

Representatives Seeking Change

On December 12 peanut industry representatives met with Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz and staff members of his department. The industry was appealing to Butz to rescind at least three of the administrative decisions which he has applied to the 1974 peanut price support program, namely, the lease, sale and transfer of peanut allotments, the transfer of program administration from the Co-Op to ASCS, and the requirement of 115 per cent of loan prices as the minimum sales policy on Commodity Credit Corporation peanuts for export and crushing.

It was strongly indicated at the meeting that the secretary would consider rescinding these rulings if the industry would show sincere and diligent effort in introducing and supporting new legislation which would reduce or eliminate the cost of the peanut program to the government and would open up the quota and allotment system so that farmers without peanut production history would be able to produce peanuts.

During the meeting it developed that the growers had prepared proposed legislation which they felt would accomplish this and had presented it to the Secretary for evaluation in May, 1973. It was further pointed out that this evaluation was not forthcoming until December 3, since which time the growers had not had time to consider the Department's evaluation and make changes which they felt might meet the Department's objectives.

If further developed that the industry could not support the legislation which the secretary had introduced to the Congress utilizing the target price system, which is in effect in the General Farm Bill, because the target price as set forth in this bill was considerably below the cost of production of peanuts and an open-end planning arrangement would tend to flood the marketing facilities which are already taxed beyond capacity to the point that many farmers would lose a major portion of their production due to natural causes during the harvesting season.

Consequently, a stand-off situation developed and nothing definitive was done at the meeting, other than the growers group promised to get together to review their situation and positions and get back with the Secretary in early January, probably January 3 or 4, at which time it is hoped that the differences between the industry and the Department of Agriculture might be reconciled.

A most disturbing point was made by the secretary from the growers' viewpoint when he stated the growers are receiving too high a price for their peanuts, which should be priced competitively with the world market price, which during 10 years out of the past 11 years has been considerably below the United States per ton cost of production. For this reason it was the unanimous opinion of the industry representatives that peanut farmers would shift to the production of other crops if the outlook for peanut market prices were based on world market.

Officers for the year 1974 for Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be installed in the Masonic Temple tonight (Thursday). It will be an open installation ceremony so that relatives and friends of the group of officers may attend. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

Officers to be installed include: W. S. Long, master; Warren J. Twiddy, senior warden; Jimmy Yates, junior warden; R. E. Leary, treasurer; W. P. Goodwin, secretary; Elijah White, senior deacon; J. D. Elliott, junior deacon; W. M. Rhoades, chaplain; Joe Campen and Raymond Tarkington, stewards; Herbert Baker, marshal and Louis Craddock, Tyler.

Vocational—Cristie G. Bunch, Nancy D. Evans and Janice F. Sawyer, all of Edenton.

College Transfer: Joseph A. Beeler, Gladys F. Bembridge and Debbie L. Overton, all of Edenton.

Chowan County Students Listed On "Who's Who" List

ELIZABETH CITY — Three Elizabeth City State University students from Chowan County will be listed in the 1973-74 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Notice of the ECSU student selections was first released by the university's Advisory Council, Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe, chairman.

Among them were: Eden R. Hathaway, who broke the trend in ECSU by leaving her post as president of the Women's Government Association to become president of the Student Government, thus becoming the student's chief spokesman on the board of trustees, the advisory council, the ECSU foundation and other governing and policy-making bodies. The senior art major is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Anthony Hathaway of Edenton.

Queenie E. Harris is a junior social science major from Edenton. She was "Miss Sophomore" last year and considers being selected among the nominees as the highest honor to be accorded her. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Sigma Xi Science Club, Women's Government Association, the yearbook staff and United Campus Religious Fellowship.

Pedro Holley hails from Tyner. He is currently serving as president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Alpha Phi Gamma fraternity, United Campus Religious Fellowship, the ECSU Pre-Alumni Association. He is active in the ECSU Chapter of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators and the Student National Education Association. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Holley, Sr., he is a senior industrial arts education major. He also holds membership on several of the university's councils and committees.

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Masons Install New Officers

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The 32 Eastern North Carolina counties are divided into 13 Mental Health Services areas, each having its own Mental Health Center or Clinic. An "Area" within the 32-county Eastern Region (and across North Carolina) consists of one or more counties and serves from approximately 75,000 to 200,000 persons.

Through the Area Program, comprehensive care in the community is emphasized. When short-time psychiatric hospitalization is needed, it will be available in the community and treatment of persons with alcoholic problems, where detoxification is necessary, will, in most cases, be provided locally.

Emergency facilities will be available to the mentally ill, severely depressed, alcoholic people, and those who might be sick from an overdose of drugs. The Area Mental Health Board, in conjunction with the Area Director, also has responsibility for preparing an annual budget, including local, state and federal funds, and is responsive to the County Commissioners and responsible to the North Carolina Division of Mental Health Services.

The Area Board is the basic unit holding responsibility in the community for the delivery of mental health, mental retardation, alcoholism and drug dependence, and mental health education services.

This area of responsibility is designed to assure the delivery of mental health services, in the local community, (at home), where possible; to children and youth who may be having emotional and behavioral problems; mentally ill and disturbed adults of all ages, including the elderly; the mentally retarded; as well as services and programs designed to treat, rehabilitate and counsel people with alcohol and drug dependency problems.

The responsibility in determining and establishing services and programs needed in each of the areas, with approval given by the Area Mental Health Board, is placed in the hands of an Area Director. The Area Director is appointed by the Area Mental Health Board, with the approval of the North Carolina Division of Mental Health Services.

In instances where there is only one county, the County Board of Commissioners appoints the complete Area Mental Health Board. In multi-county areas, each Board of County Commissioners appoints one County Commissioner and those appointed in turn appoint additional Area Board members.

The Area Mental Health Board must, by law, include at least the following: one County Commissioner from each county, two persons duly licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina, one representative from the professional fields of psychology, social work, nursing or religion; three representatives from local citizen organizations, active in mental health; one representative from local hospital or pre-planning organizations; and one attorney practicing in North Carolina.

Each Area Board should have at least 15 members. In addition to those mentioned above, Board members may come from such categories as: low-income groups, youth, minority groups, the aged, education, mental health association, mental retardation associations, mental health professionals, law enforcement personnel, PTA members, news media personnel, housewives and legislators. Members of the Area Board generally serve four-year terms.

A close working relationship is maintained at all times between the Area Board and Area Director, the Eastern Regional Director, and the North Carolina Division of Mental Health Services. The Regional Director and Regional Staff are available for consultation and assistance in the delivery of services and establishing programs in each area to meet the needs of local people.

Dr. Jerry Pickrel Is Elected Board Chairman Of Mental Health Center

Dr. Jerry C. Pickrel of Elizabeth City has been elected chairman of the Albemarle Mental Health Center Area board.

Albemarle Mental Health Center serves Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties. Main offices and facilities are located in the Medical Building at 113 North Elliott Street, Elizabeth City.

Charles R. Franklin, Jr., area director, has local responsibility to see that mental health programs and services are delivered to fit the needs of people in the community or area served by the Albemarle Mental Health Center, under the direction of the Albemarle MHC Area Board.

Other community citizens on the Albemarle Mental Health Center's Area Board are: R. Graham White, vice-chairman; Jimmy Voliva, secretary; Philip Quidley, treasurer; Alton G. Elmore, Dr. J. H. Slade, Graham Pevier, Pennell A. Tillet, Mrs. Steve Pugh, Selby Scott, W. G. Gaither, Jr., Rex Mann, Herbert Mullen, R. S. Monds and R. P. Spivey.

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When out-of-community service is required, Regional facilities are available for in-patient service, care and treatment, at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, for the mentally ill; Caswell Center, Kinston, for the mentally retarded; and Walter B. Jones Rehabilitation Center, Greenville, for the rehabilitation of alcoholic people.

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ASSETS	
Bonds	\$ 17,800,474.01
Stocks	8,966,702.11
Mortgage loans on real estate	32,598.07
Real estate	1,657,367.91
Collateral loans	
Cash and bank deposits	1,639,604.81
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums, net	2,887,395.48
Funds held by or deposited with ceding reinsurers	
Bills receivable, taken for premiums	242,611.89
Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments	67,097.60
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	224,689.69
All other assets as detailed in statement	260,962.25
Total Assets:	\$ 33,779,483.82

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Losses	\$ 6,716,576.05
Loss adjustment expenses	1,327,592.15
Contingent commissions and other similar charges	325,000.00
Other expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	447,899.49
Taxes, licenses and fees (excluding Federal income taxes)	498,155.27
Federal income taxes	267,095.00
Unearned premiums	11,219,167.75
Dividends declared and unpaid:	
(a) Stockholders	
(b) Policyholders	
Funds held by company under reinsurance treaties	
Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others	13,865.01
Unearned premiums on reinsurance in unauthorized companies	
Reinsurance on paid losses \$ _____ and on unpaid losses \$ _____ due from unauthorized companies	
Total	
Less funds held or retained by company for account of such unauthorized companies \$ _____	
Excess of liability and compensation statutory and voluntary reserves over case basis and loss expense reserves	22,000.66
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement	772,866.04
Total Liabilities	\$ 21,610,818.02
Special surplus funds:	\$ 2,401,991.56
Guaranty Fund	750,000.00
Gross paid in and contributed surplus	
Unassigned funds (surplus)	9,016,774.24
Surplus as regards policyholders	12,168,665.80
Total	\$ 33,779,483.82

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1972

LINE OF BUSINESS	DIRECT PREMIUMS WRITTEN	DIRECT LOSSES INCURRED
1. Fire	158,580.86	52,902.29
2. Allied lines	49,472.21	(4,314.00)
4. Homeowners multiple peril	353,792.46	154,052.44
5. Commercial multiple peril	146,056.00	57,250.48
8. Ocean marine		
9. Inland marine	23,869.00	(2,015.30)
10.		
14. Group accident and health		
15.1 Collectively renewable A&H		
15.2 Non-cancellable A&H		
15.3 Guaranteed renewable A&H		
15.4 Non-renewable for stated reasons only		
15.5 Other accident only		
15.6 All other A&H		
16. Workmen's compensation	19,426.00	6,147.34
17. Liability other than auto	20,355.14	(20.00)
19.1 Private passenger auto liability	1,226,187.72	597,579.86
19.2 Commercial auto liability	72,484.90	15,728.79
21.1 Private passenger auto physical damage	274,707.38	115,459.15
21.2 Commercial auto physical damage	19,161.97	9,138.50
22. Aircraft (all perils)		
23. Fidelity		
24. Surety		
25. Glass	401.01	59.81
26. Burglary and theft	1,078.00	
27. Boiler and machinery	374.00	
28. Credit		
29.		
30.		
31. Totals	2,365,946.65	1,001,969.36

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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
Raleigh, October 12, 1973

I, John Randolph Ingram, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Company filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1972.

Witness my hand and Official seal, the day and date above written.

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Commissioner of Insurance

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