

Older Workers Week

The designation of March 11 through the 17 as Older Workers Week has a special meaning for 50 Albemarle area citizens. As employees of the North Carolina Green Thumb Program, they are the focal of activities throughout the state that bring to light the achievements of the older worker.

Green Thumbs work 20 hours a week for various public, non-profit agencies throughout the 10 county area. Examples of the agencies that participate in the program are: Elizabeth City Boys Club, Hertford Grammar School, Hyde County Health Department, Chowan Hospital, Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, Gates County Community Center, Albemarle Commission's Nutrition Program, Currituck County and Dare County Department of Social Services. Total there are 30 agencies involved.

The workers receive the federal minimum wage for their work, but they reap many other benefits besides their check. Opportunities to be back on the job, to use skills that can help others, to use idle time to benefit not only themselves but others, and exposure to other possible jobs, are just a few of the advantages.

Take, for example, Elizabeth Williams of Frisco in Dare County. Mrs. Williams, 80 years young, coordinates a telephone reinsurance program in her section of Hatteras Island. She applied for a position with Green Thumb when she found that she had a lot of idle time with nothing to do. Now, from her home, she calls almost 200 elderly and shut in people a week, talking with them about problems, referring them to programs that can assist them, helping set up appointments with agencies and doctors, and as she puts it, "talking, singing, praying, anything that will help them out." Skills she learned while working as the Postmistress years earlier helped her adapt quickly to her duties. And because she keeps up with programs that are available, she provides needed answers to many people each day, as well as a cheerful voice of concern.

But not all of Green Thumb's programs work only with the elderly. Irene Hooker, of Columbia, applied for work when she realized that her spare time could provide extra income for her and

her husband, who is disabled. She was placed in the District Health Department in Columbia as a clerical and officer aide. Not quite a year later, Mrs. Hooker was hired by her agency as a permanent employee, a tribute to her for her good work while a Green Thumb. Now, even at the age of 62, Irene has a job to keep her occupied till she retires, which her agency hopes is a ways down the road.

The fact that these two workers and all the Green Thumbs in this area are doing such a good job is no surprise to the agencies that are associated with the program. Patti White, Senior Center Director for the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department list the advantages of the older worker as: 1. timeliness, 2. less absenteeism, 3. dependability, 4. years of experience to call upon the job, 5. less time loss due to sickness, and 6. greater appreciation of the value of a job. Mrs. White speaks from experience as she has three older workers at the center.

During Older Workers Week, remember the older worker for not only their contribution to themselves but for their efforts to make our area a better place to live.

For more information on the North Carolina/Virginia Green Thumb Program, write Area Supervisor Billy Wooten or State Director Robin Bailin at the North Carolina Green Thumb Office, P.O. Box 370, Hillsborough, N.C. 27278.

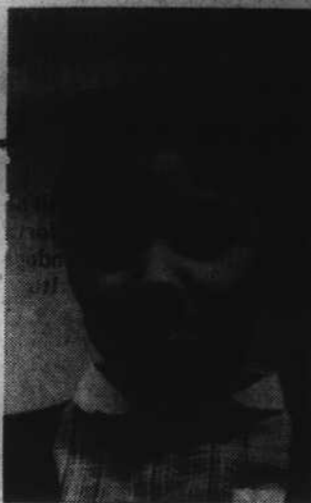
Edwards On Dean's List

GREENSBORO—Arch S.B. Edwards, an English major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch B. Edwards of 105 E. King St., Edenton, is one of 314 undergraduates at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who made all A's on courses completed during the first semester.

Altogether, two other students from Chowan County attained the dean's list during the first semester. The other students are: Jamie B. Ball, and English major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Ball of 230 E. Queen St., Edenton, and Mary A. Hollowell, an Art major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Hollowell of Route 3, Box 604 Edenton.



Jonathan Morgan



Denise Moye



John Johnston

Three Win Poster Contest

Three students from Chowan County were winners in the District 1984 Albemarle Conservation Poster Contest.

The winners, all from Swain Elementary School, were: John Johnston III (1st place-4th grade); Denise Moye (2nd place-5th grade); and Johnathan Morgan (2nd place-6th grade).

Awards were presented to the winners at a luncheon held at the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation

building in Hertford on Tuesday, February 28. The winners will go on and compete in the state contest.

This year's topic for the contest was "What Soil and Water Conservation District Does For Me." Judging was based on how the conservation idea was presented, originally, artistic ability and neatness. The judges for the contest were Jeffery Copeland, Perquimans Coun-

Personnel Changes Are Noted

Several promotions and transfers were recently announced by Waring W. Smith, Jr., regional manager of Union Camp Corporation's Woodlands operations based in Franklin, Va.

Phillip Bradshaw, who formerly held the position of special projects accountant for Building Products and Woodlands, has been named financial assistant for the Woodlands division headquartered in Franklin.

Joey Ferguson has been appointed field representative for Union Camp Woodlands wood procurement operations based in Nashville, N.C. He is being transferred from the Tuscarora Forest located in Hertford County, N.C.

Keving McCormack, a field representative in timber purchasing, is being promoted and transferred to the Tuscarora Forest.

Four other field representatives have been promoted to

area procurement supervisors. They are: Bill Jenkins located in the Edenton, N.C. area; C. Kea Turner in the Franklin, Va. area; Rich B. Hunting in Lawrenceville, Va.; and Mike D. Gibson in the Nashville, N.C. area.



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NOTICE

The Board of Chowan County Commissioners has rescheduled its March Board Meeting to meet at 7:30 P.M. instead of 9:00 A.M. on Monday, March 5, 1984 in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse on Broad Street.

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ECSU Founder's Day Celebration

Elizabeth City State University has set Friday, March 2 as Founders Day, marking the 93rd Anniversary of its founding in 1891. Highlight of the 10:00 A.M.

Convocation in Moore Hall auditorium will be an address by State Representative Daniel T. Blue (D-Wake County). With Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins presiding,

music for the Convocation will be provided by both the University Choir and the University Concert Band.

Currently seeking reelection to a third term, Rep. Blue has served as Chairman of the North Carolina Criminal Code Revision Study Committee. A native of Lumberton, N.C., he holds degrees from North Carolina Central University and the Duke University Law School. After being associated, 1973-76, with the law firm of Sanford, Cannon, Adams and McCullough, he has since been a member of the firm of Thigpen, Blue and Stephens.

Other highlights of ECSU's Founders Day observance include: naming and dedication of its relatively new Early Childhood Education complex; Pilgrimage to Oak Grove Cemetery where wreaths will be placed on the graves of Hugh Cale, Dr. Peter W. Moore and Dr. John H. Bias; and the Founders Day Luncheon at the Kermit E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center.

Fishing Show

If you need a new engine for your shrimp trawl and you can't decide what to buy, attend the North Carolina Commercial Fishing Show. It's March 16, 17 and 18 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City. Manufacturers and dealers will be on hand with the latest in boats, nets, engines, motors, traps, pots and accessory gear.

The show will be open 6 to 9 P.M., Friday, March 16; 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., Saturday, March 17; and 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sunday, March 18. Admission is free. The Crystal Coast Civic Center is located off of U.S. 70 in Morehead City, on the campus of Carteret Technical College.

The boat and gear show will give fishermen an opportunity to see many different products in one place at one time, says Bob Hines, the Sea Grant marine advisory agent at Bogue Banks. "It gives him the chance to compare products quality-wise, function-

wise and price-wise," he says. A series of short seminars will cover such topics as computer systems on boats, wood preservatives, shellfish sanitation and electrical systems on boats.

The North Carolina Commercial Fishing Show is sponsored by UNC Sea Grant, the N.C. Agricultural Extension Program, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, the N.C. Fisheries Association and Carteret Technical College. Contact: Kathy Hart (919) 737-2454



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