

## Farm Bureau In Opposition To Price Ceiling Program

### Board of Directors Pass Resolution at Special Meeting

T. O. Asbell, President of the Chowan County Farm Bureau, says that the board of directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, at a special meeting last week in Raleigh, voted unanimously the following resolution designed to further emphasize the Farm Bureau's position with reference to controlling inflation:

The North Carolina Farm Bureau maintains that inflation cannot be controlled by price ceiling on raw agricultural commodities for the following reasons:

1—Farmers cannot afford to produce agricultural commodities under a ceiling price when the cost of production is rapidly increasing and will ultimately result in the farmer producing his commodities at a loss.

2—Records show that since 1947 the farmer's net income has decreased from 18 billions to 13 billions. This is a decrease of over 30 per cent.

3—Last year the farmer received an average wage of only 69 cents per hour in comparison to the industrial worker's wage scale of \$1.50. No consideration was given for the farmer's managerial ability, and a scant 5 per cent was allowed on his investment.

The North Carolina Farm Bureau maintains that the only possible solution to the inflation problem is to increase productions; eliminate non-essential governmental expenditures; provide non-inflation handling of monetary and fiscal policies; strict credit controls; and a pay-as-you-go system of taxation.

This program will increase production, keep our free markets, and ultimately put food on American tables at a reasonable price.

Mr. Asbell said that R. Flake Shaw, Executive Vice-President, NCFB, compared the farmer's decreasing margin to a "hay-bale press," with the cost of living converging on him from one side, and price ceilings from the other side, thereby "squeezing" his meager margin of profit. Shaw pointed out that "Farm Bureau is going all out to get the price control provisions of the Defense Production Act eliminated." This act is scheduled to expire June 30, and it is up to the Congress to determine its fate.

A minimum membership quota for this State has been set at 80,000 by the Board of Directors with a 100,000 maximum quota. This quota will be made up from the County membership.

Will H. Rogers, FB Director of Organization, said that awards similar to those made in the past would be offered by the State Farm Bureau to counties reaching or exceeding minimum membership quotas. Individual awards will also be made for member-

## Potato Festival In Elizabeth City Saturday, May 26

### Gala Event Planned For People of Albemarle Section

Elizabeth City will be the scene of great festivities on Saturday, May 26, as the fourth annual Potato Festival, honoring thousands of dirt farmers in the Albemarle are honored in an all day festival.

Parades, baseball games, band recitals, dances and a beauty contest will be the order of the day as thousands of Albemarle residents flock to Elizabeth City for the fourth annual festival. It is being booked as even greater than last year's program and being on Saturday. It is expected to draw upwards to 12,000 persons.

Elimination beauty contests have been held in the nine counties in the Albemarle section and the winners of these contests will compete in the final beauty pageant in Elizabeth City on May 24. Winner of the final contest will reign as queen of the all-day festival and will ride the float of honor. The other eight county winners will serve as the queen's court in the big parade. Miss Kitty Campen will represent Chowan County.

Twenty floats from merchants all over the Albemarle have been entered in the Potato festival parade and it is expected to be the most colorful and elaborate this eastern North Carolina section has experienced. Fifteen bands from North Carolina and Virginia are entered in the two-mile long parade, augmented by a drum and bugle corp of the Boy Scouts and a bevy of comic floats and array of fast horses.

The queen and her court will ride a large float decked with flowers. Free potato chips from the Albemarle potato crops will be served on the Court House lawn all day.

Outboard and inboard motor races will be on tap on the Pasquotank River basin Saturday afternoon with boats from all over the Eastern Seaboard coming here for the first day of a two-day sanctioned race. Races will be run in the outboard class Saturday.

Saturday night the Elizabeth City Albemarle's Baseball Club will play a special benefit game for the Potato Festival through with band concerts and crowning of the Potato Queen, and later on a dance will be held with a name band providing the music at the Willis Wright Motor Co.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker Jones announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Gail, May 13, at the Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Jones is the former Miss Marguerite Ward.

ship acquisition, he said.

The membership plan will be discussed in District Farm Bureau meetings to be held during the month of August.

## Hospital Patients

Following is a list of patients in Chowan Hospital as of Monday of this week:

#### White

Miss Patricia Byrum, Edenton; Miss Blanche Cayton, Edenton; Mrs. Julia Lupton, Edenton; Mrs. Betsy Hassell and baby boy, Edenton; Mrs. Mildred Spruill, Edenton; Roland Ashley, Edenton; Joseph Twiddy, Edenton; Vernon Moore, Edenton,

#### Colored

Sarah Dickson, Edenton; Rosie Hurdle, Edenton; Dorothy Blount, Edenton; Patricia Elliott, Edenton; Ed Bonds, Plymouth; William Riddick, Hertford; Melvin Renell, Hertford; James Elliott, Tyner.

## Baptist Missionary Union Meets Today

The Women's Missionary Union of Chowan County will meet in the Edenton Baptist Church today (Thursday). The theme of the meeting will be "Faithful To Our Task."

The morning session will begin at 10:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Gordon Maddrey will make the principal address. At the afternoon session the Rev. Paul Lemons, pastor of the Warwick Baptist Church, will be the principal speaker.

Others on the program include Mrs. C. W. Overman, Mrs. Oris Blanchard, Mrs. Hercules Byrum, Mrs. W. H. Dale, Miss Betty Cale Bateman, Mrs. James Hughes and Mrs. C. T. Doughtie.

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