



Harry Venters Resigns

Harry Venters, Chowan County's assistant farm agent for 11 years, has resigned to accept a position in New Bern. Venters will leave his post here February 1.

In New Bern, Venters will be farm labor representative with the Employment Security Commission. He will also operate a farm.

Mrs. Venters resigned her position with Edenton-Chowan Schools in June, 1970, to move to New Bern.

Venters came to Chowan County in 1959 as assistant farm agent. He served in a similar capacity in Chowan County for three years. Here his primary responsibility has been in 4-H work and livestock development.

He is a native of New Bern and received his undergraduate degree from N. C. State University and returned to Edenton in 1969.

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Trooper Promoted—Lt. Wayne C. Keeter, a native of Edenton, is assisted by his wife, Barbara, and Gov. Bob Scott at ceremonies where he was promoted to his present rank in the N. C. Highway Patrol. Lt. Keeter, a personal aide to Gov. Scott, is the son of Mrs. Ann Keeter, Westover Heights, and the late Mr. Keeter. His wife is the former Barbara Townson, also of Edenton.

Wayne Keeter Receives Gold Bars

The gold bars of a second lieutenant in the N. C. State Highway Patrol now belong with Wayne C. Keeter of Edenton, one of Gov. Bob Scott's closest personal aides.

Gov. Scott pinned the bars on Keeter's

patrol uniform Wednesday morning in the Governor's Office at the Capitol. The ceremony was unannounced.

Keeter, 33, son of Mrs. Cliff Keeter, Westover Heights, became one of the governor's drivers and personal aides January 3, 1969. At that time he became a line sergeant.

Joining the State Highway Patrol in May, 1960, Lt. Keeter was stationed in Rocky Mount and Smithfield before being assigned to Gov. Scott.

It was also announced that Lt. Keeter will leave Gov. Scott's staff early in March for temporary duty at South Police Institute of the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Mrs. Keeter, the former Barbara Townson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson, Jr., 5 Queen Anne's, Edenton. She is the secretary to Roy Sowers, director, State Department of Conservation and Development.

Missions School

Edenton Methodist Church will sponsor a School of Missions on three successive Sunday nights beginning January 17. Rev. E. L. Earnhardt announced that Miss Gene Tomlinson is program chairman and a faculty member for the series: "How the Word Gets Around".

Sessions will be held at the church each Sunday through January 31 from 7 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

The sessions include a drama, "God Is My Fuehrer", directed by Mrs. Margi.

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Ryans Grove Community - Dreams To Reality...

By PATRICIA M. ARNOLD

Ryans Grove Community has come from dreams to reality with the development of the community.

On November 4, a contest judging the improvement of homes, community,

youth work and increased income was sponsored by the Chowan County Extension Service and Ryans Grove won for the small family community. They later won second place for the Albemarle Area.

In 1967 the Economic Improvement



Broken-Down — This 1967 photo shows the inside of what is now the Ryans Grove Community Center. The E.I.C. program, Community Action, helped the members of the community get materials to renovate the building. Today, the building is in good condition and semi-monthly meetings are held.

Public Parade

Stand Up, 'Girls'

Chowan County Extension Homemakers Club members began their second 50 years of club work January 5 by installing new council officers and honoring 22 from their ranks with a total of more than 820 years of service to the community. This is a proud record, one which is a challenge to the younger club members as well as those who will join in the future.

Mrs. Frances M. Ward, Mrs. Gladys B. White and Mrs. Daisy N. Bembry make up the home economics extension team along the Public Parade. The community can be proud of the accomplishments of this trio of unselfish, dedicated employees who continue to demonstrate a willingness to go the second mile.

The fact that so many extension homemaker club members have compiled an enviable record of service speaks well for the three leaders and their predecessors. Good leadership has kept interest at a peak.

One has only to glimpse at the program outline to be impressed with this staff's ability to change with the times. They have been, and continue to be, first with the most when it comes to innovations which benefit people in the community.

The homemaker club members adapt to changes, benefit from all available information and training and in the end become better homemakers. The days are gone when sewing and cooking skills were in the forefront for homemakers. They must now become a secretary-bookkeeper for their husband, an interior decorator, etc., and are taught along this line. (Most of them could probably cook and sew before, if not better, than the agents.)

Chowan County is getting more than a good day's work out of the extension office. The fact that 22 members—eight with 50 years' service and 14 with 30 years in the club—have continued in leadership roles is certainly evidence of this work. For once the men haven't stolen the limelight.

Mrs. C. J. Hollowell, Mrs. O. M. Blanchard, Mrs. Nelia Smith, Mrs. Mae.

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5 Paintings Given

The Edenton Town Council decided on a gift to present at the commissioning of the USS Edenton on January 23 in Newport News.

The gift is five paintings by Mrs. T. B. Smith of historic sites in Edenton. The paintings include the Barker House, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cupola House, Joseph Hewes House and Chowan County Courthouse.

Other business before the Council at their regular monthly meeting included the approval of the purchase of three

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Employ Veterans—Roy Blackley, left, veterans' representative of the Employment Security Commission office here; Ralph Faulkner, supervisor of Services to Older Workers; Lawrence Britt, assistant state director of Veteran Employment Service; and Neil Thagard, manager of the Edenton office of ESC, discuss National Jobs for Veterans, a project declared by President Nixon to help the rate of unemployment decrease among returning veterans.

Campaign To Hire Veterans Pushed

President Richard Nixon and the Secretary of Labor will be sending out approximately 950,000 letters to businesses with over 10 employees and asking their cooperation in employing veterans or hiring a veteran for on-the-job training.

This is part of a nationwide effort to keep the unemployment of veterans to a minimum.

According to Lawrence Britt, assistant state director of the Veterans Employment Service of Employment Security Commission, the level of unemployment for Vietnam veterans is twice as high as for others in the same age group. He also stated the average man returning from Vietnam is 22 years of age.

Ralph Faulkner, supervisor of services to older veterans, stated that the program, "National Jobs for Veterans" was putting its main emphasis on Vietnam veterans; however, it was not excluding any veteran. He commented that an older veteran is anyone who has served

with the armed forces and over 45 years of age.

Britt stated, "contrary to most news reports of servicemen using dope, they are still the best men our country has, both as fighters and secondly as potential employees".

The campaign is being carried out on the local level. This will be done after the letters have been sent to the employers, they answer the letters and send them to the State Employment Security Office. The state office then contacts the county office and they start the footwork.

Both Faulkner and Britt urge all veterans to come by and see the veteran representative, Roy Blackley or the county veterans service officer, John Lee Spruill.

They stated that the veteran representative

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Grayson Harding

Grayson Hamilton Harding, former owner of Joseph Hewes Hotel, died suddenly at Chowan Hospital on Sunday at the age of 66. He made his home at historic Sycamore on Albemarle Sound.

He was the son of the late Alice Victoria and Emerson Oather Harding, Sr.

Surviving are two brothers, Herbert Harding of Warsaw, Va., and Everett Harding of Arlington, Va., and one sister, Miss Virginia Harding of Washington, D. C.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

A graveside service was held at 2 P. M., on Wednesday with Rev. George Holmes officiating at Melrose Cemetery near Calloa, Va.

Willford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



CO-OP GETS MANAGER — Marcus McClanahan, left, has been named manager of the Albemarle Cooperative Association, Inc. He is shown here with Gene Sutton, USDA consultant, and Wayland Spivey, co-op secretary. McClanahan will assume his duties early next month.

Manager Named

Albemarle Cooperative Association, Inc., early next month will get its first manager. He is Marcus McClanahan who has resigned a position with Edenton-Chowan Schools to take the post.

ACA, organized through the efforts of N. C. Rural Fund For Development, has membership from 11 Northeastern North Carolina counties. The cooperative is working in the field of swine production and marketing.

McClanahan's selection was announced this week by Wayland Spivey, a staff member of Chowan County Extension Service and co-op secretary. He will assume his duties early in February.

Gene Sutton, on loan from the U. S.

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Harrell Elected To State Office

RALEIGH — T. Stanton Harrell of Edenton has been elected a vice president of the N. C. Chapter, Soil Conservation Society of America. Harrell is connected with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service.

Henry W. Robertson of Greensboro was installed Saturday night as new president of the chapter. He succeeds Hubert Willis of Fayetteville.

New president-elect of the group is T. J. Walkup of Raleigh, while Ronnie Stevens of Greensboro is new secretary. Harrell and seven other vice presidents represent various sections of North Carolina.

The Soil Conservation Society of America is a private organization covering the U. S. and Canada, with the stated objective: "To advance the science and art of good land use."



Display Proudly — These women have come a long way since 1967 and now display the items they have learned to make to improve the looks of their home and persons. From back left are: Mrs. Tamer White, flower arranging; Ophelia Bryant, flower arranging; Nora Drew, sewing; Rosa Holley, sewing; and Doris White, sewing. The children are Denise Holley and Julie Drew. All the women have had classes in sewing, quilting, flower arranging, mattress making and upholstering.