

Committee And Congressional Actions

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Mount St. Helens preservation (H.R. 6530). Congress gave final passage on August 17 to legislation establishing the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to preserve lands affected by the eruption of the mountain volcano in Washington state in 1980. The bill designates about 110,000 acres for administration by the U.S. Forest Service as a volcanic monument area.

Agriculture Day. Both Houses of Congress in March approved legislation designating a National Agriculture Day during that month. On September 30, Congress completed a passage of a similar bill designating March 21, 1983, as National Agriculture Day next year.

Potato Research (H.R. 2160). Congress passed a bill giving potato growers authority to decide in a referendum whether they want to increase their contributions to a voluntary fund for potato research and promotion.

Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act changes (H.R. 6865). Congress completed passage of a bill writing into law a current USDA practice under which fruit and vegetable dealers or brokers accused of misrepresenting produce can, in some cases, admit violations and pay a cash penalty to USDA. The bill also provides for bonding of U.S. citizens who assume claims of foreign residents in legal disputes over perishable farm products.

Turkey Inspection (H.R. 3863). Congress passed a bill raising to 20,000 (from the present 5,000) the number of turkeys which can be slaughtered and processed annually in small plants without requiring bird-by-bird Federal inspection, thus putting these plants on the same footing as small chicken plants. The bill would not allow any reduction in wholesomeness standards for the small plants, and existing legal protection against misbranding would also remain in effect.

WEB water project (H.R. 4347). Congress passed a bill authorizing the

Secretary of the Interior to construct a rural water supply system for a number of rural South Dakota communities to compensate for farmlands which were sacrificed for earlier flood control projects.

Plant and animal disease control bills. These bills, approved by the House, are pending in the Senate Agriculture Committee. They include: (a) - H.R. 6679, authorizing civil penalties for introduction of livestock and plant diseases; (b) - H.R. 5455, broadening USDA authority for intrastate quarantines where state officials fail to act in an "extraordinary emergency" animal disease outbreak; (c) - H.R. 5456, allowing USDA to gather views on plant quarantine actions by either requesting public comment or holding hearings; (d) - H.R. 7005, eliminating some obsolete seed testing requirements.

Agricultural Credit and Exports (H.R. 6818). The Agriculture Committee approved a bill setting up a program of government-guaranteed loans to finance construction of on-farm grain storage facilities. The loans could total up to \$250-million a year. Other provisions of the bill include sections which: (a) - express the sense of Congress that the long-term grain agreement and provides that if the President establishes a policy under which the government is precluded from entering into a long-term agreement, grain price support loan rates would be increased by 5 per cent; (b) - express the sense of Congress that not less than \$1 billion should be appropriated for fiscal 1983 to launch an agricultural credit revolving fund (both the House and Senate versions of the 1983 appropriation bill earmark \$500 million for direct export credits); (c) - extend and make mandatory the use of an Economic Emergency credit program for farmers (a provision also included in the FmHA bill which has since passed the House); (d) - direct the Secretary of Agriculture, to the maximum extent practicable in consultation with the Secretary of State, to

barter U.S. surplus crops for strategic materials and, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, to barter for petroleum for the U.S. strategic stockpile; (e) - request the President to convene a White House Conference on Agriculture. The bill is awaiting further consideration in the House.

Women's Caucus

The Organizational Meeting of the Chowan County Women's Political Caucus was held October 14th at the Edenton Municipal Building with Lueta Sellers, North Carolina WPC President, as Acting Chair. Winnie Wood, Northeastern WPC President, was the guest speaker. The local Caucus will be associated with both the State and National Caucus.

Officers elected are: Jane Mabry-Williams, President; Meda "Teddi" Clarkston, President-Elect; Marginette Lassiter, First Vice - President; Anne McMullen Jones, Second Vice - President; Candace Corson, Third Vice - President; Frances Bowles Hylton, Fourth Vice - President; Frank Sellers, Fifth Vice - President; Hettie Wallace, Recorder; and Julie Hassell, Treasurer.

The Caucus will meet every second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Shepard - Pruden Memorial Library, 106 West Water Street, Edenton. Those interested in joining the Caucus are invited to attend.

The Chowan County Women's Political Caucus is a bipartisan organization of persons working to bring women into full and equal participation on the life and government of our local communities, state and nation.

Gustave Eiffel, who built the Eiffel Tower, also designed the right arm of the Statue of Liberty.



SALISBURY OCTOBER TOUR - This handsome Federal-style Maxwell Chambers House will be open for October Tour visitors.

Teen Cotillion '82

Things are popping at the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club. Every one is excited about Teen Cotillion '82. The girls, the parents and the members of the club are working like bees. With the interest that is being generated Cotillion 1982 is destined to be the best yet.

Eight girls are in the race for Miss Teen Cotillion. The girls and their sponsors are: Donaldia Byrum sponsored by Johnnie B. Session, Edith Walker, Laura Bond, Rosetta Madrey and Mary Horton; Alicia Gramby, sponsored by Ruth Spenser, Amy Williams, Dorothy Bond and Hattie Sutton; Gina Hill, sponsored by Barbara Twine, Tamar Clarke, Ophelia Jones, Ruby Jernigan and Elizabeth Byrd; Tonya Little, sponsored by Roxie Satterfield, Irene Harrell, Rosa Gains and Etta Hathaway; Gloria Mizzell, sponsored by Jessie Badham, Odessa Collins,

Lois Jordan, Eloretha Blount, and Alene Slade; Martha Riddick, sponsored by Ethlene Rascoe, Jessie Ellis, Mable Collins and Rueshelle Sutton; Kim Taylor, sponsored by Novella Wilson, Roberta Banks, Fannie A. Parker and Elizabeth L. Barnes; and Michelle Vanderpool, sponsored by Clara K. Simons, Annie C. Blair, Rosa B. Joyner, Maggie Overton and Joyce Cole.

The activities for the Cotillion will culminate on November 20, 1982, at the D.F. Walker School at 8 P.M.

Golf Championship

The Elizabeth City Parks and Recreation Department's Fifth Annual Par Three Golf Championship tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, at the Knobbs Creek Par Three Golf Course.

Golfers from the entire Albemarle area are welcome to enter this annual event. Entry fees should be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department or they can be paid at the Knobbs Creek golf course.

"Let's Talk" - Customer Information Program

ELIZABETH CITY - The national advertising campaign recently launched by Bell System telephone companies to promote their "Let's Talk" customer information program points up the importance the entire telephone industry is placing on informing its customers of the effects of deregulation on their telephone service, according to T.F. Daniels, district commercial and marketing manager for Carolina Telephone.

The Bell System program encourages its customers to call a toll-free number (1-800-555-5000) to ask questions and obtain information about the recent American Telephone and Telegraph Co. - Department of Justice antitrust settlement and the effect it will have, along with other industry changes, on telephone service nationwide. Under the settlement the 22 Bell System operating companies will split off from their AT&T parent organization and will provide essentially local telephone service only with AT&T providing telephone equipment and long distance service.

According to Daniels, "The same rules do not always apply to the nation's

1,450 independent or non-Bell telephone companies as apply to the Bell System and responses to these changes vary throughout the industry. With so many changes taking place it's easy to get confused especially since many issues aren't even settled yet."

The "Let's Talk" information program is geared to Bell customers and although questions of a general nature from non-Bell customers will be answered, more specific inquiries will be referred to local independent company business offices for handling.

"Our business offices have been notified of these possible referrals and our personnel are equipped to handle such inquiries," Daniels said. "Some time ago we prepared a pamphlet entitled 'Federal Deregulation and Competition: What Every Customer Needs to Know' to answer questions from our customers. Any customer may obtain a copy by simply calling or coming by one of our Phone Shops or business offices. We've also prepared a slide program on deregulation for presentation to civic clubs and other interested groups. Presentations of the

program can be arranged by giving us a call.

"Even though we don't have any control over many of the changes taking place, we think it's important for our customers to know how their telephone service will be affected. We hope any customer with a question will feel free to call us directly."

Fall Festival

Center Hill Extension Homemakers Club members are making plans for their Annual Fall Festival. The date is Saturday, October 30th from 11 A.M. until.

Country dinners of ham and collards, chicken pot pie and fried chicken dinners will be featured for the mid-day meal.

There will be a Christmas shop, handicrafts, flower shop and other gift ideas for browsing and buying. A bake table will be featured with cakes, pies, candies, and cookies for eating there or for taking home.

For further information please contact Mrs. Helen Hollowell, president, or any club member.

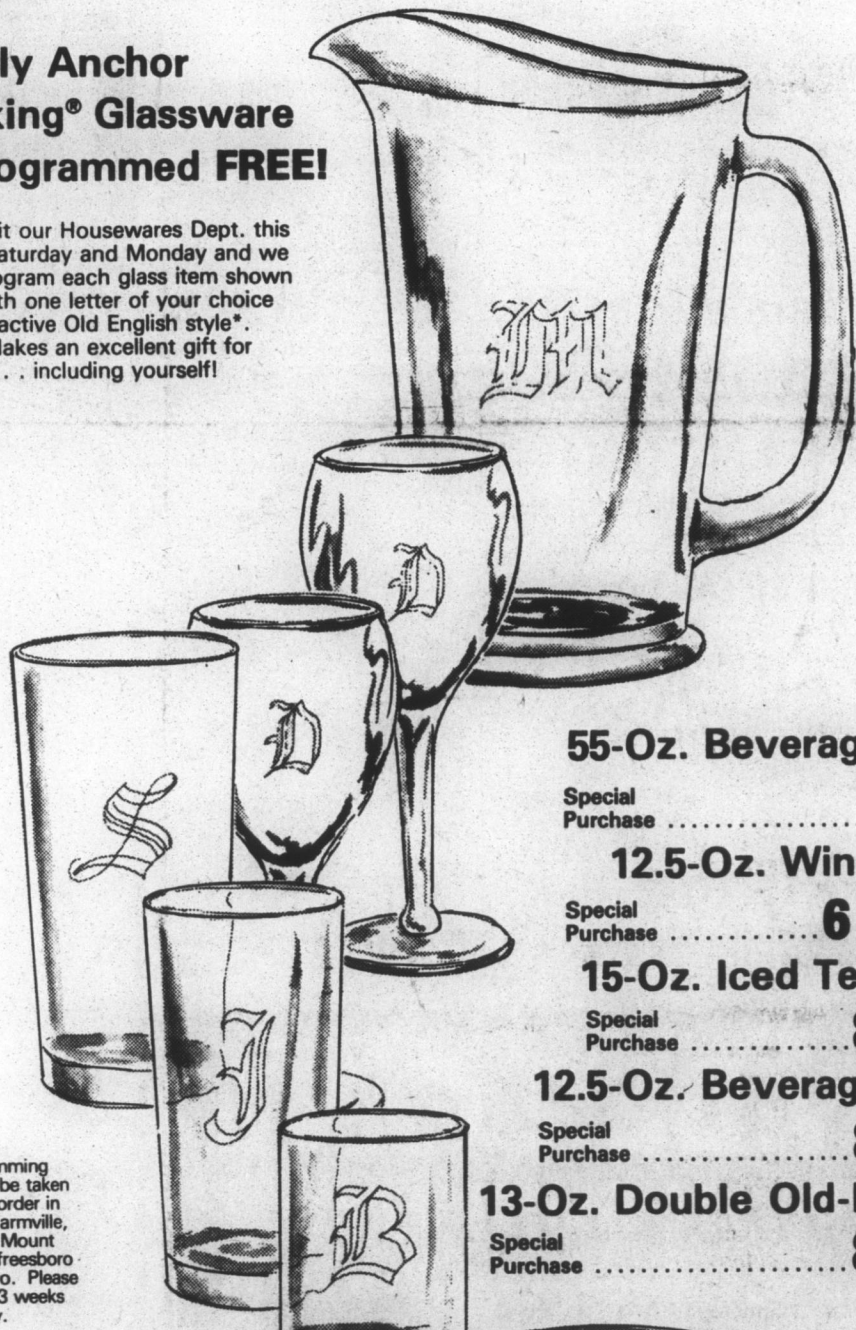
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