

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Three Very Important Referendums Next Tuesday: Cotton and peanut growers have three referendums to vote on next Tuesday and these referendums are of vital importance to every grower of these crops. Voting places will be reasonably convenient to every grower in Chowan County. Every grower has an obligation and a responsibility to go and cast his ballot.

On cotton, growers will vote on the continuation of cotton allotments and marketing quotas for the next three years. Cotton growers will also vote on the continuation of the 10 percent per bale assessment for cotton promotion for the next three years. The allotment and marketing quota program is helping to balance production with demand. The promotional assessment is aiding considerably in cotton products research, cotton education, and other phases of promoting the use of cotton, which in turn reverts back to the grower in the amount of cotton he can produce and the price he gets.

Peanut growers will vote on the continuation of the peanut allotment and marketing quota program for the next three years. It is through this program that an effort is made to balance production with demand, giving the grower a fair price for his peanuts.

Cotton and peanut growers should consider their value to them and their families in better family living. All persons who participate in the direct income from cotton and/or peanuts, respectively, are eligible to vote. Let's make this the biggest vote Chowan County has ever had, and in so doing, show to our people, and particularly our leaders, how we feel about these farm programs.

Tobacco Growers Meeting Next Tuesday Night: A county-wide tobacco growers meeting will be held at the Chowan County Court House on next Tuesday night, December 11, at 7:30 o'clock. We expect to start this meeting promptly at 7:30 and be through by 9:00 or before.

There are several new tobacco varieties which were run in official variety tests this year and

which I am sure tobacco growers will want to know as much about as possible. Extension Specialist S. N. Hawks will be present to discuss these varieties and how they perform. Mr. Hawks will also discuss phases of tobacco production and preparation for market. He will also answer questions on problems that growers present.

This meeting is for the benefit of tobacco growers and any others who are interested in tobacco work. If growers appreciate this opportunity of gaining more information to help them with their tobacco enterprise, they will avail themselves of this opportunity and be present at the meeting.

Successful Chest X-ray Participation: I congratulate the some over 1600 people who took advantage of the chest X-ray program held in Edenton during the last week. I think this is just wonderful participation and all whom I have talked with are so pleased with it.

This is the kind of cooperation that makes community and county projects successful and builds a real community spirit. I am sure that the chest X-rays will make everybody happy, most of whom there will be a negative report and perhaps a few may find some infection that can be cured early and their lives made fuller.

Ryland Community Scores In Area Competition: The Albemarle Area Community Development Awards program was held at the National Guard Armory in Elizabeth City last Thursday night. There were 32 people from Chowan County present in the approximately 160 people attending the occasion. Archie K. Davis, chairman of the board, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, brought us an inspirational message on the progress being made and future possibilities of the Albemarle area.

George Lewis, chairman of the area community development committee, presented the awards. Scuppernon Community of Tyrrell County received first place award of \$125 and Tyrrell County also won the attendance award with 57 present, traveling an average of approximately 61

FISHING LINES

By DICK WOLFF

A recent study of marine angling reveals that salt water boat fishermen catch approximately 75 more fish per man a year than surf and pier fishermen.

The study also pointed out that by averaging the weights of all the marine sport fish taken in 1960 — the average fish weighs 2 1/2 pounds. If we're sport fishing for fun and food, the figure certainly gives a boost to light salt water tackle. For the meat fisherman who manhandles a 14-pound tuna or a 6-pound yellow tail on 3-thread line, a net would get more fish with about as much fun and satisfaction.

The finest sport fishermen swear that the fun is in the catching. A couple of hundred yards of 17-pound test monofilament on a Mitchell salt water spinning reel or an Ambassador 6000 is more than enough to take a 14-pound tuna in 15 minutes with plenty of thrills and a feeling of pride.

Fresh water trout and bass fishermen have given up on heavy line long ago. Inland fishing today is done with ultra light tackle and hair-thin line to keep the sport in it. It's about time salt water anglers earned their fish with technique and not just muscle.

Taken in conjunction with the 1960 national survey of fishing and hunting, the study by Fishery Biologist John R. Clark estimates the total marine sport catch in 1960 at 633 million fish weighing over 1.4 billion pounds. To get the figures, outdoor writers, sport fishing groups, magazines, charter and party boat operators, conservation agencies, and government and private marine laboratories were polled.

Clark found that "regular" salt water fishermen caught an average of 102 fish per year per man. Approximately 369 million fish were taken by Atlantic coast fishermen, 185 million on the Gulf Coast, and 79 million by Pacific coast anglers. The 10 most commonly caught species were seatrout, croaker, flounder, sea catfish, mackerels, porgy, whiting, bluefish, spot and grunt.

California yellowtail were caught in large numbers according to the report. Clark estimated that 2,370,000 yellowtail were taken in 1960. A quarter million yellowtail or more were taken by party boat fishermen alone.

I hope that all the anglers who caught all those fish had a good time doing it — that's what sport fishing is, isn't it?

Whitston Community of direction of President Bill Roselle, the Rotary Club staged a peanutburger dinner, climaxing the 1962 4-H Peanut Production Contest. This event was held at the Edenton Armory on Friday night at 6:30 o'clock. The 4-H participants were guests of the Rotary Club. The 4-H Clubs over the county sold tickets to the dinner, the proceeds of which go into the county 4-H Club treasury.

There were approximately 160 mothers and dads, sweethearts and friends, Rotarians and wives and others in attendance at the dinner. There was no drawn out program but the event was meant to be largely a sociable period, bringing our town and country citizens together for fellowship as well as honoring the peanut contestants.

Rotary Club Peanutburger Dinner Climaxes 1962 4-H Peanut Production Contest: Under the



SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

By John Corey, Appalachian State Teachers College

Report Cards No Substitute For Personal Interview

Report cards tell much about Junior's work in school but they can't touch what face-to-face chats with his teachers reveal.

Earl L. Petrey, assistant principal of the laboratory elementary school on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., endorses this statement.

A personal talk (called "conference" by school folks) brings to surface details about your youngster's progress which make for clearer understanding, says veteran Schoolman Petrey.

Is Junior's "C" in reading, for instance, based on his being in a fast reading group or an average one? The grade has more meaning when you learn from the teacher which section he's in.

What does Junior's "B" in conduct mean? Why didn't he make an "A"? Has he undesirable behavior habits you don't know about?

Answers to these and other questions are obviously easier to give in private conference than on report cards. That's why every mother and father should have at least one person-to-person talk with teacher each year.

November or early December is a good time to pow-wow. By then the teacher knows enough about the child for a thorough discussion of his progress. And since two-thirds of the school year remains, there's time left for him to improve. Most teachers welcome and many actually solicit your visit. After school is a good conference time.

And when you go, be sure to exhibit an attitude that will elicit clear words from the teacher. Aware that children are largely reflections of parents, she may be too tactful with unfavorable comments about Junior and soft-pedal her words to the extent that you don't get a sharp appraisal.

In this case, set the stage for clear communication. Indicate that you're objective-minded and prefer straight language without sweetening for your own ego.

For further depth appraisal, you might help by making sure these pertinent questions, listed in the National Education Association booklet, "Conference Time," are answered:

—Is my child working up to his ability?
—What ability group is he in, and why?
—How does he get along with other children?
—Does he obey? In what ways does he or doesn't he?
—Does he respect rights and property of others?
—How can I help at home? (Ask for specifics.)
—What is my child's IQ?
—Does he get to class on time?
—Does he eat his lunch?
—Does he have any special interests, aptitudes, or abilities?
—What is the school's grading system?

Frank questions and answers like these between parents and professional teacher bring invaluable information. It can help you and the teacher do your job — which is to help the child.

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