

Society News

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Miss Dorothy Bufflap of Elizabeth City spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week as guest of her father, J. Edwin Bufflap.

Sara Miller spent this past weekend in Ahoskie visiting Mrs. Ethel Herndon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb of Bristol, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Britton and family over the weekend.

Mrs. Mamie Parker left Sunday to spend some time in Raleigh with her son, Ladel Parker and family.

Newest honorary page in the House of Representatives is Scott R. Stevens who was born to Rep. and Mrs. Jack Stevens of Asheville last Wednesday. This is the third son for the Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams, Sr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Belch in Virginia Beach over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dail and son of Lumberton visited Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dail, Sr. over the weekend.

Mrs. T. W. Beach, Sr., and son, Ted, returned to their home in McLean, Va., after spending several days with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Leon G. Leary.

News From ASCS Office

SET-ASIDE ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS EXPLAINED

Producers planning to sign up in the 1973 feed grain or wheat programs should give careful consideration to the land they plan to designate as set-aside acreage, according to A. C. Griffin, Chairman, Chowan ASC County Committee.

In order to qualify for full program payments, producers must designate as set-aside cropland which is average in quality for the farm and which is in areas of reasonable size and shape.

If land of below-average quality is designated as set-aside, a reduction in the payment rate is made. For 1973, the rules have been changed to provide for much larger payment reductions than in previous years for producers who elect to designate low quality land or who designate dryland in lieu of irrigable land.

If set-aside land does not meet quality standards, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) county committee will appraise what the land would yield per acre if planted to the applicable crop. The entire farm feed grain or wheat payment will be determined by multiplying this reduced yield times the applicable per bushel payment rate.

Producers may be assured that their set-aside land will meet program requirements for quality, size, and shape by obtaining set-aside measurement and inspection service from the ASCS county office, pointed out Griffin. These services are provided at a charge which covers the cost.

"Quality of set-aside land is important," Griffin said, "since setting aside acreage in the feed grain and wheat programs is a cooperative effort by program participants to prevent excess production. It is essential that set-aside land be acreage which would otherwise be in production."

The sign up will be Feb. 5

Special Dinner Set At Church

COTTON RELEASE
If you have a cotton base and do wish to plant, please release it to the county committee. This will save your allotment in case you want it in future years.

If you participate in the cotton program this year, you will not be required to set-aside any acreage. Cotton must be planted to qualify for payment.

The purpose of the meal will be to acquaint the friends and members of the church with the various foods that the missionaries encounter in their service. An interesting and enjoyable time of fellowship is expected.

Harold Knowles, Norfolk businessman will bring special music and Rev. J. B. Williams, deputation secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions, is the main speaker for the annual conference. He is a veteran missionary with more than 20 years service in Africa.

Weekly Legislative Summary

This is the first of a series of weekly summaries prepared by the legislative staff of the Institute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1973. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest.

Start of the Session
The 1973 General Assembly convened at noon on Wednesday, the 10th of January, with all 170 members present for the first calling of the roll. Despite the snow which fell on Raleigh the previous Monday and disrupted state business generally, the legislative leadership was ready for work immediately upon convening.

On the same day as his formal election as Speaker, James E. Ramsey of Person named the chairmen and membership of all 38 House committees (this session there are two local government committees but none on state legislative districts or congressional redistricting).

The President of the Senate, Lieut. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., had his assignments ready for opening day as well, naming committees (none on legislative and congressional redistricting, university trustees, or libraries). The promptness of these appointments meant that by the end of the first legislative day the General Assembly had completed its organization, perhaps a unique situation.

The first-day election of officers went according to form. For the Senate, Gordon Allen of Person is president pro tempore; Roy Rowe is principal clerk; Eugene Simmons, reading clerk; and Brooks

Poole, sergeant-at-arms. In addition to Speaker Ramsey, the House chose William Watkins of Granville as speaker pro tempore; Mrs. Joanne Smith as principal clerk; Sam Burrow as reading clerk; and Archie Lane as sergeant-at-arms.

The House rules were amended on the first day to make the office of speaker pro tempore elective rather than having the chairman of the Rules Committee automatically serve in that position.

The rules of both houses were changed to move the starting time for Tuesday through Thursday sessions to 2:30 from noon. The Monday evening and Friday morning sessions will remain the same. The primary reason for the time change appears to be to allow the joint appropriations and finance committees to set morning meeting times rather than waiting for the end of the daily session, which in past sessions has resulted in members of one house waiting for the members of the other to adjourn.

Prospects for Early Departure
Annual sessions may mean a shorter stay in Raleigh this year. The 1971 session set a record by meeting for 165 legislative and 195 calendar days, going all the way to July 21 and then coming back for a week in October to consider higher education. If there is to be a session in 1974, the likelihood of being in Raleigh July of 1973 is slim. If fact, a number of the resolutions that have been introduced thus far to express sentiment for consideration of certain issues (for example, H 26 Endorsing

Annual Sessions, which has already been adopted) require committee work to be completed at any early date.

Characteristics of 1973 General Assembly
The General Assembly has 40 new members in the House and 11 new members in the Senate (the same turnover rate as last session), a 35-15 split between Democrats and Republicans in the Senate (a gain of 11 seats in the House and 8 in the Senate for the minority party from 1971), nine women legislators (breaking the record of six in 1965), and three blacks (one more than 1971).

Governor's Address
Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., made his first appearance before the General Assembly on the 17th, or at least his first appearance as governor since he did serve previously in the House. He combined both his legislative and budget messages, generally expressing his belief that the well-publicized surplus available this year and revenue-sharing funds give the state an "opportunity to meet needs we have never before been able to consider."

The governor expressed particular interest in the areas of education (especially kindergartens and upgrading teacher jobs and salaries), mental health (calling for appropriations double those recommended by the Advisory Budget Comm'n), and criminal justice (most particularly, minimum salaries for local law enforcement officers). He endorsed in principle the proposals mentioned above for changes in General Assembly operations (though promising to leave the specifics to the legislators themselves), and expressed his intent to make the executive branch work more efficiently.

Film Of Series Will Be Shown

The Hertford Lions Club will sponsor the highlights of the 1972 World Series film on February 7, at 7:30 P.M. at the Perquimans County High School Auditorium. This is the first showing of this film in this area.

Lion Jimmy (Cattfish) Hunter, pitcher for the Oakland Athletics, and winner of two of the series games, will be present to narrate the films. He will also be available for questions and autographs afterwards.

The admission for the event will be contribution to the White Cane Fund in conjunction with the Hertford Lions Club.

This film is rated (G). Great for the whole family.

This will be Jimmy's last appearance in this area before returning for spring training, as his 1973 contract has been signed.



In consideration of the working mothers on your guest list, try not to give your party on a Sunday—when they might well prefer... being home with the kids.

It's a good idea to send out all your invitations at the same time. Otherwise, a "late receiver" might think he was just an "afterthought."

Keep a plastic bag full of ice cubes in your freezer compartment—to accommodate unexpected guests... who like their drinks on the rocks.

Here's a tip from the folks who make Johnnie Walker Red Label, the world's largest selling Scotch: You can get about 20 more drops out of an "empty" bottle of whisky by placing it under hot, scalding water.

Veterans learning a trade, such as tile setter or plumber, and who are not in a cooperative on-the-job training (OJT) program, should request such training from the VA. OJT is one of the most practical programs under the GI Bill for those not attending college.

STOCKHOLDERS' NOTICE

There will be a special meeting of the stockholders of the Cupola House Association, Inc., to be held January 30, 1973, at 3:00 o'clock P. M. in the Municipal Building, Edenton, N. C. The purpose of said meeting is to amend the Association's Articles of Incorporation in order that it may achieve a tax exempt status. All stockholders are urged to attend.

George K. Mack, President

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G78-14	8.25-14	\$36.85	\$27.64	\$40.95	\$30.71	\$2.53
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F78-15	7.75-15	\$34.80	\$26.10	\$38.90	\$29.17	\$2.42
G78-15	8.25-15	\$37.85	\$28.39	\$41.95	\$31.46	\$2.60
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