

4 Business Concerns Join The National Federation Of Independent Business

Purpose to Protect and Promote Private Business

Business concerns in Chowan County have joined in the rapidly growing National Federation of Independent Business, an organization composed entirely of independent business men and women.

The purpose and program of the organization is to promote and to protect the system of private business, with equal rights for all; to give small business a greater voice in laws governing business and the nation. Big business does not necessarily mean the size of a business. Instead, only those who are unfair and selfishly damage the system of real free enterprise. Big government comes within the same category.

Independent business people have long realized the great importance and necessity of having an organization operating solely in behalf of independent business welfare. A thorough appraisal of the federation's program will disclose it was designed and does give an entirely different approach than any other program to promote and protect independent business welfare. It permits independent business to completely divorce its organized efforts from monopoly and big business influence. By each member actually voting his own ballot and having a say in the running of the organization it builds a closer working relationship between independent business men and their members of Congress. This is one reason why members of Congress have expressed such great enthusiasm for the Federation's program.

District Chairmen are appointed in the different communities. The Chairman assembles the ballots and tabulates them. He forwards the ballots and the tabulation directly to the Congressman. A copy of the tabulation is forwarded to the Federation's office. This enables the Federation to prepare a national summary. A copy of the national summary is forwarded to all of the membership, as well as to every member of Congress. This national summary enables the Washington office to follow through in their work with the members of Congress, Congressional committees, as well as government agencies, giving to them this great nationwide cross-section of independent business opinions.

The Federation program is not a duplication of any other program. Over a period of years it has proven to accomplish more for independent business than any other program ever devised. The overwhelming response received has built the largest individual membership of any business organization in the world. The program has created a closer working relationship between independent business and professional people and their members of Congress. Following are some reasons:

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Chowan County Ranks 2nd In Increase In Number Of Farms From 1950 To 1954

New Master



ERNEST P. KEHAYES
At Thursday night's meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & M., Ernest P. Kehayes was installed as master of the lodge for the year 1956. He succeeds C. W. Overman.

Physical Exams Now Being Made In Health District

About 25% of Chowan Children Examined Thus Far

The district school physician is now making physical examinations on the third grade throughout the four counties in the four-county health district.

All white schools in all counties have been completed except Elizabeth City. After the city white schools are completed, the third grade in the colored schools of all four counties will be seen. It is always regretted that other grades cannot be seen, but lack of time prevents it. The enrollment is always increasing.

Parents are always urged to be present at the examinations, and are sent written notices of the date and hour. Far too few parents are present. The U. S. Public Health Service figures that, to be a good program, at least 80% of the children should be accompanied by a parent.

So far this year Hertford Grammar School leads in this regard, by far, with 58%. Other schools are: South Mills, 37%; Camden, 24%; Winfall, 12%; Newland, 7%; Central, 28%; Weaverville, 12%; Edenton, 24%; Chowan High, 23%; and Rocky Hook, 27%.

County Credited With 895 Farms as of November, 1954

According to the 1954 census of agriculture, Chowan County ranks second in North Carolina from April, 1950, to November, 1954, in the percentage increase in number of farms. In 1954 Chowan was credited with 895 farms, which represents an increase of 12.2% since 1950. Person County heads the list with a percentage of 26.2%.

There are only 16 counties with more farms in 1954 than in 1950. The increases range from Person with 26.2 percent to Currituck with 0.4 percent. One county, Greens, reports exactly the same number of farms at each census period.

Eighty-two counties reported fewer farms in 1954 than in 1950. The losses range from 0.2 percent in Surry county to 27.4 percent in Gaston county.

It is interesting to note that only two counties in the state show increases of more than 10 percent in number of farms, while 32 counties show decreases of more than 10 percent during the approximately five year period.

There does not appear to be any particular conclusion as to what parts of the state were most affected by gains and losses. Most of the counties that suffered heavy losses are pretty well scattered over the state. The number of counties showing only nominal losses are chiefly cash crop counties. However, there are all kinds of exceptions to any geographic observation. Several counties showed gains, or only nominal losses, while their next door neighbors showed heavy losses. There simply is no pattern to the gains and losses of farms during the last five years or so. The outstanding fact is that 83 counties report fewer farms than in 1950.

Following the Trend
There is nothing to be alarmed about in the decline of farms in North Carolina. We are finally following the national trend. In the United States the number of farms reached an approximate peak about 1910 and remained rather constant for the next 25 years. The decline in farms set in after 1935, at which time the Census reported 6,812,350 farms. The number of farms had declined to 5,382,162 in 1950. The total for 1955 has not been reported. Preliminary reports are out for about 30 states, nearly all of which show fewer farms in 1954 than in 1950.

North Carolina has experienced a loss of from 288,508 farms in April 1950 to 267,996 farms in November 1954. This means a loss of 20,602 farms, or slightly under 5,000 farms per year for the four and a half years.

MARINES MAKE CONTRIBUTION



In the above picture Colonel Hamilton Lawrence, left, commanding officer of the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, and Colonel L. K. Davis, commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 14, are presenting Mayor Ernest P. Kehayes a check for \$1,500, representing the amount raised at the Edenton base to be distributed among the various charity organizations of Chowan County. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the generosity and cooperation of the Marines in activities affecting Edenton.

1956 Automobile License Tags Went On Sale Tuesday

Must Be Displayed on Vehicles Before Feb- ruary 16th

North Carolina's 1956 automobile license plates went on sale Tuesday of this week at the office of Miss Goldie Layton, branch manager of the Carolina Motor Club, 102 East Water Street, as well as at some 80 other offices and the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh.

The new plates must be displayed on all motor vehicles by midnight of February 15.

Approximately 1,600,000 application cards for 1956 license plates have been mailed from Raleigh by the Department of Motor Vehicles. These application cards must be presented by the owners when applying for the new license tags.

Only one license plate will be sold in 1956, to be attached to the rear of all vehicles.

No special numbers may be reserved by anyone, according to a ruling of the Department of Motor Vehicles, but, as customary, official state license plate No. 1 will be reserved for the governor's limousine.

All owners of out-of-state motor vehicles are required to obtain inspection certificates from any of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol inspection stations throughout the state before applying for a North Carolina license.

Each year hundreds of out-of-state owners waste countless hours standing in line—to discover that they must first have their vehicles inspected by the State Highway Patrol before a license can be issued.

For 1956 a black-on-orange color scheme will be used on a slightly enlarged plate. North Carolina is a step ahead in a move to make every motor vehicle license plate in North America a uniform six by twelve. By 1957 such uniformity is expected to be achieved according to officials of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. For '56 most states have complied with the AAMVA's recommendation.

A new numbering system will also go into effect next year. Single and compound letters of the entire alphabet will be used to stretch out available numerical combinations. As a result the number of characters on any one place will not exceed two letters and four numerals.

The '56 plates will be used with the "Drive Safely" slogan, which was dropped in 1955 because of space limitations. New tag dimensions will be ample to include the slogan and North Carolina unabridged.

Last year approximately 1,600,000 license plates were sold. The 1956 total is expected to exceed 1,700,000.

Miss Layton's office hours will be 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. daily. **Continued on Page 8—Section 1**

Nationally Known Medical Speakers For Local Courses

First Meeting Sched- uled For Edenton January 25

Four nationally-known medical teachers have been included on the program for two postgraduate medical courses to be held in Kinston, Ahoskie, Edenton and Elizabeth City during the next two months.

Dr. W. A. Attemeier, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine; Dr. J. Lamar Callaway, Duke University School of Medicine; Dr. Louis Krause, University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Dr. Robert B. Lawson, University of Miami School of Medicine, are the four guest lecturers scheduled.

They will join with five University of North Carolina medical faculty members in conducting the classes for physicians in general practice in Eastern North Carolina.

First meeting in Kinston is set for Tuesday, January 10, with subsequent lectures scheduled for Tuesdays through February 21.

The second tri-city course will open Wednesday, January 11 in Ahoskie, moving to Edenton on January 25 and Elizabeth City on February 1. The remaining three lectures will alternate between the cities in the above order, ending on February 22.

There will be no meetings on January 17 and 18, due to an annual meeting at the Obici Clinic, Suffolk, Va.

The Edenton-Ahoskie-Elizabeth City course was arranged by First District Medical Society representatives, working with the UNC agencies.

Methodist Church Calls Off Services On Sunday Nights

Action Taken By Of- ficial Board Meeting Monday Night

At the meeting of the official board of the Edenton Methodist Church held Monday night, January 2, it was decided that the church's Sunday evening services shall be discontinued. This decision does not do away with Sunday evening activities at the church, however. Mr. Richardson, the pastor, and the two youth counselors, Mrs. Dayton Robinson and Mrs. Harry Lattimer, will be able to work out a more comprehensive program for the young people. Extra sessions in the field of adult Christian education will also be planned for certain periods of the year, particularly in the area of Christian family life.

Before the action of the official board Mr. Richardson had already announced the beginning of Wednesday evening prayer services to be held at 7:30. The first of these services was held Wednesday night of this week. Members and friends of the church are urged to attend these services.

ROTARIANS MEET TODAY

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of Dr. Ed Bond, and President Gerald James urges every Rotarian to be present.

METHODIST BAKE SALE

The young people of the Edenton Methodist Church will put on a bake sale at the P & Q Super Market on Saturday, January 14. The proceeds will go toward helping finance a project of redecorating and furnishing the MYF room at the church.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

A stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The new officers for the year 1956 will be in their stations and places, so that the master, Ernest P. Kehayes, urges a full attendance.

Bookmobiles Again Resume Schedules Following Holidays

Business Chairman



A. B. HARLESS
With the National Federation of Independent Business recently organized in Chowan County, A. B. Harless early this week was named as chairman.

Librarians Busy Pro- cessing Books Over Holidays

The libraries and bookmobiles of the Pettigrew Regional Library will resume regular schedules now that the holidays are over. Even though the bookmobiles did not run the weeks before and after Christmas, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Harris have been busy processing new books and ordering catalog cards for them. At the Tyrrell County Public Library, 365 new books, mostly juvenile, were gotten ready for circulation. Most of them are being placed on the two bookmobiles.

The white bookmobile is operating in Chowan County this week and will also be in this county Monday, January 9, January 10, 11, 12 and 16. It will be in Tyrrell County and January 23, 24, 25, 26. It will be in Washington County and then will come back to Chowan County.

The colored bookmobile will begin operation January 9 in Chowan County. This week was eliminated because the schools requested that they keep their books until the end of January. They were checked out the first and second weeks in December and because of vacation the teachers said they could not all be read. Individual patrons checked out enough books to last them eight weeks. The bookmobile will go to Tyrrell County January 12, after Chowan has been completed. It will also operate there January 16, 17 and 19 and then will be in Washington January 23, 24 and 26. It will be in Chowan again beginning January 30, for the necessary four or five runs, depending upon how revised schedules work out.

Edenton radio station WCDJ is broadcasting bookmobile schedules at 9:30 week-day mornings on the program "News of the Albemarle."

Books have been left at the Chowan Hospital for the use of both white and colored patients.

The schedule for the white bookmobile for Route 1 will be Monday, January 30, February 27, March 26, April 23 and May 21.

Center Hill Community: Mrs. John Parrish, 9 to 9:15 A. M.; Mrs. Georgia Topping, 9:20 to 9:25 A. M.; Mrs. Bertha White, 9:40 to 10:10 A. M.; Center Hill, 10:10 to 10:40 A. M.; Mrs. Helen Hollowell, 10:45 to 11 A. M.; Mrs. Daisy Monds Jordan, 11:05 to 11:20; Mrs. Ruth Claire Dale, 11:25 to 11:40 A. M.; Happy Home Church, 11:40 to 11:55 A. M.; Byrum's Cross Roads, 12 noon to 12:30 P. M.; Mrs. Dorothy Chappell, 12:30 to 12:45 P. M.; Mrs. Thomas Ashell, 12:45 to 1 P. M.; Mrs. Kate Bush, 1 to 1:15 P. M.; Mrs. Cross Roads, 1:15 to 1:30 P. M.; Henderson Peeler's Store, 1:40 to 1:50 P. M.; Mrs. W. D. Elliott, 2 to 2:10 P. M.; Mrs. Lena Ashell, 2:20 to 2:30 P. M.; Ryland, P. O. and Mrs. Lane, 2:45 to 3:30 P. M.

The schedule for Route 2 in the Rocky Hook community follows: Tuesdays, January 3, January 31, February 28, March 27, April 24 and May 22.

Central School, 8:45 to 9:45 A. M.; Bunch's Store, 9:45 to 10 A. M.; Mrs. Lloyd Bass, 10:05 to 10:15 A. M.; Mrs. Rodney Bass, 10:20 to 10:30 A. M.; C. M. Evans, 10:35 to 10:45 A. M.; Mrs. Clarence Bass, 10:50 to 11 A. M.; Mrs. Harris, 11:05 to 11:15 A. M.; Mrs. Ralph Dail, 11:20 to 11:30 A. M.; Mrs. David Ober, 11:35 to 11:45 A. M.; E. L. Pearce, 11:50 to 12 noon; Mrs. Kermit Perry, 12:05 to 12:15 P. M.; Perry's Store, 12:20 to 12:55 P. M.; Martha McCleary, 1 to 1:40 P. M.; J. T. Layton, 1:15 to 1:25 P. M.; Mrs. Percy Perry, 1:35 to 1:45 P. M.; Mrs. Eva Jordan, 1:50 to 2 P. M.; Mrs. Lanny Harrell, 2:05 to 2:15 P. M.; Mrs. Lester Harrell, 2:20 to 2:30 P. M.; Mrs. Graham Bass, 2:35 to 2:45 P. M.; M. J. Tynch Store, 2:55 to 3:05 P. M.; Will Tynch, 3:10 to 3:20 P. M.; Mrs. Dixie Harrell, 3:25 to 3:35 P. M.; Mrs. Kermit Nixon, 3:40 to 3:50 P. M.; Mrs. J. W. Chilton, 3:55 to 4:05 P. M.; Marvin B. Smith, 4:10 to 4:20 P. M.; Mrs. Doris Peele, 4:25 to 4:35 P. M.

The schedule for Route 3 follows: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. **Continued on Page 2—Section 1**



AVIS MACADAMUS—New specie for ornithologists to study in years to come is the "highway bird." A prime example of the fowl is shown, above. Its tail feathers form the approach to a service plaza under construction at Lawrence, Kan., for the new Kansas Turnpike. Bird's body is outlined by lanes of the 236-mile route. They join to form the beak, which stretches into the distance at upper right. "Perch" is a secondary road which will be bridged by the new through-way, slated for opening by October of this year.