

## EXTENSION SCENE

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The seriousness of the agricultural financial situation these days was clearly evident the evening of December 6 when over 200 Robeson County farmers and their wives showed up at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building to participate in a farm management program that included sections on decision making and cash flow. This program was a joint effort of the Extension Service and Farmers Home Administration.

Other programs that are planned include a session Jan. 11 on taxes and farm records. The final session will be held January 18 with the topics slated to be enterprise budgets and developing financial balance sheets. Each of these additional meetings will be held at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building at 7 p.m. on the respective dates.

As 1982 draws slowly to a

close, property taxes become due and payable and it nears the time for income tax reporting. Naturally, for those individuals who have made some profits this year, now is the time to make some end-of-year decisions which may reduce tax liability substantially. These decisions can best be made when suitable records are maintained and an adequate knowledge of current tax laws exists.

While the meeting that is slated for Jan. 11 will have sessions on both taxes and records, decisions regarding tax deferral or reduction of tax liability must be made prior to the end of this year. One way to enhance that decision-making process is by obtaining a copy of the Farmer's Tax Guide that has only recently arrived at the Extension Office. Following review of the tax guide, which was revised

in October 1982 and should be used for preparing 1982 returns, I found it substantially different from previous years.

As all wage earners are well aware, an income tax reduction during the past year helped to increase take-home pay slightly. Additionally, last year a number of significant changes were made in depreciation rules which affected the preparation of farm income reports for the 1981 year. With two years of changes it almost becomes imperative for the prudent farmer to obtain a copy of this latest Farmer's Tax Guide in order to become more knowledgeable of current tax laws and the associated rules and regulations that affect the farm business.

The tax guide contains sections on items of interest, important dates, as well as the importance of good re-

ords. Additionally, filing requirements and return forms as well as accounting periods and methods are discussed. Items which actually make up farm income and expenses as well as depreciation, depletion, and amortization, plus investment credit are contained in the booklet.

Perhaps one of the most important sections is the item on losses from operating a farm and the explanation that is given regarding carrying over losses or carrying back losses to obtain refunds or to reduce taxes in succeeding years. Other items include gains and losses as well as disposition of depreciable property, installment sales, and determining the basis for gains and losses. A few other items of special importance in the booklet include soil and water conservation expenditures plus employment taxes and other types of taxes and credits.

The tax guide contains 76 pages of extremely important information, and anyone who has an interest in farming is encouraged to call the Extension Office at 738-8111 or stop by the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building to secure a copy of this vital report.

## MARK SUMNER TO SPEAK TO 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!' BOARD

Pembroke, NC—Carroll Locklear, General Manager of "Strike at the Wind!", has announced a Board meeting scheduled for December 15, 1982, at Sheff's Seafood in Pembroke, NC, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Mark Sumner, Director, Institute of Outdoor Drama, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as guest speaker.

Mark Sumner has received his BA and MA Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Dramatic Art), North Dakota State A&M, Fargo, (Engineering), Asheville Biltmore (UNC-A) (English), and American University (International Relations). Mark has had many publications published, has been a newspaper correspondent, has had a great career in Acting, Direc-

ting, Designing, Consultant/Planning, received numerous awards and is a member of many clubs across the United States, the state of North Carolina and all the Humanities are lucky to have such a guy as Mark Sumner to be Director of the Institute of Outdoor Drama.

Locklear said of Mr. Sumner; "We are very fortunate to have Mark as our guest speaker, the information he will relay to us will be of great importance as we prepare for our 1983 production of "Strike at the Wind!"

"Strike at the Wind!" is a non-profit organization supported by the North Carolina Theatre of the Arts which is funded by the N.C. General Assembly. For information one may call 919-521-3112.



Mark Sumner

## Reflections...

Alta Nye Oxendine

### SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

This was an exercise for Dr. Layne's class—"Death, Dying and Terminal Illness." (I jotted it down as it happened.)

"A Visit to the Cemetery." I feel good this afternoon as I park my car at the edge of Lumbee Memorial Gardens. There is a sense of security and belonging—much the way I feel when I visit Cape Fear Valley Hospital—where Gordon received such tender, loving skillful care after his accident the summer he was 13.

I pause to pull out the camera and snap a picture of the two neighboring Oxendine monuments in the midst of the "Garden of Devotion." I put the camera in the car and walked leisurely over to "our" monument. As I look at the names: Leon D., "Donny," Gordon Dale, and Alta Nye, I wish once more that we could somehow have included Wanda Kay as the other member of our family of five.

I stoop to re-arrange the plastic flowers, then stand up to look around the entire cemetery, for once. Always before, I have zeroed in on the section which means the most to me.

I am surprised how large and how well cared-for it is. I notice for the first time the hedges dividing the cemetery into sections. Briefly I watch two men under a tent busily carving a plot of dirt into a deep, rectangular grave.

As my eyes sweep around the sides of this cemetery, I become aware of the beauty of the natural setting into which it has been placed—woods all around—marred only by such man-made inventions as a house, two barns, a hard-surface road, and a trailer park to the east.

Hidden by woods to the north, I can hear the monotonous drone of a tractor or chain saw. Frogs hum closer by.

Suddenly—out of the distance—four sharp rifle shots pierce this peaceful scene—reminding me that the hunting season has begun.

Then all is still again—except for Nature's sounds—the grunting of hogs, and the clucking of chickens behind a nearby wall of tinted trees—the faraway chirping of frogs.

Another gunshot—duller and all is still again, but barking dogs at the trailer park. And of course the ceaseless frogs.

I walk around the "Gardens," glancing at markers, tombstones, dates and names. Here and there I

hesitate to figure the age of the person buried in this particular spot.

Some were only in their twenties, some even in their teens, like my two boys. (Donny turned 20 just one month before leaving this world.) Others were only a few years, or even a few days old.

"What happened?" I wonder, as I pause beside each grave. Now—in the west-high, stately pines are slowly being silhouetted against streaks of gray, peach and pink produced by the sinking sun.

Dusk is here. "Dark" will follow. But I do not feel the eerie chill I experienced as a ten-year-old child waiting for my parents in our parked car at the edge of the Red Lodge, Montana cemetery—fearfully watching night shadows fall.

Something wonderful happened to take away that fear. One night shortly before my thirteenth birthday, as I strolled slowly across the campground from the campfire to our cabin at Luccock Park church camp, I discovered that God was present in the dark just the same as in the daylight.

So I found myself reasoning: "If God is here with me now; why do I need to cling to my lifelong fear of the dark?" So here I stand, looking across the hedges and tombstones toward the two family monuments and the four graves of Leon, Donny, Gordon, and "Mr. Lonnie." This time I am also aware of other families' loved ones buried all around me.

By now the western sky is a deep peach-pink. The rest of the sky has turned steel gray. I can barely see the hedges, the tombstones, the tent over the newly-carved grave. Only the lighted windows of the house across the road are visible. For some time I have been standing next to the statue of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. But it is His presence, not a man-made statue, which gives me hope and comfort.

"I know that my Redeemer lives"—even though once I wondered. I am surrounded by that peace and satisfaction which I desire for every member of my family—living and dead. And for all the families of the world!

"Thank you, God, for your benediction. Thank you for your LOVE." Like the members of the Mayflower who lost loved ones before that first Thanksgiving, I do have so much to be thankful for!

## Reading Association meets

The Pines of Carolina Council of the International Reading Association met Saturday, Nov. 13, 1982 at the Red Carpet Inn in Lumberton, NC. There was a business meeting followed by a Make and Take Workshop for Parents. Dr. Kathy Sullivan gave some helpful tips on teaching children to read and then the parents, as well as members, had the opportunity to participate in making activities that could be used to help children in reading. Mrs. Barbara Brayboy and Mrs. Lillian Harris prepared the sample materials for reading readiness; Mrs. Margaret Inman and Mrs. Becky Neely prepared the sample materials for wood block printing; Mrs. Barbara Powell prepared the sample materials for com-

prehension skills; and Mrs. Nella A. Crain prepared the sample materials for study skills.

## Pembroke Jaycees Help

The Pembroke Jaycees again this weekend cut 11 more loads of wood to help in the needy family drive. Anyone knowing families needing this service contact the Pembroke Jaycees.

President Willie Harris Jr. invites any young man between the ages of 18-25 to come to the meeting every Wednesday night at the Pembroke Jaycees Club and learn about the organization.

# GREATER MEAT SAVINGS

WHOLE  
**SMOKED PICNIC**  
79¢ LB.  
SLICED 99¢ LB.

**BO'S**  
SUPER MARKET

3 BO'S STORES  
LUMBERTON  
Farmers Rd.  
Godwin At 5th

PEMBROKE  
Union Chapel Rd.  
FOOD STAMPS  
Welcome!

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES SOME SOLD TO DEALERS

GRADE "A"  
**FRYERS**  
2 TO BAG  
39¢ LB.

SHORT RIBS  
**STEW**  
\$1.39 LB.

BONE IN  
**STEW**  
99¢ LB.

FRESH  
**PORK PICNIC**  
99¢ LB.

CENTER CUT  
**PORK CHOPS**  
\$1.99 LB.

**SIRLOIN STEAK**  
\$2.37 LB.

**T-BONE STEAK**  
\$2.79 LB.

CAROLINA  
**SMOKED SAUSAGE**  
\$1.49 LB.

CAROLINA  
**FRESH LINK SAUSAGE**  
\$1.49 LB.

**CHUCK STEAK**  
\$1.59 LB.

SHOULDER  
**ROUND STEAK**  
\$1.87 LB.

WHOLE FRESH  
**PORK HAM**  
\$1.39 LB.

HOG MAWS  
PORK EARS  
PORK TAILS  
PORK LIVER  
59¢ LB.

9 TO 11 CHOPS  
**PORK LOIN**  
\$1.59 LB.

RIBS HALF  
**PORK LOIN**  
\$1.39 LB.

HEAVY WESTERN FED  
**SHOULDER ROAST**  
BONE IN  
\$1.77 LB.

BONELESS  
**STEW BEEF**  
\$1.89 LB.

**CUBE STEAK**  
\$2.59 LB.

BONE IN  
**CHUCK ROAST**  
\$1.27 LB.

FAMILY PACK  
**FAT BACK**  
59¢ LB.

PORK  
**NECK BONE**  
49¢ LB.

ARMOUR STAR GRADE "A"  
**HEN TURKEY**  
8 TO 14 AVG  
69¢ LB.

FRESH  
**GROUND BEEF**  
5-LB. OR MORE \$1.19 LB.

WHOLE  
**PORK LOIN**  
SLICED FREE  
\$1.29 LB.

LIPTON  
**TEA BAGS**  
\$1.78  
100-CT. BOX

KELLOGG'S  
**FROSTED FLAKES**..... 20-OZ. \$1.79

SPECIAL  
**BUC WHEATS CEREAL**..... 11-OZ. \$1.25

QUAKER  
**INSTANT GRITS**..... 18-OZ. \$1.05

CRISCO  
**SHORTENING**  
3-LB. CAN  
\$1.99

DUNCAN HINES  
**CAKE MIXES**  
(ALL FLAVORS)  
18-OZ. BOX  
79¢

KRAFT  
**BAR-BE-CUE SAUCE**..... 18-OZ. 99¢

KRAFT  
**MACARONI & CHEESE DELUXE DINNER**  
14-OZ. 99¢

KRAFT  
**MACARONI & CHEESE DELUXE DINNER**  
14-OZ. 99¢

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**STEAK SAUCE** 10-OZ. \$1.55

ARMOUR  
**TREET**..... 12-OZ. \$1.19

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**BREAKFAST SAUSAGE** 10-OZ. 69¢

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**ARMOUR TRIPE**..... 24-OZ. \$2.09

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**CORN MUFFIN MIX** 8 1/2-OZ. 4/99¢

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**CARNATION MILK** 13-OZ. CANS 2/99¢

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**IODIZED SALT**..... 26-OZ. 4/99¢

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**BANANAS** 3 lbs. \$1.00

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**ORANGES** 5-LB. BAG \$1.19

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PLUS DEPOSIT

OVEN GOLD HAMBURGER  
**BUNS**..... 8-CT. 2/99¢

OVEN GOLD HOT DOG  
**ROLLS**..... 8-CT. 2/99¢

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**BROWN 'N SERVE**..... 12-CT. 2/99¢

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**PAMPER'S TODDLERS** 12-CT. \$2.09

STAY DRY  
**PAMPER'S DAYTIME** 24-CT. \$3.35

KELLOGG'S  
**PRODUCT 19**..... 8-OZ. \$1.05

MAXWELL HOUSE  
**INSTANT COFFEE**..... 2-OZ. \$1.19

TASTER'S CHOICE  
**FREEZE DRIED COFFEE** 2-OZ. \$1.49

SANKA  
**INSTANT COFFEE**..... 4-OZ. \$2.39

MAXWELL HOUSE  
**COFFEE (ALL GRINDS)** \$2.59

LUZIANNE  
**RT COFFEE** 1-LB. BAG \$1.69

FRESH  
**GREEN CABBAGE**  
10¢ LB.

SHAWNEE  
SELF-RISING  
**FLOUR**  
5-LB. 89¢

MERITA  
**COOKBOOK BREAD**  
1 1/2-LB. LOAF  
2 FOR 99¢

HI DRI - JUMBO ASST.  
**PAPER TOWELS**..... 69¢

CHATHAM CRUNCHY TEXTURE  
**DOG FOOD**..... 25-LB. \$3.99

CHATHAM CRUNCHY TEXTURE  
**DOG FOOD**..... 50-LB. \$7.79

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**CHARCOAL BRIQUETS**..... 20-LB. \$3.09

QUAKER STATE  
**MOTOR OIL**..... QT. 99¢

TOM'S  
REGULAR \$1.19  
ASSORTED  
**POTATO CHIPS**  
BUY 1 GET 1 FREE

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**WHITE POTATOES**  
20-LB. BAG  
\$1.59