

# N.C. Farm Market Summary

Sweet potato prices were unchanged this week with record breaking sales of over 230,000 cartons for the March 24 to March 30 period according to the Market News Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Demand was good for Easter sales. Fifty pound cartons of cured US No. 1s on March 31 were quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.25, some \$3.50 and \$4.50; Jumbos \$1.75 to \$2.75. Prices paid to growers were \$1.75 to \$2. Few \$1.50 for US No. 1s at the end of the grading belt.

Corn prices were 10 to 16 cents per bushel higher and soybeans were 17 to 18 cents higher through Thursday, March 31, compared to the same period of the previous week. No. 2 yellow shelled corn ranged mostly \$3.12 to \$3.29 in the Eastern part of the state and \$3.24 to \$3.35 in the Piedmont. No. 1 yellow soybeans ranged mostly \$6.20 to \$6.43 in the East and \$6.17 to \$6.32 in the Piedmont; No. 2 red winter wheat \$3.28 to \$3.50; No. 2 red oats \$1.25 to \$1.45. Soybean meal for the processing plant ranged 206.20 to 218.50 per ton for 44 per cent. New crop prices quoted for harvest delivery corn \$2.77 to \$3.13, soybeans \$6.27 to \$6.65, wheat \$2.96 to \$3.40.

Egg prices were fractionally higher on medium sizes and steady on the balance to those of the previous week. Supplies were light to moderate with demand good. The North Carolina weighted average price quoted on March 31 for small lot sales of carton Grade A eggs delivered to stores was 75.22 cents per dozen for large, Medium 68.03 and Smalls 56.09.

A total of 8,174 feeder pigs were sold on 11 of the state graded sales during week of March 28. Prices were \$2 to \$10 lower on 40-70 pound pigs.

US 1-2 pigs weighing 40-50 pounds averaged \$106.47 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$96.91; 50-60 pound 1-2s averaged \$94.86, No. 3s \$85.00; 60-70 pound 1-2s \$85.00, No. 3s \$75.21; 70-80 pound 1-2s \$75.90 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$70.63.

At 10 weekly livestock auctions held within the state the week of March 28, 6,810 cattle and 2,389 hogs were sold. Prices for slaughter cows were steady to \$2 lower and feeder calves 50 cents to \$3 higher per cwt. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows brought \$40 to \$47.50 with Canner and Cutter at \$35 to \$46. Choice slaughter calves 350-550 pounds sold from \$55 to \$64 with good grade at \$54 to \$60. Choice slaughter steers above 800 pounds brought \$59.25 to \$61.25 with Good at \$54 to \$59. Choice slaughter heifers above 700 pounds brought \$55 to \$61 with Good at \$48 to \$53.50. Slaughter Bulls yield grade 1 & 2 above 1000 pounds sold from \$45 to \$54.50 per cwt. Medium Frame No. 1 thickness 400-500 pound feeder steers brought \$63 to \$75.50 with Small Frame No. 1s at \$55 to \$74, same weight Medium Frame No. 1 heifers brought \$54 to \$62.50 with Small Frame No. 1s at \$48.50 to \$57. Beef type feeder cows carrying average flesh brought \$37 to \$45 with thin flesh at \$31 to \$40.50 per hundred pounds. Baby calves under three weeks of age brought \$35 to \$80 per head. Market hogs 200-240 pounds sold from \$46.40 to \$48.10 with sows 450 pounds up at \$45 to \$50.10.

The North Carolina fob dock quoted price on broilers for the period of March 31 through April 6 is 39.50 cents per pound with a preliminary weighted average 39.82 cents fob dock or equivalent. The market is firm for an improv-

ing after Easter demand.

Market hogs at daily cash buying stations about the state sold irregular during week of March 28, and ranged mostly \$46.50 to \$48.50 per hundred pounds. Sows 500 lbs. up ranged \$46.00 to \$49.00.

Heavy type hens were trending lower for the first week in April. Supplies were adequate and demand light to moderate. Heavy type hen prices were 16 to 17 cents per pound at the farm with buyers loading on April 1.

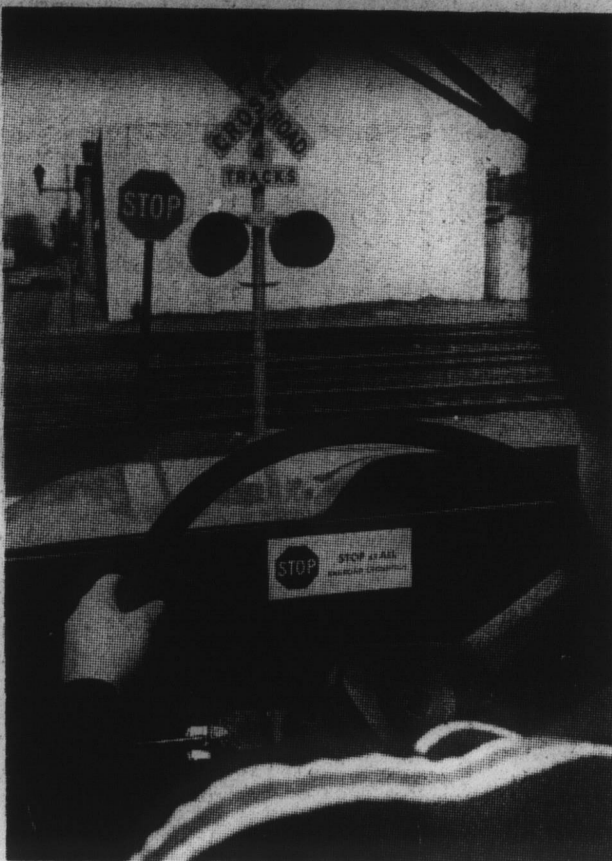
## British Isles Tour Scheduled

Sandra Boyce of Edenton will be sponsoring a British Isles tour this summer through Wilcox World Tours of Asheville. The 16 day tour will incorporate visits to Ireland, Scotland and England. Departing from New York on July 18, this tour will visit Killarney, Dublin, Wales, Glasgow, Loch Lomond, Edinburgh, York, Stratford, London and numerous other stops in between.

In cooperation with Charles Paul, Mrs. Boyce will be making all necessary arrangements for tourists from the Albemarle area wishing to make this trip. At a very affordable rate, this tour will feature first class hotels, two meals a day and all transportation. According to Paul and Mrs. Boyce, both professors at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, academic credit for sophomore level geography can be earned through participation in this tour.

For more information and applications, contact Sandra Boyce at P.O. Box 384 in Edenton or call 221-4052

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John Ruskin



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## "Reading For Fun"

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tance of Reading Aloud to Children, by Dr. Carol Veitch, Library Science Professor, E. C. U.

Sharing -- Readings by members of our group. Small group discussions by counties report on National Library Week activities; Schedule visits to other libraries in the county; Plans for Summer Reading Program; and Plans for Children's Books Week in November.

This program was planned by the Program Planning Committee selected at the February meeting: Cathy Carter, Mary C. Hardison, Gwendolyn Moye, and Evelyn

Neptune.

For additional information call: Elizabeth Laney, 793-2114.

# Carolina Review — Safe Roads Act

**MAYBE LATER...** Apparently there's no rest for the weary, weary of ear that is. After working all of the session on Gov. Hunt's Safe Roads Act (to get drunk drivers off the highways), legislators for three weeks have looked for final passage at any moment.

Last week, the House looked at the Senate version and thought some improvements could be made—something the Senate had already decided about a previous House version. By week's end, it looked as if neither the House nor the Senate would vote for concurrence, thus requiring more joint conference work and compromise.

One of the biggest differences, and perhaps the biggest controversy, centered around the "dram shop" provision. The House bill would impose liability for sales to intoxicated people for on-premise consumption. The Senate bill would apply only to sales to underage patrons.

But the differences apt to have the biggest impact on the most North Carolina drinkers is probably the "open container" provision in the Senate bill. It creates a presumption that any open beer or wine container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle was possessed by the driver and would make that

possession a criminal offense. The House doesn't want that provision even with an exemption for buses, vans, and recreational vehicles. There are a number of other differences that shouldn't be too tough to settle. Maybe the final passage will come this week. Maybe next.

**CHRISTMAS...** Banking lobbyists have been trying for years to win legislative passage of an annual, flat-rate bank card fee.

Deep inside of what has come to be known as the "Christmas tree" bill, the \$20 annual fee received the Assembly's official blessings this past week. So did a lot of other special interest groups involved with consumer credit-making House Bill 336 truly a "Christmas" offering, with something under the tree for everyone.

The bill was managed, and singularly sponsored, by Rep. Al Adams, D-Wake, formerly considered an outspoken consumer advocate. Not this time, and people were left shaking their heads.

Sen. Craig Lawing, D-Mecklenburg, said the bill was trying to take care of everyone "except six million constituents in this state."

I'd like to explain the bill to you, but I can't. It's so full of gobbly-gook that it's doubtful

anyone in the legislature really understands, except maybe Al Adams. Adams said most of the bill is "excellent compromise legislation."

## VEPCO's Increase Less Than Request

Virginia Electric and Power Company informed the State Corporation Commission staff that it will lower its request in its pending fuel charge increase for the year beginning April 1.

The change will mean that the average monthly bill of a residential customer using 1000 kilowatt-hours would rise by \$1.20 less than originally requested. The increase in the fuel charge in 1983 will be the first one in more than three years.

## The Albemarle's Newest Exhibition

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Albemarle is open Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and Sunday 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Admission is free to the public.

Photographers are welcome and invited to photograph any or all of the exhibit.

The frame of an old umbrella hung by its handle makes a good clothes-rack drier for small garments.

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reg. 5.99

LADIES 5-10

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5<sup>50</sup>

reg. to 7.99

LADIES 5-10

GIRLS 5-12, 12 1/2-3

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8<sup>00</sup>

reg. to 11.95

BOYS 10 1/2-2, 2 1/2-6

White/red vinyl



MENS

9<sup>00</sup>

reg. 12.95

MENS 7-12



Oxford Or Slip-On

5<sup>50</sup>

reg. 6.99

MENS 6 1/2-12

Black Hopsack

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