



Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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HOOTS
THRILLING RIDE—Anyone who looks at a map of North Carolina knows that there is a lot of water in the Eastern part of the state and not many large towns. But there is nothing like flying over this section of the state to give you a graphic picture of what it's really like. I had just such an opportunity last week and, believe me, it was not only thrilling but eye-opening.

The occasion was a helicopter tour arranged by Weyerhaeuser Company at my request for the Director of the North Carolina Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Dabney Enderle, and her aide, Eddie Barham. They were in this area, for the first time, in connection with a proposed Bicentennial Barge: a floating culture center containing a library, art and historical museums, and a small theater, which may be one of the State's main projects for celebrating our two hundredth anniversary.

From the air, it is quickly apparent that most of the towns are located on waterways—rivers, lakes, sounds, etc. Between towns there is farmland and pastureland but mostly there are trees—acres and acres of them, both softwoods and hardwoods. Our very able guide, DeWitt Darden, pointed out the cypress swamps and the tree farms, identified the various crops for us, and indicated the many municipalities which could provide dock space for the barge we hope to build. All in all, it was a most instructive trip for everyone including the pilot, Robert Fulton, who is new to this area and had the thrill of

seeing the site of man's first flight. While flying over Kill Devil Hill, we retraced the path of the Wright Brothers' flight.

SCREECHES
TIRE TROUBLE—Except for the weather which delayed our flight a couple of hours, we encountered no problems with the aircraft. It was a different story on the ground when I returned to my desk—the first thing to greet me was a report that the Bookmobile had been having tire trouble and mechanical difficulties. Much to the distress of the driver, Pearl Furlough, she had been unable to make some of her scheduled stops last week. We beg the indulgence of our faithful patrons when these things happen. You can be sure we will get the Bookmobile rolling as quickly as possible whenever breakdowns occur but our vehicle is beginning to show signs of age and seems to require more babying than usual.

FEED FACTORS
Factors that have contributed to the high cost of livestock feed in the U. S. are not all of domestic origin. Some of the major factors are weather problems and short crops in foreign nations. Drouths have or will cut harvests in South Africa and India, for example. Australia's December wheat harvest was down. Unfavorable weather caused the Soviet Union to plant 17 million fewer acres to winter wheat than its planting goal.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Mrs. Elizabeth Irene Moore Thomason, a May graduate of Mars Hill College, was on the spring Dean's List. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Moore, Sr., Pembroke Circle, Edenton.

Last Friday, Congress took its annual recess until Wednesday, September 5. During the week several major items of legislation were considered, the first being a bill which would

have increased the salaries of certain Federal office holders. The House refused to even consider the bill by defeating a motion to consider a rule under which the bill would be debated. Another important matter was the Military Procurement Authorization for 1974. The bill would have authorized \$21.4 billion for the coming year. The House reduced this by \$950-million setting a ceiling equal to the fiscal year 1973 level, plus a 4.5 inflation increase. The bill also provides for a reduction in Armed Forces strength of 94,188

from 1973. It also reduced the military reserve strength by 66,544 less than last year. The bill also authorized the average military training student load (including active and reserve components) of 376,280 man-years — 520 fewer than requested. A very controversial bill was the approval of the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline. This bill, in view of the extreme emergency as it relates to our supply of fuel, caused a majority of the Members of the House to stand firm in bypassing the Federal

Courts as well as the ecologists. A substitute was offered to delay construction of the Alaskan line in order to give consideration to an alternate route through the nation of Canada. This, of course, was defeated, and on final passage the vote was 356 to 60, and the only amendments approved were of a technical nature which did not change the intent of the bill.

On Friday, the Congress recessed for one month, including the Senate Watergate Committee hearings, to the dismay of some of the relief of others!

Rep. Walter B. Jones Reports From Washington



TERRY M. WILLIAMS



LEON SAWYER

Assistant Manager Trainees Named

Macks Store announced the appointment of two new assistant manager trainees in Edenton, Monday.

Terry M. Williams, a lifelong resident of Edenton became associated with Macks on July 28. Williams, a 1973 graduate of John A. Holmes High School, was formerly an employee of radio station WCDJ where he served as an announcer. He is married to the former Jane Bass of Edenton, and both are

members of Yeopim Baptist Church. They have no children. Among his areas of interest are football, baseball, and track, and he enjoys reading.

Leon Sawyer is a native of Dillon, S. C. and was with Macks there until his transfer to Edenton on June 2. He is a member of the Church of God; enjoys hunting, fishing, and football; and plans to be married in the near future.

Social Security Administration News

By DONALD S. MORRIS
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Under the 1972 Amendments to the Social Security Law 100 per cent of the cost of home health services will be paid for by Medicare. In this area home health services under Medicare are furnished through the District Health Department in Elizabeth City. The Medicare patient's doctor may make arrangements for these services for qualifying patients. Under the old law only eighty per cent of the cost was paid for under Part B of Medicare.

In the future Medicare enrollment will be automatic with beneficiaries having an opportunity to decline coverage if they wish. This automatic enrollment was effective for persons attaining age sixty-five in July 1973 or later. Persons who declined coverage earlier but who now want it should enroll during the three months January, February and March

1974. Beginning July 1, 1973, services of a physical therapist in independent practice were covered by Medicare when furnished in his office or in the patient's home. Reimbursement would be based on not more than \$100 of incurred expenses in a calendar year.

Effective January 1 1973, a hospital or extended care facility may provide covered outpatient physical therapy services under supplementary medical insurance to their patients who have exhausted their days of hospital insurance coverage under Medicare.

Outpatient speech pathology services furnished by services furnished by approved providers of outpatient physical therapy were covered under Medicare effective January 1 1973.

Woman Designs Cars

Mrs. Mimi Ornes, the first woman designer hired by Ford Motor Co. Dearborn, Mich., said that it was easier for her to get the job because she was a woman, but that now the pressure is much more on her than if she were a man doing the same job.

Hired in 1970 because the company "was looking for a woman," her favored status quickly changed when she began working, she says.

The attractive designer believes the pressure is good for her and her career. "Being watched is helpful because it keeps you constantly on your toes. This is especially important in the automotive design field because of the competition."

"Carry only today's burden, don't add to it the burden of yesterday and the day before."—Mrs. Gary Hiott, The Pickens (S.C.) Sentinel.

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