

# THANKSGIVING



**HONORED FOR FARMING ACHIEVEMENTS**—Three different organizations in Chowan County Monday night presented awards during the annual Farm-City Week banquet held at Edenton Jaycee Building on Base Road. At far left, W. Earl Smith, chairman of the Agriculture Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce presents the 1972 peanut production award to representatives of Byrum Farms, Inc., Butch, Carroll and Joe Carroll Byrum. Oscar White is shown at left in center

picture as he presented the Edenton Jaycee OYF award to Wayne Bunch. Edenton Lions Club, represented by Marvin Barham, presented 4-H Corn Contest awards to Bill Jordan, Joseph Goodwin and Nadine Monds. Below, Dr. William Toussaint is given a gift package of Chowan County peanut products by C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; Wallace B. Evans, Farm-City Week chairman; and Mayor Roy L. Harrell.

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### Public Parade

#### Thanksgiving, 1973

This marks our ninth Thanksgiving holiday along the Public Parade. And it will be even more meaningful than the first because we are joined this year by our mother who is celebrating her 89th holiday season. Although life, even along the Public Parade, appears to be one crisis after another in our opinion there exists no better place, no better people, and no better cause than in the Albemarle.

Two years ago we renewed our pledge to strive to contribute to the solution rather than be a part of the problem. If we have been at all successful in this continuing endeavor it has been the result of a team effort, for which we are thankful.

There will be the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, family and friends. But we must not forget those in every quarter who have contributed to that for which we are thankful.

Won't you join us in such remembrances during this holiday season— Thanksgiving, 1973?

#### Fair Dealing

We would like to call to the attention of all who meander along the Public Parade two items included in The Chowan Herald this week. One is the reproduction of the Chowan County Sketch Development Plan; the other a questionnaire dealing with penetrating matters of Edenton-Chowan Schools.

Both items are of utmost importance in the development of a balanced community; one in which the citizenry acts rather than reacts; one in which public officials are cognizance of the needs and seek widespread input.

Chowan County Planning Board, with George W. Lewis as chairman, is recognized as one of the most active in the state. They are innovative, imaginative and practically fearless. They circulate the sketch development plan, printed by EdenPress, Inc., in an effort to obtain criticism and comment from the citizens in order to develop the best possible plan for all the people.

There will obviously be those who, for self-serving reasons, will attempt to set up obstacles in the path of orderly growth and wise land use planning. We hope the planning board will not be deterred by this minority and move boldly forward.

Public education is on trial across North Carolina. There are those who voted "yes" on November 6 who in doing so said:

## Child-Care Service Need Cited

There apparently are 144 children under six years of age in Chowan County who need child-care services but are not receiving them.

This is one of the major conclusions of a county survey conducted as part of a statewide child-care services assessment by the Learning Institute of North Carolina (LINC) of Durham.

The county survey was coordinated by Mrs. Frances D.

Inglis of Edenton. Reports for each county are being issued by LINC as they are completed, and a state report will be published in November.

The survey covered day-care centers, day-care homes, nursery schools, and kindergartens. A total of 175 children under six in the county are enrolled in these services, the survey report indicates.

Four of the seven child-care

services identified were selected for the survey. Totals in the county report, however, are projections for all known child-care services.

The LINC report indicates that there are 969 children five years of age or younger in the county, and 245 women in the labor force (employed or seeking employment) with children under six.

U. S. Census information shows that the average North Carolina woman in the labor force with a pre-school child, or children, has 1.3 children under six. Therefore, LINC estimates that the 245 women in the labor force with children under six have a total of 319 preschool children.

Since only 175 children under six actually are enrolled in child-care services, the report states, more

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## Mouse Figures In Campaign

Volunteers from the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Edenton Methodist Church will be

conducting a "Send a Mouse to College" campaign Friday, in the Edenton business district and shopping centers.

If you are asked for a donation to send a mouse to college, don't take it lightly. Citizens will be asked to contribute two quarters and a penny for a mouse to be used in cancer research and thus will receive a red button.

Fifty-one cents is the estimated cost of raising a mouse, putting him to sleep, performing an autopsy

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## Farm Income To Set Record

For the first time in history the income of farm people in 1973 will equal that of non-farm people. This is the prediction of a noted farm economist, who also sees increase of agricultural products, lower prices and lower income.

Dr. William D. Toussaint, head

of the Ag-Econ Department at N. C. State University in Raleigh, also told a Farm-City Week banquet audience here Monday night that the future of agriculture will be determined by the weather and fuel shortage.

He said the fuel crisis will affect the availability of fertilizer as well as the curing of crops and food processing.

Dr. Toussaint said the American people have taken agriculture too much for granted for too long a time. Over the years, he noted, progress in American agriculture has been truly remarkable. He noted that in 1942 one farm would produce enough food for 11 people and by 1950 it had increased to 15 people and in 1973 one farm produced sufficient food for 50 people.

Address himself to food prices, he said in the U. S. consumers spend less than 16 per cent of the dollar for food and food items while in most countries the percentage ranges from 25 to 50.

"During the last 50 years agriculture policy has been directed toward increased farm prices," he said. This has been through controls to keep the prices up. He noted that the rapid price increases of 1973 actually started in 1971 with the Southern corn blight. And price controls have

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## Gifts Sought For Area Patients

Operation Santa Claus is presently organizing its third drive to bring good tidings and Christmas joy to the approximately 200 Albemarle Area residents who are patients at Cherry Hospital, Caswell Center, and the W. B. Jones Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center. These

regional institutions are dependent upon each mental health area to supply gifts to those residents from that area.

If there are those who would prefer making a cash donation rather than a gift donation, checks may be payable to the Caswell Center, ear-marked for the volunteer Services Christmas Fund, Cherry Hospital Volunteer Fund, or W. B. Jones A.R.C., voluntary Christmas Fund. Appropriate gifts will be purchased for each resident by staff members who know them and are familiar with their wishes.

The Albemarle Mental Health Center and local volunteer workers will coordinate the project and solicit gifts and donations.

Anyone wishing to give a gift or make a cash donation may contact the Albemarle Mental Health Center or anyone of the volunteers workers who will direct you as to

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## Parade Slated

Edenton's annual Christmas Parade will be held at 4 P.M. on December 6.

This announcement was made today by Alton Clark, chairman of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. The committee sponsors the parade through downtown Edenton with Edenton Jaycees assisting.

Clark said preparations for another good parade are nearing completion. Those who seek further information are asked to call the chamber office, 482-3400.

## Postmaster Urges Early Mailing For Christmas

Postmaster James M. Bond today joined Postmaster General E. T. Klassen in urging the residents of Edenton to post their domestic and foreign Christmas mail one to two weeks earlier than the Postal Service originally recommended, so that the energy shortage will not interfere with one-time deliveries.

"The urgency of the fuel energy crisis compels us to request a one-week advancement of suggested dates we gave for domestic mail and a two-week advancement for foreign mail," Postmaster Bond said.

The new deadline for posting domestic first-class Christmas

mail is December 8 rather than December 15, as previously announced. Domestic surface parcels, except those for Alaska and Hawaii, should be mailed by December 3, instead of December 10. To Alaska and Hawaii, mail by November 23 instead of November 30.

Airmail parcels and letters within the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii) should now be posted no later than December 15, rather than December 21. To Alaska and Hawaii, mail by December 13, rather than December 20.

"The seriousness of the fuel shortage to the Postal Service is

underlined," Postmaster Bond said, "by the fact that in addition to the fuel consumed by commercial air carriers, we require approximately 350-million gallons of fuel to travel 2.25-billion miles delivering the 90-billion pieces of mail that flow through the system each year. Our requirement for the month of December alone is 45-million gallons."

Postmaster Bond said that "public cooperation on meeting these new, advance mail early dates is needed to help us complete all Christmas deliveries."



**OPERATION SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEERS**—Volunteer coordinators from the Student Council of Chowan Academy for Operation Santa Claus are pictured above with a gift receptacle that will be placed in the Consumer Credit Branch of Peoples Bank. Five other receptacles will be placed at various locations in Edenton and Chowan County. The volunteers above include, left to right, first row: Teresa Dixon and Lynn Jackson; second row, Gary Smith and Otis Cowper; and third row, Jean Parrish and Martha Jo Hollowell.