



## Public Parade

### Scott Still At Controls

One of the most popular unofficial organizations to surface in North Carolina of late appears to be a "Get Bob Scott Club". While Gov. Scott, of all people, needs no one to rush to his rescue from the liberals and opportunists, more Tar Heels should stop and put many of the recent utterances into proper perspective.

There was no "scoop" in the recent announcement by the chief executive of a \$200-million state surplus. It resulted from Gov. Scott presenting a realistic budget to the General Assembly for the biennium, and legislators having the good judgment to be conservative in their approval of expenditures.

Also, a big contributing factor was the governor's freeze on state employment. This in itself saved the taxpayers millions of dollars and painted a picture of a man of fiscal responsibility, not an empire builder.

There has been considerable chin music from both sides of the legislative and political isles about the recommendations of tax relief, presented in a recent speed to a Raleigh civic club. One must remember that Bob Scott is still Governor of North Carolina and until inauguration day has an awesome responsibility to uphold the oath of that office.

Also, one must remember that in his nearly four years as chief executive of this state he has gained considerable more expertise in the field of good government than those who would attempt to foot-drag, distort and smear.

The Scott Administration has more pluses in more diversified field of endeavor than any other governor has compiled in modern times. This in itself has bred jealousy and discontent among those who desire to hold firm to the status quo when they are the status and someone else is the quo.

In Tar Heelia, the governor merely makes recommendations to the General Assembly about matters concerning the budget. In our opinion, for Bob Scott to stop making recommendations prior to the time he turns over the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina to his successor would be neglecting the responsibilities he had accepted.

And Bob Scott just ain't made that way!

### Looking At a Leader

The trial of the four-year medical school concept at East Carolina University has begun. Unfortunately, the scene is not on the campus or the legislative halls, but in the newspapers.

And while the hot-air merchants are having a field day, little if anything is being said about a unique concept in regional economic development being carried out on the Greenville campus. As is their nature, those connected with ECU's Regional Development Institute labor tirelessly for total development of Eastern North Carolina. Without a great deal of fanfare.

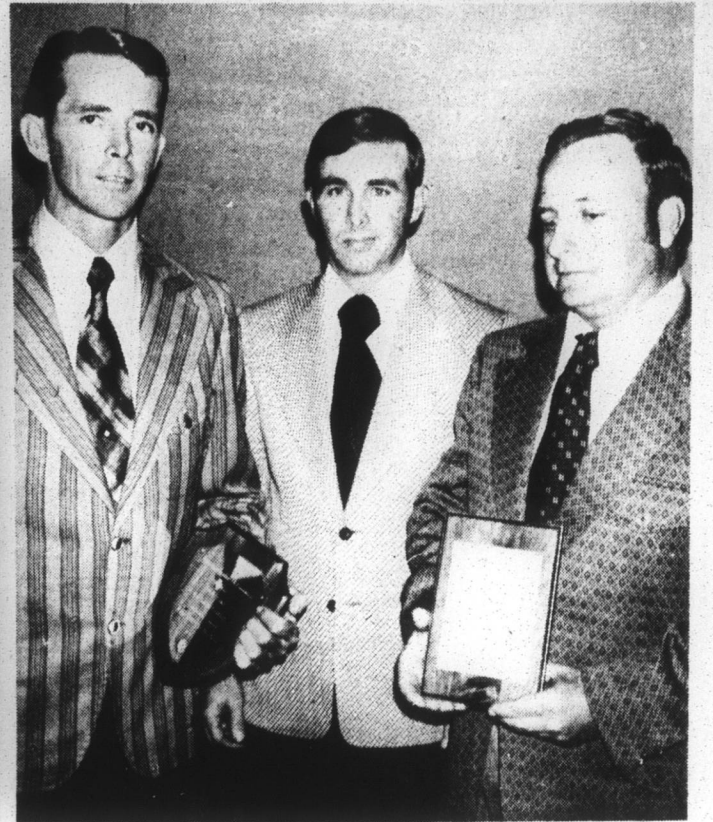
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**HAPPY OCCASION**—Farm-City Week's primary function, a banquet Monday night at Edenton Jaycee Community Building, was a happy occasion as judged from the above photographs. In the picture at left, Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham is



flanked by C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, and Mayor George Alma Byrum. The center picture shows Murray Goodwin, extension agent, left, and Charles Morgan of Edenton Lions Club, with 4-H Corn Contest winners: Nadine Monds, 13-14; and Connie Monds,



Ward and Connie Monds. Wallace Evans, Farm-City Week chairman, poses in picture at right with Dick Lowe, 1971 peanut champion, left, and H. Ivey Ward, Jr., recipient of the Outstanding Young Farmer award.

# Graham Calls For Better Understanding

Understanding and cooperation are the keys to getting along between any individuals and groups. So declared Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham in an address at the Farm-City Week banquet Monday night at Edenton Jaycee Building.

During the meeting, attended by about 300, winners of the 4-H Corn contest, the 1971 Peanut Award

and Outstanding Young Farmer were announced. Dick Lowe was presented the Edenton Chamber of Commerce peanut award and Edenton Jaycees honored H. Ivey Ward, Jr., as the Outstanding Young Farmer.

Winners of the Edenton Lions Club 4-H Corn awards were: Ivey Ward, nine to 12 group; Nadine Monds, 13-14; and Connie Monds,

15 and over.

The awards were presented by W. E. Smith, Woody Copeland and Charles Morgan, respectively.

In welcoming remarks, C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, noted that the Farm-City activities focus on the cooperation and confidence "we have in all aspects of our life".

Mayor George Alma Byrum said the backbone of the area economy is still agriculture and praised the spirit of cooperation between county and municipal government.

Graham noted that today there are more similarities between rural and urban life than ever before. There are differences but they are only a matter of degree.

"For any economic unit to be strong there must be a balance. And so it is with the industry of agriculture and non-agricultural enterprises. Each is dependent on the other.

"The strength of North Carolina lies in the fact that our citizens are well fed because of agriculture and non-farm endeavors," the commissioner said. "Hungry people can only think of where their next meal is coming from."

He stated that while the number of farmers has declined substantially during the past score of years, agricultural production is at an all time high. In 1971 cash sales from farming amounted to \$1.5-billion with a net income to producers of \$643-million. Loss of this would be disastrous to the economy.

"It is becoming more difficult to go into farming. Presently, it is estimated that an investment of \$250,000 is required to begin from scratch.

"We must find the answers to keeping our farmers producing and return those who wish to farm to the land. The alternative is a higher jobless rate and more welfare," Graham concluded.

In introducing the speaker, L. F. Amburn, Jr., called him "the czar of 16-million acres of farmland", a friend of the farmer and a strong advocate of agri-business.

Wallace B. Evans, Farm-City Week chairman, presided. Dr. George L. Hunnicutt and Jack Harris also appeared on the program.

## Price Notice

Winn-Dixie has a special after Thanksgiving sale which starts Friday, but their ad is carried in The Chowan Herald today because of the early publication due to the holiday. It should be noted that prices in the ad are for Friday and Saturday only.



The Wessington House, 120 West King Street

## Edenton Home Is Nominated

RALEIGH—The Wessington House, 120 King Street, Edenton, has been nominated for inclusion on the National Register of

## Sales Report

Sales of U. S. Series E and Series H Savings Bonds in Chowan County for September were \$5,090, according to R. Graham White, county volunteer chairman.

January-September sales in Chowan totaled \$118,302, which represents 128.9 per cent of the county's goal of \$91,776.

Historic Places, the nation's official list of significant historic properties.

In submitting the nomination to the Department of the Interior, Dr. H. G. Jones, state historian and administrator of the Office of Archives and History, stated that the Wessington House is one of the most architecturally interesting houses in the state. It has a unique overall design taken from a plan in "The Architect, a Series of Original Designs for Domestic and Ornamental Cottages and Villas"

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## Area Schools Share In Fund

Albemarle Area school units received more than \$10-million from the state nine months school fund for the 1971-72 fiscal year. The figures are based on an audit of the fund by the State Board of Education.

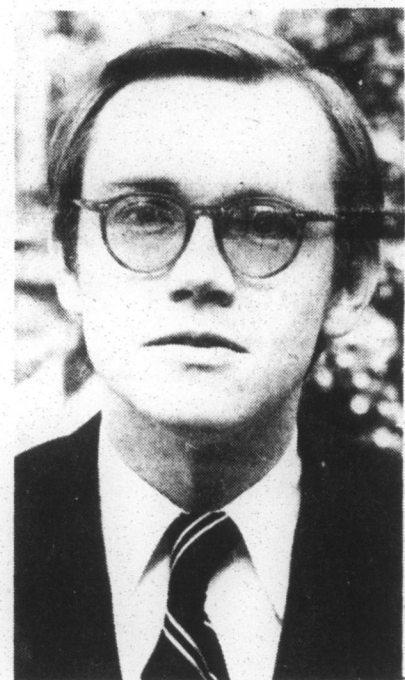
Edenton-Chowan Schools received \$1,179,324.16 from the fund which contributed a total of \$10,630,733.40 to the 10 systems in the area.

The nine months school fund includes the bulk of the state money allocated for public education. Most of the state money in the fund is earmarked to pay teachers, principals, supervisors, and school superintendents.

The average classroom teacher in North Carolina earned 8,054 last year, \$442 more than the previous year. By comparison, the average teacher pay five years ago was \$5,327 and in 1962 it was \$4,649.

In all, North Carolina units received nearly \$487-million from the fund. The amounts received by other Albemarle units included:

Camden, \$673,551.36; Currituck, \$783,754.05; Dare, \$682,043.42; Gates, \$1,027,756.70; Hyde, \$641,948.92; Elizabeth City-Pasquotank, \$2,646,153.32; Perquimans, \$929,088.14; Tyrrell, \$472,939.66; and Washington, \$1,594,173.67.



Robert B. Smith, Jr.

## Smith Named

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. has named Robert Bland Smith, Jr., as chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Government Operations Committee.

In making the announcement, Sen. Ervin said that, "the Senate Government Operations Committee has far-reaching authority over the organization and all of the workings of the Federal government that is unmatched by any other Congressional Committee. In a recent speech, Senate

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## Fiberform Busy Putting Together New Staff

Fiberform, scheduled to begin boat production in late November or early December at the former Christ-Craft site on the Albemarle Sound, recently employed five new staff members, reported executive vice-president William Bongers. They will be filling the positions of general manager, office manager, purchasing agent, and plant superintendent.

Jim Vun Kannon, 35, general manager, will be responsible for over-all coordination of the plant operation. He is originally from Pensacola, Fla., and received his B.S. in industrial engineering from Auburn University and M.S. in industrial engineering from Georgia Tech. He was formerly the director of manufacturing for Winner Boats in Dickerson, Tenn. His wife is Carloyn Vun Kannon, and they have two children, Lori, five, and Lisa, three.

Walter Noneman, his wife, Faye, and three sons, Mark, 11, Douglas, nine, and Robert, three, are six-year residents of Edenton. Noneman, a UNC graduate and native of Raleigh, will be the office

manager. Purchasing agent will be Paul Sides of Salisbury. He was a 20-year veteran of the Navy, and was formerly employed by Winner Boats. He received special training at Old Dominion University, Va. He is married to Mary Sides and they have two married daughters, Sharon Serene of Virginia Beach and Donna Wood of Orlando, Fla.

John and Linda Krause are from Spokane, Wash., the base of operations for Fiberform. He will be filling the position of plant superintendent.

Bongers is also from Spokane. He is married and has two children, Shawn, three, and Tiffany, one. His wife, Phyll, and the family continue to live in Spokane while he gets the new operation underway. Bongers has been with the 15-year-old Fiberform industry for 14½ years.

Bongers stated that the firm is presently in the process of cleaning up and making adaptations, replacing machinery, and ordering stock prior to beginning

production. The initial models to be manufactured will be the Columbia, Monterey, Cutty, and Westporter, ranging from 16 to 22 feet. During the first year of production, the plant is expected to turn out about 1200 boats in prices ranges from \$600 to \$21,000.

As production is underway, the operation will gradually expand to build the full line of all 46 boat models. At the onset, the smaller models will be built for training personnel. At present, there are 11 people on the payroll. By early March, it is expected to increase to 75-80, and by mid-summer, the payroll will be about 100 strong.

He said that he has been pleased with the reception that the opening of the industry has received and the cooperation extended. He also reported that Edenton Marina has already agreed to take on a franchise for Fiberform. Fiberform is a division of U.S. Industries, and is a main boat producer on the West Coast. The Edenton branch will serve a large area of the East Coast.



**FIBERFORM STAFF EXPANDED**—William Bongers, executive vice president of Fiberform, recently announced the addition of four new staff members for the Edenton branch. Pictured from right to left are Bongers, Walter Noneman, office manager; John Krause, plant superintendent; Paul Sides, purchasing agent; and Jim Vun Kannon, general manager.