

# Around Chowan County Farms Who Knows? Witnesses Are Set For Conference

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**Cantaloupes and Watermelons:** For cantaloupes and watermelons and most vegetable crops, additional potash is needed for good crop performance.

Broadcast 100 to 150 pounds muriate of potash per acre prior to land preparation. Potash moves very little with the soil moisture and should be worked well into the root zone area.

In fertilizing cantaloupes, watermelons and cucumbers, it is well to spread the fertilizer over about three to four feet of the row area and disc or otherwise well mix it into the soil. The purpose of this is to avoid root injury, which allows disease organisms to enter and damage the roots. A side placement of 100 pounds of fertilizer per acre at planting time might help to give the

plants a quicker start. **Cotton:** Research has found that a high calcium level and a pH of 6 to 6.5 is best for good cotton performance. Indications are that this will help to counteract some effects of the seedling diseases. Therefore, we suggest that you be sure that your fields to go into cotton this year are properly limed and have a good calcium level.

Many cotton growers are using Treflan as a herbicide for cotton. Treflan should be incorporated into 1 1/2 to 2 inches of soil and no deeper if possible. This chemical does have a damaging effect on early root development. Therefore, by cultivating it shallow the young roots are able to penetrate on down below the herbicide area and develop much better.

About the same nematodes affect cotton that affect corn, soybeans and peanuts. Unless a soil assay is made and the report indicated, no need for soil fumigation, it is well to row fumigate the soil for cotton.

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**Health and Safety:** Staff members presented a series of radio programs during North Carolina Farm Safety Week in July on the following topics: (1) Swimming and Boating Safety; (2) Safeguard Your Farm Against Fire; (3) Farm Accidents; (4) Food and Your Weight; (5) Safety in the Home; (6) Safe Use of Chemicals; and (7) Bicycle Safety.

A number of additional radio programs on safety were given during the months and special programs on farm and home safety were given during National Farm Safety Week.

Families listening to these programs became interested in other phases of safety. One YMW Club of 27 members invited highway patrolman, R. H. Allen of Elizabeth City, to speak to

them on Highway Safety.

Chowan County, in cooperation with the District Health Department, purchases material for rat bait. The Health Department mixes the bait and makes it available to the county Extension offices for distribution. Approximately 600 one-pound packages were distributed during 1967.

**Family Relations:** This important field has been emphasized through newsletters and leader reports. The Chowan County Extension Homemakers Clubs were selected to prepare a state fair booth in the field of Family Relations.

"The Sea of Matrimony" was chosen as the theme and featured a couple on board ship, tossing on the stormy seas of matrimony, harassed by the "rocks of jealousy," "the shoals of debt," "the winds of deceit," and "the billows of temper."

Helping guide them around these pitfalls toward the island of happiness were buoys advising love, understanding, communication, trust and self-control. This exhibit was awarded a meritorious blue ribbon and a \$300 premium.

**Home Industries:** Because of interest and skill in preparing preserved products and a desire to increase income, five Chowan County women are actively participating in the area home industries project. A standards committee, set up by the county, approves products to be marketed. In addition to those products approved last year (watermelon rind pickle, fig preserves, pear preserves, two relishes, and peach preserves), carrot relish, mixed pickle, and pumpkin conserve have been approved. Products have been sold at the 1967 Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, the North Carolina State Fair, and at various shops and stores.

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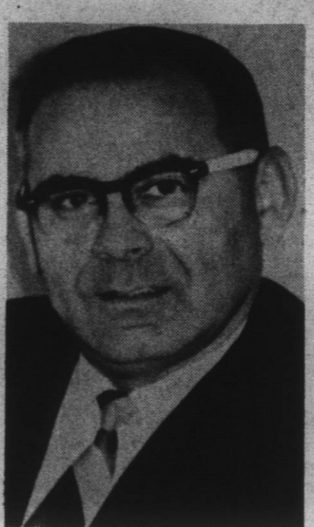
1. Name the author of "The Robe."  
2. Who said, "A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge?"  
3. What atomic development occurred on July 16, 1945?  
4. Who said, "Just praise is only a debt, but flattery is a present?"  
5. Who was President before the late Herbert C. Hoover became President in 1929?  
6. Harold Wilson is the third Laborite to serve as Prime Minister of Britain. Name the other two.  
7. What are the apogee and perigee of each space flight?

**Answers To Who Knows**

- Lloyd C. Douglas.
- Thomas Carlyle.
- The first atomic bomb was exploded at Alamogordo, New Mexico.
- Samuel Johnson: The Rambler, Sept. 10, 1751.
- Calvin Coolidge.
- Ramsey MacDonald and Clement Attlee.
- Apogee is the highest altitude reached during an orbital flight and perigee is the lowest altitude.

Meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses in Chowan County will be cancelled this weekend since most of the members will be attending the spring seminar at Goldsboro, March 29-31.

M. E. Beltrami, presiding minister of the Edenton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, said interested persons of various faiths had been invited to the



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conference and attendance at the Goldsboro High School is expected to exceed 800 persons. "Strengthening One Another to Remain in the Faith", which is the assembly's theme," said Beltrami, "is the concern of all Christians as we see Godless communism and lack of faith spreading among mankind today, especially youth. The problem lies with the parents who let their own faith slip slowly away as it is crowded out by concern for modern-day living rather than 'old-fashioned' faith. "Providing children with material abundance is not enough," continued Beltrami. "We must give children moral substance by teaching them the Bible, both by word and by example. We can only do this if we ourselves have faith in the Bible and are well-grounded in its principles." Assemblies such as being held in Goldsboro, said Beltrami, are designed to answer questions on the Bi-

ble itself as well as on the best methods to study and teach it. He invited anyone interested to attend the convention and take advantage of the free instruction being presented during the three days.

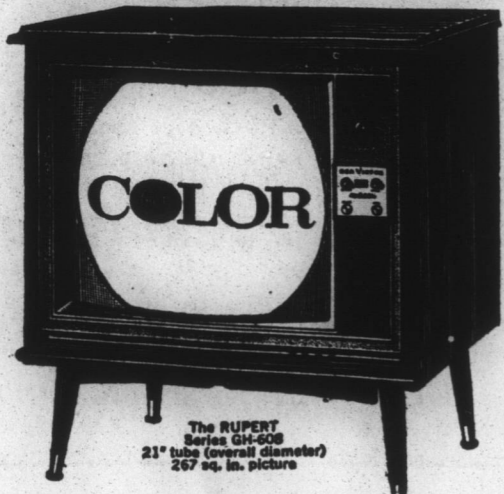
The main lecture Sunday afternoon by Joseph Saia, Watchtower Director, will be entitled "Why Does God Permit Wickedness?"

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### Council Formed By Mail Users

A Mail Users Council has been organized in Elizabeth City to foster more cooperation between mailers and the Post Office Department with better mail service the goal.

The new council is part of a nationwide drive ordered by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien to double the membership in Mail Users Councils from 20,000 to 40,000 this year.

"These councils offer a very practical way to improve mail service," Atlanta Regional Director C. Banks Gladden said recently. "Virtually every business and every other organization depend on mail service, and they literally owe it to themselves to look into the operation of the postal service in their community. They should talk over their postal problems with their postmasters and offer their suggestions."

The Elizabeth City council is one of 25 being organized in the Atlanta Region during the current drive that will increase the total number in the region to about 60. The region consists of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

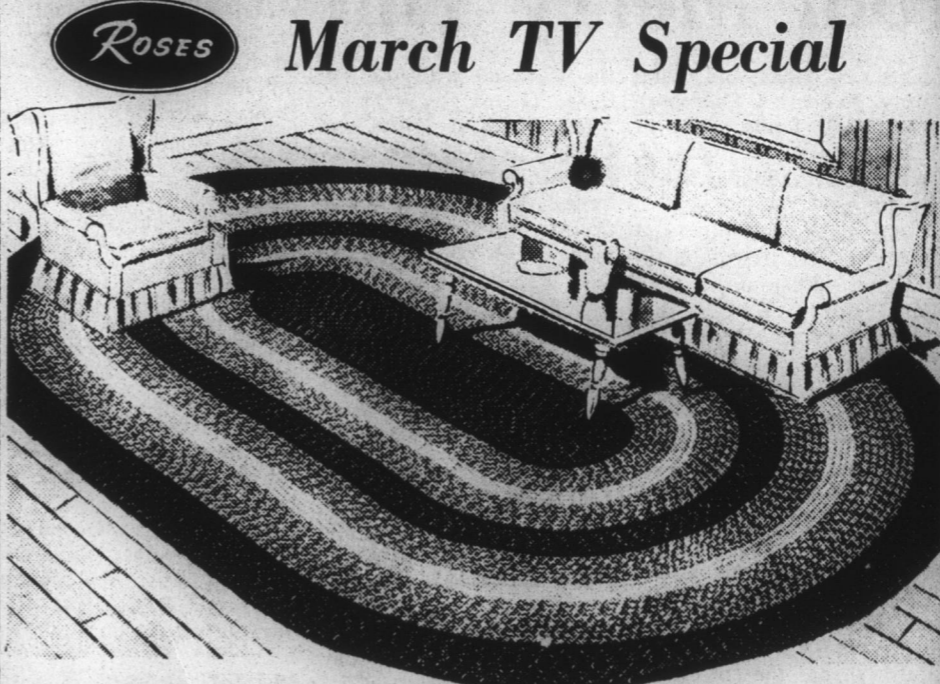
Edenton Postmaster James Bond said this council has an initial membership of 13 and will probably not grow much larger. The members representing Edenton on this council are James Bond and Donald Tabeau of Carier's Ink Company.

Postmaster Bond said his department is interested in the viewpoints of commercial mailers about postal service because they send about 80 per cent of the nation's annual mail volume, which is expected to total about \$2.1 billion pieces during the 1968 fiscal year. This is almost as much mail as all other nations combined will handle.

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### BALLET AT SCHOOL

Mrs. B. A. Barringer's ballet class in Edenton will present "The Nutcracker's Suite" at 1:45 P. M. Wednesday in Ernest A. Swain auditorium. Students at Swain School will attend. Parents and friends are invited to this fine Arts presentation, sponsored by Chowan Arts Council.



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