

Progress Noted From 4-H Clubs

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Chowan County has 11 4-H Clubs scattered from Yeopim to Ryland. Last year we had 439 4-H'ers. About half were in special interest groups and half in organized 4-H Clubs. The 4-H program has been going on in Chowan County since 1930.

Usually we have about 100 projects completed annually. Connected with our project work are Corn Production Contest, Livestock Show, Electric Congress, Dress Revue, Back-to-School Sewing Contest, Craftsman's Fair, and County Fair.

Last year for the first time we had two trophies for Junior 4-H Club members. These trophies were sponsored by Ryland Ruritan Club. Two trophies for Senior 4-H Club members have been given by Chowan Ruritan Club since 1976. These trophies are awarded to the 4-H'ers excelling in project activities and leadership.

Our Livestock Show was first organized in 1954 under the leadership of Bob Marsh. Last year 20 boys and girls showed pigs and seven showed steers. Our Livestock Show and Sale has strong support from the Civic Clubs and Business Men of Chowan County.

Our corn growing contest dates back to 1946 and is sponsored by the Lions Club.

This past year we have taken 4-H'ers on three trips. First we went to Manteo with 42 4-Hers, agents and leaders going. This was an educational trip with Fort Raleigh and Marine Science Center being visited.

We have taken 4-H'ers on two recreational trips to the Roller Skating Rink in Elizabeth City. The first time during Christmas vacation. There were 85 participants. The first roller skating trip was so successful, we went back again on February 6. This time there were 69 going on the trip. We think educational and recreational trips are important and help create interest in 4-H.

Trips are made possible by renting one of the school activity buses. We are grateful to school officials and Board of Education for this opportunity.

Demonstrations are an important part of the 4-H program. There are demonstration contests for most project areas.

Projects and demonstrations now embrace fields that were not originally in the 4-H program. These include Photography, Horse, Archery, Automotive Skill

Driving and Crafts.

In Chowan County agriculture is still an important industry with about 1/2 of its gross income coming from farm products. In keeping with this situation, community club programs are sometime still devoted to subjects like Soybeans, Tobacco and your health, "Peanuts Around the World" and Breeds of Hogs. Of course there are discussions on subjects like Care of our Teeth, Bird Furniture, Hanging Baskets and Buying a Pair of Shoes. Four-H Club work is

carried on under the leadership of adult leaders living in the different communities. Adult leaders and 4-H members and agents are involved in planning 4-H programs and activities. Four-Hers are involved in community projects such as cleaning up the road side and Heart Fund Drive. The rural Heart Fund Drive for Chowan County has been carried out by 4-H'ers for about 20 years. Approximately \$15,000 has been collected by the boys and girls for the Heart Fund.

Letter To The Editor

On October 9th and 10th members of Edenton USA-2, all members of the Women Marine Association are holding a mini convention in Edenton.

We were all stationed at USMCAS Edenton during World War II.

There will approximately thirty five of us meeting there at the Coach House Motel.

This will be our first reunion there and we hope to make it a happy one as we all have fond memories of Edenton at that time in our lives.

I just thought maybe this would be a news worthy item for your paper.

On Saturday the 10th we are planning to take the historical tour of Edenton in the morning and then tour the area where USMCAS was. In the evening we are having dinner at Mrs. Boswell's.

Some of us met our husbands there. I did. Didn't marry until we were at Cherry Point though. One couple is coming from Louisiana. They were married at the Methodist church 37 years ago.

My husband has been stationed at Edenton twice. He was stationed there when they finally closed the base for good in 1958.

I got your name last week from two couples who attend the Tidewater Mended Hearts meeting each month. Maybe you know them, Mr. & Mrs. Milton J. Evans, and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Smith.

This past summer one of our USA 2 members attended the American Legion convention in Hawaii, there she met the North Carolina State Commander who turns out to be an Edenton man. She told him of our convention and he said he would pass the word on to his daddy, who happens to be the sheriff there. Small world isn't it?

Sincerely,
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The birthstone of those born in April is the diamond.



FINAL ACRE CEREMONY — A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of plaques to the County Commissioners from the Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors showing their appreciation for the counties support in completing the program. Pictured left to right are: L. C. Bunch, Chowan Committee Chairman of the Albemarle Conservation District; Joe Nowell, chairman, Perquimans County Commissioners; C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County Commissioners; Coy Garrett, Soil Conservation Service; Edward Howard, Conservation Districts; and speaker, Joe Phillips.

Completion Of Survey Celebrated

Approximately 80 people gathered at the ARPDC Building in Hertford on September 29 for a "Final Acre Ceremony", celebrating the completion of the Chowan - Perquimans Soil Survey.

Dr. Joe Phillips, Professor of Soil Science at North Carolina State University, was the featured speaker. Dr. Phillips emphasized, "This soil survey is the most important resource we have for making land management decisions." He urged those attending to use the valuable information in the survey and not to let it be put aside and forgotten.

The soil survey is an inventory of soils in a particular location. This survey was begun in 1976 and just recently completed. The published manual will be available to the public in about 18 months.

Soil Scientists, Phil Tant and Robert Ranson working on the project, were recognized for their work in completing the survey ahead of schedule. Tant and Ranson received engraved plaques from the Chowan and Perquimans Board of Supervisors. Augers, mounted on engraved plaques, were presented to

County Commissioner Chairman, Joseph Nowell of Perquimans and Al Phillips of Chowan.

The soil survey effort is a cooperative one. It involved the Perquimans and Chowan County Commissioners, the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, and the Soil Conservation Service.

Chowan County Chairman, Al Phillips, thanked the Perquimans Board for their fine cooperation in this effort. He cited this as a fine example of two counties working together to achieve a common goal.

This survey is unique in North Carolina. It will be the first soil survey published of two cooperating counties - Chowan and Perquimans.

Floyd Mathews, Chairman of the Perquimans Conservation Committee, conducted the ceremony. Also on the program were Mr. Coy Garrett, the new State Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, and Dr. Edward Howard, Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Early Dismissal Set

Edenton - Chowan's schools will dismiss its students and teachers at 1:30 P.M., October 12. School superintendent John Dunn announced that the early dismissal will allow teachers and principals to attend an orientation session in preparation for the Performance Appraisal System in which the school system is participating this year.

All students will have had lunch prior to leaving school. Teachers and principals will meet at 2:30 P.M. at D. F. Walker in the cafeteria, for an afternoon session conducted by Dr. Don Dieter, consultant from the State Dept. of Public Instruction.

This summer Edenton-Chowan Schools was randomly selected as one of 24 systems in the state to serve as a pilot for testing an evaluation instrument for professional school employees. The development of an evaluation instrument resulted from a mandate of the 1980 General Assembly requesting uniform standards and criteria for all professional school personnel.

In September local principals, and administrators attended a four day training workshop, in Williamston to learn the techniques and procedures needed to complete the personnel evaluation

instrument. Personnel from Beaufort and Washington counties, others selected for participation from Region I, were also in attendance.

The process for testing the Performance Evaluation of teachers and principals will be long and involved according to Superintendent Dunn. "However, over the past six years, our school system", he said "has developed its own system of evaluating personnel." "Because of the emphasis placed in this area our staff has some background and experience in a process," he added, "which should not be too different, although more in depth and involved."

The personnel evaluation is an effort to improve educational opportunities for children. Edenton-Chowan's participation will help provide leadership for the state in the development of a uniform personnel-evaluation system that will help produce quality education in the entire state.

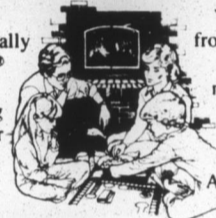
Baby Born

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Roberson of Edenton announce the birth of their daughter, Ginger Kaye, in Chowan Hospital on September 8.

The maternal grandparents are Mrs. Elton Bunch of Edenton and the late Mr. Bunch. The paternal grandparents are Mrs. Dora Roberson of Hertford and the late Mr. Elmer Roberson.

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