



SEABROOK EMPLOYEE HONORED — William P. Jones recently retired from Seabrook after 14 years of working there. From left to right: Howard Copeland, Robert Halsey, William P. Jones, Michael Reeve, and Lowell Weyant. Jones was given a plaque and a gold watch in honor of his service.

# News From Around The Chowan County Farms

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This is the time of the year for reviewing the 1981 growing season to determine the causes of the problems that you may have experienced. Growers of commercial crops are constantly evaluating situations and taking corrective action. Even though your garden is on a much smaller scale, you could greatly benefit from the same procedure. One of the best places to start is with the initial planning of the garden. Was the best available site used? Did it have sufficient sunlight,

good soil, and a water source to insure proper plant growth? If the water source was not adequate, the dry periods experienced this past season should have been convincing enough to make sure irrigation is provided next time. Even without a water source, vegetable yields would have probably been higher if some type of mulch had been used to conserve the moisture from the rainfall.  
Another important part of the planning stage should have included the making of a rough diagram of the garden site. The planting chart or diagram should have been the road map that took each gardener through the entire growing season. Without a planting chart, many planting dates were probably put off or missed altogether. The planting chart would have indicated the amount of kinds of vegetables to be planted, the distance between rows and plants and the time of planting. Looking back at this year's garden, ask the following questions: Were the right vegetables planted in sufficient quantities for the family's needs? Was the garden area utilized during the entire growing season by making successive plantings? Should the rows have been closer together for better space utilization? Has a rotation system for planting the vegetables within the garden site been determined for 1982.  
Now let's move from the planning stage to soil preparation and fertilization. Poor initial soil preparation has headed

many vegetable gardens straight to disaster from the very beginning. Being in a hurry to plow the soil before it is dry enough to work can mean having "a hard row to hoe" for several seasons to come. Poor stands will also result if the soil is left lumpy with undecayed organic matter. Even if the soil has been prepared in the proper physical condition, proper pH of around 6.0 for most vegetables and good fertilization are still needed for adequate plant growth. When was the last soil test taken of the garden site? If the answer is at least three years ago, now would be an excellent time to use the free soil testing service. Soil sample boxes and information sheets are waiting to be picked up at the County Extension Office.  
Insects and diseases can account for many losses in the vegetable garden. What percentage of the vegetables were destroyed by insects and diseases? Were the losses due to the failure to apply the correct pesticides at timely intervals, or improper application equipment?  
You may be interested in selling some of your vegetable garden production at the Chowan County Farmer's Market at the same location on Highway 32 near the by-pass. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact us at the agricultural extension office, 482-8431. Your response will determine the kind of market we will have this year.  
Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

## Carolina Review: CP & L Increases

More Increases... "If that's true, I'm just gonna start sitting in the dark ... might as well die, you sure can't exist anymore."  
That was the frustrated response of an elderly waitress when someone told her that her electric bill had increased \$7 from the day before.  
The N. C. Utilities Commission last week granted a 13 per cent retail rate increase to Carolina Power and Light, the Raleigh-based electrical utility serving most of eastern North Carolina. That increase will average out to about \$7 for every 1,000 kilowatt hours used by the residential consumer. Customers who use more than 1,000 kilowatt hours per month will find their monthly bill correspondingly higher. One thousand kilowatt hours will now cost a touch over \$61. As recently as March, 1980, the same consumption cost only \$43.51.  
CP&L's last general rate increase was in December, 1980, when they received a

10.78 per cent increase. Spokesmen for CP&L say they are disappointed in the amount of the increase granted and will probably go back to the commission in February or March, 1982, (a couple of months from now) and ask for more money.  
The 13 per cent increase granted by the commission was 3.4 per cent less than the \$151.4-million annual increase the utility had requested.  
The commission maintained that the higher figure was reduced because performance of CP&L's nuclear generating units was "below average."  
CP&L officials groused that their company should not be penalized for "below average" performance which was a result of "unavoidable circumstances." Nor was their company rewarded for above average performance the officials said.  
The commission figures to find out soon whether the below average performance was unavoidable. A contract will be awarded to con-

sultants to go in and study CP&L's management of its nuclear units. Similar studies of Virginia Electric and Power in Northeastern North Carolina resulted in severe criticism of that utility's management technique and monetary penalties in requested rate hikes.  
Penalties against Veeco have not, however, prohibited the company from being able to hit its customers for even more money than CP&L-Veeco currently gets \$67.15 for 1,000 kilowatt hours.  
Duke Power customers might consider themselves lucky having paid "only" \$51.38 for the same 1,000 kilowatt hours last month. As expected, though, Duke also was permitted an increase last week. The commission granted Duke a 15 per cent rate hike—almost 5 per cent less than the

## Trip Schedule Is Revealed

There has been only a few 4-H'ers paying for the roller skating trip to Spinning Wheels on December 30. "We need 30 4-H'ers to pay right away if we are to go on the trip," Murray L. Goodwin, 4-H coordinator says.  
The cost for bus and skating will be \$2.50 if you paid before December 23. After December 23, the cost will be \$3.00. Remember you can bring a friend.  
The schedule for the trip is as follows:  
11:45 A.M. - meet at Holmes School and call roll  
11:55 A.M. - leave Holmes School  
12:10 P.M. - stop at Valhalla  
12:25 P.M. - stop at Chowan Junior High School  
12:40 P.M. - stop at Ryland Community Building  
1:25 P.M. - Elizabeth City State University  
2:00 P.M. - Arrive at "Spinning Wheels"  
2:00-4:00 P.M. - Skating and Recreation  
4:30 P.M. - leave "Spinning Wheels"  
5:15 P.M. - Ryland Community Building  
5:30 P.M. - Chowan Junior High School  
5:45 P.M. - Valhalla  
6:00 P.M. - County Office Building

## Local Man Is Re-Honored

W. B. Gardner, well known Edenton entrepreneur has been asked to head the local chapter of Society of Teatoters South, a Danville, Va. based branch of Moral Minority, dedicated to help those with a seasonal addiction to tea, soda, tonic, ginger ale, and many other drinks of this harmful nature.  
Figures show, they claim that continued use of any of these noxious drinks, especially heavy during this

season, have many harmful side effects. They cite such symptoms as an appearance of uncontrolled wholesomeness followed by a rash of partial boredom and finally a disgusting sense of dulling sobriety and chronic proctalgia.  
Mr. Gardner is at present visiting the watering spas in Las Vegas and could not be reached by the Herald for his comment. Those interested in forming a local chapter should call Mr. Gardner at 482-3458.

## Horse Pull Set For February 3

RALEIGH — The Draft Horse and Pony Pulling Contests held during the North Carolina State Fair Horse Show will be shown on Public Television's Almanac program, January 7, at 7:30 and January 10, at 5 P. M.  
The channels carrying the program include: Channel 2, Columbia.  
In addition, the first annual Southern-National

Draft Horse Pull will be held February 3 in Dorton Arena on the State Fairgrounds, Raleigh.  
Sponsored by Southern Shows, Inc., the pull will be held in conjunction with the Southern Farm Show, February 3-5, 1982.  
For information, contact Linda M. Champion, coordinator, Phone: (919) 787-5542 or 733-2145, Raleigh.

### INSIGHT INTO EYESIGHT

**DR. A. F. DOWNUM, JR.**  
OPTOMETRIST

#### CHEAP SUNGLASSES NO BARGAIN

If you merely want to shade your eyes from the sun while driving or playing tennis, cheap sunglasses may seem to do the job.  
But you get what you pay for. Good sunglasses are recommended because they have better quality lenses and sturdier frames. They'll wear longer and give you better vision than cheap sunglasses. If you want less distortion, better sunglasses are the better buy.  
People who wear eyeglasses or contact lenses to correct vision problems often like to wear sunglasses, too, especially on hot, bright summer days when the light is intense. No problem here. Your optometrist can prescribe the same correction to be used in sunglasses as you use in your regular glasses. It's done all the time.  
Don't be fooled into thinking that over-the-counter sunglasses will cure any vision problems you may have merely because they reduce the glare of the sun. They won't. If you experience blurriness, eyestrain or headaches, you should have an eye examination to find out why. Don't take a chance with your eyesight.


*In the interest of better vision from the office of:*  
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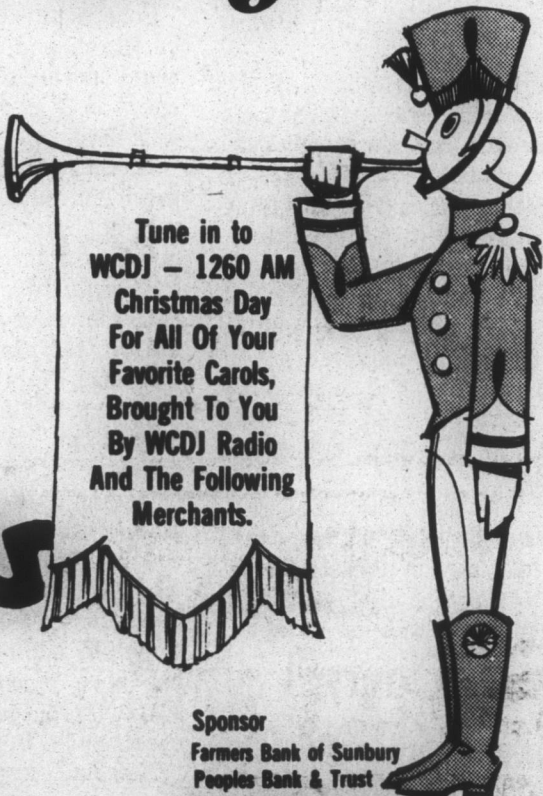


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Time	Program	Sponsor
6 a.m.-6:30	Christmas Music	Farmers Bank of Sunbury
6:30-6:45	Christmas Music	Peoples Bank & Trust
6:45-7 a.m.	Christmas Music	Hollowell-Bount Rexall Drugs
7 a.m.-7:05	Early Morning Bible Study	Church of Christ
7:05-7:15	Christmas Music	Ben Riddick Jewelry
7:15-7:30	Christmas Music	Atlantic Forest Products
7:30-7:45	Christmas Music	Carters Ink Co.
7:45-8 a.m.	Christmas Music	Edenton Marina & Rustic Wood Co.
8 a.m.-8:30	Christmas Music	Tarheel Bank & Trust Co.
8:30-8:45	Christmas Music	Hoke Motor Corp.
8:45-9 a.m.	Christmas Music	Bell Tyler
9 a.m.-9:30	Voice of the Bible	Immanuel Baptist Church
9:30-10 a.m.	Christmas Music	George C. Moore Co.
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Perquimans Co. High Band & Chorus	Woodards Pharmacy & Brine Insurance
11 a.m.-Noon	John A. Holmes High Band & Chorus	Valhalla Produce & Edenton Trading Post
Noon-1 p.m.	Edenton Baptist Church Cantata	Parler-Evans Howe & Leary Bros. Storage
1 p.m.-2 p.m.	Edenton Choral Society Concert	Spedic Vending & Edenton Savings & Loan
2 p.m.-2:45	Rocky Hook Baptist Church Cantata	Murry Nixons Fishery, C. Noble Cabinet Shop & Rocky Hook Grocery
2:45-3 p.m.	Christmas Music	Richard Hines D.D.S.
3 p.m.-3:15	Christmas Music	Chowan Veneer
3:15-3:30	Christmas Music	Bank of North Carolina
3:30-3:45	Christmas Music	Chowan Co. Farm Bureau
3:45-4 p.m.	Christmas Music	Copeland's Tax Service
4 p.m.-5 p.m.	Ballards Bridge Church Cantata	Hampton's Plumbing, Little Rascals Daycare & Bownells Market

### Merry Christmas!