



**AWARD-WINNING PHOTOS AT FIRST NATIONAL**—Chuck Benson, left, vice president and manager of the First National Bank, Edenton, admires some of the prize-winning studies of professional photographer Jack Williams of Elizabeth City, who is shown with his daughter, Monica, a subject of many of the illustrations. Williams, a national award winner, has earned 300 professional awards in the past five years, including many blue ribbons, court of honor and first in the state. Currently he has loaned an Edenton pictorial to the North Carolina Arts Council. The subject being shown by Benson is Miss Dale Elliott of Gale Street, who recently returned from a European study trip. The display of 40 prints, largely in color, will be on view June 12. Williams explains the qualities of a direct color print of his daughter when she was only five weeks old as Mrs. Patsy Tench, operations manager and chief bookkeeper of the First National Bank admires the cute pose.—Photo by Lynda Williams.

# ASCS NEWS

**By H. O. WEST**  
**County Executive Director**

Certification: June 20 is the final date to certify. Producers who participate in the feed grain and/or wheat programs should have all crops planted, including soybeans, before they certify. All turn rows should be disced and the diverted land put into proper condition for those farms enrolled in the feed grain and/or wheat programs. Producers are responsible for acreage that is certified and no adjustment is possible.

**Eligible Land For Diverted Acreage:** Acreage diverted under the 1970 feed grain program must be cropland in which, under normal conditions, could be devoted to a crop in the current year. The land must be of average productivity and cannot be grown up in bushes or small trees. The fact that land was diverted in 1969 or prior years does not necessarily mean that it will qualify for diverted acreage in 1970. Be sure that your diverted acres is eligible land.

**Reminders**  
 DDT and TDE are not to be used on tobacco in 1970. If these insecticides are used, the tobacco will not be eligible for price support. Grazing of diverted acreage is prohibited until October 1, 1970. If diverted acreage is grazed before October 1, a reduction will be made in your payment. Cotton that fails prior to May 24 must be replanted in order to qualify for payment under the cotton program.

## Around Chowan County Farms

**By R. M. THOMPSON**  
**County Extension Chairman**

Most farmers in Chowan County have used herbicides on their peanuts. This in itself should reduce the number of cultivations that are necessary. In fact, as far as yield is concerned, cultivation in general will reduce the pounds of peanuts regardless of how careful the cultivation is done. The absence of cultivation is and should be our alternative

goal and to bring this about takes a combination of herbicides as there is no one chemical by itself that is available that will eliminate all cultivations. If you have to cultivate, there are a few basic rules to follow. This is true for the farmer who does not use herbicides and also those that use chemicals.

1. When cultivation alone is selected as the means of weed control, cultivate early, often and flat.

2. Where herbicides are

used, begin cultivation as soon as grass or weed seedlings begin emerging.

3. Never throw dirt on the peanut plant.

If these principles are followed, there is little likelihood that yields or quality will be greatly reduced by cultivation. It is difficult, however, not to violate these principles to a slight degree under most farm conditions.

Several pieces of equipment can be used to cultivate peanuts which do a good

job. The power driven rotary cultivator is often used for early cultivation. The big advantage of the power driven rotary cultivator is that its effectiveness is not limited to small seedling grass and weeds. Proper speed is important in order to do an effective job. Shields are available and will prevent throwing soil directly on the plants.

Sweeps are the most popular means of cultivating peanuts. They are low in cost and their use is familiar to everyone. Since flat cultivation is desired for disease control, a low crown high speed sweep should be used which will not throw soil on the plants. This type sweep is referred to as a sandy soil sweep, a Texas sweep, a bindweed sweep, or simply a low or flat crown sweep. On this type sweep, it is the shank that is most likely to throw soil. For this reason, growers should use the largest size sweep possible in order to keep the shank of the sweep as far away from the plants as necessary.

In many cases where herbicides have been used and good control has been obtained, some grass and weed seedlings will start appearing after about 50 days. A good cultivation with high speed sweeps or with a rotary cultivator if the plants are small should be given as soon as the grass and weeds seedlings are found. In most cases, it will also be necessary to hoe the peanuts in order to remove the grass and weeds from the peanut row itself. Flat cultivation plus non-dirting are big factors in permitting the peanut plant to develop and produce fruit normally.

Unless a good row profile has been maintained during the season, it is a good idea to run a small sweep down the middle of the row prior to the time the plants lap in the middle. The small depression formed by this operation will make it easier to guide the tractor between the row during the rest of the season and will be extremely important at digging time.

What's the use of teaching a boy or girl to read if they don't read?

## This Is The Law

**By ROBERT E. LEE**  
**(For the N. C. Bar Association)**

### CRIMES OF WIVES

Is a wife liable for the crimes she commits in the presence of her husband? If a crime is committed by the wife in the presence of her husband, there arises a rebuttable presumption, subject to certain exceptions, that the wife was acting under the coercion of her husband and as a consequence she is excused.

This is the rule at common law and is followed at the present time in North Carolina and most other jurisdictions.

This is a relic of a by-gone age. It arose during a period of our law when it was the "husband's duty to make the wife behave herself," and to thrash her, if necessary, to that end. And to exercise this authority to keep his wife in good behavior, the husband was at one time given the right to whip his wife with a switch no larger than his thumb. Wife beating, however, is no longer permitted in North Carolina.

The reason for the presumption has long ceased to exist; and when the reason for a presumption has ceased to exist, the presumption itself should also cease to exist. Having sought and obtained new rights and privileges, which have placed her upon a plane equal with, and at times superior to, her husband, the wife should accept the corresponding obligations and responsibilities which those rights entail, and should no longer take shelter under the supposed dominion of her husband.

There is some doubt as to what crimes are expected from the common-law rule which holds that a wife is presumed to be acting under the coercion of her husband when she commits a crime in his presence. It has been generally held throughout the country that the rule does not apply to murder or treason.

The wife may be punished for any crime committed in her husband's presence if the presumption is rebutted by circumstances appearing in the evidence which clearly shows that the wife acted voluntarily and under no coercion from her husband.

A husband is not generally responsible for the crimes of his wife in which he in no way participates. He is, of course, not liable for crimes committed by his wife in his absence and without his command or concurrence. The wife alone is responsible for such crimes.

If a wife voluntarily joins with her husband in the commission of a crime, both are equally guilty and both may be jointly convicted.



**CREDIT CHIEF** — One of Florida's foremost banking authorities in the field of credit has been named vice president in credit administration for First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina. He is Gary J. Cooney of Melbourne, Fla. The announcement was made in Jacksonville, headquarters for the 33 branches of First National.

While government is designed to serve the people, it cannot support them.

# NOTICE!

**Chowan County Democratic Precinct Meetings**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 6 — 1 P. M.**

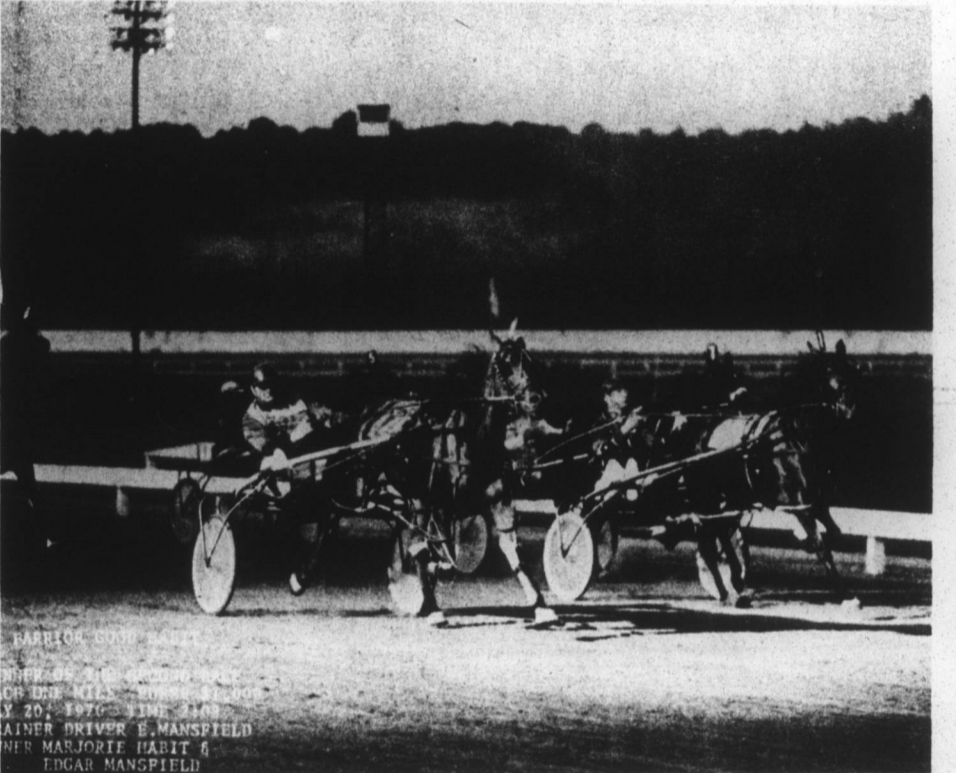
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- Yeopim Precinct:
- Edenton Airport Terminal
- East Edenton Precinct:
- Chowan Courthouse
- West Edenton Precinct:
- Municipal Building
- Rocky Hock Precinct:
- Rocky Hock Community Building
- Center Hill Precinct:
- Center Hill Community Building
- Wardville Precinct:
- H & H Store

**Chowan County Democratic Convention**

**June 20th — 1 P. M.**  
**CHOWAN COURTHOUSE**

**Thomas Shepard, Chairman**



**PLACES SECOND**—"Farrier Good Habit," owned by Mrs. Marjorie Habit of Edenton, placed second in a one-mile pace race May 20 at Roscroft Raceway. The time was 2:08 minutes. The horse is trained and handled by Edgar Mansfield of Elizabeth City. The purse was \$1,000.

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**BENEFIT PARTY**

The American Legion Auxiliary is having a Stanley party at the Legion Hut tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Unselfishness is a rare virtue not to be expected too often.

**U.S. SAVING BONDS**

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