

# Public Forum

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years is expected to continue. In 1950, net farm income as a per cent of gross farm income was 41.2 per cent. By 1960, it dropped to 29.6 per cent and by 1980, it was down to 13.2 per cent.

To offset that trend, farmers will need to rely on new technology to make themselves increasingly efficient. For example, PCA "Farming" predicts that by the year 2000, tractors will be equipped with on-board computers that will automatically adjust the transmission setting and engine rpm to tractor load and field conditions for optimum fuel efficiency. Combine computers will control all major machine functions, including automatic steering. Computers on corn planters will automatically adjust planting depth and planting rate, depending upon soil moisture and fertility levels in different parts of the field.

Genetic engineering will allow plant breeders to accelerate the growth rate of wheat and soybeans, allowing more opportunities for double-cropping and boosting yields by 20 per cent to 50 per cent. Interferons, experimental drugs genetic engineers are currently developing to cure some forms of human cancer, will be widely used in livestock herds to provide fast-acting cures and broad spectrum protection against viral infections.

These new technologies will be expensive, which means many farmers will face continued pressure to expand their operations to spread these costs over more acres. With the year 2000 only 17 years away, farmers should start planning for these new developments, because once the farm economy pulls out of its current slump, changes will start taking place at a more rapid pace.

## Take Top Honors

Operating and support teams for Weyerhaeuser Company's NC-2 machine at Plymouth were given top honors from the Company's senior management on April 14. Ronnie Thompson, Fred Williams and Bill Redd accepted The Improved Performance Award.

According to Hans Brune, group vice president - pulp and secondary fiber, who presented the award, NC-2, a 19th century second-hand "antique", has been turned into the most productive machine in the whole company. The award recognized the teams for their highly successful transition from milk carton stock to fluff pulp production.

"An achievement like NC-2 has made is the result of this total team effort and an example of the cooperation and positive attitude that runs throughout this complex," said Brune. "You accepted the challenge of change instead of resisting it," he continued. "It is this spirit of determination that has made it such a pleasure to work with all of you."

## Presides Over District Court

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and cost of court.

Edward Earl Hall, Sr., was found guilty of selling malt beverage to a person under 18. He was sentenced to 12 months with two years suspended, fined \$1,000, cost of court, is not to operate an establishment named Ed Hall's Shop for two years and is not to be employed at any place where malt or alcohol is sold for two years. He has appealed.

Sonnie Mae Hurdle Dillard was found guilty of one count of selling alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 and one count of selling a



TO ENTERTAIN AT MAY PLAY DAY CELEBRATION—Southern Crescent will be playing their own brand of traditional Southern music at the May Play Day. They will be among the many entertainers to sing, juggle and dance at the celebration this Saturday at Rocky Hock Community Center.

## Southern Crescent To Entertain At May Play Day

The Southern Crescent Entertainers will be playing their own exciting brand of traditional Southern string band music at May Play Day on Saturday, May 7 at the Rocky Hock Community Center. In rare and beautiful fiddle tunes, square dance pieces, ballads and comedy songs, the Entertainers demonstrate why traditional music continues to have great appeal to audiences both young and old.

The Entertainers are Wayne Martin on fiddle and mandolin, Margaret Martin on guitar and string bass, Bill Mansfield on 5-string banjo and harmonica, and Jim Collier on fiddle, guitar, and autoharp. The band members attended high school together in Raleigh, North Carolina; it was then that they bought their first instruments and began to perform together for schoolmates and friends. In order to learn the traditional styles of playing, they sought out and visited many older folk musicians throughout the South to learn from them first-hand pieces such as "Arkansas Traveler," "Soldiers Joy" and "The Girl I Love Don't Pay Me No Mind." They learned their lessons well, for the band has earned the respect of scholars and folklorists for the integrity which they interpret the traditional string music of the South. Still, they bring their own exuberant style to the music that they have learned from the bows and strings of generations now mostly silent.

The members of the band have accounted for numerous awards at fiddlers' conventions and have performed from concert halls to pig pickings to the Governor's Mansion. Margaret and Wayne are currently sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts to bring

traditional music into the public schools. In addition to performing with the Entertainers, Bill is Artist-in-Residence in the prestigious Visiting Artists program. Among his musical achievements, Jim was the featured musician in Carolina Regional Theatre's touring production of Appalachian Sounding.

Band members continue to make their home in Raleigh, North Carolina. Other May Play Day visiting artists will include Rudy Tyson, jazz pianist. Rudy began playing piano at nine and began his musical studies at East Carolina University at the age of 13. He received his degree in Creative Arts from UNC-W and furthered his studies in Music Education at NCCU. Tyson also participated in advanced Jazz Studies with Mary Lou Williams at Duke University and at Jazz Mobile Workshop in N.Y.C. A recipient of a fellowship grant in composition from the National Endowment for the arts, Tyson is a published com-

poser. He has been in concert and on radio and television throughout the United States.

May Play Day, the second arts festival sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council will present more than thirty professional and amateur groups and individuals in forty-four performances on indoor and outdoor stages.

Besides the stage performances, three other areas of interest include the Visual Arts, where artists will be demonstrating paper-making, fiber crafts, photography and cartoon drawing; the Children's Corner with hands-on activities, magic tricks and balloon sculpture, pottery demonstrations, baton twirling workshops, story-time and creative dance; and Field Activities with games, drill teams, and karate and gymnastic demonstrations.

Throughout the day there will be plenty of good things to eat, and juggler Tim Nolen, Mr. Ugly and friendly clowns will mingle with festival goers, adding to the lively atmosphere.

## Road Petitions Are Approved

The Board of County Commissioners for Chowan County met in its regularly stated monthly session on Monday, May 2 at 9 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Alton Elmore, an invocation given by Barbara Ward and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The first item on the agenda was to consider road petitions and to decide whether or not to recommend these petitions to the Department of Transportation. One petition and one pending petition were approved. The petition came from the Property Owners Association at Arrowhead Beach. They requested that an additional 1.2 miles of road be added to the state system. The commissioners endorsed the petition and recommended it to the D.O.T.

The pending petition, for the road that parallels Nixon's Fishery, was approved tentatively upon its submission.

The second item on the agenda was to replace Dr. James Slade on the Airport Commission. The decision to appoint someone else to the Commission was tabled until the budget was set for the next fiscal year and it could be determined if the county would continue to support the Airport.

The Commissioners next appointed Marshall Jordan, Sr. to fill the position on the Edenton Planning and Zoning Board that was vacated by Larry Swindell.

The Commissioners voted next to support the Chowan Hospital in the acquisition of the lifeline system and directed Cliff Copeland to assist in making contacts for the hospital to find funding. Lifeline is an emergency response system where by older citizens have instant contact with the hospital in case of an emergency.

The County Commissioners voted to agree with and support the Hackney Amendment to the Safe Roads Act Bill. The amendment would call for the state to reimburse the counties for the mandatory jail terms which the Safe

## Mother's Day

By Preston Cayton

The word mother and home are two of the most beautiful words in the English language, and probably in every language. The thought of mother and home carries with it some of the sweetest and finest sentiments of the human heart. Those who roam in far countries, who leave their place of birth, always carry in their heart a picture of mother and home.

Children should be thankful for their fathers and mothers, and the home. I have visited orphan homes in my ministry; it would almost break my heart to realize that these children have no home. Children, if you have a home, you should be thankful to God, and you should obey your father and mother. We read in the Bible the following words: Children, obey your parents on the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; That all may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

A man by the name of Payne was invited by a friend to have dinner with him, at his home. While the mother was preparing dinner she was singing, he could hear the laughter of the children while they were playing. After dinner Payne went to his two room apartment on east side of New York and wrote the ever loving song Home Sweet Home. Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home. Payne was not a married man. He lived in this apartment alone. I don't think God gave man anything here on earth better than a good woman. It has been said many times, behind every successful man there is a good woman.

I have lived a great deal of my time away from home. I lived out of a suitcase for months at a time. I have stayed in some beautiful homes with all the conveniences of life, with some of the best people on earth.

But I was always glad to return to my loved ones.

Home is where we can come to find love, encouragement. Home is where we come when our friends and the world has turned us down. It takes more than brick, beautiful furniture, plush rugs and beautiful pictures on the wall to make a home. It takes love among the family to make a home.

It's the home life that is the true index of one's Christianity. I know he's a Christian, said a wife to me once, for I've lived with him for 20 years. That is what counts. The home is a place of test. It is mother who can say, put your head on my shoulder, and tell me all about it.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother. And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. So Mary went home with John. Tradition says that for 12 years while the other apostles were carrying the gospel to all parts of the Roman Empire, John remained in Jerusalem just looking after his Lord's mother.

Dear friends, to whom Christ is precious, around you are widowed hearts, orphaned hearts, lonely souls whom you could cheer, whom you ought to cheer. Young man, young woman, there is some old lady living all alone, or some bereft grandfather, in need of life's necessities, don't you know of such a one? Why wait for someone else to receive the blessing that came to John. Why wait for some committee to assign you that service, thus robbing you of its privilege, and making it a duty. Remember, you will never have but one mother, so give her the roses while she is living.

I love you mother.  
Not only for what you have made of yourself.  
But for what you are making of me.  
I love you because you have done more than any creed to make me happy.  
You have done it without a word, without a touch.  
Without a sign.  
You have done it just by being yourself.  
After all perhaps that is what love means.

## Board Of Education Hears Report

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has been advertised for sale.

The next section of the Board of Education's agenda called for the consideration of three items. First the Board of Education considered and approved the employment of adult bus drivers for all kindergarten through the sixth grade schools. The second was the agreement between the recreation department and the schools for the use of school facilities, it passed. Lastly, it was resolved by the Board that the schools should support the 400th commemoration of the first English colonies in America.

In final action the School Board approved the minutes of the five meetings held in April. Also approved was the resignation of Debra House, a math teacher, at John A. Holmes and the hiring of Coleen Karl to replace Mrs. House for the remainder of the year. Ap-

proved was a new activity bus driver and the class trip to Atlanta.

The most important thing approved was two budget amendments. The first to transfer funds and the last to accept monies into the budget that were not previously budgeted.

The Board of Education closed by adjourning into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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