

Should Food Be Cheap?

With all the talk about high food prices, it may seem foolish to ask food should be cheap. The answer is not as obvious as it may seem. It depends on what we mean by cheap.

By cheap, we mean that food should be produced and marketed as efficiently as possible and sold at the lowest price that will yield a reasonable profit for producers and marketing firms, then food should be cheap.

If, on the other hand, by the word cheap we mean that everyone in the food industry should operate at a loss so that everyone else can afford to buy T-bone steaks, then why should food be that cheap?

Food is essential to life, but so is clothing and shelter in most areas of the world. In a society such as ours, one might argue that transportation is also essential. However, style changes in clothes make costly wardrobes outdated long before they are worn out. And certainly not everyone can afford tailor-made suits and original design gowns. Neither can

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Water System Near Reality

Work is now progressing on the completion of a survey for a rural water system in Chowan County. George W. Lewis, chairman of the county planning board, told members at a meeting Tuesday night that it is hoped that application can be made with Farmers Home Administration for funds within the next few weeks.

Lewis explained that the system would be designated as "service-wide" and would not include the Town of Edenton.

He also told board members that FHA has stated that the proposed Chowan system is the most important in North Carolina at this time.

The chairman said the board is working on a land use zoning program.

To this, Chairman C. A. Phillips of Chowan County commissioners said land use zoning is important and getting more important daily. He suggested that the planning board involve county commissioners in the program and ask the county board to "come on, let's get going" on a land use plan.

Joint Effort To Set Needs

In a coordinative endeavor, the Agriculture Extension Service, AADA and Albemarle Regional Planning Development Commission will in the next two months be evaluating the expressed needs and updating priorities with the older citizens of the ten counties of the Albemarle.

The steering committee is composed by agriculture extension agents on Aging and ARPDC staff. The committee met for a full day planning conference last week with representation from the Governor's Council on Aging and state officials from N. C. Agriculture Extension.

The committee elected officers composed of Miss June Myers of ARPDC as chairman; Mrs. Minnie B. Taylor, home extension agent from Perquimans County, vice chairman and Mrs. Louise H. Capps, home extension chairman from Currituck County as secretary. The committee will be working toward having the region designated as a high impact area for the purpose of obtaining additional assistance in accomplishing priority goals to benefit the senior citizens of the region.



PROMOTE HOME IMPROVEMENTS—Gilbert Johnson, left, EIC housing coordinator, is shown here with C. A. Phillips, center, chairman of Chowan County commissioners, and Earl Jones, EIC job developer, as they discuss a new "add-on" bathroom project now underway. They are shown with a fiberglass unit being promoted.

EIC Project Is Launched Here

Economic Improvement Council, Inc., is launching an "add-on" bathroom project to benefit low income families in Northeastern North Carolina. It is being considered a priority project in the 10 counties of Region "R".

Current statistics reveal that 13,448 families in the region have inadequate and or incomplete bathroom facilities. The overall objective, therefore, is to help in improving the housing the living standards of these families.

The intent of this project is to encourage families in the area who do not have proper bathroom facilities and adequate sewage disposal to install this completely fiberglass bathroom unit, which meets all health and sanitation standards.

The add-on bathroom is an economical, self contained unit which can be transported from the manufacturer and attached to a house which is in pretty good condition and which does not have bathroom facilities. The unit is

manufactured in the area, and financing can be arranged.

A door-sized opening is cut into the side of the house, the unit is rolled up against the house, placed on a foundation, nailed and sealed to the house, with water, sewer and electrical connections being made.

The unit has a bathtub, toilet, washbasin, hot water heater (optional) and a small electric heater to keep the bathroom warm when it is being used. It is completely finished inside and outside, insulated and ready to connect up.

Gilbert Johnson, housing coordinator for EIC, will travel throughout the region to show and encourage the installation of this or other similar units. For information as to the date, place and time the unit will be on display in the various counties, interested people should contact their Economic Resource Center of EIC in Edenton, 482-4459, or Elizabeth City, 335-5493.

System-Wide School Maintenance And Repair Program Moves Ahead; Long Range Goals Set

By FLYNN SURRATT
Students returning to their respective schools in the Edenton-Chowan system will find things a little more cheerful as they make their way through the hallways and rooms. An extensive

maintenance and repair program initiated in mid-June has begun to deal with the needs of each school in Chowan County, utilizing the talents and strong backs of faculty members, students, and Neighbor Youth Corps participants. The

results are and will be impressive. Although the various schools have their own problems to be dealt with, each one has been subjected to thorough cleaning and spot plastering and painting. Because the school system now

has a fulltime electrician, it has easily facilitated much needed electrical work.

At Swain Elementary School, the buckled and worn lunchroom floor has been removed, and the dry concrete floor beneath it is

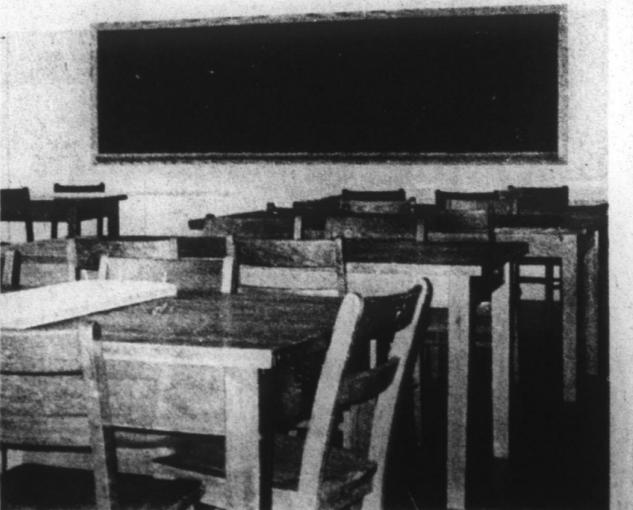
being prepared for the fall. Painting is also being done in this area.

The D. F. Walker School campus has received a manicure to enhance its appearance. Scheduled for later in the summer

is the painting of the lunchroom and another classroom building.

Those strolling through the gym at John A. Holmes High School will be constantly reminded of the school colors, blue and gold. The

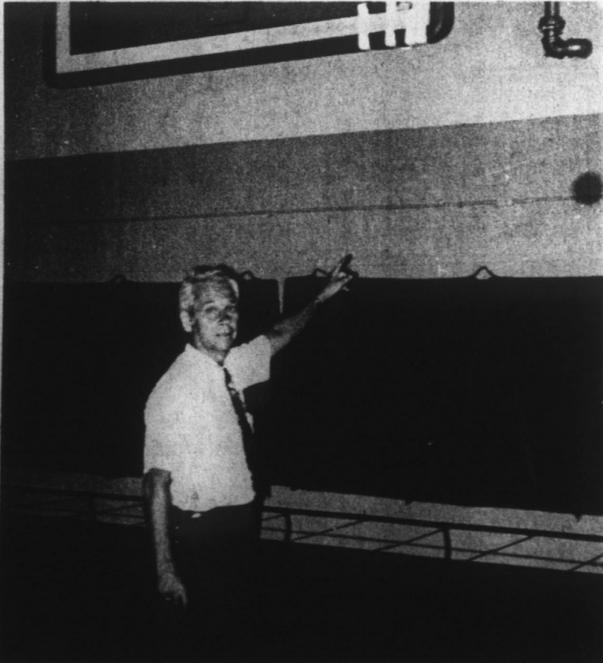
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Classroom Constructed From Old Holmes High



Donald White Trims Up The Holmes High Lawn



Asst. Superintendent Fry Displays Gym Work



GEORGE W. LEWIS

Lewis Given Area Position

William H. Stanley, president of Peoples Bank and Trust Company today announced the expansion of the bank's Agribusiness Department. In making the announcement Stanley said, "Agribusiness customers comprise a major segment of the bank's market. In order to meet the ever changing needs of our Agribusiness customers, we find it necessary to expand our Agribusiness Department at this time.

As part of the expansion plan, George W. Lewis, manager of the

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Pig Sales Are "Tremendous"

Total sales at the Albemarle Cooperative Feeder Pig Market on Paradise Road have now exceeded \$300,000, with the sale last Thursday again leading the state in prices paid.

Roy L. Harrell, a market official, reports that the 10 sales thus far have seen producers in Chowan County alone receiving \$100,000. Producers in eleven Northeastern North Carolina counties are members of the cooperative, and membership is expanding almost weekly as the popular sale continues.

"It is just tremendous," Harrell said as he noted that in some cases pigs sold for as much as \$5 per head move in Edenton than at other state graded sales last week. The Edenton sale led 15 of the 17 categories.

Jack Parker, area livestock specialist, predicted that the sale on August 2 would even exceed the one held last week, where prices are concerned. "This is a new day

for meat prices," he added.

Reflecting on the sale last week, Parker said the pigs were purchased locally, in most instances. He said the local sale is closer to more of the big feeders than sales in other sections of the state. Freight differential makes it more attractive to local buyers, he added.

At last week's sale the value of modern marketing practices was

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Superior Court

Judge William Copeland of Murfreesboro will preside over a four-week session of Chowan County Superior Court here, beginning September 3.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, said arrangements have been made with the Town of Edenton to use the Council Room at the Municipal Building for sessions of District Court while Superior Court is in session.

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