

Cotton Growers Recognized

GREENSBORO—John M. Griffin, Lewiston, has been named a regional winner in the Ciba-Geigy Cotton Challenge, a contest among growers who matched their 1986 yields against their ASCS Projected Yield.

More than 1,400 cotton growers entered the competition. Those who showed the greatest increase in each of 20 regions across the Cotton Belt were recognized by "Cotton Farming" magazine and the Ciba-Geigy Corporation, a major manufacturer of cotton pesticides.

Griffin's yield exceeded his ASCS projection by 530 pounds, tops in the state. As a regional winner, he received \$1,500 worth of Cotoran, a popular herbicide for controlling broadleaf weeds.

John Parker, American Ag, Edenton, Griffin's cotton consultant, was also recognized. He received \$1,000 worth of Cotoran.

Adam Ballinger, publisher of "Cotton Farming", explained the

unique competition, where growers competed with themselves rather than with each other. "In today's economic climate - with acreage down and prices down - the idea was to send an encouraging message to the industry," he said. "Growers liked the concept, especially because it took advantages like irrigation and better land out of consideration in determining winners," said Tom McGowan, Ciba-Geigy product group director.

To encourage success, Ciba-Geigy produced "Challenge Update" news pages that appeared in "Cotton Farming", sharing production tips from various growers who were working to increase yields. "This information helped growers reach their personal best," noted McGowan. "Small management tips can add a lot to the bottom line, and that's our goal in helping America's agricultural industry."

Exhibit Features Area Novelist

GREENVILLE — Materials drawn from the East Carolina Manuscript Collection, including material from a Chowan County novelist, have been assembled into a special exhibit entitled "African Experience" for the observance of Black History Month.

The exhibit "is about North Carolina people and their involvement in world events, particularly Africa," said Mary Bocaccio, curator of manuscripts for the collection in ECU's Joyner Library.

Featured are materials from the papers of novelist Inglis Fletcher who traveled in Africa while collecting materials for two of her novels, "The White Leopard" and "Red Jasmine". About half of the exhibit is made up of the writer's correspondence, notes, diaries, published materials and photographs from her research

journey in Africa in 1928. The remainder of the exhibit consists of writings and records by missionaries in Africa.

Inglis Fletcher, who died in 1969, lived at Bandon Plantation in Edenton. Fletcher Hall, a dormitory on the ECU campus, was named in her honor.

Church Schedules Talent Program

There will be a Talent Program Saturday night, February 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Ryan's Grove Baptist Church, Edenton.

Special guests will be the Vine Sisters of Farmville.

The event is being sponsored by the C.W. Beginners' Choir, and the public is cordially invited to attend.



By BONNIE BACHMAN

Nations negotiate for and defend it, Nobel prizes are given in its behalf. Individuals seek and meditate on it, yet this mercurial fundamental called peace eludes us. Humanity sits on a fragile planet. Governments ride a seesaw of transition. One day the Shah rules Iran, then the fanaticism of a Khomeini resides. The hedonism of Marcos is replaced by the democracy of Aquino. Khaddafis' swaggering is silenced. Our beloved America is not immune as the President's security reels under the blows of the Iran scandal. The Bible explains these fluctuations in Psalms 75:6&7, "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor west, nor from the south. But God is the judge; he putteth down one and setteth up another." The turmoil of our world is also described in Matthew 24:7 "nations will rise against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms." There is distress of nations, and perplexity as stated in Luke 21:25.

Why does peace seem infeasible? What causes the discrimination of Apartheid in Africa? Why is country after country conquered under the oppression of communism? How can a handful of terrorists hold a nation at bay in its unreasonable grip? The Bible asks the same question in James 4:1&2, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not, ye kill and desire to have, and cannot obtain, ye fight and war, yet ye have not..."

Wars and rumours of wars have existed and been our undesirable dilemma since Cain slew Abel. We are reminded in Luke 21:9 upon hearing of wars and commotions not to be afraid, that these things must happen before the end. What end? The end as anticipated in Psalms 46:8,9,&10 where we will behold the works of the Lord, and will see wars cease as God is exalted in the earth.

The channel of this glorious resolving is Jesus Christ as prophesied in Isaiah 9:6&7a, "For unto us a child is born, a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called... The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end..."

The paradox is that his peace is not an earthly peace and his kingdom is not a terrestrial kingdom. Jesus words in John 14:27 were, "Peace I leave with you, not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." His peace is a mystery to those who are in the throes of the conflicts. His kingdom and his followers are an enigma. Jesus says as much in John 18:36 when he explains, "My kingdom is not of this world, if it were my servants would fight."

Meanwhile we exist in the reality of even the "religious" war of Ireland, the divided country of Vietnam, the jungle hostilities of Nicaragua. We citizens of the world yearn for harmony, for release. Christ comforts us in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The Son of God is our peace. His life and teachings were exemplary. Ephesians 2:17 says that he

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DISCUSS STRATEGIES—Superintendents from six of the seven counties served by College of The Albemarle met with college officials recently to exchange views on how the area public school systems and the community college can continue to work together to improve the quality of education for the citizens of their communities. From bottom left are: Norman Norfleet, COA dean of instruction; Dr. John B. Dunn, Edenton-Chowan schools; Jeanne E. Meiggs, Currituck County schools; John Simmons, COA dean of student development; Dr. Parker Chesson, COA president; Dr. William C. Symons Jr., Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County schools; J.P. (Pat) Harrell, Perquimans County schools; Stephen G. (Steve) Basnight Jr., Dare County schools; and John E.R. Perry, Gates County schools. (COA Photo)

Edenton Resident Attends Father-Daughter Day

RALEIGH—An Edenton resident was among the approximately 150 fathers attending Father-Daughter Day at Peace College on February 7.

Participating in the one-day "college-life" activities was Mr. W. Wayne White of Route 4 with his daughter Leigh Anne, a freshman.

Father-Daughter Day is an

event held annually just before Valentine's Day and is sponsored by the Peace Student Government Association. The highlight of the day is a banquet and live dance band in the evening in Belk Hall.

Other activities include a performance by Peace's jazz dance

troupe, the Peace Pacers, sophomore and freshman Stunt Night skits, and refreshments and special times spent with daughters and friends throughout the day.

Peace is a two-year, liberal arts college for women.

Spivey Elected New Chairman

MURFREESBORO—Chowan College trustees elected Robert B. Spivey of Windsor as new chairman during their semi-annual meeting here on February 16.

Also, E.L. Hollowell of Edenton and Vernon E. White were elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Executive Committee.

Among the new trustees elected at the meeting were J.E. Ferebee of Camden and Sen. J.J. "Monk" Harrington of Lewiston-Woodville.

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NEW ALIMONY RULES

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 gives a tax break to those who pay alimony. For many years the government has been concerned that nondeductible property settlements in a divorce not be disguised as deductible alimony payments.

To assist in this determination, the Tax Reform Act of 1984 compared the payments during each of the first six years after divorce for variations in the amount paid. If the annual payments varied by more than \$10,000, the payor was required to recapture the excess as ordinary income and pay taxes on it. If the payor was required to add prior alimony deductions back to income, the recipient was allowed a deduction for a like amount.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 reduces the six-year test to a three-year test and increases the allowable variation from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

There are exceptions to the recapture rule. The recapture will not apply if the termination of payments is due to the death of either party or if the payee-spouse remarries before the end of the third year. The recapture rules also do not apply under certain temporary support agreements or if the amount to be paid as alimony is determined as a percentage of the paying spouse's income.

These new rules are effective for divorce agreements that are executed after 1986. Agreements written prior to 1987 may be modified to expressly provide for the application of the new three-year rule. There are also special transitional rules for some pre-1987 agreements.

Prior to the 1986 law, the agreement had to specifically state that payments would terminate upon death, or you were denied your alimony deduction. Under the new law, payments will no longer be disqualified as alimony even though the separation instrument does not expressly provide for termination at death.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS

Registration for kindergarten in Edenton-Chowan Schools has been scheduled as follows:

D.F. WALKER
Tuesday, March 10, 1987
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

WHITE OAK
Thursday, March 12, 1987
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Requirements are: (1) To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must have been born on or before October 16, 1982 and (2) each parent must bring a copy that the school can keep of both an immunization record and a birth certificate.

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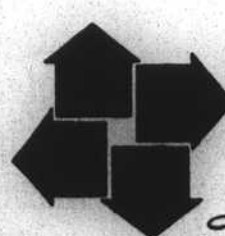
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