

## PCA Directors Attend Meeting

The directors and president of the Albemarle Production Credit Association recently participated in a Management Institute for Directors and Executive Officers of Production Credit Associations and Federal Land Bank Associations according to Roy Miller, president of the association. The meeting was held in Raleigh.

The conference was conducted by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia and the Federal Land Bank of Columbia to assist the associations in providing more effective short-term, intermediate-term and long-term credit services to farmers, growers and ranchers. Officers and directors of the association attending the conference were Marvin Caddy of Hertford, Robert W. Bowen of Plymouth, and Frank W. Hollowell of Elizabeth City, directors; and R. Miller.

The farmer owned and operated Albemarle PCA has

644 farmer-members and is extending \$8,847,852.13 to these farmer-members in Pasquotank, Perquimans, Currituck, Camden, Chowan, Gates, Washington and Tyrrell counties for their needs for operating and capital investment credit on an intermediate term basis.

The associations' home office is located in Elizabeth City and branch offices are located in Plymouth and Edenton.

## Revival Planned

Revival services will begin at the Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday morning and will continue on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings with the pastor leading until March 18, at which time Evangelist Bill Baird of Greensboro will climax the revival effort speaking Sunday morning March 18 through Friday evening March 23. Evening services are at 7:30. Revival prayer time will be conducted at the conclusion of each service.



COMING TO EDENTON—Chris Weatherhead and John Milligan are shown in a scene from Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," in "Love and Conflict," the Theater In Education coming to Edenton Monday. The play will be presented at Swain Auditorium.

## Theater In Education Scheduled

Lyn Ely's Theater in Education, now in its 10th annual tour of North Carolina schools under the sponsorship of the State Board of Education, will give a performance of "Love and Conflict" at 1:30 P.M. on Monday at the Ernest Swain School.

The professional acting company, which was founded by Miss Ely 18 years ago, has been bringing good theater to students in the highways and

byways of five states. This year, in addition to North Carolina, the production will play in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Delaware.

Miss Ely, with director Ella Gerber, has developed a diversified show in "Love and Conflict." It deals with the love and conflict between men and women. In the words of Miss Ely, "Since so much of today's conversation is on the subject of women's liberation and man's chauvinistic tendencies, we thought it might be especially relevant, lively and thought-provoking to include the

thinking of various playwrights on this always fascinating theme."

The three major scenes of the program will be from Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" and Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." The prologue will have cameo scenes from Moliere's "The School For Wives" and Congreve's "The Way of the World."

The professional acting company from New York consists of Yolande Bryant, Chris Weatherhead, John Milligan and Elliott C. Moffitt. The latter is a native North Carolinian, whose hometown is Siler City.

## Office Planned By Sen. Helms

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U. S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) has announced plans to open a full time state office in Hickory. The office will be in the Federal Building in downtown Hickory. "We want to give the most efficient service possible to the people of North Carolina; Hickory was selected as an office location well-suited to supplement the operations of our full-time office in Raleigh and our planned part-time office in Greenville," Helms said.

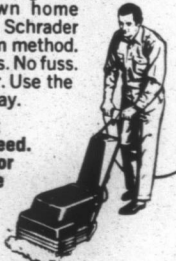
"I wanted a location in Western North Carolina, easily accessible to the folks in that area. I think the Hickory office will find that need, while also providing access to the populous Piedmont area," he said.

The Hickory office will be managed by Helms' Senate Staff Assistant, Keith Weatherly. By placing Weatherly in charge of the Hickory office, Helms plans to provide the same professional assistance to constituents that is available through his Raleigh and Washington offices.

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## Superintendent West Reports

By DR. EDDIE WEST

Recently you have probably either read about or heard on the news, information related to results from a statewide testing or assessment program last spring. Due to the number of inquiries received from various citizens regarding this effort, this column will be devoted to answering those questions most frequently asked.

Q. How did the state wide assessment program come about?

A. Thirty-six states have assessment programs--16 of these were required by legislative acts. In North Carolina the State Superintendent of Public Instruction initiated the statewide education assessment so that North Carolina can find out where it really is and can establish priorities.

Q. When was it done?

A. Planning began in 1970, with student testing conducted during April, 1972.

Q. What was measured?

A. The areas measured were reading, mathematics, language arts, career awareness, ability to work with abstract ideas, and student attitudes toward school and peers. The tests were the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the Student Attitude Questionnaire, the Large Thorndike Intelligence Test and the Cognitive

Vocational Maturity Battery. Q. Do the results tell us if we have improved over previous years?

A. The results of the assessment do not tell us whether we have improved, maintained a status quo, or fallen behind because we have nothing to compare them to. The results can be used in future comparisons. In addition, follow-up of those sixth grade students tested last spring can be undertaken.

Q. Who was included in the statewide testing effort?

A. 11,283 students were randomly selected from 101,549 sixth graders. The Research Triangle Institute developed the sampling procedure. There were 448 schools from 130 of the

152 school systems involved in the study.

Q. What does the assessment tell us about where we need more work?

A. Some things are apparent from the findings at this point. Since per capita income, educational attainment of parents, per cent nonwhite population, per pupil expenditure, academic ability, and per cent of rural students do relate to success and failure in the skills measured by the assessment, it is fair to conclude that North Carolina is "disadvantaged" compared to the nation with regard to these variables. At this point in the analysis of the assessment, it appears that we have a need for

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