

Farmers Move To Rescue Peanut Plan



JAMES A. GRAHAM FFA Banquet Set Monday

Members of the Chowan Chapter join with over 432,000 other FFA members in the United States in celebrating National FFA Week which started Saturday.

Throughout the week the state's 340 chapters are planning activities to support the theme, "FFA Unites Youth With Opportunities."

According to president Percy D. Bass, the Chowan Chapter will participate in observing National FFA Week and will hold its annual banquet on Monday. James A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, will be guest speaker.

National FFA Week always includes George Washington's Birthday in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices. Washington is considered the patron saint of the FFA and has come to symbolize the FFA Treasurer.

Organized in 1928, the FFA promotes leadership, cooperation and citizenship among high school vocational agriculture students.

Tax Collections

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have received a total of \$43,768.70 from fourth quarter collections of the 1 per cent local option sales and use tax, according to a report issued this week by G. A. Jones, Jr., commissioner, State Department of Revenue.

In the distribution, Chowan County received \$33,025.13 while the town's share was \$10,743.57.

At the same time, Jones reported collections for January. Net collections in Chowan County amounted to \$18,744.78.

In other Albemarle Area counties where the tax is collected, Jones reported the following:

Camden, \$2,406.23; Currituck, \$5,359.58; Dare, \$14,831.83; Pasquotank, \$62,452.83; Perquimans, \$8,270.82; Tyrrell, \$3,857.45; and Washington, \$20,196.17.



SPOTLIGHT ON ALBEMARLE--The Albemarle Area Development Association will be spotlighted at the annual staff conference of Agricultural Extension Service in Wilmington next month. Ralph Mills, visual aides specialist at N. C. State University, is shown as he photographs, from left: Dr. Tom Hobgood, NCSU community development specialist; C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; and Pete Thompson, county extension chairman. Thompson will narrate the program.

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Public Parade

To Make Believers

The federal government continues to liberalize the Food Stamp Act and recipients along the Public Parade are now getting, in many cases, \$3 in bonus stamps for every \$1 invested. This is a real bargain by any standards.

There are more than 200 certified for food stamps here and last month they received more than \$25,000 in stamps, while investing around \$6,000.

Any program of such wide scope is bound to have loopholes and attract the dishonest. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is constantly prosecuting grocers who violate the terms of the act.

Recently a Memphis, Tenn., grocer was sentenced to federal prison for six months and fined \$4,000 after pleading guilty to charges of violating the act.

He was charged with buying food stamps at a discount for cash. In one count, the grocer was charged with buying \$120 in food stamps for \$90, while in the second count he was accused of buying \$400 in food coupons for \$300 in cash.

The only cash transactions regarding food coupons are limited to the purchase by the recipient from a federally-designated agency. Grocers in some areas are feeling the sting for believing otherwise.

Preventive Action

Saturday will mark the climax of a lengthy struggle to form a U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary along the Public Parade to provide valuable service by volunteers to the boating public. The Edenton Flotilla will become of age at a banquet at Edenton Restaurant.

With Max Busby as commodore the unit can be expected to enjoy a healthy and worth-while existence.

In the February issue of "Soundings" an editorial titled, "Last Chance", adequately explains the importance of units like the Edenton Flotilla:

Voluntary education is something you'll be hearing a lot about this year. The Coast Guard has made it clear that unless something is done to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and accidents that occur every year in boating, it will look to more direct methods of policing boat operators. And that means operator licensing, mandatory education or call it what you will.

In effect, the Coast Guard is

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READY FOR FIRST SALE--The modern stand ready for the first sale, which is scheduled feeder pig market facilities on Paradise Road for March 1.

Edenton By-Pass Moves Ahead

RALEIGH--Contract on the long planned Edenton by-pass is now scheduled to be let in November, according to State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of the First District.

Sen. Harrington told The Chowan Herald yesterday afternoon he and Sen. Phil Godwin obtained a status report from the State Highway Commission earlier in the day after some concern had been expressed by Edenton officials. The senators were told that the status of this project had not changed and it is going ahead as planned.

They were told acquisition of the right-of-way in proceeding at the projected rate and should be completed by October. Some \$1-million has been earmarked for this phase of the project, and should it be concluded as scheduled then the contract could be awarded in November.

Sen. Harrington, chairman of the powerful Senate Roads Committee, said the Edenton by-pass project had not been mentioned in previous projections of priorities since it was not among the projects frozen by the Holshouser Administration.

He said he and Sen. Godwin are aware of the tremendous need for this project and will continue to request progress reports from the state.

Town Faces Rate Increase

Edenton Town Council has been made aware of a proposed 16.11 per cent rate increase in wholesale electric rates by Virginia Electric & Power Company. The increase, if granted by the State Utilities Commission, would be retroactive to January 11.

The increase, the second in recent months, was discussed last week at a meeting of the council. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the increase would be passed on to the town's customers.

Those who now purchase electricity from the town are paying a 10 per cent surcharge imposed when VEPCO increased rates 19 per cent.

Gardner said the town is considering a general rate increase to include the proposed increase as well as the surcharge.

Mrs. Moore Dies

Mrs. Shelton W. Moore, Sr., 900 North Broad Street, died suddenly in Chowan Hospital Sunday. She was 72.

Mrs. Moore was owner of Eden Motel.

Mrs. Blanche Sitterson Moore was born in Perquimans County on September 15, 1900, daughter of the late J. C. and Corinne Broughton Sitterson. She was the widow of Shelton W. Moore, Sr.

Surviving is a son, Shelton W. Moore, Jr., of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Sutton of Walbridge, Ohio; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary and Edenton Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Tuesday in Williford Memorial Chapel with Rev. Robert Gray and Rev. R. N. Carroll officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Market Plans Sale March 1

Albemarle Cooperative Association, Inc., will sponsor the first state graded feeder pig sale in Chowan County on March 1, according to Gene Nixon, manager. The sale begins at 3 P.M.

The association has recently completed one of the most modern sale facilities in North Carolina on Paradise Road, three miles north of Edenton.

Sales will be held the first and third Thursday of each month.

Pigs will be received from 8 A.M. until 12 noon. Animals must weigh between 40 pounds and 130 pounds.

Any farmer or buyer interested in participating in the new sale should contact Nixon at 482-3734.

Albemarle Cooperative Association, Inc., serves more than 125 farmers in 11 Northeastern North Carolina counties. It was formed by N. C. Rural Fund For Development. Roy L. Harrell is NCRFD educational specialist working with the cooperative.

Money Received

CHARLOTTE--The Duke Endowment in the past week has distributed \$1,957,615 to 190 hospitals and 43 child care institutions in North and South Carolina.

Chowan Hospital in Edenton was among those who received checks. The Chowan share was \$1,649.

Mrs. Hawkins Is Honored By Edenton BPW

Thirteen of the 14 living recipients of the Edenton Business & Professional Women's Club were in attendance at Edenton Restaurant last Thursday night when Mrs. Mollie G. Hawkins was named winner for 1972. She is the 23rd local woman to be signally

recognized by the BPW.

Mrs. Clara Boswell went to elaborate details in a suspenseful setting to hit the highlights of Mrs. Hawkins' life and present her to the anxious audience. Mrs. Boswell said Mrs. Hawkins' name would be added to the "scroll of

greatness" which was established in 1950.

Mrs. Hawkins is a veteran nurse at Chowan Hospital. Earlier she was named Nurse of the Year by the Medical Society here and entered district competition.

Now serving as evening supervisor of nurses, Mrs. Hawkins has been associated with the hospital for 21 years. In addition to her professional work, she was recognized for her family and community activities.

In a humorous, but thought provoking address, Dr. Edwin L. West, Jr., superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, told the Bosses' Night audience that employers and employees should work as a team to turn problems into opportunities. He challenged them to not attack personalities but to attack problems.

The speaker said "attempts at positive constructive solutions to problems will do much to enhance boss-employee relations".

Dr. West said one of the major things which has helped to build America has been the use of a personal touch for keying job success and satisfaction.

Without type legislation, it is feared that farmers face a considerable reduction in allotments.

The recent delima is the result of a directive by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz that the cost of the existing peanut program must be cut by at least \$20-million this year. CCC spent \$125-million in purchases last year and it is estimated that without some change the \$200-million figure will be reached in the next few years.

CCC purchased 8.58 per cent of the 1972 peanut crop in the Virginia-Carolina area, while in the Southeast Area, the purchase amounted to 41.36 per cent of the total crop.

Chowan County farmers last year averaged 2,838 pounds per acre on 6,135.9 acres harvested. Peanuts were grown on 572 farms with a total allotment of 6,262.8 acres.

Benefits Slated

The Chowan County Heart Association has planned a busy weekend this week to wind up the 1973 Heart Fund drive.

There is a Heart Fund Talent Show at the Swain Auditorium on Friday night at 8 o'clock featuring a fine family-style show. Tickets will be available at the door for a \$1 donation.

Saturday the Cub Scouts will have another Ballon Sale in the Edenton shopping areas. Their first sales on February 3 needed a total of \$97. The snow on February 10 didn't dampen their spirits, because the Cubs called the Heart Fund President begging to go out. They will have one more Saturday this weekend.

Next on the schedule is a barbecue dinner at the National

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MRS. CLARA BOSWELL and MRS. MOLLIE HAWKINS

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