

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

New Furniture From Old: This is the subject that will be discussed at the winter joint community meetings in February. These meetings begin with Chowan Community at the Chowan Community Building next Tuesday night, January 31, at 6:30 o'clock.

The rest of the schedule is as follows: Advance on February 6, Oak Grove on February 7, Rocky Hock-Gum Pond-Beech Fork on February 8, Ryland on February 9, Yeopim on February 13, Byrd on February 15 and Wards on February 16. Each will be a dinner meeting at 6:30 o'clock. Yeopim will meet at 7:00 o'clock.

In many homes there are discarded pieces of furniture which are still very useful if we just know what to do with them. Refinishing or restyling such furniture will save buying new furniture if we are just willing to spend some time working on it.

Our illustrated discussion will show you how some pieces of furniture have been made useful and attractive again. It will give you some ideas you can use on pieces you may have. Saving money is important to all of us here is an opportunity to get ideas.

Dick Lowe Agricultural Short Course Recipient: Dick Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lowe of Advance Community, has been awarded a two-weeks agricultural short course at N. C. State College by the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Edenton. The bank has awarded this scholarship to an outstanding young farmer each year for several years.

Dick will join young farmers from many other counties in school January 30 through February 10. His brief studies in practical farming will include poultry, marketing, field crops, farm planning, soils and fertilizers, insect and disease control, mechanization, horticulture, livestock and forestry.

Dick was an outstanding 4-H Club member. His project activities and records were good. He held several club offices. At present, Dick is serving the Advance 4-H Club as a leader. Dick and his father are farming together under a father-son partnership agreement. We congratulate Dick on his opportunity and the bank on its sponsorship.

Advance Community Meets Friday Night: The January meeting of Advance Community will be held at the Advance Community Building on Friday night, January 27, at 7:30 o'clock according to Chairman Woodrow Lowe. Mr. Lowe urges all members of Advance Community to be present.

Officers for the 1961 year will be elected. Plans for farm, home, youth and community progress will be discussed. Think of the major things we need to work on and bring your ideas to the meeting. Let's make 1961 our best year in progress, the chairman urges.

Sweet Potato Men Go To New York

Wilbert M. Hare of Cross Roads Community plans to join other sweet potato growers and dealers on a trip to New York. Traveling by bus, the group will leave North Carolina Saturday morning on the four day trip. The trip is being sponsored by the North Carolina Yam Association which is paying the transportation. There will be stops on Eastern Shore, Virginia and other points of sweet potato interest.

Mr. Hare made an official yield of 354 bushels of U. S. No. 1 sweet potatoes per acre on two acres last year. He qualifies for the "300 Bushel Sweet Potato Club" and will be awarded a certificate at the annual meeting of the N. C. Yam Association at Goldsboro on February 15. We congratulate Mr. Hare on his accomplishment and on his New York trip.

Agricultural Workers and Community Leaders Meet: Representative community leaders and Agricultural Workers will meet at the Chowan Community Building on Wednesday afternoon, February 1, at 4:00 o'clock. Mr. Robert Long, Extension Specialist in Community Development will meet with us.

Improving and extending Chowan's Community Development program is the purpose. Consideration will be given to establishing a county council of communities. Project selection needs our careful thinking. We are making progress, but how can we involve more people and all communities?

Lunch Room Menu

Menus at John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of January 30-February 3, will be as follows:

Monday: Luncheon meat, turnip greens, pineapple block cake, buttered potatoes, bread, butter, milk.

Tuesday: Sliced ham, green beans, vanilla ice cream, milk, potato salad, bread, butter.

Wednesday: Stew beef with potatoes and gravy, lima beans, apple pie, cornbread, milk, butter.

Thursday: Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwiches, salted crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, gingerbread, milk.

Friday: Hamburgers, creamed potatoes, fruit jello, hamburger rolls, garden peas, milk.

Donations to the 'New March of Dimes' Will Help Prevent Crippling Diseases

Millions of families throughout the United States this month have received March of Dimes "mailers."

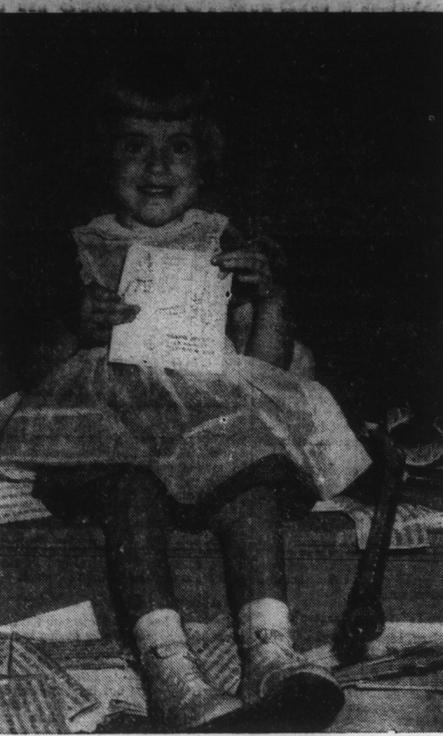
If the millions on the receiving end of this gigantic mail operation coast-to-coast and in Hawaii and Alaska have not already done so, now is the time to return the familiar envelope with a donation to the county March of Dimes chapter, local leaders urged this week. The world's largest voluntary health organization is seeking to prevent crippling diseases, with its sights set at birth defects and arthritis and at continued work in polio.

These mailers, which reproduce the campaign theme, "Prevent Crippling Diseases—Please Say Yes to the New March of Dimes," were addressed in great part by selfless volunteers who, by combing through telephone and other directories, were able to "spot" just about every family in their county. Addresses of new homes, not included in telephone books, were obtained by these volunteers from real estate boards, tax lists, from other official records, and from chambers of commerce.

Hopefully, each of the 44 million families in the United States will have an opportunity to help prevent crippling diseases by contributing to the March of Dimes between now and Jan. 31.

The blue mailer contains an envelope with a pocket for a March of Dimes contribution by check or cash and with space for the donor's name and address. A brief message addressed to "Dear Neighbor" explains the expanded program of The National Foundation, and elsewhere on the mailer a few health figures are given—for example, that birth defects cripple one out of every 16 babies in the United States; that arthritis and rheumatism afflict 11 million Americans; and that polio can still strike down any one of more than 85 million unvaccinated persons in the country.

County chapter officials say



"Mailers, mailers everywhere!" says Linda Brees, of Columbus, Ohio, 1961 March of Dimes National Poster Child, as she "models" one of the contribution envelopes. Mailers are to be returned this month to local chapters of The National Foundation to support expanded health program in birth defects and arthritis, and continued work in polio. Linda is recovering from birth defects of an open spine and excess fluid on the brain.

are desperately needed to finance National Foundation programs of aid to patients, of research and in the training of health workers.

No Comment

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"NO COMMENT" is a report of incidents on the national scene, and does not necessarily reflect NAM policy or position.

Washington, D. C. — A showdown on government spending is at hand—and members of the congressional economy bloc are sending out urgent appeals for support in their effort to eliminate all unessential expenditures.

Activity along this line has been intensified following Mr. Eisenhower's annual messages to Congress—coupled with President Kennedy's spending program proposed thus far.

Pointed support for a grass-roots economy campaign—which at the same time set up guideposts for the Kennedy Administration—was provided in Mr. Eisenhower's messages sent to Congress just before the January 20 inauguration of the new President.

"It is imperative for the extension of economic growth at a high and sustainable rate," Mr. Eisenhower asserted, "that the budget be kept balanced and that we act responsibly in financial matters."

Mr. Eisenhower's fiscal legacy to the Kennedy Administration is what was described as a prospective surplus of \$79 million for the current year (ending next June 30) and a \$1.5 billion surplus for the following year.

There is considerable skepticism in informed circles, however, about actually attaining these goals—unless an effective drive is waged against wasteful spending.

One reason for skepticism is

the fact that the Eisenhower estimates are based on the expectation that Congress will quickly enact certain revenue-producing legislation—such as increasing postal rates by \$843 million annually. This is something that Congress has repeatedly refused to do.

Another reason is that the Kennedy program—as announced by the President in his campaign and as detailed in the Democratic platform, which he supported—calls for multi-billion-dollar increases in the present spending level.

The Kennedy position is that his program can be carried out, within a balanced budget, (1) by economizing in other expenditures, (2) by closing tax "loopholes," and (3) by creating additional tax revenue from an expanded economy which he contends his policies would stimulate.

Many Republicans and Southern Democrats challenge these claims. They maintain that as additional government spending—to the extent advocated by Mr. Kennedy and the Northern Democrats in Congress—can only result in seriously unbalanced budgets, dangerous inflation and in a further slash of the value of the dollar.

Such a fiscal situation, it is added, would threaten further depletion of the nation's gold reserves by encouraging investment abroad as a result of lessened confidence in the dollar.

President Kennedy's specific legislative proposals to Congress had to await his inauguration. But the apprehension of Conservatives mounted daily following publication of big spending recommendations from task forces appointed by Mr. Kennedy to study a variety of national issues.

For example, the task force to investigate the nation's economy advocated that government spending be increased, during the fiscal year starting next June 30, by between \$3 billion and \$5 billion in order to combat what was carefully labeled as the current "recession."

Most economists agree that present economic conditions are headed for an upturn fairly early

in 1961—which would be long before any government spending program could possibly have any substantial effect.

Members of the economy bloc were critical, too, of some of Mr. Eisenhower's spending recommendations. They thought a substantial amount of trimming could be done without affecting the national security or any essential program. Some of the proposals resulted from congressional action which the administration had not recommended.

Mr. Eisenhower proposes that government spending jump to \$80.9 billion—which would set a new peacetime record—during the 1962 fiscal year starting next July 1.

This would represent an increase from the \$78.9 billion estimated for the present fiscal year—and from the \$76.5 billion spent in 1960.

Receipts are estimated at \$82.3 billion—the highest in the nation's history—for the 1962 fiscal year. The estimate for the current year is \$79 billion compared with \$7.8 billion for last year. (All the figures are rounded in billions).

Conservatives object to such consistent confirmation of the well-known economic law, developed by Professor Parkison of Great Britain, that "expenditure rises to meet income."

The Conservatives would like to see this additional income devoted to tax reduction and reducing the national debt rather than to more and more government spending.

Washington — What Congress does—or does not do—in 1961 will be determined, to a major extent, by the outcome of the contest between the political skill and power of President-elect Kennedy and the political skill and power of the Southern Democratic-Conservative Republican congressional coalition.

That contest is expected to continue throughout the session—and beyond. It is possible that one side may be victorious on some issues and be defeated on others. But success or failure—or a compromise—will not come without a battle on important issues.

Indications are that the congressional session which started on January 3 will resemble initially—to a considerable extent—the one held last August after the two national political conventions.

But there are all-important differences—which could shape the nation's future from now on. All of the industry-opposed legislation which President-elect Kennedy and his supporters failed to push to enactment last August is again before Congress.

Only a majority vote of Con-

gress is required for enactment, since the threat of an Eisenhower veto will be removed after the January 20 inauguration of his successor. A two-thirds vote of both the Senate and the House is necessary to override a veto.

But the legislation left over from August is only the beginning of the far-flung program advocated by Mr. Kennedy in the Democratic platform and during the presidential campaign.

This program would involve additional multi billion dollar Government spending—which he maintains could be done within a balanced budget. It would bring about a vast expansion in the power of the Federal Government to regulate the conduct of business and the lives of the people.

Just what success Mr. Kennedy has in obtaining congressional approval of his proposals depends upon the reaction of Congress.

The consensus in Washington is that he will wage an all-out battle for everything on his program that he regards as possible of attainment.

What is stopped will be due to the effectiveness of congressional opposition—and not because of any lack of eagerness on the part of Mr. Kennedy.

Major emphasis at the start of the session has been placed by Mr. Kennedy—and his congressional leaders—on the following industry-opposed legislation left over from last August:

1. Medical aid for the elderly covered by Social Security—with an increase of one-fourth of one percent in the present Social Security tax on both employers and employees.

2. An increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25 an hour in the present minimum wage and broadening of coverage to include several million additional employees.

3. Federal subsidies for depressed areas, education and housing.

Mr. Kennedy has made clear that "a good number" of other proposals will be presented to Congress by him "as time goes on."

These are expected to cover, among other things: tax revis-

ion, settling strikes by plant seizure or other methods, legalization of situs picketing and secondary boycotts at construction sites, federalization of the state unemployment compensation system, anti-recession proposals, development of natural resources, including expansion of public power; and automation. It definitely is going to be a busy session.

James L. Bass Dies After Long Illness

James L. Bass, 62, died at the home of his son, Quinton Bass, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock after an illness of two years. A native of Chowan County, he was a son of the late Quinton and Mary Nixon Bass and was a retired farmer.

Surviving are three sons, Quinton Bass, Johnnie Bass and Reuben Bass, all of Edenton; two daughters Mrs. Eric Jones of Edenton and Mrs. Winice White of Hobbsville; two brothers K. R. Bass of Courtland, Va., and J. T. Bass of Edenton; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church where funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Gordon Shaw, officiated and burial was in the Smith Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Bass, Thomas C. Bass, Carroll Smith, Elmo Overton, Mayo Laurence and W. I. Williford.

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