



**DISCUSS OFFERING** — Rev. Coy C. Privette, left, president of the N.C. Baptist State Convention discusses the September State Missions Offering with, from the left, E.N. Manning, member-at-large from Edenton Baptist Church, Mrs. Glenn Lane, associational secretary from Macedonia Baptist Church, Mrs. Janet Hurdle, Assn. Acteen Director from Sandy Cross Baptist Church, Hobbsville, and Mrs. Geraldine Humphries, Assn. WMU Director from Eure Baptist Church, Eure.

## Privette Enlists Support For Project

Rev. Coy C. Privette, president of the N.C. Baptist State Convention, challenged the State Missions Committee of the Chowan Baptist Association here Monday to help raise \$1,385,000 for the September State Missions Offering and to assist in enlisting 1,000 lay persons to inform N.C. Baptists of the open doors for spiritual ministries that we have in our state.

He especially asked Chowan Baptist, composed of 57 churches, to consider a goal of \$20,000 toward the state-wide effort and enlist 25 area Baptists for the state-wide task force.

Privette said that \$1.2-million of this year's goal will be applied to the \$1.7 million debt of the convention. "With the indebtedness erased," the convention president stated, "Then, we will have the available funds to undergird direct mission needs at the associational level." "We want to provide the

resources for these projects and involve that great number of lay people especially the retired for the man-power and who are open to a challenge of Christian service," Privette stressed. "With the debt eliminated, this would make available \$150,000 in interest alone, and this could be applied to some very urgent mission projects," Privette concluded.

Meeting with the convention president at a luncheon held at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant were: E.N. (Pete) Manning, member-at-large; Mrs. Glenn Lane, area secretary; Mrs. Janet Hurdle of Sandy Cross Church in Hobbsville, association Acteen director; Mrs. Geraldine Humphries of Eure, association WMU director. Mike Aydtlett of Shiloh Baptist Church, Camden is also a member of the committee but was unable to be present for the luncheon.

Plans call for the committee to formulate a strategy to inform, inspire, and motivate area Baptists to reach their goal of \$20,000; to develop mission projects that would involve lay people in meaningful mission endeavors; and provide opportunities for the age-group mission organizations in the local churches to be involved in this challenge.

Privette also announced that Mrs. Lane will be the chairman of the associational committee.



The secretary bird of South Africa gets its name because long quills at the back of its head make it look like an old-time secretary with a quill pen stuck behind his ears.

## Successful Farming Season Depends On A Good Start

Getting a good start is essential to a successful crop year, Chowan County farmers are being reminded, and the ingredients of a good start are well prepared land, high quality seed and proper planting.

"We can have a good growing season or a poor one, but all of the things that affect the crops later on won't make any difference one way or another unless we get off to a good start," R.M. Thompson, county extension chairman, said.

Thompson urged farmers to do a thorough job in launching the 1977 farming season.

As for land preparation, it can be overdone just as easily as underdone. "Farmers don't want to use a lot of fuel, time and money going over and over a piece of land unnecessarily," Thompson remarked.

"As far as the planter operation is concerned, the soil need only be loosened enough for good seed coverage and smooth enough not to bounce the seed out of the seed plate," he added. "The last point is particularly important where planters with inclined plates are used."

Planting factors that have to be watched closely include speed of operating the planter, using the correct size seed plate for the seed being used, and planting at the right depth.

Other important considerations are soil moisture and temperature. Seed are slow to germinate in dry soil or in soil that is too cold.

"Farmers should remember that soil temperature doesn't warm up as fast as the air temperature over it," Thompson cautioned.

As important as all the other factors mentioned is the selection of good quality seed. "Certified seed is the farmer's best insurance against poor stands, impure varieties and other

problems that often accompany uncertified, poor quality seed," Thompson said.

Variety selection has a direct bearing on profits from farm crops, and Chowan County farmers are being urged to check on the varieties suggested for planting locally before buying seed.

"Planting the best varieties can increase per acre profits by \$20 to \$30," says R.M. Thompson, Chowan County Extension Chairman.

Variety selection is becoming more complicated each year. New varieties may have disease and insect resistance and produce high yields too. Variations in row spacing and cropping systems require selection of a suitable variety for each system.

Thompson suggested looking for varieties with high yields, disease and insect resistance, standability, and an acceptable maturity date.

Many farmers take for granted that their present variety is best for their farm. If you haven't changed varieties in the past three or four years, chances are that new varieties are available that have advantages over the old varieties.

"We have measured crop performance data available in our office and can assist our farmers in the evaluation of available varieties," Thompson said.

The measured crop performance data provides an unbiased evaluation of corn, sorghum, soybeans, and cotton varieties. In addition, knowledge other farmers experience with new varieties is available.

"Don't take for granted that the variety you are now growing is the best variety for your farm. The choice of the best variety can increase the potential yield and profit from your limited acres," Thompson said.



**JAPANESE GUEST AT ROTARY** — Naomi O'bara center, is pictured with Rotary Club president, Dr. Richard Hines, Jr. (L) and Bill Culpepper, chairman of the Rotary committee on International Youth Projects. Miss O'bara a foreign exchange student through the International Fellowship Program is being sponsored in Edenton by the National Honor Society of John A. Holmes High Rotarians, Miss O'bara touched on the educational differences between the U.S.A. and Japan, the similarities of food and fashion, customs and religion. Many slides of the ultra-modern city, Tokyo, as well as scenic views of the old, traditional Tokyo were presented. Miss O'bara, who is from Tokyo, has been in Edenton since September. A senior at John A. Holmes, she has lived with Dr. and Mrs. E.G. Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander DeBlois since her arrival. Presently she resides with Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Gardner, where she will remain until her return to Japan, after graduation in mid-June.

## McGuire Twins To Wrestle In Creswell

CRESWELL — The Scuppernon Jaycees will sponsor a wrestling match at the high school gymnasium here March 26 beginning at 8:15 P.M.

Featured will be an all-professional card with the world's largest twins taking to the ring. There will also be a feature with Sampson, the 700 pound wrestling bear and a special girls event.

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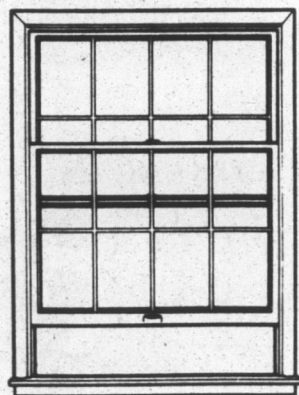
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## Canning Lids Are Plentiful

By JULIE BENDER  
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If you had trouble getting all the canning lids you needed last year then you'll be happy to hear the picture should be better this year.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, manufacturers plan to place over four billion lids on the market this year, more than twice the number manufactured in 1975.

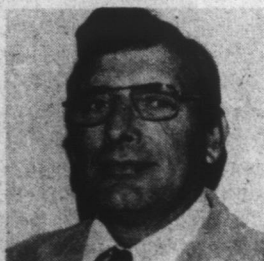
Lids will be shipped to the southern states first, followed by shipments into the north as the canning season approaches that area.

Be sure to select the correct size lid for your canning jars. Last year's market included a number of foreign-made brands which did not fit perfectly on the jars used in many homes.

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