied concepts of genetic improvement to pine trees to develop superior strains, much in the same way farmers select for high producing vegetables and grains. These "super seedlings" will eventually be planted on cutover pine woodlands of private landowners in North Carolina.

It was explained by County Forest Ranger Roger Spivey, that the N.C. Forest Service, with the permission and the help of James Roy Winslow has established a progeny testing area. "The seedlings planted here represent the offspring of individual trees presently in our seed farms which have been selectively crossed" stated County

Ranger Spivey. "The nursery selects the parents of the offspring by using the technique of controlled pollination. Each seedling is identified with a metal tag and carefully planted on a specified testing design. This test area will be monitored over the next 15 years with important measurements recorded after the 4th and 8th growing season. From the information collected the tree parents which have produced the poorest offspring will be selectively removed from our seed farms while those exhibiting substantial genetic improvement will be selected for the establishment of a new seed farm".

Through a program of parent tree selection, grafting, controlled pollination, and progeny testing, the N. C. Forest Service is doing their part to help produce tree seedlings with outstanding inborn characteristics of tree growth, insect and disease resistance, and other desirable traits. Producing tree seedlings that grow faster, taller, straighter, and with more pest resistance is a challenge but one that industry, the N. C. Forest Service, and N. C. State University has accepted. Test plots such as the one of the estate of James Roy Winslow can result in rewards for the future tree farmers of this state and ultimately for consumers of tree products.



**PARTICIPATE IN QUILT SYMPOSIUM** — Pictured above are Mrs. Wilburn Smith, Mrs. Woodrow Lowe, Mrs. Worth Hare and Mrs. Jarvis Skinner dressed in colonial costume as they participate in a quilt symposium held at Meredith College last week.

## Quilt Symposium Is Held

The Advance Extension Homemakers Club of Chowan County recently participated in the North Carolina Quilt Symposium at Meredith College in Raleigh. Four members of the club, dressed in Colonial Costumes, quilted a quilt as part of the public exhibit which began Thursday and ended Sunday. Those members were: Mrs. Wilburn Smith, Mrs. Woodrow Lowe, Mrs. Jarvis Skinner and Mrs. Worth Hare.

About 200 people from 14 states, District of Columbia and one foreign country participated in the quilt symposium which was sponsored by the N. C. Museum of History, the Capital Quilters Guild, Meredith College, Mordecai Square Historical Society and Raleigh Fine Arts Society.

The N. C. Quilt Symposium was one of 77 groups

throughout the state awarded grants by the N. C. Arts Council, a section of the Department of Cultural Resources. Money for these grants was provided by the N. C. Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency in Washington, D. C.

**WHITE OAK KINDERGARTENERS GRADUATE** — The month of the year was the theme cleverly portrayed by the Kindergarteners. Pictured in top photo are Jan Hare, John Baker and Brian Layden representing May as Mothers' Day, May Flowers and the May Pole. In bottom photo Robert Casper receives his diploma from Principal, Mr. Ricks.

## Farm Market News

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mont. New crop prices quoted for harvest delivery corn \$2.60 to \$2.68, soybeans \$7.01 to \$7.14, wheat \$3.41 to \$3.56, oats \$1.22 to \$1.33.

The broiler-fryer market is about 4 cents lower for next week's trading compared to the previous week. Supplies are adequate. Demand is light to moderate. The North Carolina dock weighted average price is \$44.97 cents per pound for less than truckloads picked up at processing plants during the week of June 4. This week 7-million birds were processed in North Carolina with an average live bird weight of 4.14 pounds per bird on May 30.

Heavy type hens were lower this past week.

Supplies were moderate and demand light. Heavy type hen prices 18-22 mostly 22 cents per pound at the farm with buyers loading.

Egg prices were 2 cents higher on large, 1 cent higher on medium, and over 3 cents higher on small compared to those of the previous week. Supplies were adequate. Demand was good. The N. C. weighted average price quoted on Thursday, May 31 for small lot sales of carton grade A eggs delivered to stores was \$63.67 cents per doz. for large, Medium \$54.67 and Smalls, \$47.34.

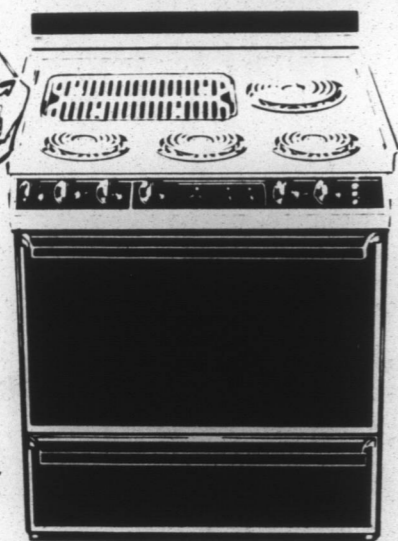
Market hogs were \$1.50-\$2. lower this week compared to the previous week with prices ranging mostly \$42.50-\$44.

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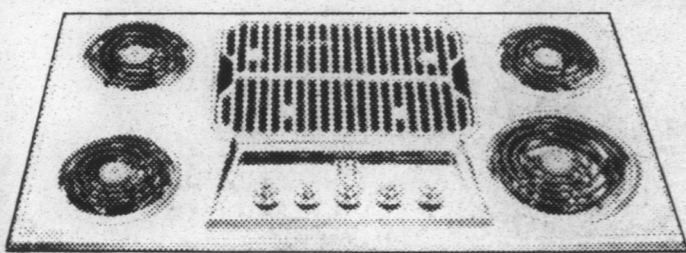
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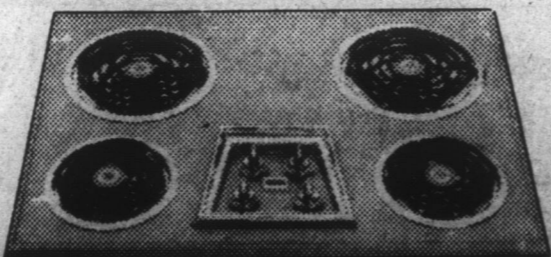
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## Mr. Speaker

One of the most complex issues to confront the General Assembly in this session involves the proposed salary and fringe benefit increases for teachers and other state employees.

After two meetings with the staff of the President's Wage and Price Council in Washington, I, along with House and Senate leaders and members of my staff, carefully analyzed the text of the guidelines, as well as the actions taken by our neighboring states to increase their state employees' compensation. Having been satisfied as to what benefits and increments were permissible under the federal guidelines, we reviewed the projections of anticipated tax revenues for the General Fund in the coming two fiscal years.

Based on this information and current inflation statistics, we have concluded that we can provide for teachers and state employees a 5 per cent across-the-board salary increase on July 1. Further, we plan to provide a one-time special bonus of \$200 in November, to all employees who were on the State payroll as of November 1, 1978.

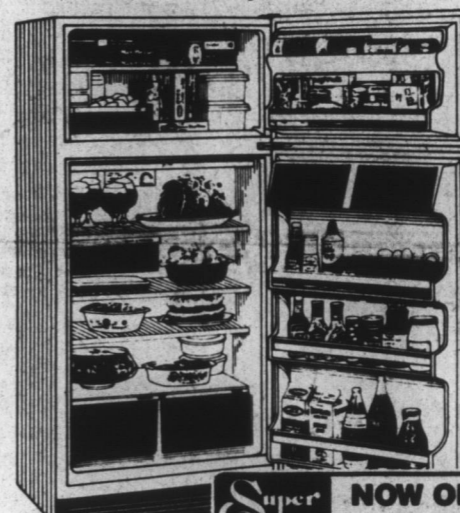
By postponing the payment of this \$200 bonus until November, 1979, the total salary increase occurs over a period that spans two fiscal years. At no time will the increase received by teachers and state employees exceed 7 per cent in either this fiscal year or the next. Not including the fringe benefits (e.g. longevity and merit increases) already budgeted, the compensation package will total approximately 6.5 per cent.

To fund this plan will require sound fiscal judgment and responsibility, but I am confident that these funds will be appropriated.

These recommendations represent a reasonable and workable compromise. We have effectively put more money into the hands of our teachers and state employees than we had previously believed possible while, at the same time,

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