

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

Conoly is named Farm-City head

Robert L. Conoly has been named the chairman of Farm-City Week in Hoke County for 1984.

Conoly is Executive Branch Manager of United Carolina Bank of Raeford.

Serving with Conoly on a com-mittee to plan Farm-City Week observances in the county are Willie Featherstone, Shirley Gib-son, Wanda McPhaul, and Julian

Farm-City Week extends from November 16 through November 22, which is Thanksgiving Day. It is an annual event which spotlights a concentrated exchange of ideas and information between farm and city people. It's a time to learn about others - their jobs and their

More than 18,000 communities throughout the United States and Canada are expected to participate in this week-long series of events to support the theme: "Farm and City: Partners in Progress - PEO-PLE HELPING PEOPLE."

The national chairman this year is Dale E. Ruchman, Vice-pres., & Admin. Asst. to the CEO, Farm Credit Banks of St. Louis. The state chairman is Mrs. Winnie Wood of Camden County.

The Hoke County observance will be sponsored by both agricultural and non-agricultural firms, businesses and individuals.

Cats can handle own deliveries

DEAR DOCTOR: My cat is pregnant. This is the first time for her and for me. What do I have to watch for when she is having the kittens? When is it truly an emergency that requires that I call my veterinarian?

ANSWER For cats and dogs too, we owners often have nothing to do but stand by and watch the miracle of birth. In fact, we can cause problems by being too upset and worried at the time of birth because we can upset the pet too. The best rule of thumb is to watch and be reassuring to the pet. Make sure the pet has a warm, quiet place to have the Kittens and then just watch quietly.

Signs that your pet needs help with the birthing process include a long time in labor without having a Kitten, having a Kitten stuck halfway out of the birth canal, failure of the mother to clean the membranes away from the young and a great amount of bleeding after the kittens are born.

Call your veterinarian for specific advice if any of these conditions arise. He or she will be able to advise you as to the best way to handle your particular problem.

DEAR DOCTOR: My dog scratches and bites himself every year at this time. My veterinarian gives him medication to stop the scratching and it does a good job. My concern is that the medication a type of cortisone, is not good for my pet. What do you think?
ANSWER: Every Veterinarian

that treats dogs at this time of year is fighting skin problems caused by fleas and allergies. The allergies may be caused by the bite of the fleas or by the pet inhaling pollen. The same pollens that cause people to sneeze can cause pets to itch.

The medication used to treat the scratching usually contains a type of cortisone. When used as your veterinarian recommends, this You And Your Pet

drug can stop the scratching without serious side effects.

In most cases, the drug is used so that the dose decreases over a period of time. When used in this way, the pet has no problems when the drug is stopped.

The important thing to remember about allergies is that we are usually controlling the symptoms, not curing the allergy. Allergies to pollens or to the bite of the flea will appear whenever the cause reappears. So your dog will have the scratching problem each year about the same time. See your veterinarian as soon as it starts so that it may be controlled before great damage is done to the skin.

DEAR DOCTOR: My dog drags its rear along the ground. Does she have worms when she does this?

ANSWER: Not necessarily. Though tapeworms may cause your dog to scoot along the ground when their segments are passed, the most frequent reason for dogs to scoot is a problem with the anal glands.

glands are located alongside the anal opening and secrete a foul smelling liquid.

If they are not emptied during the passage of bowel movements, they may become over full and cause the dog to try to empty them by dragging its rear along the ground. See your veterinarain to be certain which problem is bothering your pet.

Editor's Note: This column is provided as public service by the NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. Do you have a question about health care? If so, send it to Ralph H. Lee. Executive Director, NCVMA, P.O. Box 1335, Kinston, N.C.

Burlington announces year's sales analysis

Burlington Industries, Inc. last week reported the details by pro-duct category of its fiscal 1984

In total, sales for the 1984 year were \$3,168.8 million, 6.0% above fiscal 1983 sales of \$2,990.4

Sales of Burlington's products. for apparel markets declined 1.9% to \$1,761.4 million from \$1,795.8 million. As a percent of total sales, products for apparel markets were 55.6% in fiscal 1984 and 60.1% in fiscal 1983.

Sales of Burlington's products for the home established a new record of \$1,088.8 million in 1984. 15.1% above last year's \$945.9 million.

Carpets and rugs experienced the greatest sales gain within the home products group advancing 27.3% to \$461.0 million from \$362.1 million in fiscal 1983.

As a group, the products for the home segment now represent 34.370 us putungton's total sales,

compared to 31.6% last year.

Products for industry also recorded record sales and the largest percentage sales gain of Burlington's three product

Sales were \$318.6 million, 28.1% above fiscal 1983's \$248.7 million.

Industrial products now repre-sent 10.1% of Burlington's total

October 26, Burlington reported its results for the 1984 fiscal year.

Sales were \$3,168.8 million, compared to \$2,990.4 million in fiscal 1983.

Net earnings for fisca! 1984 were \$62.4 million or \$2.18 per share compared to \$88.5 million or \$3.10

Included in the fiscal 1984 results were provisions of \$1.20 per share for the restructuring of sseveral of the company's opera-



Along the Swanee River? No. This is the Lumber River, or Drowning Creek, that separates Hoke County from Scotland County. This photo was taken just at the county line. There is a canoe trail that can be taken down this river and much of the scenery is just as beautiful as a picture. One thing you might want to watch is the way the river

winds. The Lumber River just may be one of the most curvasious ones in the world. The currents in the river have also been known to be treacherous. Many of the locals do not call the place "Drowning Creek" for nothing.

