

Heard & Seen

"By Buff"

Without doubt, about the most popular place in Edenton Sunday afternoon was out at the new Cape Colony Haven on Paradise Road. It was open house for the new facility which drew a very large crowd despite the very chilly weather. And while some exterior work and landscaping has not been entirely completed, those who attended the event were very favorably impressed with the 96-bed facility from end to end and so many congratulations and kind remarks on the part of the visitors were very heartening to the quartet of "big guns" (Bud Amburn, Jack Habit, John Mitchener and James Lewis) who are responsible for this facility, which is one for which Edenton may very well be proud. And to say the least the above "big guns" were gratified at the large turnout for the open house.

Of course, there's a lot of grumbling about the long spell of unusual cold weather we're having in this neck of the woods but that doesn't help the situation at all. But all we have to do is to read and hear about and look at some of the pictures on television of conditions in other parts of the country to see that we are very fortunate indeed. In fact we should lick our arms up to the elbows that we are as lucky as we are.

If anybody wants to go squirrel hunting it might not be necessary to ramble through the woods in order to find one. Local Red Men would like somebody to kill a squirrel which somehow got in the Red Men lodge room. Upon entering the room Monday night it was found that a bloomin' squirrel had gnawed the wood all around the window sills and along the window panes, no doubt trying to get outside. In fact it looked almost like a miniature saw mill on the floor below the windows. Of course, displayed in the lodge room are two oldtime muskets but me thinks non of the Red Men know how to shoot the bloomin' things. Anyway, the squirrel has done quite a bit of damage around the windows so that Monday night an opening was provided at one of the windows just in case the scudder wants to get outdoors or would rather remain in the building to gnaw away at the woodwork.

Here's one who just must attend the Masonic meeting to night (Thursday). Bill Goodwin, the secretary, has been down in Florida for a few weeks and in his stead J. D. Elliott, master of the lodge, called on yours truly to act as secretary. Well, the reason I must be present at tonight's meeting is that Bill will surely need somebody to translate the writing of the lodge's minutes. And come to think about it, I'm not so very sure that I'll be able to read the writing myself.

In the Virginia Pilot Tuesday a rather unique story appeared about the little town of Salvo, far down on Hatteras Island. A program was held in connection of the retirement of Mrs. Melvina Whidbee as the Salvo postmistress, probably the smallest post office in the Postal Service, only 10x13 feet. And what is rather significant about the town of Salvo is that the zip code can be read forward and backward with the same result. The zip code is 27972. Try it and see!

Saturday, February 5, will be the first Saturday in the month, which means that the Methodist

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watched the boob tube.

The next year our host became the Godmother of our first born. This automatically gave her a special place in our heart.

She was our house guest last week and we had reservations right away. The first night we thought less of her than at any other time, for while we enjoyed the conversation you would have thought she had learned that 3:30 A.M. is past bedtime.

While her physician husband was our bride's boss, we enjoyed a family relationship. She still understands that children make noise, dogs bark, and husbands and wives disagree.

When we were courting her husband's help we found her to be understanding, a source of strength and reassuring. She was a friend when we needed a friend; she comforted when we needed comforting; and she understood when we needed someone to understand. This was not for one of us, but for all of us. And that hasn't changed.

Dear friends are cultivated. Betty Yates Dick made it a joy rather than a chore. We are sorry that we were unable to adequately share her with many more who meander along the Public Parade for she would make a good Edentonian.

She is now back in Brookneal, Va., and we had thought about asking her back for the NCAA finals. But when she learns of this confession we will be in deeper trouble than the Tar Heels.

Farmers' Share Declines

Consumers spent \$19 more for food last year than in 1975, due to the increase in costs the middleman charged to get food to the market, the Associated Press reported recently.

The average family, consisting of 3.2 people, spent \$1,895 for food in 1976, according to a report released by the Department of Agriculture.

Of that \$1,895 spent for food, farmers received only \$749, representing a decline in the farmers' share of about \$35 from the 1975 figures, according to the Associated Press.

Meanwhile middlemen, who transport, process, and merchandise food, increased their share by \$54 to \$1,146 in 1976.

The Department of Agriculture's report is based on a 65-item marketbasket list they use regularly to measure the cost of food in different parts of the country.

Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture has predicted an approximate 3 per cent jump in food prices by the end of June. With farm prices having dropped, this may be somewhat puzzling to many consumers.

What's behind all of this? The answer lies in what happens to your food after it leaves the farm and before it gets to your table. All the "stops" that food makes on the way to its destination are necessary ones — for packing, processing, packaging, shipping, retailing.

There is no single middleman "bad guy" making a killing off farmers and consumers. Instead, the cost of doing business all along the food chain has been spiralling because of inflation, with the largest part, by far, going for labor.

For example, in 1975 labor costs alone accounted for around 50 per cent of the total marketing bill. And, this does not include the farmer's labor costs, which also increased but cannot be passed along to consumers as in other businesses.

Among the nation's 577,000 women veterans, 296,000 were in uniform during World War II, the Veterans Administration reports.

Men's Club will serve another pickled herring breakfast at the church. The meal will be served from 7 to 9 o'clock and the "boys" are hoping that an appetite for pickled herring has developed so that a lot of people will turn out for a good breakfast mixed with a generous portion of fellowship.



JOINS DEPARTMENT — Deana Daub, a native of East Bend, has joined the staff of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department as activities supervisor. She will be mainly responsible for women's recreation and a proposed swimming program for the summer. She is a graduate of N.C. State University with a degree in parks administration. Miss Daub was previously employed as director of the community center in Greensboro.

Man Given Six Months

Junius Alexander Cofield was given a six-month active sentence Tuesday for speed competition. Edward Earl Leary was given a similar sentence for the same offense. However, he was placed on probation for three years and ordered to pay a fine of \$250 and court costs.

James Augustus Leary was given an active six-month sentence for drunk driving and two counts of driving while his license was suspended.

In other cases called Tuesday, the following action was taken: Lillian Credle Ivory, speeding, 30 days, suspended upon payment of court costs.

Larry Elwood Palm, assault on a female, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Ernest Dillard, Jr., drunk driving, six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Lee Dell Leary, worthless check, six months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs and make restitution.

Democrats Will Caucus

RALEIGH — Mrs. John L. McCain, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, announced today that N.C. Democrats will caucus at their respective precinct meetings on February 10 at 8 p.m. These meetings will be held at the polling place of each precinct across the state.

George Alma Byrum is chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee.

The purpose of these meetings is to elect new precinct officers and Precinct Committee members to serve for the next two years. Delegates are also to be elected for the County Conventions which will be held in each county at 12 noon on March 19.

Each County Chairman designates the exact location of the County Convention and has it announced at each Precinct Meeting. Precinct officers to be elected in each precinct are: Chairman, first Vice Chairman, second Vice Chairman, third Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to these officers a five-member Precinct Committee is also elected.

Mrs. McCain urges all active Democrats to attend their Precinct Meetings and to continue their involvement at the grassroots level.

\$1.80-Billion Of Crops Produced In 1976

The combined value of field crops, vegetables, fruits and nuts produced in North Carolina last year is estimated at \$1.80-billion, according to the Federal-State Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is 8 per cent more than the \$1.67-billion value placed on the 1975 crops.

The value quoted includes receipts for quantities sold and to be sold and value of crops used on farms.

The 1976 flue-cured tobacco crop value of \$976-million is 5 per cent larger than the previous year. Tar Heel farmers received an average price per pound of 110.7 cents compared with 99.8 cents in 1975.

Corn for grain is valued at \$361-million compared with \$287-million a year earlier. The higher value resulted from a 41 per cent increase in production. The average price per bushel of \$2.40 was 29 cents less than 1975.

Soybean production estimated at 23.7-million bushels is valued at \$157.3-million compared with \$155.8-million a year earlier. The average price per bushel of \$6.65

compared with \$4.67 for the 1975 crop.

Peanut production of 440-million pounds is valued at \$86-million, 15 per cent more than a year ago. The price averaged 19.6 cents per pound compared with 20 cents in 1975.

Cotton production at 70,000 bales is valued at \$23.7-million. This compares with \$12-million from the short crop the previous year. Price per pound averaged 70.5 cents compared with 54.5 cents in 1975.

North Carolina farmers intend to plant more soybean acreage but less corn this year according to the reporting service. These findings are based on a survey made by the service in early January.

Results showed corn decreasing 2 per cent from last year to 2,000,000 acres, the second largest since 1955. Intended soybean plantings are up 13 per cent to 1,350,000 acres.

Cotton prospects are placed at 90,000 acres, 20 per cent more than last year's acreage.

Deep Freeze Causes Problem

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disaster in the ice stricken coastal areas of Northeastern North Carolina. Such a declaration would make residents of the area—including Chowan County—eligible for special unemployment compensation, special food stamp issues and small business administration loans.

The freeze also has paralyzed the state's seafood industry. Jim Tew, director of law enforcement for the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries, was quoted as estimating that the freeze had inflicted more than \$300,000 in damage to fishing nets and other gear in the Albemarle Sound area alone. Equipment damage has also been reported in the Chowan River.

Gov. Hunt Tuesday proposed a four-day work week for state government and asked businesses to limit operation to 48 hours a week while declaring an energy crisis in the state.

State government employees would work 10-hour days, and probably receive Monday as an additional day off.

George Moore, chairman of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said his committee had met and unanimously endorsed the proposal of Gov. Hunt.

Gov. Hunt has also asked homeowners to lower their thermostats to 65 degrees during the day and 60 degrees or lower at night. He asked businesses to lower temperatures to 62 degrees during the business hours and 55 degrees or lower at other times.

Schools and churches were asked to cancel night activities or reschedule them for the afternoon.

Community Calendar

- THURSDAY, February 3rd.**
1:00 P.M. — Rotary Club - St. Paul's Parrish House.
FRIDAY, February 4th
4-6:30 P.M. — Grand opening Taylor Theater.
SATURDAY, February 5th
Valentine Dinner and Dance — American Legion.
SUNDAY, February 6th
Attend Sunday School and Worship Services at the Church of your Choice.
MONDAY, February 7th
9:00 A.M. — County Commissioners Meeting - Court House.
7:00 P.M. — Lions Club - Edenton Restaurant.

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<p>5-OZ. LIQUID</p> <p>COMPARE AT 1.99</p> <p>\$1.17</p>	<p>Schick</p> <p>7's</p> <p>COMPARE AT 1.45</p> <p>\$1.17</p>	<p>PLAYTEX DEODORANT TRAMPONS</p> <p>2.28 VALUE</p> <p>\$1.59</p>

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