

Cuts Cause Concern

By Jack Grove

Much concern has been expressed from various interest groups over the projected federal budget cuts being proposed by President Reagan. The President has submitted his Executive Budget to Congress for action.

The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service would be very hard hit by these cuts-on the order of a 54% reduction in their budget.

Mary Julia Parrish, Chairman of the Chowan County Extension Advisory Council said, "With a budget reduction, this would put more stress on the rural people if they did not have someone to contact for encouragement, information and advice."

Governor James Martin has anticipated these cuts in federal funds by ordering a hiring freeze in many state departments including the Extension Service. This has already been felt with the retirement of Chowan County Extension Agent, Murray Goodwin. His position will not be filled for the foreseeable future.

The following information was received from the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service on the "Projected Impact of '87 Proposed Executive Budget."

The Executive Budget submitted by President Reagan to Congress reduced the federal funding

of the Cooperative Extension Service by 59% from \$342.7 million in 1986 to \$140 million in 1987. This will mean a reduction in funding for the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service of \$6,946,326 or 54% of the current 1986 budget.

The budget requires congressional action through a hearing, budget and appropriation process. A resolution of the budget situation must be made before the start of the '87 fiscal year - October 1, 1986.

The budget, as proposed, would have the following effect on the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

- It would require termination of the entire Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program consisting of 39 specialists and agents and 146 nutrition aides who provide nutritional education to over 7,310 disadvantaged families representing 23,500 adults and 9,500 youth.

- It would seriously curtail or terminate Extension education programs in Integrated Pest Management, Farm Safety, Pesticide Impact Assessments, a program for Renewable Resources in forestry and wildlife, Rural Development Programs and the Small and Part-time Farmer Program.

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Those Oil Slicks Again

A release from Secretary of State Thad Eure's office reports that, despite that current downturn in the oil and gas industry, confidence operators are still active in North Carolina and some 20 other states.

An article in the February issue of Investor Alert notes that a recent survey by the North American Securities Administrators Association and the Council of Better Business Bureaus revealed that these "oil slicks" have cost investors millions of dollars in the last two years. In Illinois alone 17 cases involving some \$14 million in investor funds are under investigation.

"The game isn't really high-level fraud," said F. Daniel Bell, III, deputy securities administrator. "It's usually more a total misuse of proceeds. Take the investors' money and buy yourself a Mercedes. Things like that."

For example, a high school drop out in Texas, who claimed to be a millionaire, was sentenced to life in prison recently after being convicted of taking \$500,000 from investors and spending up to two-thirds of it on such things as the purchase of a beauty parlor and furniture store for relatives.

The February Investor Alert explains how oil scams are run, details how legitimate deals work and gives a complete list of questions to ask and steps to take before passing any money. Copies can be had by writing to Secretary of State Thad Eure, Securities Division, 300 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Those Generous Juries

In the wake of a special session of the General Assembly, called to consider a liability insurance crisis in North Carolina, comes the information that the average size of awards in personal injury cases in North Carolina is currently on the decrease.

A North Carolina survey recently completed by Jury Verdict Research, an Ohio organization, shows that awards in North Carolina currently average 5 per cent above the national norm, down from a previous 9 per cent.

This study, part of a nationwide ongoing analysis of personal injury verdicts, shows that North Carolina reported 14 verdicts of a million dollars or more to date. Three of them were returned in 1984, including \$3.7 million awarded to a 52-year-old chemical salesman who suffered paraplegia as a result of an overdose of drugs prescribed by the physician defendant.

Jury Verdict Research surveys and analyzes verdicts in every state. Results are used by attorneys, insurance companies, corporations and government agencies in the preparation and settlement of personal injury cases.

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Post 40 Plans Baseball Team

American Legion Post 40 Commander, Jim Criddle announced recently that Post 40 intends to field an American Legion baseball team again this year. At the same time, he announced that Wallace Evans had accepted the duties of athletic officer for the Post.

Evans stated that he is a real excited about the season ahead. Most of the players from last year's team will be returning. We lost only one from our pitching staff and last year's coaching staff consisting of Lin Jordan, Jim "Catfish" Hunter and Marvin Hunter are expected to return.

The Post 40 team based in Edenton will have players returning from Pasquatank, Perquimans, Gates, Bertie, Martin and Chowan

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Possessions Destroyed

On Sunday, March 2 the Blackledge family from the Advance community lost all their possessions when their home burned.

In order to assist them, the Advance Extension Homemakers Club has announced that it will be holding a shower to collect household items on Thursday night, March 13 from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Advance Community Building.

Clothing, bedding, appliances, and any other household items are urgently needed.

Those wishing to obtain more specific information on the family's needs can call 482-3011 or 482-4623.



COACH OF THE YEAR—John A. Holmes High School Basketball Coach Robert Woodley has been selected as Coach of the Year for the Northeastern Conference.

Coach Woodley Honored

By Jack Grove

Winning seasons bring honors and that's what happened to Aces Basketball Coach Robert Woodley. The Aces posted a 21-5 season and went into the state playoffs last week only to be knocked off by Ayden-Grifton 72-58.

Nonetheless, the northeast 2-A conference coaches honored Woodley for a great season by naming him Coach of the Year. He received the award on February 15 at a meeting of the coaches from John A. Holmes, Plymouth, Northhampton County East, Ahoskie, Roanoke, Williamston and Roanoke Rapids.

John A. Holmes Athletic Director Tom Bass said of the achievement, "I think it's a tremendous thing and certainly deserved. He put in a lot of hours."

Woodley has been with the Edenton-Chowan school system for thirteen years. He has coached the varsity squad for four years.

He said, "I'd rather my team win an award than any for myself. It is deserving for my team and not for me. They did a great job for us all year long."

Woodley said of the last game of this year, "it was a good defensive game. They hurt us on their offensive rebounding."

He summed up by saying, "I was proud of the kids for an outstanding season. They represented Edenton very well."

Democratic Ball Planned

The Albemarle Democratic Ball, sponsored by the party organizations in the ten northeastern counties in North Carolina will be held Saturday, March 22 in the Vaughn Athletic Center at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City at 8:30 p.m.

General Chairman, Ken Patterson, announced that the guest of honor would be Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan III. Jordan said, "I am looking forward to attending the event. Democrats in northeastern North Carolina are a very important part of the statewide effort in 1986. This is the third annual Albemarle Democratic Ball and I think it shows the unity and strength of the party in the ten county region."

Expected to attend the gala ball are the candidates for the U.S. Senate, the North Carolina Legislature and local candidates. Former Governor Terry Sanford is rearranging his schedule to attend. The Council of State will be

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SYMPHONY QUARTET—This string quartet performed for students at D.F. Walker School Tuesday afternoon. Members of the Symphony have traveled to various schools to help them in music appreciation. The Symphony will perform in concert for the fifth consecutive season tonight at 8 p.m. in Swain auditorium.

Goodwin Retirement Banquet Held

The American Legion hall was the place, last Friday night was the time, and Murray Goodwin was the star. A retirement banquet was held to honor Goodwin who has been an Agricultural Extension Agent in Chowan County for 15 years.

A lineup of speakers from Dr. Durwood Bateman, new Dean of the School of Agriculture at N.C. State University, to co-workers, to former 4-Hers who had Goodwin as their mentor, filled the evening's program. Then Goodwin himself took to the microphone to reminisce.

Goodwin was born in Chowan County on August 6, 1921. He attended county schools and graduated from Chowan High

School in 1938. He received a B.S. Degree in Chemistry in 1942 from Wake Forest University.

Following graduation Goodwin worked as a research chemist with Allied Chemical and Dye Corp. in Philadelphia. From 1946-47, he served as a medical technician with the U.S. Army Air Force in Texas. From 1948-52, he taught veterans for the Chowan County Board of Education.

In 1952, Goodwin entered in N.C. State University (where he roomed with Dr. Bateman) and in 1954 he received a B.S. Degree in Agronomy. That year he began his career with the Extension Service in Bertie County as a 4-H agent.

In 1957 he moved to Tyrrell County with the Extension Service and worked there until 1971 when

he came to Chowan County. During his time in Tyrrell County, he did graduate work at N.C. State University and received an M.S. Degree in Adult Education.

During his career as a 4-H agent, Goodwin has worked with a number of 4-Hers who have received state and national recognition for their accomplishments.

He has spent about half of his time in Chowan working with vegetable farmers and has done extensive research on vegetable varieties suitable for this area. He was recognized in 1981 by the vegetable growers in the county for his dedication to the vegetable program.

Goodwin's evening was capped off by the presentation to him of a riding lawn mower.

Accident Injures 3

A two-car accident last Wednesday evening sent three people to Chowan Hospital. The accident occurred at 7:30 p.m. at the five-mile Y about 30 feet south of the intersection of U.S. 17 and N.C. 32 according to Highway Patrol spokesman Dottie Lowe.

According to a report filed by Trooper W.M. Long, a 1979 Chevrolet sedan driven by Belinda Thompson Thomas of 1117 Wood Street, Elizabeth City, swerved left at the same time that an oncoming car swerved left, resulting in a head-on collision. The Thomas vehicle was northbound. Thomas, 27, was alone in her car.

The southbound vehicle, a 1976 Cadillac, was driven by Willop Lee Reaves, 54, of 204 King Street, Hertford. She had a passenger, William Griswold, 47, of King Street, Edenton. Both drivers apparently felt that the oncoming car was going to swerve in front

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GOOD HUMOR—Dr. Durwood Bateman, new Dean of the School of Agriculture at N.C. State University shares a humorous story concerning retiring Agriculture Extension Agent, Murray Goodwin. The two were roommates for a year in college.



RETIREMENT GIFT—Murray Goodwin tries out his new riding lawn mower that was presented to him last Friday evening at a banquet in his honor. Looking on are Frances Voliva, Tyrrell County Agriculture Extension Chairman (left) and Fran Ward.