

## Zoo celebrates holidays

Catch the holiday spirit at the North Carolina Zoological Park during a festive "Christmas at the Zoo" celebration, December 21-31.

The event will feature a singing Santa Claus, programs for children, a plush polar bear giveaway and several free admission days. Sponsors are the zoo and the N.C. Zoological Society.

Festivities will begin with a non-traditional tree-trimming on Saturday, December 21, in the plaza. From 10 a.m. to noon, members of the Greater Asheboro Council of Garden Clubs will decorate the zoo's Christmas tree with edible ornaments for wild birds.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance on Sunday, December 22, to sing holiday songs and give presents to children. He will ride the tram and visit the plaza from 1-3 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. on December 23, 27, 30 and 31, zoo educators will talk about the zoo's big cats, meerkats and other carnivores in the zoo society conference room.

Grandparents and grandchildren visiting the zoo together will be admitted free on Monday, December

23 - Grandparents Day. Everyone will be admitted free December 24-26.

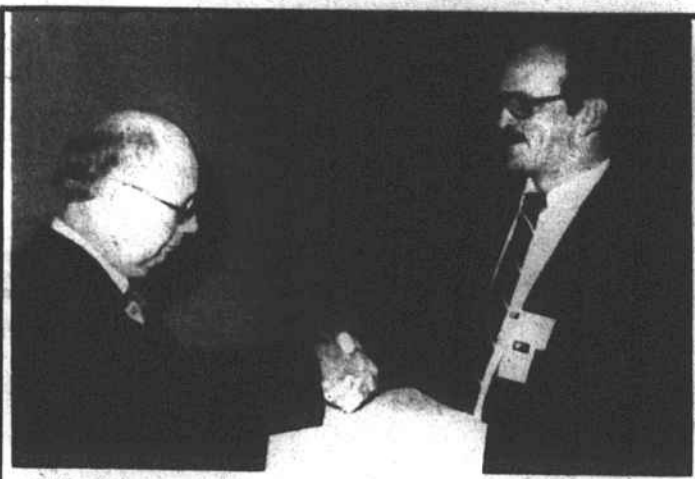
Visitors bringing an animal ornament for the zoo's Christmas tree during the celebration are eligible to win a plush polar bear. The drawing will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, at the tree. Entrants need not be present to win.

To kindle the holiday spirit before the official celebration begins, zoo restaurants and gift shops will offer 10 percent discounts on all purchases December 15-23.

The tram, restaurants and Safari gift shop will close December 24 and Christmas Day. The Leopard Spot gift shop will remain open December 24 and close on Christmas Day.

Zoo admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for ages 2 to 15 and senior citizens. The tram, which carries visitors between exhibits, is \$1 a person for the day.

The zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and located six miles southeast of Asheboro off U.S. 64, U.S. 220 and N.C. 159. For more information, call (919) 879-5606.



### Gift for service

W.W. Cameron Jr., president of Hoke County Farm Bureau, was announced as the winner of a special award by W.B. Jenkins, (left) president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, at its annual meeting in Charlotte last week. Presented in recognition for outstanding production during a statewide contest, the award allows Farm Bureau agents an opportunity to win this honor for their county's president who served on a voluntary basis. Hoke County Agency Manager Bob Blankenship (right) accepts gift on behalf of Cameron.

## Extension service holding quilt documentation day

The Hoke County Extension Homemakers Association will host a quilt documentation day at the Lester Building on South Magnolia Street in Raeford on January 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the documentation is to make a record of quilts and quiltmaking in North Carolina.

Those quilts made before 1976 will be documented.

All of the information and slides collected by the project will be permanently stored in the N.C. Museum of History and will be available for study by those people who are interested in quiltmaking.

A quilt display will be open to the public from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Quilts - old, new, antique, unusual and interesting are needed by Extension Homemakers for the display.

Anyone having a quilt they wish to display should bring it between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 4. You may also have

your quilt documented while you are there.

All quilts will be handled with extreme care. It would be helpful to have the following information with you (if you know the information): owner of quilt, maker of quilt, date and location where it was made, pattern of quilt, any interesting stories about the quilt. Quilts do not have to be of museum quality, and do not have to be made in North Carolina, as long as they have made their home in North Carolina.

There is no charge for the program. The program is sponsored by the Hoke County Extension Homemakers Association and Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service. For more information, call 875-2162.

## Pine straw becoming big state business

Baling of longleaf pine needles for retail sale for bedding and mulch is becoming big business in North Carolina.

Estimated retail sales exceeded \$5 million in 1985.

Sales could easily be doubled or tripled with greater owner awareness, management and marketing.

Forest service survey figures show close of 600,000 acres of longleaf pine type in 22 eastern and south central counties.

Only a fraction of these acres are being managed for straw.

Bill Stantion (Extension Forestry Specialist-retired) has just completed a study of the industry and has developed a slide-type, video and support publications on the topic.

These materials will be available during the winter. For more information contact your County Agricultural Extension Service.

Record 1985 Christmas tree harvest

Information at this level indicates we will be harvesting a record 3.2 million Christmas trees valued at \$37.5 million during the 1985 Christmas season.

Approximately 52 counties of the 60 growing trees will be marketing trees this year.

Current production indicates North Carolina is providing 10% of the nation's market.

Recent plantings indicate the state can provide 20% of the national market in five years.

Growers will have to maintain the best possible quality at reasonable cost to capture the necessary out of state markets required to utilize increases in production.

The 1985 marketing season for flue-cured tobacco began July 25 with a special auction for 1984

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carry over tobacco. Regular auctions started July 31 with final sales held October 29.

Sales were 51 days - four more than in 1984.

Gross sales for the season in Eastern North Carolina amounted to 305.9 million pounds, down 14.6 million pounds from last season, for an average price of \$170.43 per hundred.

Total value of the crop was \$520.7 million.

During the 1984 season, 319.9 million pounds were marketed for an average of 180.94 per hundred.

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation received 55.4 million pounds of 18.1% of gross sales. In 1984, stabilization receipts totaled 55.8 million pounds, or 17.5% of gross sales.

### Flue-cured quota referendum

The National flue-cured tobacco quota must be announced by the Secretary of Agriculture by December 15.

The flue-cured tobacco quota referendum must be conducted within 30 days of the quota announcement.

Target dates for the referendum are January 6-10, 1986 with ballots being tallied on January 15, 1986. The vote will be conducted by mail.

A list of eligible voters is available in the local ASCS office.

If you have any questions about the quota referendum, contact the ASCS office at 875-8111.

## Wild turkeys elude holiday dinner table

One breed of turkey will likely beat getting basted this holiday season: wild turkeys, the speedsters of the species.

Wild gobblers have been clocked in flight at top speeds of 42 miles per hour; and, even on the ground, they can dash faster than all but the fastest human runners.

They are among the most elusive game animals around, according to the current issue of International Wildlife magazine.

The birds seem to prefer walking to flying, but when they do fly, they can zoom through the air with surprising agility. Their powerful legs and wings, specially adapted

for rapid acceleration, help boost the bulky bird from the ground.

The wild birds, indeed, are a breed apart from their domesticated kin - farm turkeys - which have lost their swiftness and ability to fly.

The wild turkey's fast maneuvers, however, are short-lived.

After a quick burst of speed, the bird becomes exhausted.

The gobbler rarely attempts flights longer than a quarter-mile; and, even on the ground, it doesn't get very far. It lacks a red pigment that, in far-flying birds, combines with oxygen to burn energy over long distances. (The absence of the red pigment also explains why most wild turkey meat is white.)

## GIVE A TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS AND SUPPORT THE N.C. TURKEY FESTIVAL

Mugs	\$4 <sup>00</sup>	T-shirts	\$4 <sup>00</sup> (M & L)
Note pads	\$1 <sup>00</sup>	Ivans	\$12 <sup>00</sup>
<b>Bronze Turkeys \$14<sup>00</sup></b>			

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The News-Journal

## Skycity Sale! Today Thru December 24

### 25% Off All Women's and Children's Boots

Our entire inventory of women's and children's fashion boots must be sold. All the newest colors and styles. None held back!

Reg. \$2.99 <b>\$1.50</b>	Reg. \$5.97 <b>\$3</b>	Reg. \$19.97 <b>\$12</b>

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### \* PROPERTY TAX LISTING \*

N.C. State Law Requires That You List Property For Tax Purposes As Shown Below

#### WHEN TO LIST -

Beginning at 8:00 A.M. January 2, 1986 through 5:00 P.M. January 31, 1986 at the locations noted below. (Extensions of time to list may be granted upon written request and for valid reason.)

#### WHO MUST LIST - All Residents: Military and Civilian.

- All persons owning Real or Personal Property in Hoke County must appear before the tax listers for their township during the period of January 2, through January 31, 1986 to list their property for tax purposes.

- FAILURE TO LIST will subject taxpayer to a fine of \$500.00 or imprisonment not to exceed six months.

- All mobile home owners must list and obtain a registration decal.

- All mobile home park and aircraft storage facility must furnish to the Tax Supervisor the name of the owner of each aircraft or mobile home and a description of each by January 15, 1986.

- NOTE: Military personnel may be exempt from personal property tax if they submit proof that their "Home of Record" is other than North Carolina.

#### WHAT TO LIST - All Real and Personal Property.

- All property owned as of January 1, 1986 must be listed.

- All real property including buildings and improvements, and machinery permanently affixed.

- Household furniture, appliances, T.V.'s, air conditioners, fans, diamonds and jewelry, typewriters, boats and motors, trailers, etc.

- Farm equipment, livestock, poultry, supplies and products in storage, etc.

- Motor vehicles: all automobiles, trucks, airplanes, motorcycles, campers, etc.

- Business Personal Property: merchandise, finished goods, equipment, furniture and fixtures, goods in process, raw materials, samples, etc.

- Inventories are reported as of the latest completed fiscal year if the business year ends on a date other than December 31.

- ALL OTHER TANGIBLE PROPERTY NOT SPECIFIED

#### WHERE TO LIST - By Township

Raeford Township Lists At The Tax Office, 227 N. Main Street (Beside Southern National Bank)

Allendale, Antioch, Blue Springs, McLaughlin, Quewhaffle, and Stonewall Townships list at the Hoke County Library on N. Main Street.

Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. til 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday 8:00 til 12:00 Noon

For further information call: 875-8761

Tax Supervisor