Thursday, August 5, 1976

RALEIGH-Mrs. Caro-lista Fletcher Baum of Chapel Hill, one of North Carolina's leading conservationist, has thrown her full support behind E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

Stephenson, 36, is a native of Murfreesboro; where he has spent the past 10 years as Director of Admissions for Chowan College. Also for the same length of time he served as executive director for the award winning Community Development and Historic Preservation Program now underway in Murfreesboro.

As a result of his untiring efforts; working entirely on volunteer basis, Stephenson raised over \$1,000,000 for community development projects in Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Baum has been the driving force behind the successful movement to save Jockey's Ridge at Nags Head. Mrs. Baum has given her support to Stephenson because of his proven personal interest and support of conservation and preservation programs throughout North Carolina. Stephenson said of Mrs. Baum, "I am extremely honored to have gained the support of Carolista Baum and I deeply appreciate her untiring efforts to save Jockey's Ridge. It is impressive as to the broad, statewide contacts Mrs. Baum has. She will be a tremendous asset to us, in our effort to serve all of the people of N. C. as the next lieutenant governor."

According to the latest W. H. Long political poll; a runoff primary between House Speaker Jimmy Green, an old line politician, and Stepehnson is assured for September 14.

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A MEMORABLE TRIP-After almost three weeks and close to 3000 miles of traveling, my mind is a jumble of impressions and memories of an unforgettable journey which combined business with pleasure in a very enjoyable way. My main object was to attend the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago and that proved to be a fitting celebration for 100 years of library service. The programs were planned to include some of the finest speakers in our profession and I felt privileged to be in audience.

In this year of the Bicentennial, it seems fitting that the president of ALA is a representative of two minorities - she is a black woman - but more importantly from my standpoint, she is the director of a large public library (Detroit) and thus very aware of the problems of public libraries. Clara Jones made a formal speech at her inanguration banquet but I enjoyed her informal remarks at the Public •Relations Preconference even more

Two other impressive personages were the new Librarian of Congress, Daniel Boorstin and the man who almost stole the show when he introduced Boorstin - Keyes Metcalf, librarian emeritus of Harvard. Mr. Metcalf claims to be 87 years old but he certainly didn't look it or sound like it.

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His professional career covers a span which made it possible for him to know personally and work closely with every Librarian of Congress in this century. The secret is that the earliest one served the nation for 40 years! In any case, Mr. Metcalf had something cogent and something amusing to tell about each of them. After listening to his delightful talk, Boorstin had a tough act to follow but he made a good speech. By profession, Boorstin is an historian rather than a librarian but he made friends with us and shared the good news that President Ford is finally calling for a White House Conference on Libraries and

Information Science. SCREECHES.

LONG WAY HOME-It is always good to get home. after a trip but I crammed a lot of activity into that weeklong journey. My first stop after Chicago and a long day's drive was Buffalo, where I visited some friends I hadn't seen for almost 15 years. The Catskills Mountain area was my next stop. Then two days in New York City and an overnight stay inWashington, D. C., before pausing briefly in Raleigh to recite my

adventures to my family. Space doesn't permit me to complete my account of this exciting journey so look for more detail next week.

News From

Chowan County

Leaf Crop Size Grows

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North Carolina's 1975 production of flue-cured tobacco is estimated to be .933 million pounds, or 163 million pounds more than the 1974 crop.

Total U. S. production of flue-cured last season is tentatively measured at 1.4 billion pounds. The year before it was 1.2 billion.

The 1975 North Carolina crop is estimated to have had an average yield of 1,986 pounds, or about 11 pounds more than the year before. Nationally, the average yield last season is estimated at 1,975 pounds.



THE CHOWAN HERALD

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH-Cpl. William E. Spruill of Edenton Police Department, above left, was selected from a field of 30 nominees as Citizen of the Month, Tuesday. Making the announcement was Pat Flanagan, right, general manager of WCDJ, who airs the contest under the sponsorship of several downtown businesses. With this honor, Spruill will receive a box of Whitman's candies from Hollowell and Blount Rexall Drug Store, a bouquet of roses from Pate's Florist and dinner for two at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

Mulch to Help Protect Plants from Dry Spells

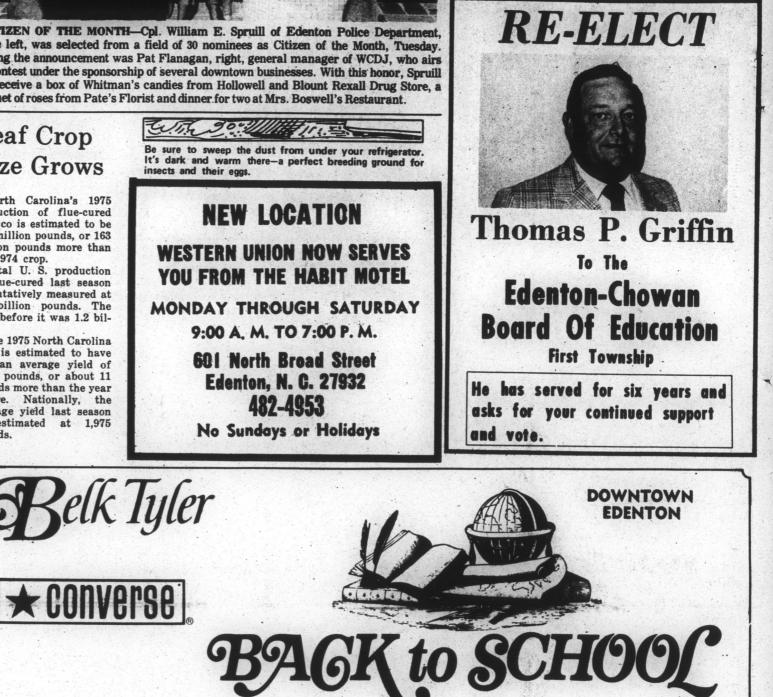
Remember the dry spells most of North Carolina experienced last year, when plants stood still for weeks without grow-ing and some even suf-That could happen again, and now is the time to prepare for it. Mulching is the meas-

ure to be considered, ac-cording to Henry J. Smith, extension landscape hor-ticulturist at North Carolina State University.

Consider using a threeto six-inch mulch such as pine straw, shredded leaves, wood chips or straw around your foundation and other outside plantings. The mulches are espe-cially needed in hot, dry or windy areas. They help the plant save moisture and insure a more steady and uniform supply of moisture to plant roots A nicely applied layer

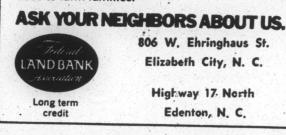
of clean mulch can also add to the beauty of a planting of shrubbery or flowers. Where an "is-land" planting is made in the lawn, for example, pine straw can set this off attractively and give the planting area definition.

Another plus for mulches: They help keep down weeds.



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By this time most of the peanut farmers should have used boron at the rate of 21/2 lb. of Solubor to the acre. It is still not too late. We also suggest that if you are going to apply material for the southern corn root worm on peanuts that this is the week to do so. The materials that are available are difonate, mocap, dasnit or thimet. We would suggest that you also keep check for the white mold or southern stem rot. We have had some of this to



already show up in certain fields. Terraclor is the material that we suggest for control of southern stem rot. If we have a dry August, you need to check your peanuts regularly for spider mites. They can cause a great deal of damage id a build up occurs as it did in 1975. The leaf control in most fields I have seen has been adequate. This means that we should continue with a good spray program to make sure the leaf spot does not get out of hand. There have been reports of beet army worm appearing in soybeans. This pest defoliates soybeans and will do so in a short while if the infestation is heavy. Our suggestion for control of this is lanate. In 1973 we had quite a big problem with this pest. I would also suggest that you check your beans for the corn ear worm in the next 3 or 4 weeks. They feed on pods. If you have problems with morning glories or cocklebur in soybeans, it is fast approaching the time that we can apply 2,4-DB which is sold as Butyrac or Butoxone at the rate of a pint to the acre. The time of application is 2 weeks before the soybeans begin to bloom up to blooming and a little If you have questions concerning these recommendations, please contact us. The Di-Gel Difference

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