

Not Out Of Woods

Farmers along the Public Parade and elsewhere who enjoyed their finest year in 1973 face the current planting season with a definite air of uncertainty. In most instances, increased prices had more effect on the gross farm income than increased yield.

Pete Thompson, Chowan's extension chairman, has estimated that gross income from agriculture reached \$18.75-million last year. This was nearly 50 per cent greater than 1972.

Mr. Thompson foresees 1974 as being an interesting year. The cost of production will be much greater, he points out. For instance, fertilizer, is a questionmark at any price. Equipment is another factor. It is almost non-existent.

Still another factor is the uncertainty of federal farm programs. Federal payment declined from \$402,000 in 1972 to \$217,000 in 1973.

Swine and peanuts showed the grates increase in gross income in Chowan County. The income from hogs was placed at \$3.8, over 2.4 a year ago. But hogs were \$60 per head in 1973 and \$90 per head in 1973.

Peanuts were affected by both price and yield. The yield was up some 400 pounds per acre and the price was good which saw the estimate rise to \$3.3-million. soybeans hit \$1.3-million.

Watermelons were off greatly while cantaloupes were up slightly in spite of insect problems.

As in past experienced, those who till our soil, producing our food and fiber, cannot rest on past laurels. They must continue to implement the best farming practices to increase production in order to offset fixed costs over which they have no control.

So, regardless of their apparent successes in 1973, they are still in an almost unutterable position.

Noted And Passed

Someone in attendance at the annual meeting of Albemarle Cooperative Association here Friday night noted that it was the only such organization with a chaplain—Rev. R. L. Liverman of Tyrrell County.

"And a year ago they didn't even have a prayer," was the passing comment.

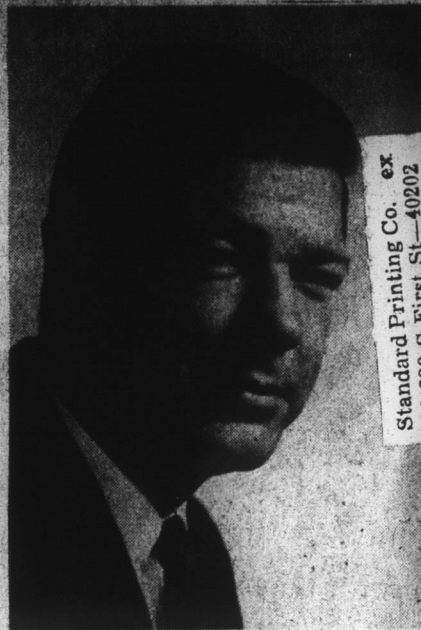
Signs Of Progress

February, aside for being Heart Month, may be recorded in local annals as producing more progress along the Public Parade than any other month of the year. From the tremendous amount of activity being witnessed it is apparent that people are finally getting over the long holiday which appears to run from before Thanksgiving through mid-January.

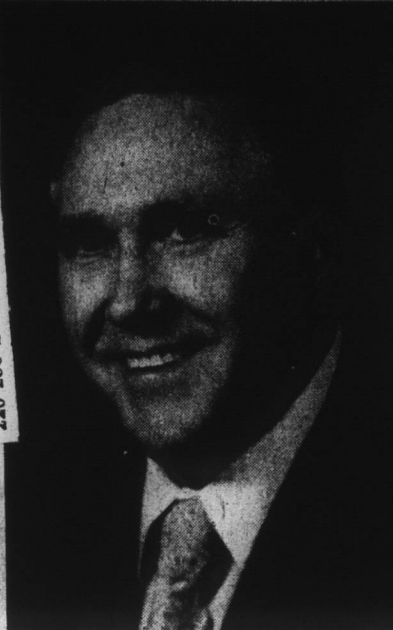
The Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce is actively working with two industrial prospects. The location of either or both of them would be a big boost to the local economy. Also, they would provide further diversification to the industrial community.

The location of prestige industry

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BUXTON SMALL



SEN. J. J. HARRINGTON



MRS. EMILY G. AMBURN

Incumbents File For 2 Posts; Race Assured

Two incumbents have filed for renomination to posts in the Democratic Primary on May 7, a newcomer filed to create a race for Chowan County Board of Commissioners, and another Elizabeth City attorney is seeking a district court judgeship.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, 104 West Gale Street, filed with Chowan County Board of Election this week as a candidate for the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education from First Township. She is completing a four-year term on the board.

State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston announced his intention to seek another term

from the 14-county First Senatorial District.

Woodrow Lowe, route 3, Edenton filed as a candidate for county commissioner from First Township, thus creating a contest with incumbent N. J. George.

And, Buxton Small of Elizabeth City has announced that he will be a candidate to fill one of the vacancies for district court judge.

The deadline to file as a candidate is noon February 25.

Mrs. Amburn has five children attending the public schools here. She said, if re-elected, she will continue to work for the best utilization of funds available to the board to improve instruction and

the physical facilities of the schools.

Mrs. Amburn now is serving as chairman of the board's Site Committee.

Lowe, a prominent local farmer, was out of town until Thursday and could not be reached for comment on his candidacy.

Sen. Harrington has served in the General Assembly for the last 12 years and during this time has seen the district grow geographically into the largest in North Carolina.

During the current session he ranks fourth in seniority in the Senate and serves as chairman of the Transportation Committee and vice chairman of the State Policies Committee.

The energetic senator takes a lot of personal pride in serving this vast area and he promises, if re-elected, to continue to serve all its citizens with fairness to the best of his ability.

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Rep. Jones Reaffirms Stand

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has renewed his pledge to be "hard nosed" in support of farm legislation in a time of concern over the federal government's attitude toward agriculture.

The popular congressman was "weathered in" in Washington, D.

Takes Honors

George Kittrell, Jr., of Corapeake, took top honors at the Albemarle Area Market Hog Show held in Plymouth last week. The grand champion was a 230 pound pig that was purchased by Quaker Brand Meats of Belvidere for \$1.20 per pound.

The reserve champion was exhibited by G. P. Kittrell & Sons and was purchased by Smithfield Packing Company for 60 cents per pound. The second place heavy weight pig was shown by George Jones of Edenton and sold to ITT Gwaltney, Inc., for 60 cents per pound.

Smithfield Packing Company purchased the deck lots. Ray Stallings of Hobbville had the champion carcass pig with 61.61 per cent lean cuts.

Others from Chowan County to have animals class were Garland Hardison, Dick Lowe and Ronnie Forehand.

Jack Parker of Edenton, area livestock specialist, called last week's event one of the most successful livestock shows and sales ever held in the Albemarle.

C. Friday night and was unable to attend the annual meeting of Albemarle Cooperative Association, Inc., where he was scheduled to be keynote speaker. However, he had his speech taped by WCDJ via telephone and it was played to an attentive audience at Edenton Jaycee Community Building.

Co-op members were given a detailed report of the past year's activities which showed that in the absence of grant funds they would have experienced a loss. Roy Schaal, a consultant with N. C. Rural Fund for Development, said the answer is to get more pigs being sold through the market.

"Five per cent commission when you run a good market is a good hunk of gravy," he said. But, he noted, if the co-op continues to run the existing pattern of expenses "you will encounter a loss."

The market on Paradise Road produced gross sales of \$649,901.68 in 20 semi-monthly sales. Commissions amounted to \$31,533.55 but operating expenses were totaled at \$41,064.56.

By the use of grant funds, a net gain for the year was placed at \$8,820.36, which will increase the member's equity. He said the grant was designed to help get the co-op started and painted a dim picture for additional grant funds through NCRFD.

"The co-op must design itself

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NEW STAFF MEMBER—Wesley Cullipher, left, executive director of the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, is pictured here with Walter Noneman who this week filled and EDA position on the commission staff. Noneman is a resources coordinator in the 10-county Albemarle Area.

ARPD Position Is Filled

Walter Noneman this week joined the staff of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission as a resources

Staff Outlines ECU Med Plan

The Medical Staff of Chowan Hospital has adopted a resolution calling for a two-year period of medical school curriculum at East Carolina University in Greenville. However, contrary to any existing proposal the staff calls for instruction of third and fourth year students at ECU along with intern and residency training programs.

This resolution followed action by the medical staff to reaffirm its position of calling for more doctors in North Carolina to improve health delivery. The meeting was held Tuesday night at the hospital.

It was the feeling of the group that it is more feasible and economical to train first and second year students at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill and then have many students complete their third and fourth years of basic medical school training at ECU.

The Chowan medical staff felt that the Greenville area already has the physical facilities for such a program and, more importantly, the professional staff (practicing physicians) and clinical material (patient population).

A spokesman said it was also felt that the community hospitals in Eastern North Carolina would profit by serving as areas of instruction both for the third and fourth year students as well as for interns and residents—tending to encourage physicians to settle in Eastern North Carolina. Such a program would naturally, the staff felt, provide and upgrade on site post-graduate training programs for the busy rural community physicians and hospital staff.

Dr. Bernie Baker, chief of staff at Chowan Hospital, was in surgery Wednesday morning and unable to comment on the action.

However, Dr. Edward G. Bond, president of the Chowan-Perquimans Medical Society pointed out that the major cost of providing medical education is in the first two years. He said UNC is already geared to this program while finding it increasingly difficult to find an adequate patient population within a reasonable area of Chapel Hill to continue to increase the last two years.

Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president at the hospital, said he concurred with the medical staff's action. He said he was encouraged by the fact that the physicians have assumed a leadership role in this area, and would hope that others would follow this pattern.

Plans Told

Perdue Farms, Inc., headquartered in Salisbury, Md. this week announced plans to expand their new broiler industry in Northeastern North Carolina into Chowan and Perquimans counties.

Donald W. Mabe, executive vice president, told the Chowan Herald that the firm plans to invest more than \$8-million in an operation in the area and that another \$9-million will be invested by farmers who contract to produce broilers. He said this would represent some 300 houses in a six-county area with a capacity of up to 16,000 chickens per house.

Perdue's investment will include establishment of a feed mill at Cofield in Hertford, a hatchery and a processing plant capable of dressing 12,000 broilers per hour. Employment by Perdue alone is expected to reach 450 within a reasonable period of time.

Citing the large capital investment by Perdue, the executive said quite forcefully: "We have come into this area to stay." He noted that it was selected primarily because of the abundance of small farms and the availability to sizeable markets.

"Generally, specialized broiler

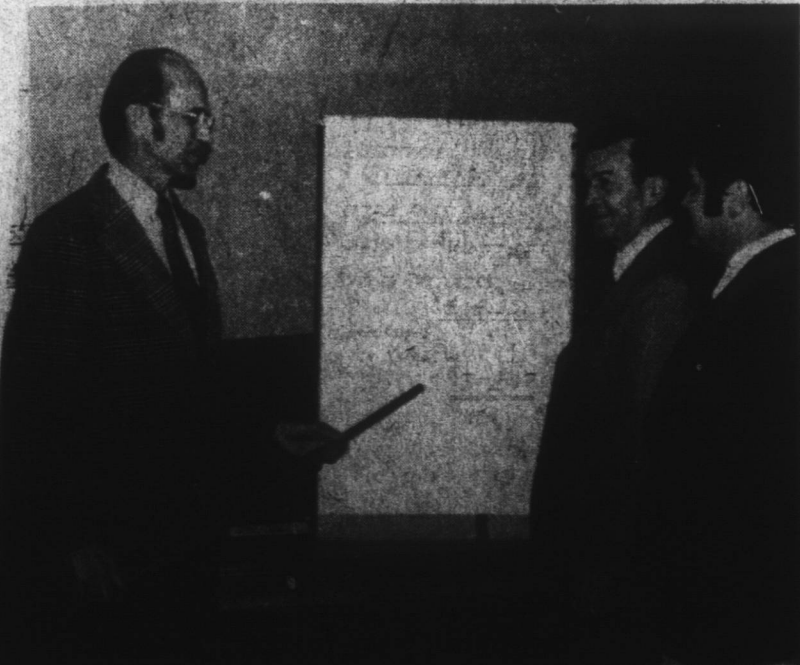
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Holiday Is Set

President's Day, a new federal holiday, will have limited observance in Edenton.

Federal offices will be closed, including the U. S. Post Office.

Also, W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the collection office at the Municipal Building will be closed. Other town departments will function on regular schedule.



CO-OP OPERATIONS EXPLAINED—Roy Schaal of N. C. Rural Fund for Development is shown at left as he goes over financial matters relative to the Albemarle Cooperative Association with Gene Sutton, a consultant with Farmers Cooperative Services and an organizer of the co-op, and Jack Parker, area livestock specialist.



CONGRESSMAN ON TAPE—Mayor Roy L. Harrell holds a tape player used to present Rep. Walter B. Jones' speech Friday night at the Albemarle Cooperative Association's annual meeting after the keynote speaker was snowbound in Washington, D. C. Others are: Reginald Phelps of Washington County; Robert Moore and Wayland Spivey of Chowan County; Gene Nixon, manager; and Lamar Harrison of Camden County.