



New Product Coming Fertilizer Plant Viewed

Home Feed and Fertilizer Company is putting finishing touches on a \$60,000 expansion project here, the center of which is a split-level liquid fertilizer plant. J. Gilliam Wood, president, unveiled the modern facility Tuesday night as more than 200 farmers from Chowan and surrounding counties gathered for a barbecue supper at the plant on West Carteret Street. This is the first basic plant for manufacturing liquid fertilizer in Chowan County.

Wood told the farmers that a primary advantage to this product is that herbicides could be applied to the soil at the same time plant food is distributed. "It (liquid fertilizer) is compatible with most liquid herbicides," he noted.

Another big breakthrough in the industry made possible by liquid fertilizer is that up to 12 plant foods can be mixed to prescription. "We can now formulate to a prescription mix to meet the exact requirement as determined by a soil test analysis," he added.

Wood went so far as to say that with the new push-button plant, a farmer can get up to seven tons of his specially formulated liquid fertilizer in 20 minutes.

Home Feed will have initial storage for 25,000 gallons of the finished product in popular formulations. It will be transported to the farms in this area in 1,400-gallon tanks manufactured by Ashley Welding & Machine Company of Edenton.

The new product is dustless and odorless. It can be broadcast or put directly into ground.

Home Feed, manufacturers of Wood's Fertilizer, has also installed new equipment in the granulated plant. However, Wood said emphasis is now being placed on liquid fertilizer since it allows the company to offer premium grades not before available in this area.

He said the decision to move into this field was made more than a year ago. "It is one of the advances in agriculture and we wanted to be a part of it," he stated.

Wood said the use of liquid fertilizer saves labor since it is moved by pumps and air.

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J. D. ELLIOTT
Elliott Seeking Return To Board

J. D. Elliott, 112 West Gale Street, will be a candidate for Councilman-at-Large in the May Municipal Election.

Elliott is the first to announce for one of the three council seats to be filled in the forthcoming election. Two weeks ago J. Edwin Bufflap, dean of local politicians, made public his intentions not to seek reelection to the council, thus ending a 30-year tenure of service. He is Councilman-at-Large and mayor pro tem.

Last week Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., a veteran of 14 years on the town council, did the expected and announced his intention to seek another two-year term. He became the first announced candidate.

Elliott is no stranger to local political circles. He resigned in October, 1966, as First Ward Councilman because he moved into the Third Ward. He had served nearly four years and at the time of his resignation was on the important finance committee and fire station committee.

At the time he left the council he indicated that he would like to return to the board at some later date.

Although he will have been off the council for six months by the time of the May election, Elliott has maintained close contact with the affairs of the town. He was asked by Mayor Mitchener to continue to work on completion of the fire station, which he gladly did. He has also attended most of the council meetings since his resignation.

Elliott, in announcing his candidacy, said he thoroughly enjoyed working for the citizens of Edenton as a councilman and feels that his past experience and knowledge of town government qualifies him for the Councilman-at-Large position.

He stated simply: "Edenton is making real strides and I offer myself, armed with experience and a record of progress, for further service to

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Parents Object But 20 Students Are Re-Enrolled In Chowan High

Twenty Chowan County Negro ninth graders Wednesday re-enrolled in Chowan High School over the objections of their parents. There were reports that efforts would be made to transfer them back to D. F. Walker High School — the school to which they have chosen to attend.

Chowan County Board of Education voted last Wednesday afternoon to transfer the students from the Edenton administrative unit if the city board could not get permission from the Office of Education in Washington to

keep the students for the remainder of the school year. In a telephone conversation between a Washington official, Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman of the city board; and O. C. Long, Jr., his counterpart on the county board, it was stated most emphatically that if Edenton was to stay in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and if the Chowan unit intended to take steps toward compliance, the children would have to be transferred to Chowan.

Long said it was further stated that the county board could get into compliance by agreeing to assign two white teachers to White Oak School and two Negro teachers to Chowan High School for the 1967-68 term.

About 35 people attended a special county board meeting Monday at White Oak. More than 30 of those in attendance were parents of the students involved. They were told by Long why it was necessary to once again re-assign their students to Chowan.

The general feeling among the parents was they didn't want this to happen. They agreed the county board had done everything possible to avoid this step but they feared the children would not pass their work by being transferred now.

Long assured the parents the board's full cooperation and said a meeting would be held with teachers to request them to give special attention to the 20 students. "The principal and teachers will be asked to give these students special help if possible," Long said.

N. J. George, a board member and former high school teacher, argued it would be almost impossible for these students to pass their work when being transferred after a semester is three weeks old.

One parent asked if they are sent back to Chowan will they be accepted by the students and faculty members. Long, at this point, stated the students will be given "fair and equal" attention.

"We will do all in our power to insure equal education, safety and equal rights for your children," the chairman stated.

Another parent said, "it hurts you" to send children somewhere where they are not wanted.

Earlier, George questioned the legality of action taken

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THE PEANUT KING—Colbert Byrum of Tyner, second from left, was given special recognition at the annual Peanut Banquet held Thursday at Chowan Community Center. Byrum's average of 3,500 pounds of peanuts per acre was tops in Chowan County last year. Left to right are: Ben M. Birdsong of Suffolk, Va., speaker at the banquet; Byrum; W. B. Gardner, president of the sponsoring Edenton Chamber of Commerce, and Leonard Small, chairman of the agriculture committee and master of ceremonies at the banquet honoring the top 50 producers in the county.

Byrum Resigns Board Position

West W. Byrum, Jr., local insurance and real estate executive, has resigned as chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections.

Byrum, in submitting his resignation to Thomas H. Shepard, chairman, Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, said increased business obligations made his action necessary.

Shepard has called an executive committee meeting for 11 A. M., Saturday at Edenton's Municipal Building at which time a successor to Byrum will be named.

E. L. Hollowell and Byrum were the Democrats on the board. H. E. Bass is the Republican member.

The board supervises municipal and general elections.

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Birdsong Talks To Top-50 Club

Chowan County's top peanut producers were told last week they may be able to save a crop with modern harvesting methods but damage done by the machinery is costly.

Ben M. Birdsong of Suffolk, Va., president of Birdsong Storage Company, Inc., hailed the advances in production and harvesting methods while challenging the farmers and the industry to continue to work out some of the objectionable bugs.

Birdsong, a foremost authority on peanuts, said mechanical harvesting is highly desirable because it allows a farmer to get his crop in

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Heart Sunday Plans Are Made

Volunteers will spread out over Edenton and Chowan County Sunday soliciting contributions to the 1967 Heart Fund.

Heart Sunday, highlight of a funds campaign of the Chowan County Chapter, N. C. Heart Association, will be observed here with solicitation being directed by Mrs. Scott Harrel and Mrs. George Alma Byrum.

In the rural areas, 4-H'ers from various clubs with Harry Venters in charge.

Rudolph Dale, Heart Fund chairman, said Heart Sunday solicitation will be the final planned function during February. He urged local citizens to give generously to insure a successful funds campaign.

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Children's Art Classes Monday

Mrs. Vivian Clark, art teacher in Edenton City Schools, will teach a six-weeks course in Art for Children under sponsorship of Chowan Arts Council.

Mrs. Clark's first class will be held Monday, February 27, at 4 P. M., in the Art Studio over Edenton Savings & Loan Association. Classes will be held each Monday afternoon from 4 until 5 o'clock.

The cost of the course is \$6 with the participating children furnishing their own supplies. It was announced that there still remains room for additional students in this class.

FILMS TO BE VIEWED
The American Legion building on U. S. 17, south of Edenton, will be the scene tonight (Thursday) for the viewing of two films in the public interest. They are: "Why Vietnam?" and "Contact". The 45-minute viewing will be under the direction of S/Sgt. Richard C. Barcellus, U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Service. The public is invited to this free presentation.

\$150 Still Needed by Council

Children Prepare For Free Concert On March 3

The Children's Concert scheduled to be given in Ernest A. Swain Elementary School by the North Carolina Little Symphony boasts a varied and educational program tuned especially for children's ears and attention span.

This year's annual tour series of children's selections includes a portion from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro", an English folksong "Sweet Nightingale," the "Suite from Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Menotti, Haydn's "Clock Symphony", the "Syncopated Clock" by Anderson, Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers" from the Nutcracker Suite and "Turkey in the Straw", American Folk Tune.

Humorous and historical facts of interest on these composers and their works have been assembled in a booklet called "Symphony Stories". A copy will be given to the children. The young audience will take an active part in the concert itself. They will follow the notes and comments of Mrs. Maxine Swalin under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin as they sing and play along with the Orchestra on flutes, tonettes, auto harps, xylophones and clarinets.

Mrs. Irene Patten, director of music in Edenton City Schools, is currently engaged in a six-week course of instruction preparing the students for this concert.

Featured harp soloist will be Eleanor Fell Kirschke who will play and explain various facets of the harp as an instrument. Eleanor is also the young wife of William Kirschke, assistant conductor.

invited to go backstage for first hand evidence of what musicians and their instruments look like from a close distance.

The concert is admission-free for the children and begins at 1:30 P. M. Children will be taken to the concert from surrounding areas by buses.

It is sponsored locally by Chowan Arts Council. The arts council reports that approximately \$150 of a \$725 contract with the symphony still must be raised. However, plans for the visit are going ahead and council members are making last-ditch efforts to secure the needed money.

Tournament Underway

The 2-A Albemarle Conference tournament is underway at John A. Holmes High School gymnasium here and will continue throughout the week.

Edenton Aces, conference champions for two consecutive years, tested their tournament legs Wednesday night against Scotland Neck. A win would send them into the semi-finals Friday night at 8:30 o'clock against Williamston.

The Plymouth girls, conference title holders, survived the first round with a 29-15 victory over Scotland Neck. Ann Lilley got 10 points in the win and Becky

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MUSIC APPRECIATION—When the North Carolina Little Symphony moves into Ernest A. Swain Elementary School next Friday, they will be performing before 1,000 students. They will not come "cold turkey" as a music appreciation program has been underway to prepare these children for this special concert. Mrs. Irene Patten, director of music in Edenton City Schools, is shown here as she conducts a class for first graders at the local elementary school.