



NURSES AIDES GRADUATE—Pictured here are graduates of the 11 week Nurses Aid Program at the ElderLodge on June 23. The program, funded by CETA, is a co-operative venture by the College of the Albemarle, ElderLodge and the Employment Security Commission. Pictured from left to right are: Cynthia Bond, Gloria Bond, Belinda Brickhouse, Virginia Cooper, Deborah Downing, Patricia Gibbs, Conell Jones, Margaret Lassiter, Edna McLean, Classie Nowell, Selena Nowell, Joyce Rankins, Janet Roughton, and Dorothy Wynn.

Rep. James Is Guest Speaker

Rep. Vernon James was the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the N.C. Wood Science Society which was held June 14 at the N.C. State University Faculty Club. The 125 agriculturists, scientists and chemical industry representatives had spent the day visiting research experiments on various N.C. Experiment Stations. Rep. James commended the group on their work in the

interest of Agriculture. He informed the group of a bill which he introduced to create a study commission to examine alternatives for increasing public awareness of the importance of agriculture, forestry, and seafood in North Carolina. Rep. James says this bill is needed because agriculture in North Carolina has experienced severe financial setbacks and instability in recent years due to drought, inflation, and other unavoidable circumstances. Agriculture is the No. 1 employer in North Carolina. A strong agricultural economy is essential to meet the needs of both the rural and urban populations of North Carolina. North Carolina has a rich agricultural heritage and must not get side-tracked from an awareness of the importance of agriculture. Rep. James challenged the society to help him in his endeavor to make the public aware of the importance of agriculture in our society and to join him in trying to solve the problems facing agriculture.

Hog And Pig Totals Through June 1

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms June 1 totaled 2,230,000 head, up 16 per cent from a year earlier but 1 per cent below March 1, according to the N.C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Breeding stock at 365,000 was up 15 per cent and market hogs at 1,865,000 were 16 per cent above a year ago. North Carolina ranks seventh nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs. The state's pig crop during the March - May period totaled 981,000 head, 20 per cent above the same months last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 130,000 sows during each of the next two quarters - June - August and September - November. If these expectations are realized, 17 per cent more sows will farrow during this 6 month period than a year earlier. Hogs and pigs on farms June 1 in the United States are estimated at 57.5-million head, up 11 per cent from a

year ago. Breeding inventory, at 8.07-million head, was nine per cent more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 49.4-million head, up 11 per cent from last year. The December 1982 - May 1983 pig crop was 46.8-million head, 14 per cent increase from last year. Pigs saved per litter at 7.53 was above last year's rate of 7.34. Nationally, producers intend to have 6.32-million sows farrow during the June - November period, an increase of 9 per cent from the same period in 1982.

Sgt. Hassell On Duty At Camp Hovey

Sgt. David L. Hassell, son of Daniel Hassell of Chowan Courts Apartments, Edenton, has arrived for duty at Camp Hovey, South Korea. Hassell, a vehicle mechanic with the 2nd Infantry Division, was previously assigned at Fort Belvoir, Va.

His wife, Doris, is the daughter of Dorothy Blount of Rural Route 2, also of Edenton.

He is a 1976 graduate of John A. Holmes High School, Edenton.

Grant Is Requested For Sanctuary

Joseph W. Grimsley, Secretary of the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, has applied for a \$1.3-million federal grant to acquire land on the Currituck Outer Banks for an estuarine

sanctuary. "This new site will be an important addition to our sanctuary system," Grimsley noted. "It will allow us to keep an undisturbed area on our northern Outer Banks in a natural state for future research and education."

The \$1.3-million grant, to be matched with donations of \$1.3-million worth of land to the state, will be used for purchasing unsubdivided property located immediately north of Corolla in Currituck County. The proposed sanctuary site, generally known as the Monkey Island area, includes 757 acres of upland property, several small islands, and an extensive marsh complex. The properties involved are now owned by the Nature Conservancy and a group of private investors.

A detailed environmental assessment on this proposed addition to North Carolina's estuarine sanctuary system has been prepared by the state and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the federal agency responsible for the national sanctuary program. Copies of the assessment are available from the Office of Coastal Management in

NRCD. A public meeting to discuss the proposal will be held at the Currituck County Courthouse at 7:00 P.M. on July 14.

In announcing the grant application, Grimsley said there were several other key aspects of the state's proposal. "While we will be preserving and protecting this valuable natural area, the sound and marsh portion of the site will also be available for continued hunting and fishing, which is so important for the Currituck Sound area. We have approval to place a small beach recreation area in the sanctuary. These rules are compatible with research and education, will not harm the environment, and over the long run will greatly add to public enjoyment of the sanctuary," he added.

Grimsley also said that establishment of the sanctuary would not reduce current access across the site by Outer Banks residents. While there is no road across the site, residents have traditionally driven along the beach to reach their homes. Grimsley said he was aware of the access controversy generated by past acquisition proposals, but said this proposal will not reduce or eliminate anybody's rights of access.

As soon as federal approval for the project is received, an advisory committee made up of local officials, fishermen, hunters, residents, and educators will be established to advise the state as to how the site should be managed.

The state's estuarine sanctuary system was established in 1982. It now has two sites, Zeke's Island in New Hanover and Brunswick counties and Carrot Island in Carteret County. After the Currituck site is added in 1983, plans call for a fourth site.



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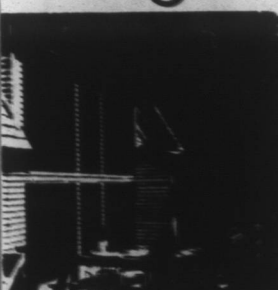
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