

## National 4-H Club Week Will Be Observed March 4 To 11

National 4-H Club Week, March 4 to 11, will be observed by about 275 youth in Chowan, according to Miss Catherine Aman and Harry Venters, assistant county extension agents. The young people, 10 to 21 years old, are among the 2,302,000 4-H'ers of America who belong to some 94,200 clubs in rural, urban and suburban communities.

This year's continuing theme for the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health group is "Learn—Live—Serve Through 4-H." Among the special 4-H Week activities planned for Chowan County are: (1) Special news articles, (2) To take over radio station WCDJ for two days, (3) place grace cards in restaurants, (4) make hospital tray favors, and (5) make two window exhibits. The week will be highlighted nationally in Washington, D. C., by a team of six 4-H members, representing 4-H'ers everywhere, who will give the annual "4-H Report to the Nation." The report will review in story and

pictures outstanding 4-H achievements and current projects. While in the nation's capital, the three girls and three boys will visit the White House, meet several members of Congress, high government officials and other national leaders. After a short stay in Washington, they expect to go to New York and perhaps elsewhere to meet with other friends of 4-H.

Club members everywhere will share honors with the 302,500 men and women who serve as unpaid volunteer leaders and guide 4-H work in local communities throughout the 50 states and Puerto Rico. Among purposes of 4-H Club Week are: To acquaint more young people with opportunities open to them through joining or forming 4-H Clubs, to increase public understanding of 4-H aims and accomplishments, and to express appreciation to the many friends of 4-H who support the "learn by doing" program of character development and good citizenship.

## Forestry Sales Prove Farmer "Lifesavers"

Sale of forest products is proving to be a "lifesaver" for farmers in North Carolina who have lost markets for other crops.

Take Anson County. While cotton continues to be an important crop, it's no longer king in the county. Many farmers have turned to trees as a way out of economic trouble.

"For many years, the harvesting of forest products was done in a haphazard manner, with little thought to the future," says John R. Potter, county agent. "With greatly improved practices during the past ten years, more farmers are treating their woodlands as a crop." In the 1958-59 planting season, the Extension staff in Anson placed orders for 4,169,000 seedlings. "This was more than the entire production of seedlings in the state during the 1946-47 planting season," says Potter.

During the past ten years, some 20,000 acres have been planted to new woodland in the county.

A big factor in the boost in interest is mechanical tree planters. "Local banks took a keen interest in this program," says Potter. "They purchased the first mechanical tree planter in the county in 1956."

Within three years, ten planters were in operation in the county on a custom basis.

Those millions of trees planted in 1958-59 will be "money trees" in a few years. But already the folks in the county are finding that the trees are just as green on this side of the hill.

"Some 30,000 cords of pulpwood were shipped from woodlands in the county in 1959," says Potter. "This brought about \$420,000 to owners of woodlands."

In the same year, sales of lumber and other wood products amounted to \$760,000. "Equipment and farm supply dealers, local business firms and others shared in this income, as the farmers spent it," Potter says. "And there have been new jobs created for many people."

But it wasn't all done by the banks purchasing a tree planter four years before. "We showed farmers how to plant and take care of pine seedlings," says Potter. "We worked with custom operations on planting. And we stressed better management of existing timber."

"We" means the Extension Service, the Forestry Service, pulpwood companies and other agricultural agencies.

"A Pilot Forestry demonstration started in 1958 provides an excellent opportunity where farmers can see various phases of woodland management being practiced," Potter says.

The project is sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association. One pulp and paper company furnished money and expert help.

A local committee, composed of farmers and folks from various agencies, works out the timber management practices to be put into effect.

"This project is creating much interest, and will be a 'showplace' in the future on what can be done with good management," Potter says.

The Extension Service, cooperating with the Southeastern Forestry Experiment Station, has

## Your Vision Many College Students Have Eyesight Problem

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How educated is the retarded reader with a college degree? Many colleges and universities, working in close cooperation with optometric scientists, are attempting to find the answer to this and other related questions.

Because of the importance of detecting vision problems before the child enters elementary school, and the necessity of keeping close check on his eyesight as the amount of school work increases and becomes more difficult as he advances in grades, I have devoted considerable attention in past columns to the small child.

But the fact is, vision problems are almost as great among college students as they are among children in elementary, junior and senior high schools. Whereas one out of every four high school students have defective vision, the rate among college men and women is one out of five.

Employers in industry and business often discover that college graduates are slow and inefficient readers with poor comprehension of what they have read. Coupled with this is the prevalence of high school and college graduates who are very poor spellers.

Many college students have vision problems which have existed since early childhood. Others have developed disorders as the crucial choice of subject matter became more difficult and demanding. Whatever the cause, the fact remains that many children go on to college without ever discovering why they cannot keep pace with the exceptional student in scholastic achievement.

Among the leading vision problems found among college students are the inability to focus properly, the failure to

use both eyes together with effectiveness, poor reading ability, and a low degree of comprehension. While many public schools do not offer effective methods of vision screening, much progress is being made in the use of accurate instruments to screen the child's eyesight for errors. But in colleges and universities, vision screening is rare or is not performed at all.

This is why educators are working closely with optometric scientists to stress the pressing need among college students for better vision problem detection. For in addition to the variety of handicaps poor vision can produce, the lack of confidence caused by disorders may affect the student's personality and his choice of vocation or profession.

College students must rely upon their eyes to glean more than 90 per cent of their formal knowledge. And throughout life remains one of the most important of all senses.

Every college student should have a complete vision examination before the start of every collegiate year. Then he may tackle the heavy load of classroom work with the confidence that good vision is his greatest benefactor.

**THE READER'S CORNER**  
Q: Are there any rules which will help the child develop good vision habits?

A: Parents should provide adequate and proper lighting for indoor activity. During the preschool years children should be given only books and games with large print and an abundance of pictures. Correct or prevent faulty posture such as head tilting or holding books or objects too close to the eyes. Never allow the child to read or watch television while he is lying on the floor.

published a timber marketing guide for Anson farmers.

"It lists buyers of wood products, sales procedure, forestry assistance, available and other valuable information," says Potter.

The Extension staff stresses all phases of woodland management. "On farmer-request for aid, a staff member visits the farm to advise the farmer about his situation," says Potter. The farmer is referred to the best possible source of help to carry out his project—Forestry Service, consulting foresters and representatives of pulp and lumber companies.

"By all groups and individuals working together toward a common goal, a more effective management program is being accomplished," Potter says.

## Elementary School Lunch Room Menu

Menus at the Edenton Elementary School lunch room for the week of March 6-10 will be as follows:

Monday: Hamburgers, candied yams, green beans, milk, corn bread, pineapple, butter.

Tuesday: Beef and vegetable pie, buttered peas, school baked rolls, grapefruit, milk, butter.

Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwiches, crackers, block cake, milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, turnip greens, chocolate pudding, school baked rolls, butter.

Friday: Fish sticks, cole slaw, corn bread, butter, blackeye peas, apple pie, milk.

## Annual Conference Basketball Tournament In Progress Here

By BILL GOODWIN

The annual Albemarle Conference Basketball Tournament opened in the John A. Holmes High School gymnasium Wednesday night and will continue through Saturday. It is the first time the event has been staged in Edenton.

Three games were played Wednesday, three more are on tap for tonight (Thursday) two for Friday, and the championship games in the girls' and boys' divisions Saturday night. Game time each night is 7 o'clock.

The Edenton Aces and Acelets see their first action tonight, with the Acelets playing at 7 o'clock and the Aces in the nightcap. The Acelets drew a bye into the semifinals by finishing second in the regular season play.

The fifth-seeded Aces will play fourth ranked Ahoskie tonight, while the Acelets' opponents will be the winner of the Williamston-Scotland Neck game of Wednesday night.

The Plymouth and Hertford girls opened the tournament Wednesday night, with Williamston and Scotland Neck meeting at 8 o'clock and the Plymouth and Hertford boys at nine. The Acelets open tonight's round, while the Williamston boys meet the Plymouth-Hertford winner, and the Aces play Ahoskie at 9 o'clock.

Semifinals will be completed Friday night, while the championship will be determined Saturday.

The Acelets are pitted in a bracket with Williamston and Scotland Neck. They split two games with the Green Wave of Williamston and won twice over the Scots, both times by a margin of two points. Should they win their semifinal round, they could go against Ahoskie the only team to beat them twice.

or Plymouth or Hertford, both of whom were defeated twice by the Acelets.

The Aces will have two advantages besides the homecourt and the ripply floor of the Edenton gymnasium. First, they meet Ahoskie, a team they turned back on the local court by a point, 50-49, and second, if they get by the Indians, they will meet Scotland Neck, whom they rather easily defeated last Friday night, 64-55.

The final regular season standings in the girls' division were as follows: Ahoskie, Edenton, Williamston, Plymouth, Hertford and Scotland Neck. In the boys' division it was Scotland Neck, Williamston, Plymouth, Ahoskie, Edenton and Hertford.

## COLONIAL CLUB MEETS

The Colonial Home Demonstration Club met Thursday afternoon, February 23, at the Hotel Joseph Hewes.

The meeting was called to order with members singing the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," after which a devotional period was conducted by Mrs. A. F. Downum.

Miss Pauline Calloway, home economics agent, presented a demonstration on "New Furniture From Old." Slides were shown of old furniture, and how it can be refinished to be both beautiful and useful.

Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, home beautification leader, urged all members to not delay in getting started on cleaning up yards and homes, especially before the tour of homes and town in April.

The education committee chairman, Mrs. Roy Leary, called attention to the club reading list found in the year book, and how book review certificates are awarded.

During the business period, a

remodeling hats workshop was planned for Tuesday morning, March 21, in the ballroom of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, starting at 9 o'clock. Interested club members and members of other clubs are invited to attend. A catalog showing trimmings, etc., is at the home of Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt and orders will be taken for materials until March 8.

The club collect was repeated in unison by all members, after which the meeting was adjourned.

## ROPER MAN INJURED

Owen Tyson, 22-year-old Roper man, was seriously injured Friday morning about 9 o'clock when a tree fell on him while working in a log woods.

Young Tyson suffered a broken leg and serious throat and neck injuries and is now a patient in Chowan Hospital. Latest reports were that he is making satisfactory progress.

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