

Little Miss N. C. Finals

The state finals of the Little Miss North Carolina Talent Contest in performing arts will be held February 4-5 at Wilmington Hilton.

Representing this area is Rulette Willene Jernigan, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Jernigan, 116 East Freemason Street.

Her talent category is instrumental. She has been in the church choir for four years and played the piano for a like period of time.

The Little Miss North Carolina Talent Contest has the following categories for the participants—dance,

vocal, acrobatics, baton, instrumental and variety. The age category is five through 12.

The state finals is a preliminary to the national finals. Each state finalist will receive an all-expense paid trip to the national event.

Tracy Skipper of New York State is the current national title holder. Candace Poats of Hickory holds the state title.

Teague Chairs Farm Bureau Advisor Group

Paul Smith, Jr., of Hertford, is a member of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee.

John Sledge, federation president, recently announced that David Teague, 26-year-old dairy farmer of Route 1, Elon College, has been appointed chairman of the committee. The committee assists and advises county Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher committees in organizing and carrying out their programs of activity.



Rulette Willene Jernigan

ASCS News

Premeasurement Services
Premeasurement service for all 1977 crops will be available. Rates will remain the same as 1976 - being \$1.00 per acre, plus a \$4.00 service charge with a \$9.00 minimum. Requests can be accepted now.

Payment Statements
Payment statements of all payments made under ASCS programs should be received by Chowan County farmers before the end of January. These statements are mailed directly from the Data Processing Center to the farmers. If any farmer does not understand his statement, bring it by the county office for verification.

Grower Applications
Applications for new grower allotments on tobacco, peanuts, cotton and feed grains must be filed by February 15, 1977. Anyone interested in applying for a new grower allotment should check with the ASCS office on the requirements.

Farm Changes
Farmers buying, selling or changing their farm operations for 1977 are requested to come by the county office so that our records may be updated for current program operations.

Tobacco
Up to June 14 tobacco lease and transfer agreements can be accepted without any planting requirements.

Agreements must be signed and witnessed by a county office employee.

Both the owner and operator must sign the lease agreement. Only the operator of the receiving farm must sign agreement.

If you plan to lease any tobacco for 1977 please come in and sign your agreement.



The population of the United States in the year 1970 was 75,994,575.



Accent on Agriculture

BY JOHN SLEDGE
N. C. Farm Bureau Federation

It's an old and familiar story. When raw farm product prices go up, the increases usually are quickly reflected at the consumer level. But when farm prices decline, retail prices are slow to follow.

A prime example can be found in current bread prices, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). With wheat prices at the lowest level in some years, you would expect that retail bread prices would be considerably lower.

But that is not the case. USDA reports that a one pound loaf of white bread sold in September, 1976, for an average of 35.4 cents as compared with 35 cents in September, 1975.

The value of the wheat in a one pound loaf fell from five cents in 1975 to 2.9 cents in September, 1976.

The value of all farm ingredients in a loaf of bread dropped from 7.1 cents to 4.6 cents during this period.

The baker-wholesaler, according to USDA, got the major share of the increase in the price spread. Its share increased from 20.7 cents in September, 1975, to 24 cents in September, 1976.

It will be remembered that it was the American Bakers Association that early in 1974 warned that bread would reach \$1 a loaf if wheat exports were not cut back to hold down wheat prices.

The U.S. farm price of wheat in February, 1974, was \$5.52 per bushel, and bread was selling at 32.5 cents per one pound loaf.

The baking-wholesale spread, according to USDA, in the first quarter of 1972 was 14.2 cents, 58 per cent of the retail price. By the third quarter of 1976 it had reached 23 cents, or 66 per cent.

The USDA report says

"While spreads do not necessarily indicate profit levels, many baking firms are showing record earnings."

Another reason that bread prices have not followed the downward spiral of farm wheat prices is due to inflationary cost increases all along the production-marketing line.

Union labor contracts which have provided increased wages and larger fringe benefits have played a part in the cost of bread. In Chicago, for example, a week long strike by the Teamsters Union manning the bread delivery trucks, resulted in substantial wage increases and these will be reflected in higher bread prices.

Second Pesticide Class Set Monday

By: R. M. Thompson, County Extension Chairman

The second session of the pesticide school will be held on the fourth floor of the County Office Building on Monday night, January 17 at 7:00. This is for those farmers that have not been certified to apply pesticides on their own farm.

There will be a pesticide school of two days in Raleigh on January 31 and February 1 at the McKimmon Center. Only people who plan to take the state exam on the completion of your training will be accepted at this school. Only six of the following schools will be taught, so you should sign up early if you are interested. — Dealer - Ag. Pest-Animal - Forest Pest - Ornamentals-Turf-Seed - Aquatic - Right-of-way - Basic Training - Food - Public Health - Regulatory - Aerial - Structural - Demonstration-Research - Ag. Pest-Plant. We will have sweet potato meeting at Boswells

Restaurant on Friday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m. Dr. George Wilson will be here to discuss new things in sweet potato production and curing. We will have a dutch luncheon and a general discussion during lunch. We feel that all sweet potato farmers should make an effort to attend.

Another production meeting will be the peanut production meeting that will be held on Tuesday, January 25 at 2:00 at the American Legion Building. Astor Perry will be here to discuss the latest in peanut production and we believe that you will find this most interesting.

Again let us urge you to get your soil samples taken

AMY LYNN SMITH
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Lynn Smith announce the birth of a daughter, Amy Lynn, at Chowan Hospital on January 8. The infant is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Smith and Mrs. Virginia Burris of Edenton; and the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones and Mrs. Wilburn Smith.

as soon as possible so that you can make preparations such as lime and fertilization that you will need in order to start the year off right. A good soil sample is the basis for producing good crops and I would certainly suggest that you do your best to get your samples in and back as soon as possible.

If you have any questions on today's news article please contact us at the County Extension Office in Edenton.

Jaycettes Hold

Monthly Meeting

The Edenton Jaycettes' board met January 3 at the home of Mrs. Sherry Ellis. Nine members were present.

The membership meeting was held January 6 at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant. Mrs. Julia Hassell was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Hassell spoke briefly about the Equal Rights Amendment.

Club members discussed Jaycee Week and other upcoming events.

COA Dean's List

One hundred and fifteen students at College of The Albemarle earned positions on the Dean's List at the institution in recognition of their scholastic achievement during the Fall Quarter which ended on December 17. The list was released by Norman Norfleet, dean of instruction, who pointed out that it represents 10.5 per cent of the total fall enrollment of 1,100 college transfer, technical and vocational curriculum students who attended the college.

Chowan County residents who were among the 25 students receiving the grade of "A" or all courses attempted during the quarter included William C. Smith, Jr., and Raymond E. Davenport, both of Edenton; and Isaac G. Byrum of Tyner. Smith is a college transfer student. Davenport and Byrum are enrolled in technical and vocational

programs, respectively.

Other Edenton students who earned grade point averages of 3.25 (B plus) or better were: College Transfer - Gordon K. West; Technical - Mary E. Barringer and Steve L. Leary; and Vocational - Gabriella L. Wynn.

Betty Ryan

Women's Aglow

Guest Speaker

The Elizabeth City Women's Aglow Fellowship will be meeting Saturday at the V. F. W. building, beginning at 9:30 A. M. Guest speaker will be Betty Ryan from Barrington, Ill. She is the daughter of Aglow President, Edith Killmon.

All are invited to hear this testimony. For reservations call: 264-2877 or 330-2647. Nursery facilities are available; call: 335-0950.

THE LANGUAGE OF DERMATOLOGISTS

Impetigo, ecthyma, sycosis vulgaris and paronychia are not words that you would ordinarily hear during your average day. But, they are part of the everyday language of a physician. These particular words refer to specific skin conditions that must have a certain type of treatment.

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