



ATTENDED ELECTRIC CONGRESS—A Chowan County 4-H member, Neel Jordan, was a delegate to the State 4-H Electric Congress in Charlotte July 10-12. Dewitt Smith, VEPCO agricultural engineer, accompanied the delegate. The 4-H'er was selected on the basis of achievement in the electric project. VEPCO sponsored the trip to the Electric Congress.

Howard Sutton Excels In Speed Races

By FLYNN SURREATT

Dirt track motorcycle racing is a rough world of high speed competition which, it seems, would only be inhabited by well seasoned pros. Such is not the case.

Let's take, for example, 12-year-old Howard Sutton of Edenton who is consistently sliding first place out from under the name pros such as Ted Yarborough and Dale Cason on Elizabeth City and Virginia tracks.

Howard has been at it for a year and a half. He started on a Honda Trail 70 in the mini-bike class and has since progressed to the 100cc class. He attributes his success to weight difference and "cornering." Howard has the philosophy of slowing into the curve, but blasting out of it. When quizzed about his racing strategy, he simply replied, "... first off the line and hold inside."

He "likes it all right," and is currently owner of a Kawasaki 100cc "Green Streak" and a 75cc Honda.

He is a member of the American Motorcycle Association. Howard stated that he enjoys riding the Honda, but in his opinion, the Kawasaki is a better machine.

Certain modifications have been made in the Kawasaki such as replacing the standard seat with a foam rubber cushion so he gets lower on the machine thus cutting down wind resistance which can cause significant speed loss. A lower seat also serves to drop down the center of gravity, an advantage in cornering.

Howard doesn't take chances. He wears appropriate protective gear such as "leathers" and good helmet. "Leathers" are heavy reinforced jackets and pants which aid in reducing burns and abrasions. In addition, his boots rise high on his calves as added protection to a popular racing tactic in which an opponent, desiring the inside of the track, allows his front wheel to spin against his competitor's leg, resulting in a painful friction burn.

If the burn becomes intense enough, the cyclist is forced to relinquish his position. The left boot is heeled in order for a special metal hot

shoe to be fitted on. This shoe is composed of a particular metal compound that is slick and durable. On fast curves, it can act as a brake or an aid in control when dragging a foot.

Howard, after only a short time in bike racing, has already collected 19 trophies, with his three most recent being first place victories.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton, do not reflect the normal parental apprehensions concerning motorcycles; rather they share Howard's enthusiasm. Sutton stated that of primary concern is seeing that Howard is not influenced by less ethical practices on the race track.

BAMBOO LOOK

One collection of aluminum outdoor furniture features the bamboo look. It's in Chinese Chippendale design and includes both seating and dining groups, according to Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension house furnishings specialist, N. C. State University.

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WHEELER RE-ENLISTS

CAMP LEJEUNE — Marine Sgt. Wilbur R. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Wheeler, East Queen Street, Edenton, re-enlisted in the Marine Corps for three years during ceremonies held at Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic Fleet, Camp Lejeune. A former student of John A. Holmes High School, Edenton, he joined the Marine Corps in June, 1965.

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PROVIDENCE SERVICES

Dr. William C. Butts, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, has chosen as his sermon subject for Sunday morning's 11 o'clock worship service "The Blessings of Giving." The church rally will be held at 4 P. M. There will be no evening service.

METHODIST SERVICES

Rev. E. L. Earnhardt, pastor of Edenton Methodist church, will preach on the topic "Live By Faith" Sunday at the 11 o'clock worship service. The text is from Romans 1:3-17. He will use the topic "Adopted" at the 8 o'clock evening service. The text is from Romans 3:15-17.

IN TONKIN GULF

USS-ORISKANY — Navy Chief Petty Officer Isaiah Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Overton of Route 1, Edenton, is in the Tonkin Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany along with other ships of the U. S. Seventh Fleet. Enroute to the Western Pacific his ship visited Pearl Harbor and the Republic of the Philippines.

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