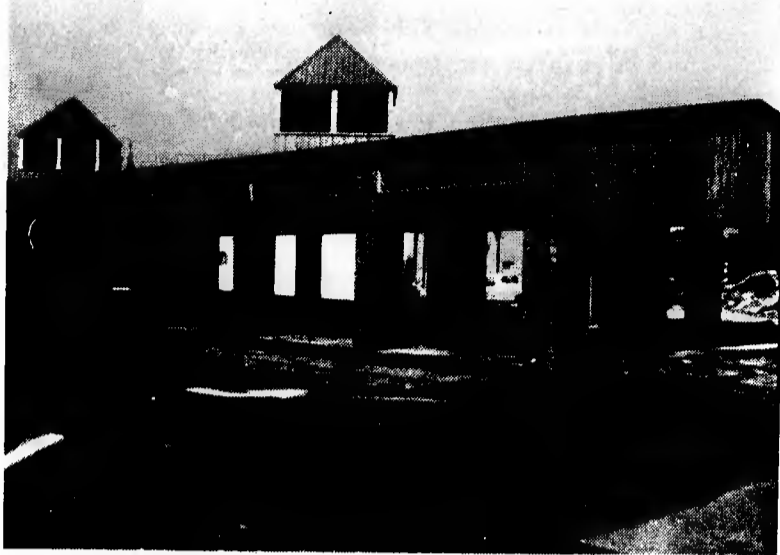


FARMING

Farmer's Market Opens In June



New Farmer's Market Building

Farmer's Market opens June 1 with 20 stalls available for sellers of farm products. Bill Dunham, Agriculture Extension Agent, wishes to invite sellers and customers to be in attendance for the opening of a market that is sure to benefit everyone in Craven.

At the publishing of this issue this paper has not received a copy of the rules but hope to have them available in a future issue.

The Farmer's Market is located in Bicentennial Park on Tryon Palace Drive in New Bern, N.C.

No-Till Corn

Jimmie Spruill and McRay Whitford are trying no-till corn for the first time this year. About the time they were set to plant corn, the tobacco plants had to go to the field. Tobacco planting and wet weather have delayed corn planting about a month this year. Most of the corn will be planted by the 15th of May.

Late corn planting means you have bigger and stronger weeds to knock down. A small weed under three inches in height is easy to knock down with contact chemicals; whereas, the weeds a foot or more in height requires more chemical and some time a different chemical. Horseweed and wild primrose were two weeds that presented the most problems.

The moist soil and warm temperatures brought the corn up in about five days. Some

corn was damaged by spraying too late after planting. Three days after planting is about as long as you should wait. I have not heard of the birds pulling up the "No-Till" corn. This may be another advantage of no-till.

McRay Whitford's corn is on the county line north of Caton. It looks like he killed all the weeds except for the wild onions. The wild onions won't hurt the corn, but it would be nice getting rid of them.

Clifford Toler is moving toward Asbury Church with his no-till planters. He has become an old pro at no-till corn. Mr. Bob Dunn is planting some no-till corn in his garden. He got some corn seed from Pennsylvania to try. I have never eaten any "No-Till" corn. John W. Smith, Jr. District Conservationist

Strawberry Pie Contest Winners

The Strawberry Pie Contest was held by Bright Farms during the Strawberry Festival/Rescue Day last weekend with pies from the community and local high school.

The 1st place winner was Angela Coward, 2nd place went to Sarah Matthews and 3rd place to Ms. Doris McDuffie.

Bright Farms specializes in fruits and strawberry farming and is located on Spring Garden Road and Highway 102 in Pitt County.

CP&L Shareholders Meet In Raleigh

Carolina Power & Light Co. is moving forward in completing Unit 1 of the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant near Raleigh and in promoting conservation and load management programs CP&L Chairman and Chief Executive Sherwood H. Smith, Jr. told shareholders attending the annual meeting held on May 16 in Raleigh.

"CP&L and our customers need the additional generating capacity Harris Unit 1 will provide," Smith said. "The completion of this unit will add greatly to the energy supply security of our service area."

Harris Unit 1 is about 85 percent complete and is scheduled for service in 1986.

CP&L's service area continues to be attractive to new and expanding industries, he said. In 1983 there were 157 industrial expansions and 64 new industries representing more than 9,000 new jobs and a total investment of \$496 million, said Smith.

The company expects to continue to manage effectively the growth in energy demand through conservation and load management programs. "Our goal is to reduce the 1995 peak load by 1,750 megawatts and thereby hold our construction program to a minimum," he said.

CP&L and its employees are helping needy individuals through its Project Share heating fund, employee woodcuts and low-cost weatherization kits, he said. Since December more than \$300,000 has been raised through Project Share to help the needy to pay home heating bills. CP&L shareholder funds are used to match contributions from employees and customers dollar-for-dollar up to \$150,000.

Project Share funds are distributed by service agencies in the two Carolinas to help pay heating bills for the needy in CP&L's service area regardless of whether the heating source is oil, gas, wood, or electricity, said Smith.

He noted that for 1983 the company has again earned the Southeastern Electric Exchange Award for Safety and the Edison Electric Institute's Safety Achievement Award. CP&L employees also have received recognition of their safety record from state agencies in North and South Carolina.

"This safety record exemplifies the high standards of our employees and their dedication on the job," said Smith.

At the end of 1983, CP&L had 103,859 holders of common shares, who owned 62.5 million shares of common stock. The company provides electric service to more than 796,000 customers in a 30,000 square mile area that includes eastern North Carolina, northeastern South Carolina and an area in western North Carolina around Asheville.

During the annual meeting, shareholders elected a 14-member board of directors. Elected to the board were Daniel D. Cameron, Felton J. Capel, George H.V. Cecil, Charles W. Coker, Jr., William E. Graham, Jr., Margaret T. Harper, L.H. Harvin, Jr., Karl G. Hudson, Jr., Edward G. Lilly, Jr., John C. Medlin, Jr., A.C. Monk, Jr., Sherwood H. Smith, Jr., H.L. Tilghman, Jr. and E.E. Utley, Jr.

All of the directors are incumbents.

Correction—Vida Toler Godwin's name was listed incorrectly as Vida Toler Godley in last week's edition of *The Highlights*.

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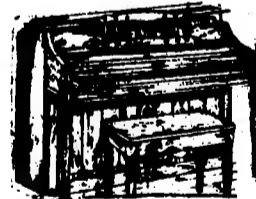
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