

Citizen Input Sought

Land-Use Survey To Be Distributed

Coping With Elements

Extreme winter weather conditions of 1979 hindered Tar Heel farmers from accomplishing some normal winter chores. A major snowstorm on February 6 along the Public Parade left the area digging out from one of the worst snowstorms on record.

Field work got off to an excellent start last spring only to be hampered by surplus soil moisture conditions. Farmers must, however, learn to cope with the elements.

Recently Pete Thompson, Chowan agricultural chairman, reported that farm income was near \$19-million last year. While the income was up there are a heap of farmers in trouble—primarily due to the inflation factor.

At the same time the truckers strike occurred at the start of the vegetable harvest, causing a slow down on the highway as well as market terminals.

The N. C. Crop & Livestock Reporting Service, recently released an Annual Crop Summary which showed:

- * Corn production was at 128-million bushels, up 6 per cent;
- * Soybeans at a record high at 45.8-million bushels, up 11 per cent;
- * Peanuts, down 20 per cent with 373.5-million pounds;
- * With cotton production at 44,000 bales, down 2 per cent; and
- * Sweet potato production placed a 4.9-million hundred weight, down 5 per cent.

Conditions were not as bad along the Public Parade as in other sections of the state. Nevertheless, farmers must learn to cope with the elements—the weather is not to be minked with by our highly skilled technology or this would be fouled up along with everything else.

Bringing Census Home

The first census was held in 1790 to determine how the members of the national house of representatives should be apportioned among the states. That is still perhaps the main purpose, but a lot of other reasons have been added.

The 13th amendment, of course, wiped out the provision that blacks for census purposes be counted as only three-fifths of a person; and subsequent amendments struck down state laws prohibiting their full participation in the election process.

The one-man, one-vote ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court also radically affected not only the way Congress is elected, but the make-up and districting of state legislatures.

And, in addition to these political spin-offs of the census, there are now important business and economic uses to which it is put. Public funds are often distributed on the basis of census figures for a given area. Business and industry use these same figures in making a decision where to open new stores or locate new plants.

So the federal nosecount, which has been held every 10 years since 1790, has become a part of our every day life; and it is important that everybody be counted.

For one thing, it is good to know your name is in the permanent record. We thumbed through the 1790 census for North Carolina and found our family name in Hillsborough township, Orange County. Old George didn't have much, but he was there.

There is some comfort, but not much money in that. But there is money involved in seeing that every person along the Public Parade and elsewhere is counted in the census. School funds, road funds, federal funds are often allocated on a per capita basis and every uncounted person who shares in the services being provided is a drain upon the resources of the community.

Then there is the matter of arranging the congressional, senatorial and representative districts. Under the one-man, one-vote rule, reinforced by a growing volume of case law, the boundary of each district is pretty well

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Citizens in Edenton and Chowan County will be asked to assist in preparation of the Chowan County Land-Use Update by responding to a questionnaire prepared by the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Dan Tew, community assistance planner for ARPDC, said Monday that distribution of the survey will be handled through the cooperation of the Edenton-Chowan Schools. This week, students in grades K-10 will take the survey home to parents, while high school juniors and seniors will fill out the survey themselves.

Tew said the surveys should be returned by March 15 and may be mailed to ARPDC at P. O. Box 646, Hertford, N.C. 27944 or may be

returned to the schools for collection.

A tabulation of the data contained in the survey will be completed about two weeks after the deadline. Deadline for the final draft of the Land-Use Update will be August 30.

The 47-question survey will ask opinions on county growth, consolidation of government, tourism, historic preservation, business, industry and agriculture. It will ask what shopping, entertainment and recreation facilities are needed beyond what is already available.

Attitudes toward wildlife, environment and land management will be gauged. Questions concerning waterfront development,

public transportation and energy will also be dealt with.

Enacted by the General Assembly in 1974, the Coastal Area Management Act called for the establishment of a comprehensive plan for the protection, preservation, orderly development and management of the coastal area.

The law requires, as the basis for the plan, that each coastal county prepare its own land-use plan to be submitted to the Coastal Resources Commission who administers the provisions of the legislation. These land-use plans must be updated every four years.

In 1976, both of Town of Edenton and Chowan County developed such a plan through their planning

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SURVEY TO BE DISTRIBUTED — Dan Tew, ARPDC community assistance planner, and Mrs. Johnnie Bass, Citizen's Advisory Board member, are shown discussing a land-use update survey to be distributed throughout Edenton and Chowan County this week. The Edenton-Chowan Schools will be assisting in the distribution. The survey will provide important information in updating and setting policy on land-use as mandated by the Coastal Area Management Act.



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WOMAN OF THE YEAR — Miss Elizabeth Moore, left, was presented the Woman of the Year award, last Thursday night, by the Edenton BPW Club. She is shown receiving the award from Mrs. Lena M. Leary, 1965 recipient. Rep. Charles D. Evans of Nags Head was guest speaker for the event held at the Edenton Methodist Church fellowship hall. About 120 persons attended.

Miss Moore Named Woman Of Year

Miss Elizabeth Vann Moore, considered Edenton's foremost authority on local history, became the 29th recipient of the Woman of the Year award by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, last Thursday night. Guest speaker was Rep. Charles D. Evans of Nags Head.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, a past recipient of the award, in making the presentation cited Miss Moore as a sincere, dedicated, kind, unassuming and gentle person.

Miss Moore, whose research and knowledge has played a vital role in preservation in Edenton for the last 25 years, is a charter member of Edenton Historical Commission and the Cupola House Association.

In 1977, she was presented the Cannon Cup for excellence in research by the Historic Preservation Society of N.C., Inc.

Her research work began when her aunt's selling of the Barker House prompted her to find out all she could about the house and the people, like Penelope Barker, who had owned and lived in it.

She sent her material to Dr. Christopher Crittenden who responded that he had never seen a job so thoroughly done. Her

research became the solid foundation for the successful efforts in 1952 of three civic clubs to move and save the house from destruction. It now serves as the Visitor Center for Historic Edenton, Inc.

The Edenton Guide Book, first published in 1949 and updated over the years, was her gift to the Edenton Woman's Club who sponsor the biennial pilgrimage. She has provided research on each of the properties nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Miss Moore has done extensive research on the Cupola House,

Iredell House, Chowan County Courthouse and St. Paul's Episcopal Church and churchyard, where she is a member and church historian.

Archaeologists working on the excavation of the new courthouse site found her research on long-buried tannery and tobacco and snuff factories made possible an important grant for the work that saved months of research and thousands of dollars.

She played a key role in successful efforts to save Edenton's waterfront as a park rather than a site for private development.

Woman Charged In Shooting Makes First Appearance Here

First appearance proceedings were held Tuesday in Chowan County District Court for a 31-year old Tyner woman charged with shooting her boyfriend following an argument on Saturday.

In Albemarle District Jail under \$5,000 bond is Ruth Saunders, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious bodily injury.

Deputy Melvin Evans, investigating officer, reported that Charlie Frank Holley, 36, of Rt. 1, Tyner was treated for a gunshot wound through the neck from a single barrel .12 gauge shotgun containing a number four shell.

According to the suspect's statement, the couple had been drinking heavily at the time the argument occurred and her boyfriend had hit her. She allegedly went into their home, loaded the shotgun and went outside calling for Holley to show himself. When Holley peered around the side of the house, she fired the shot, saying she hit the side of the house. She went back inside after Holley fell and offered no assistance.

Rescue Squad Unit 3 responded to a dispatch from Chowan Hospital and Deputy Evans was sent to investigate after Chief Deputy Glenn Perry overheard the call for help. The person making the original call to the hospital has not been identified.

Deputy Evans reported that Holley refused to be transported to the hospital by the Rescue Squad, but was taken in by his brother. At the hospital, Holley refused to be admitted and over the protests of the examining physician, went home.

Holley was admitted to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City on Sunday after Evans went to check on him. He was released on Wednesday.

Saunders was called Monday night and told by Evans he would serve the warrant for arrest Tuesday morning. Evans reported he waited to serve the warrant pending a statement on the condition of Holley.

Also making a first appearance for first degree burglary was Douglas Allen Forward, 17, of Rt. 2, Cape Colony.

Chief Deputy Glenn Perry said the arrest was the culmination of an investigation begun December 28, 1979 when the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Gregg and Mrs. June Bennett on Country Club Drive was burglarized. Evidence accumulated in the investigation, including a cap dropped by the suspect, provided the basis for the arrest.

A probable cause hearing has been scheduled for the March 11 session of district court.

Cases prosecuted by Frank Parrish, asst. dist. atty., included the following:

Cheryl Johnson, show cause order, suspended sentence

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Endowment Funds Pledged

The Duke Endowment has made annual operating grants to 229 hospitals and children's homes in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Grants totaling \$2,436,730 have been distributed within the past week to 186 hospitals and 43 child caring institutions in the two states, according to Billy G. McCall, executive director of the hospital and child care sections of the Duke Endowment.

Chowan Hospital's share of these grant funds amounts to \$2,707 for short-term care and \$1,984 for long-term care, totaling \$4,691.

McCall pointed out that trustees of the Endowment, in making their annual appropriations for operating expenses, were following the wishes of the Endowment's founder, James B. Duke, who established this pattern of annual support for hospitals and children's homes during his

lifetime.

Grants to nonprofit hospitals totaled \$1,574,949, of which \$1,205,686 was for the cost of providing care to indigent patients and \$369,263 as reimbursement for participating in information gathering services provided by Hospital Administrative Services (HAS) of Chicago and Professional Activity Study (PAS) of Ann Arbor, Michigan. These two organizations prepare comparative statistics on various aspects of hospital operations which are useful both in managing hospitals and in measuring the quality of care being delivered.

Assistance by the Endowment for indigent care amounts to \$1 for each day of free care reported by

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Rate Increase

Electric consumers in the Town of Edenton can expect an unpleasant surprise on their utility bills this month. According to W.B. Gardner, town administrator, the fossil fuel rate will be \$19.67 per 1,000 kilowatt hours, up \$5.56 from the previous month.

The fossil fuel rate is set by Vecpo who sells electricity to the Town of Edenton. The town in turn passes the cost on to municipal consumers.

For the same billing period in 1979, the fossil fuel rate was \$2.08 per 1,000 kwh. In January of that year, consumers received a credit of \$2.19 as compared to the \$14.11 fossil fuel rate paid last month.

Immunizations Are Required

RALEIGH — Parents of children who will be starting in kindergarten or the first grade this fall should get their youngsters immunized as soon as possible if they want to avoid a "tremendous rush" at the doctor's offices and the health departments in the summer months, advises a state health official.

Dr. J. Newton MacCormack, head of the Communicable Disease Control Branch of the Department of Human Resources, said: "If there ever was a time when parents should get their preschoolers immunized early, it is this year. The new state immunization law requires all upper grade students to have full

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NAMED TO BOARD — John H. Woolard, center, has been elected to the General board of directors of Tarheel Bank & Trust Company in Gatesville. At the same time he was named chairman of the local board in Edenton. He is shown here being congratulated by Robert Lee, executive vice president. At left is Mac Self, the bank's city executive in Edenton. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

On Committee

Governor Jim Hunt has named two Chowan County agricultural leaders to the State Steering Committee of Agricultural Leaders for Jim Hunt.

Those named are David Bateman of Route 1, Tyner and Wayland Spivey of Edenton.

"North Carolina's farmers are the great producers of our number one industry, agriculture," said Governor Hunt, "and they have also traditionally represented the best in fiscal responsibility, hard work and sound moral values. That's why I'm so proud to have them working with me to keep us moving forward in North Carolina."

Caucuses Slated

Democrats from Chowan County will caucus at their precinct polling places on Thursday, March 13 at 8 P.M. Any registered Democrat is eligible to attend.

A spokesman said Democrats all over the state will be gathering to elect delegates to the county conventions and to discuss and pass resolutions on issues that concern them.

Broad participation in its meetings at both the precinct and county levels is sought, it was stated. All active Democrats are urged to attend these meetings.