

Tax Is Topic For Meetings

Citizens who would like to suggest changes in the way property taxes are levied across the state will be given the chance in a series of public hearings.

Rep. David W. Bumgardner, Jr., of Gaston County, chairman of the Ad Valorem Tax Study Commission, said February 24 that hearings would be held in those areas where there is the most citizen interest.

Rep. Bumgardner cautioned, however, that persons objecting to the tax assessment ratios or tax rates in their counties should not ask to come before the commission since these matters are under the jurisdiction of boards of county commissioners.

Persons desiring to appear before the commission should send a letter, including their general topic of discussion, to the Commission for the Study of the Local and Ad Valorem Tax Structure, 671 Revenue Building, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

The commission was set up by the 1969 General Assembly. Also serving on the commission are: Marvin L. Speight, Jr., vice chairman of Farmville, Rep. Ike F. Andrews of Siler City, Sen. Harry Bagnal of Winston-Salem, Maxton Bass of Newton Grove, Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City, Sen. Edward F. Griffin of Louisburg and Sen. Clyde M. Norton of Old Fort.

Farmers Required To Report Income

This is the time of year most farmers are mainly concerned with their farming plans for the coming year. However, farmers must also be concerned with their past year's farm operation in order to determine their earnings for income tax purposes.

A farmer, like any other self-employed person, is required to file an income tax return if he clears \$400 from his farming operation. This is so even though he owes no income tax. The farmer, like any other self-employed person, also pays social security taxes and gets social security credits if he has net profit from his farm operation of \$400 or more.

However, a farmer, unlike any other self-employed person, can use an optional method of reporting his earnings on his income tax return for social security purposes. This optional method enables him to get social security credits as long as his farm sales are \$600 or more even though he loses money.

Without social security credits, the farmer would be neither eligible for retirement benefits in his later years; disability payments if he becomes disabled; nor would his family qualify for monthly benefits in the event of his death. Any farmer who is interested in additional information is invited to get in touch with the social security office at 401 South Dyer Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

DAR MEETS MARCH 11
Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, March 11, at 1 P. M. at the Edenton Restaurant. All members are urged to attend.

Girl Scout News

By Cheryl Hollowell, Scribe
Girl Scout Troop 757 took a trip to Williamsburg, Va., February 28. We went to the Information Center and there we saw a film on Williamsburg. After the film, we met our guide, Mrs. Barbertiz. She showed us around and we saw the Governor's Palace. There we played in a maze. Then we went to other places like the Raleigh Bakery, the House of Burgesses, George Withe's House, the jail and others. We all enjoyed the trip very much.

Local Students Make ECU Honor

GREENVILLE—Nearly one in six East Carolina University students last fall made high enough grades to earn places on the university's official honor lists.

About 19 per cent of the students—a total of 1,818, were officially commended on the three honor lists. The honorees include 1,461 North Carolinians and 357 from out of state.

Most elite among the honor students are the 157 who made all A's (1). Next are those who made the Dean's List (2) by earning a solid B-plus average with no grade below C.

The Honor Roll (3) includes those students who made a B average with no grade below C.

Chowan County, Edenton—Linda Gayle Byrum, West Queen Street, 3; Dwight J. Flanagan, 3; John Wright Floars, 321 West Queen Street, 3; Matthew S. Garrett, Route 1, 1; Linda A. Hollowell, Route 2, 3; Sylvia L. Jordan, Route 2, 1; Charles Overton III, Route 3, 2; Larry Calvin Parks, 817 Cabarrus Street, 1; Brenda Irene Penny, 301 North Broad Street, 3; Mary Louise Perry, 103 Twiddy Avenue, 3; Sara Sue Powell, 2; Lois C. Taylor, 205 South Oakum Street, 1; Barbara Ann Wallace, 308 West Queen Street, 3; Vivian Faye Whiteman, 801 East King Street, 1; Brenda B. Winborne, Route 1, 1. Tyner—Mary Privott Nixon, Route 3, 1.

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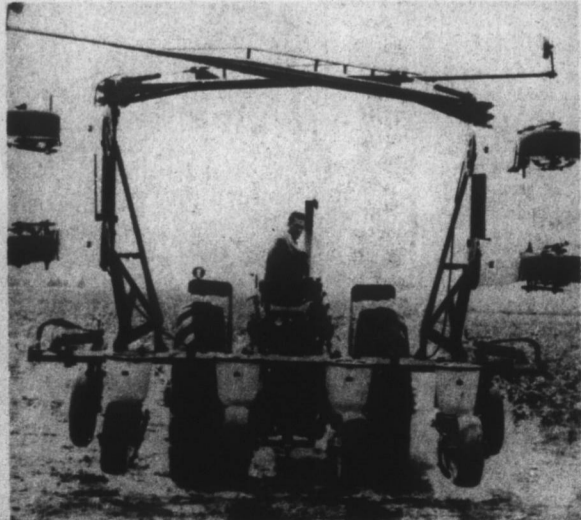
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