

Around The Farms In Chowan County

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From the Governor's Office: Gov. Moore was assured today by Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz (February 8, 1967) that, under the conditions described by the Governor's previous letter of January 27, 1967, the three landlord-tenant and/or landlord-sharecropper arrangements mentioned would not place such tenants or sharecroppers within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act as employees of the landowner.

The three arrangements include:

1. Half and half, or 50 per cent and 50 per cent.

A. Landlord furnishes the land, buildings and maintenance, equipment and power for crop production, tax on land, buildings and equipment, one-half crop production expenses for fertilizer, seed, insecticides, fungicides, curing oil or gas for tobacco, crop insurance (hail insurance for tobacco), home for sharecropper or tenant family, farm fuel and subsistence, plot for home garden and livestock. As his share, the tenant or sharecropper furnishes labor, herbicides, one-half the production expenses for fertilizer, seed, insecticides, fungicides, curing oil or gas for tobacco and crop insurance, including hail insurance for tobacco.

B. Both the landlord and the tenant or sharecropper receive one-half the proceeds from the sale of crops.

2. Half and half, or 50 per cent and 50 per cent.

A. Landlord furnishes land, buildings and maintenance, tax on land and building, and one-half crop production expenses for insecticides, fungicides, curing oil or gas for tobacco and crop insurance, including hail insurance for tobacco. He also furnishes fertilizer, seed, home for sharecropper or tenant family, farm fuel and subsistence, plot for home garden and livestock. The tenant or sharecropper furnishes equipment and power for crop production, labor, herbicides and one-half crop production expenses for fertilizer, insecticides, fungicides, curing oil or gas for tobacco, and crop insurance, including hail insurance for tobacco.

B. The landlord and the tenant or sharecropper each receive, in turn, one-half the proceeds from the sale of crops.

3. Two-thirds and one-third.

A. Landlord furnishes land, buildings and maintenance, one-third of crop production

expenses for fertilizer, seed, insecticides, fungicides, curing fuel for tobacco and crop insurance, including hail insurance for tobacco. He also furnishes a home for sharecropper or tenant family, farm fuel and subsistence, plot for garden and livestock. The tenant or sharecropper furnishes labor, herbicides, and two-thirds of the crop production expenses for fertilizer, seed, insecticides, fungicides, curing fuel for tobacco and crop insurance, including hail insurance for tobacco. The tenant or sharecropper also furnishes equipment and power.

B. The landlord receives one-third of the proceeds from the sale of crops and the tenant or sharecropper receives two-thirds.

In commenting on these three arrangements, Secretary Wirtz said it is the opinion of the Department of Labor that they result in a bona fide independent contractor relationship and thus the tenant or sharecropper would not be an employee within the meaning of the act.

Gov. Moore expressed his pleasure that, by sitting down and reasoning the matter through, the department had seen the validity of North Carolina's position in the matter.

Two Convicted In Morals Trial

James Hardin, 39-year-old Negro, 108 East Freemason Street, was given a 12 months sentence in District Court here Tuesday after being convicted of fornication and adultery.

Judge W. S. Privott suspended the sentence and ordered Hardin to pay court costs. The defendant was further ordered not to be found on premises occupied by Marie Brown for the next five years.

In a companion case involving the Brown woman, Judge Privott continued prayer for judgment for five years.

In other cases called by Solicitor Wilton Walker, Judge Privott took the following action:

Juanita Newsom Stewart, removing personal property to avoid a lien, nol pros.

Hartes G. Holley, no operator's license, improper registration and no liability insurance, called and failed.

John Hardy Grisson and Annie Mae Grisson, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, prayer for judgment continued until June 1.

Rosa H. Braswell, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, nol pros with leave.

Horace Jordan, no operator's license, nol pros.

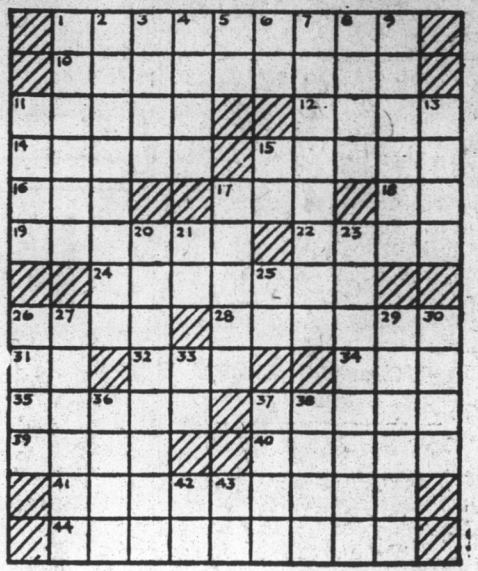
Billy W. Dail, driving drunk, charge reduced to reckless driving. Given 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs. Possessing tax paid liquor with the seal broken, \$10 fine.

Bobby Earl Evans, failure to yield right of way, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Sarah Hobbs Smith, disre-

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Ingredient
 - Estranger
 - Muddled
 - Enclosure
 - Commenced
 - Caruso, for one
 - God of the sky (Babyl.)
 - River tale
 - Father
 - Remained
 - Not difficult
 - Teachers
 - Baby's father
 - Rubs out
 - Rubidium (sym.)
 - Pole
 - Consume
 - Kinds of tests
 - Hard coating of seed
 - Vedic-Aryan dialect
 - Mr. Welles
 - Spring sign in lawn
 - Begets
- DOWN**
- Having rhythm
 - Senior, conservative group
 - Polish measure
 - Hammer end
 - Ahead
 - Sodium (abbr.)
 - And so forth
 - Middy
 - Soldiers' garments
 - Besech
 - Music note
 - Affixed
 - One-year old animal
 - Water god
 - Property-tax man
 - Erbium (sym.)
 - Let fall
 - Excortiate
 - County of Michigan
 - Mr. Laurel (poss.)
 - Bone (anat.)
 - Mr. Ladd
 - Narrated
 - Great Lake
 - From
 - Prefix
 - Half an egg



Little Theater

fragile bits & pieces

WHO MAKE UP THE GROUP?

Creative writing classes are no rarity on campuses and in community groups over North Carolina. New talent develops, and practice writing goes on among students and adults already graduated from college. Authors and teachers of note conduct the classes, and writers of note sometimes come out of them.

The Chowan College Creative Writing Group is not unique in motive and objective, but there are certain features that suggest a singleness in kind. For some members there are even intimations of saga in the experience.

The distances traveled suggest it. Along well-traveled highways and over lonely swamp roads the members ride to the Tuesday evening classes arranged by Chowan College. The total mileage is impressive. Members have come from Ahoskie, Edenton, Colerain, Jackson, Murfreesboro, Roanoke Rapids, Sevier, Seaboard, Scotland Neck, Weldon, Woodland and four Virginia towns—Courtland, Boykins, Drewryville and Suffolk.

On occasion, the Edenton member flew over, with her son as a pilot. A Roanoke Rapids member regularly hires a taxi to carry her over to join the Weldon group. Weldon has had most members. Ahoskie next. The Courtland group has attended longest.

Who make up the class? Normal citizens who attend country club events, play bridge, travel in America and in foreign countries, campaign for political candidates, serve conservation departments, run in the Boston Marathon. There have been teachers, national flower show judges, florists, four ministers, two doctors, church women, one a treasurer of her diocese, a librarian, a connoisseur, an antique dealer, an artist and musician, housewives, civic leaders.

It is obvious that college students who have attended the class are sincerely interested, since the course car-

ries no college credit. They fit in exceptionally well with off-campus members.

One youth came, declaring he was going to be a novelist if it killed him. Another wrote poems while writing techniques were being outlined. One relieved tensions by writing satire on his grandmother, the devil, and college professors, including the director of the writing group. Members have written one act plays which received awards in the State Drama Festival at Chapel Hill. Poems from the group have been printed in newspapers. A short story has received a Virginia state award. Twenty-five stories have been in print.

Why do these people with such diverse backgrounds and occupations travel over 40 miles to class on Tuesday nights? They find life richer because they have accepted the challenge to write and have experienced the joy that comes from creating. They unanimously disagree with a French writer, Jean de la Bruyere, who wrote in 1660: "Everything has been said." Instead, they feel there are inexhaustible stores of adventures and experiences, fragile bits and pieces of life that could be background for countless stories, plays and poems.

Members find stories everywhere they go. Last May eight of the class attended the Governor's dinner honoring four Tar Heels with awards for distinction in their particular fields. (One was their director, for literature). Later while standing in front of the Governor's mansion for the reception, I noted that the last one in the long line of over 300 guests was a former Governor's wife who, at one time, had received at the head of the line as First Lady. She stood alone and apparently unnoticed. Some day this fragile bit could be the spark for a story.

IDA HAYWARD VICK,
Weldon, N. C.

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WHO KNOWS?

- Compare the population of the United States in 1850 and 1960.
- Where was Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, born?
- Where was the first automatic U. S. Post Office built?
- What per cent of the popular vote did John F. Kennedy poll in 1960?
- The Iroquois Dam controls the outflow of water from which of the Great Lakes?
- Who won the Oscar as the best actor in 1955?
- What took place in the lives of Grace Kelly, Margaret Truman and Marilyn Monroe in 1956?
- What does the initial "M" stand for in Richard M. Nixon's name?
- How old is the United Nations?
- When was the "Prayer Room" for Congress opened in the national capitol?

Services Held For Mrs. Harris

Funeral services were held last Friday for Mrs. Fannie Mae Harris, 62, who died in a Lumberton hospital following an illness of two years.

The services were held at Williford Funeral Home with Rev. Russell Rice in charge. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Harris, a native of Perquimans County, was a daughter of the late Johnny and Carrie Broughton Nixon. She is survived by one son, Thurman T. Harris of Washington, D. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Spruill of Edenton; one sister, Mrs. W. D. Westeria of Ft. Pierce, Fla. and one half-sister, Mrs. Alice Reamo of Nashville.

They Die Young
Sleeping at the wheel is another way to keep the motorist growing old.

Answers To Who Knows

- The 1850 U. S. population was 23,191,876 and in 1960 was 179,323,175.
- Georgia.
- Providence, R. I.
- He polled 49.7 per cent of the grand total vote.
- Lake Ontario.
- Ernest Borgnine in "Marty."
- They were married.
- Milthous.
- Twenty-one years old.
- In 1955.

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