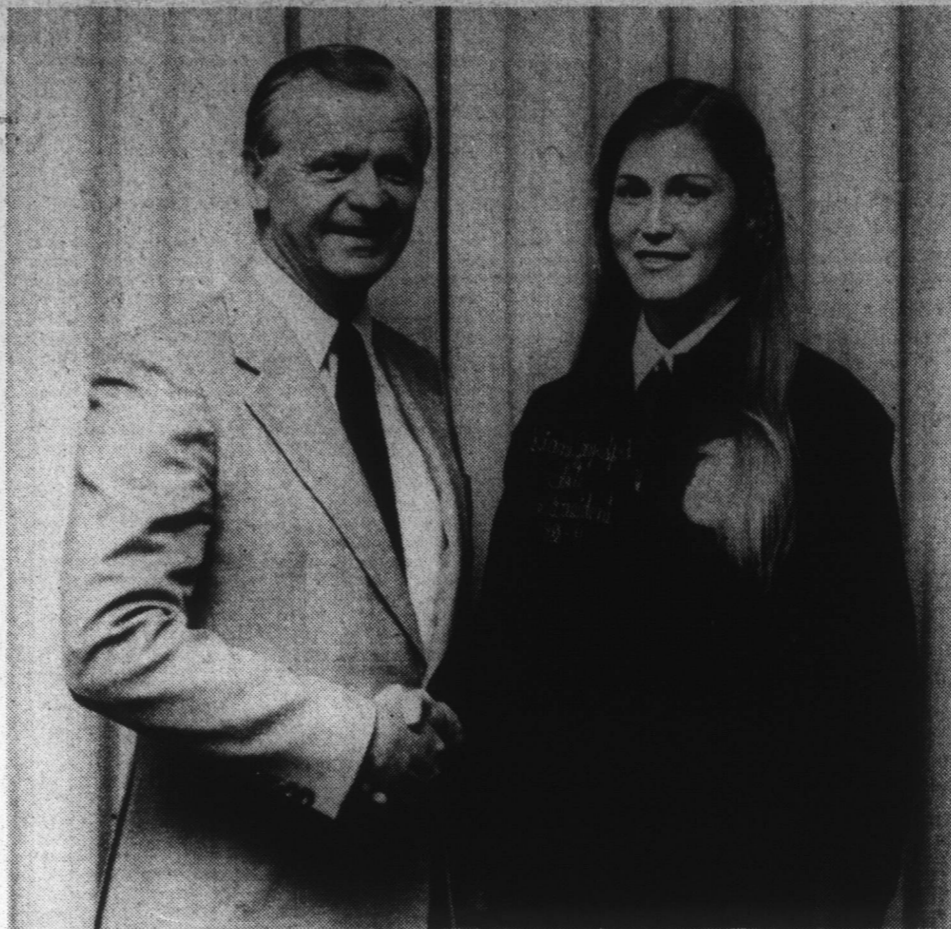


Around The Old Well

By Lou Bonds
CHAPEL HILL — They are the people who live on the streets, address unknown, all their worldly possessions on their backs or in bags they carry with them.
 They are known variously as "street people," "bums," "tramps" and "bag ladies." Some beg; some don't. You see them in bus station depots in Atlanta, in the lobbies of run-down hotels in Chicago and sleeping on park benches in Washington, D.C. Some, when offered help to change their lives, turn away.
 Charles Dickens wrote about them more than a century ago, but as Dr. Laurel Archer Copp, dean of the nursing school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, points out:
 "It didn't end with Charles Dickens.
 "We tend to think that these people are a phenomenon of the 1800s, that they don't exist anymore," Copp says, "but we still see them today in London and Edinburgh, and we see them here in our own community. As the economy which finances public services erodes, we may see more."
 Copp has been curious about the psychology of street people since her employment at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C., when it was the largest federally supported mental hospital in the nation. Today she sees ex-patients in Lafayette Park across from the White House. Some have scraps of food in their bags; others carry heavy loads of old newspapers.
 Copp studied these people and eventually came to the same question that many ask, many more avoid and few can answer: Why do they behave the way they do, why do we react to them as we do and what can be

done for them?
 A lot of these people, Copp knows, came out of institutions designed to help them. In the 1950s, mental institutions underwent massive reform, largely because the public could no longer accept the practice of physically restraining and locking up mental patients for long periods of time—years, in fact.
 But, when emancipation came and large numbers of patients were released, there was little waiting for them on the outside, Copp says. Their family ties had been broken, no shelter was waiting and they were forced to deal with the outside world on their own terms.
 "The revision of the mental health laws that unfettered and unlocked patients was an important landmark in medical and psychiatric care that can't be praised enough," Copp says. "But, like many other large movements that come about so abruptly, there was no planning. Many patients literally were dumped on the communities that had no plans or place for them. Twenty years later, we are still dealing with these patients."
 Copp acknowledges, however, that though plans for discharging patients have improved immensely, more and more younger street people still appear every day. As a group, she believes, they seem to have "slipped through the cracks" between agencies designed to help them. As individuals, she says, they are dealing with a world full of stress to the best of their ability.
 "There is a wide variety of abilities that people have to cope with life's difficulties," Copp says. "Some people can cope with a great amount of stress, pressure, crisis and

broken relationships. Others can't."
 "I've seen in many of these people a great effort to try and cope. They may not be successful, but they are trying."
 That effort may explain why many street people reject offers of assistance or a better life, Copp says. It could explain why the man she once saw sleeping on a grating, steam rising through the iron bars, told those who stopped to leave him alone. He insisted on living and dying on his own terms. He is like many who claim their right not to be treated.
 "Some of the behaviors I see all the time in these people is that of being non-verbal, uncommunicative and withdrawn," Copp says. "At the same time, they are especially vulnerable to crime and robbery which is the cause of a lot of their injuries."
 The real enigma, though, is trying to determine what, if anything, can be done for the street people, Copp says. In that respect, even health professionals often are befuddled because the person on a park bench could be affected by mental illness, drugs, alcohol or a combination of all three.
 Copp says the answer may lie in "continuity of care," of simply, agencies working together to be sure that one picks up where the other leaves off. It means community health centers working with hospitals more closely; housing authorities working with the community health centers; and so on.
 Laws could be passed to help the agencies work together on food, shelter and medical needs of their patients and clients, Copp says. Plans for what happens to an individual after he or she leaves an institution can be more specific. This placement has become an obligation of accredited hospitals.
 "I'm not suggesting there are easy answers, or, perhaps, anything at all that can be done for the street people of today," Copp says, "but our track record with these people has not been very good. More and more, all of us in today's high-technology society are going to have our coping resources tested. Many more of us will fail the test of stress on a year after year basis.
 "Who's to say that when we look at a newborn baby that we aren't looking at another potential street person?"



MEETS SECRETARY — Sec. of Agriculture Bob Bergland greets Diana Joy Spruill, vice president of the North Carolina FFA Association during the recent Future Farmers of America State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by General Motors Corporation. Diana Joy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Spruill of Pea Ridge.

Miss Spruill Attends FFA Conference; Meets With President Carter

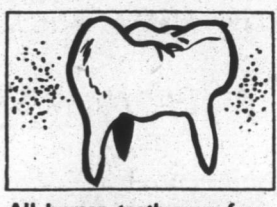
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Diana Joy Spruill, vice president of the N. C. Association of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) was one of 100 state FFA Officers who met Thursday morning with President Jimmy Carter.
 The meeting at the White House was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's Capital. The conference, sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., is designed to help new state officers lead more effectively by expanding their knowledge of the FFA and the nation.
 Diana Joy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Spruill of Pea Ridge. She was elected vice president of the N. C. FFA Association at the State FFA Convention on June 13, 1980.
 The highlight of the visit came when Carter presented the Alamosa, Colo., FFA Chapter the first place award in "The President's Challenge."
 "This is one award where the recognition's important but where every person in our country benefits and where the greatest nation on earth becomes even greater because of your efforts."
 The chapter organized community workshops, conducted a comprehensive energy audit, and built solar panels, a greenhouse, food dryers and a model distillery for fuel alcohol as part of their energy conservation project.
 A breakfast with Congressmen preceded the White House visit. More than 100 Senators and Representatives or their assistants attended to visit with the State Presidents about national issues.
 Speaking at the breakfast, Secretary of Education Shirley M. Hufstader said, "It is always a pleasure to address the future-minded because, after all, the present become the future each and every day."
 She said farming is "no longer the kind of 'independence' that it once was. Every single one of us in every city in America absolutely depends upon the products of agriculture for our very survival."
 Robert D. Lund, vice president, of General Motors and former chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, spoke at the breakfast and said he had a name for the product FFA members exhibit—"gumption."
 "Despite the turmoil, despite the short term ups and downs that we face every day, I'm confident you ladies and you young gentlemen will find a way to conquer the challenges that are facing you because you're not only among the best and the brightest of young America, but more

importantly I'm confident and I know from my personal experience you have what it takes to win. So if you use those God-given talents, if you apply those leadership abilities which you have in such abundance and you continue to accept the challenges of the times with the gumption that got you this far, then certainly the best years are still ahead."
 Speaking on behalf of the Congressmen, Rep. Tom Foley of Washington, said, "Government has always seen the advancement of agriculture as very basic for the progress of the future of the country. What we've achieved in agriculture is an example of what we can do in any field."
 Sec. of Agriculture Bob Bergland held a question and answer session with the state officers Tuesday. They discussed the Soviet grain embargo, crop price supports, livestock health and energy for agriculture.
 To fulfill the FFA's purpose of developing citizenship, the state officers placed wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery and at Mount Vernon, attended the Torchlight Tattoo program, visited the Smithsonian Institution, toured the Capitol and met their Congressmen. Representative Wes Watkins, Oklahoma, and Dr. Lynn Daft of the White House Domestic Policy Staff spoke to the group.
 The state officers were on hand at the National FFA Center for the dedication of the Hall of Achievement Gallery Exhibits. The National FFA Staff members and program chairmen explained each of the organization's divisions.
 The group attended a play at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, and concluded the week with the annual Conference Banquet held at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theater in Woodbridge, Va.

on his personal business, and
 Whereas Lester Copeland as father and churchman led an exemplary life welcoming refugees from Vietnam into his employ and fellowship,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Executive Committee for the Democratic Party of Chowan County that
ARTICLE I: Our gratitude for Lester Copeland's devotion to public service be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and
ARTICLE II: Our appreciation for Lester Copeland be extended to his good wife, three fine sons and their families as well as our bereavement over our common loss, and
ARTICLE III: Our determination be hereby set forth to commend to all men and women the outstanding example of public service rendered by Lester Copeland.

Resolution Honoring Lester Copeland

The Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee adopted a resolution July 28 of "gratitude and respect" to the late Lester Copeland. The text, signed by N. J. George, chairman, follows:
 Lester Copeland, citizen of Chowan County, died July 14, 1980.
 The Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Chowan County meeting in open forum Monday, July 28, 1980, hereby adopts the following resolution:
 That whereas Lester Copeland served Chowan County well as County Commissioner, and
 Whereas Lester Copeland was renominated without opposition to a second term as county commissioner, and
 Whereas Lester Copeland possessed high standards of personal integrity and moral courage and exemplified the same in his public life, and
 Whereas Lester Copeland believed in and worked for equitable representation of all sectors of the public in government, and
 Whereas Lester Copeland cared deeply for the children of Chowan County and actively encouraged the consolidation and improvement of public schools, and
 Whereas Lester Copeland served this county diligently even to the point of sacrifice



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Cox Wins Top 4-H Honors

John Cox, age 13, of the Pembroke 4-H Club won top honors in the Beef-Char-Grill Contest. His special Souper-Burgers and demonstration techniques gained him the State Title and a \$50 Savings Bond. This was John's second year in the Beef-Char-Grill demonstration.
 He received a red ribbon in the district contest in 1979. With hard work, determination and lots of practice John improved enough to win the state title at 4-H Congress last week.
 To make Souper Burgers you add one package of Lipton Onion and Mushroom Soup and 1/2 cup water to one pound of hamburger. Divide into 8 parts, pat each part into thin patties on wax paper. Place a thin slice of cheese on 4 patties. Top with remaining patties sealing the edges together. Partially pre-cook bacon strips and secure with toothpicks around each burger. Place on grill and cook for approximately 20 minutes or until done.

Sawyer Joins Tarheel Staff

GATESVILLE — Ronnie L. Sawyer of Edenton has joined the staff of Tarheel Bank & Trust Co. as auditor effective July 1, according to a recent announcement by Robert E. Lee, executive vice president and chief executive officer.
 Lee stated that "coupled with the excellent growth patterns that the bank has experienced over the past several years, and our own projections for future growth and expansion, the addition of a full-time, in house auditor, is not only highly desirable, but absolutely essential. We are pleased to have someone with Ronnie's expertise in the accounting field join our staff."
 Sawyer is a 1964 graduate of John A. Holmes High School in Edenton. He is a graduate of the College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City, where he received his AAS degree in business administration. He plans to receive his B.S. degree in accounting from Elizabeth City State University in the near future.
 Sawyer has had considerable experience in accounting. He started his career as a Cost Department clerk with the Chris-Craft Corporation in Edenton. He then became a cost accountant for Carters Ink Company, also in Edenton. He then advanced to accountant for Edenton Marina, Inc., and most recently was the accountant for Albemarle Family Health Services, Inc.
 Sawyer and his wife, the former Harriet Barrow of Edenton, have two children, girls Rhonda, age nine and Bonita, age three.

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