

# Letter To The Herald Editor

Dear "Bud":  
The following letter was sent to all individual members who served for over a year on numerous committees during the planning process for consolidation and reorganization in Edenton-Chowan Schools this Fall. Upon reflection, however, I would like to express the contents of the letter and the deeply felt appreciation to all parents, students and community people, who also lent their physical and moral support in any way. Without everyone's help, the task could not have been accomplished.

The body of the letter was as follows:

"The task of the school system reorganization committee has been completed. The work was done in an exemplary manner, and there is no room for doubt that the smooth opening of schools this fall can be attributed to that work.

"The plans you so carefully developed were easily implemented by the administrative staff. This resulted in a good beginning of the school year. Students and parents knew what to expect when they reported to the schools, directions were clear, and most of all, it was evident that the school year had been

planned with best interests of the students in the foreground.

"Statistics do not always tell the story of an accomplishment, but in this case, they show the magnitude of our reorganization process. Almost 600 students, 23 per cent of the student body, moved to a different school location this year. Forty teachers were moved to a different campus along with their teaching materials, books, desks and libraries. A dual transportation system for students was established, thus placing high school and elementary students on separate school buses. Most important of all was the creation of one high school and one junior high school with expanded and equal opportunities for all children in our county.

"This change was of utmost importance to the future well being of our boys and girls. Your part in it was essential, and the result of our work, collectively, is truly a milestone in the history of our county.

"It is with deep gratitude that I express my appreciation to you for giving of yourself to our schools. It would probably have been easier for you not to get involved, but I know you knew the importance of the task and its potential benefit

to our students.  
"With sincere appreciation, I am"

Very truly yours,  
John B. Dunn  
Superintendent

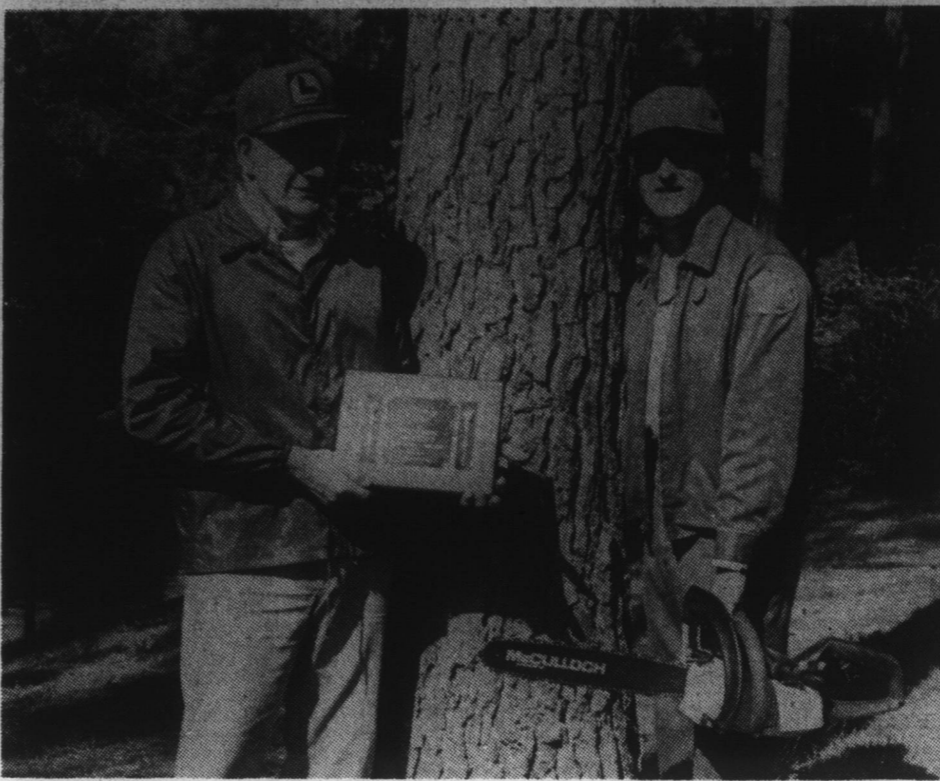
## Rally Slated

Rep. Walter B. Jones, unopposed Democratic candidate for re-election to the U.S. Congress from the 1st District, will join with Gov. Jim Hunt, Sen. Robert Morgan and other state and local candidates for a Democratic Unity district rally at the Moose lodge in Greenville on October 16, Russell Walker, state Democratic chairman, announced today. The \$6-per-plate barbecue dinner begins at 7 P.M. Rep. Jones, Gov. Hunt and Sen. Morgan will address the crowd.

N.J. George, chairman, Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, has tickets available. Those who desire to attend are asked to contact him at George Chevrolet.

A full contingent of Council of State candidates is expected to attend. They are Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten, Secretary of State Thad Eure, State Auditor candidate Edward Renfrow, Supt. of Public Instruction Craig Phillips, Com-

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**TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR** — Robert Francis, left, displays the plaque he was presented as N. C. Tree Farmer of the Year during a meeting of the N. C. Forestry Association in Southern Pines. The association of growers presented other gifts as well, including a McCullough chain saw that is held by Chowan County Forest Ranger Roger Spivey who nominated Francis for the award.

## Receives "Tree Farmer" Award

Robert Francis didn't get into tree farming to win awards, but thanks to a nomination from Chowan County Forest Ranger Roger Spivey, he was named North Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year by the N. C. Forestry Association during a meeting held October 10 in Southern Pines.

Francis said his endeavor began 20 years ago, in 1959, when his father pointed to a tract of land and said he would give it to Francis if he would plant trees. That was when forestry and land management was more talk than action.

It turned out to be good advice and a good investment. After four thinnings and loggings, Francis sees the tall, straight pine trees in terms of dollars and cents for the present and the future. He currently has 180 acres of woodland and 24 acres of farm land. Francis figures since he is paying taxes on that land, he might as well do something to make it pay for itself.

While being well aware of forestry's importance from the monetary standpoint, he also knows that farming trees helps air quality, prevents erosion and improves the soil. He said with some dismay that many landowners are reluctant to get into forestry because of the time element.

As far as what it takes to grow trees, the Tree Farmer of the Year made it sound real tough: "You need sunlight, soil and water."

But Ranger Spivey added the element of management. More is not necessarily better. Thinning and pruning must be done to give the best trees room to grow and mature. Spivey said Francis had handled all of that himself, jobs which are often left to the forestry service.

The future of tree farming is a bright one. Research into genetics are resulting in improved strains that grow thick and tall with small branches that extend nearly perpendicular from the tree trunk. Also many of the new strains of "super trees" mature much more quickly.

As for Francis, being state Tree Farmer of the Year means he will move up to the regional level, competing against growers with much more acreage. But the

number of acres doesn't have anything to do with who wins the award, because it's what you do with that acreage that counts. The volume and quality of the trees as well as the quality of the management and its positive effects on the environment are points that cause awards to be won.

## Social Security Offers Free Publications

By Lee Wallio  
Field Representative  
Social Security has many free publications available from the Elizabeth City office which give simple, clear explanations of many parts of the Social Security program.

Among the available publications are:  
- Your Social Security - an overall explanation of the Social Security program, covering retirement, survivors, and disability insurance, Medicare highlights, program financing, and appeal rights.

- Social Security Information for Young Families - a comprehensive explanation of disability and survivors insurance protection young workers and their families have through Social Security.

## "Hunger-Fighting" Month

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., has proclaimed October as "Hunger-Fighting Month" throughout North Carolina in full support of over twenty CROP Hunger Walks - to be held in the state next month.

In his proclamation, the governor stated that "one person dies every eight seconds from hunger-related causes throughout the globe." He added that "up to 80 per cent of the rural inhabitants in Asia, Africa, and Latin America lack safe drinking water and access to basic health care" and frequently have to walk 20 miles a day just to reach water or a clinic.

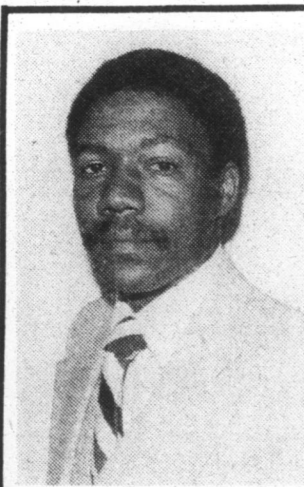
He further expressed the state's concern for the undernourished and malnourished citizens in isolated rural and urban pockets of poverty in North Carolina. Twenty-five per cent of the CROP Hunger Walk proceeds will stay in the local event communities to help local hunger-fighting agencies, such as Meals-on-Wheels, do their jobs better.

Rev. Darryl Peebles of Graham, N.C. kicked off the Fall Carolinas CROP hunger campaign by riding his bicycle 500 miles from Graham to Valley, Alabama, September 21-26, with sponsorship funds from Alamance County industry and business. Peebles helped Church World Service build emergency

housing in Guatemala with CROP-raised funds after the 1976 earthquake. He will be raising community consciousness of local and global hunger issues and how they (local Carolina communities) can organize their own local CROP hunger events, all along his route to his hometown in Alabama.

Peebles is also the publicity chairperson for the ten mile Burlington-Alamance County CROP Walk set for October 5, World Communion Sunday. Last year Burlington had the second largest Hunger Walk in the Carolinas when 1,100 walked with over \$25,000 in sponsorship funds. This Fall Burlington's goals are 1,500 walkers with \$30,000 raised which would break the Carolina record of \$28,000 raised by the Rowan County CROP effort of 1979.

CROP is the thirty-three year old community hunger appeal of Church World Service which has relief and self-help development programs in seventy-four countries around the globe. CWS-CROP seeds, blankets, kits, tools, and food-work are distributed through ecumenical Christian colleague agencies in most of these countries. Church World Service reported a 6.5 per cent overhead in its audited 1979 financial report.



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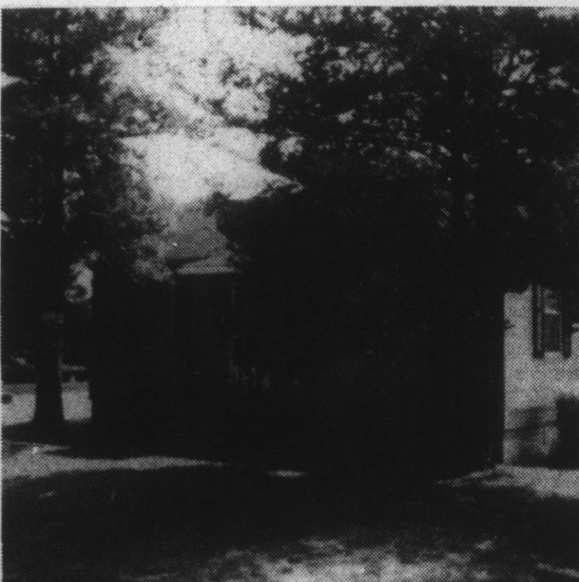
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