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FAIR OPENS NEXT TUESDAY FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The annual Chowan County Fair opens next Tuesday, Sept. 30 and will remain open through Oct. 4, to the delight of young and old. While all the county fairs are special, this one is especially so because it marks the 50th anniversary of our local fair. Hours at the fair, which takes place at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton, are: 5-11 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 3:30-11 p.m. on Thursday; and 1 p.m. until midnight on Saturday evening. This year's theme is, appropriately, "Celebrating the Gold."

New director of Parks/Recreation is hired by town

Lamar Adams of Sampson County has been named Edenton-Chowan Parks and Recreation Director. Adams replaces Rob Laughton, who resigned to become a managing partner for Dowd and Twiddy/Century 21 Real Estate.

Adams is currently serving as assistant director of Parks and Recreation for Clinton/Sampson County, NC. "I look forward to Lamar working with us. We are putting together a busy orientation week for him," said Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton. "He is anxious to meet members of the community and begin working on some of our big projects, such as the development of the soccer complex and exploration of possible expansion of facilities in the north-

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Lamar was his obvious affection for public recreation," she said. "He set

himself apart from several other equally qualified applicants when he told me why he wanted to lead our department. Lamar said that he was a product of a great recreation program, that he grew up in a community that placed tremendous value on its recreation program and he wanted to give youngsters and adults

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Ernest A. Swain

Respected educator dead at 91

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Retired principal Ernest Alexander Swain died Thursday, Sept. 18, in the Skilled Nursing Facility of Chowan Hospital in Edenton. He was 91.

Swain was the last surviving member of a trio of educators including D.F. Walker and John A. Holmes who had schools in the Edenton-Chowan school system named for them during a dedication ceremony held here on Dec. 15, 1966.

Swain, a native of Creswell, NC, was a 1927 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He worked for two years in Washington County at the Wenona School after which he came here as principal of the Advance School in the Chowan County Unit, a post he held from 1929-1933.

He served as principal of the Advance School in the Edenton City Unit between 1933 and 1942. Then, from 1942 until 1971, he was principal of the Edenton Elementary School. That school was renamed Ernest A. Swain Elementary School in his honor in 1966.

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'Caring for Children' is effort to provide needy medical care

Chowan Hospital has named ten volunteers to serve on the advisory board for the hospital's "Caring for Children" Program, a new service that pays for doctor office visits for certain uninsured children residing in Chowan County.

At the initial meeting of the board Ben Gregory, pastor of the Countryside Church of Christ and chief administrator of Countryside's Child Day Care Center, was elected to serve as its chairman, with Ben Rose, director of Chowan County's Department of Social Services, elected vice-chairman.

Others appointed to serve on the advisory board are Angie Layden, school nurse for D.F. Walker and White Oak Elementary Schools; Patricia Downum, representing the public-at-large

and serving as volunteer intake coordinator for the program; and Kay Wright, owner/operator of the Edenton Tea Pot Child Day Care Center.

Also serving on the board are: Charles Shaw, director of the

Walker Elementary School; and Anne-Marie Knighton, Edenton town manager.

Lynn Bassett, special programs supervisor with Chowan Hospital's Home Care Agency, serves as program director for "Caring for Children."

She expressed great confidence in those serving on the board.

"We are very fortunate to have this talented, interested and diverse board to give leadership to our new program. We know that opening doors to en-

able all of our children to become regular patients of our community's doctors is very important, and that is what 'Caring for Children' is all about," she said.

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"Caring for Children" advisory board members

local Partnership for Children, which initiated Chowan County's bid for a Smart Start program here; Debbie Farmer, registered nurse with the Chowan County Health Department; Ahmad Ali, MD, family practice physician in Edenton; Ralph Cole, principal of D.F.

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Friday night belongs to the Aces as they defeat Columbia, 54-7

From Cox NC Publications
staff reports

Senior Mitchell Stanley scored three touchdowns in the first quarter as the Edenton Aces pounded host Columbia 54-7 in non-conference football Friday night.

Stanley scored on rushes of 56, 1 and 47 yards as Edenton improved to 2-2. Columbia fell to 0-4.

Edenton coach Jay Swicegood said the Aces were able to take advantage of Columbia's

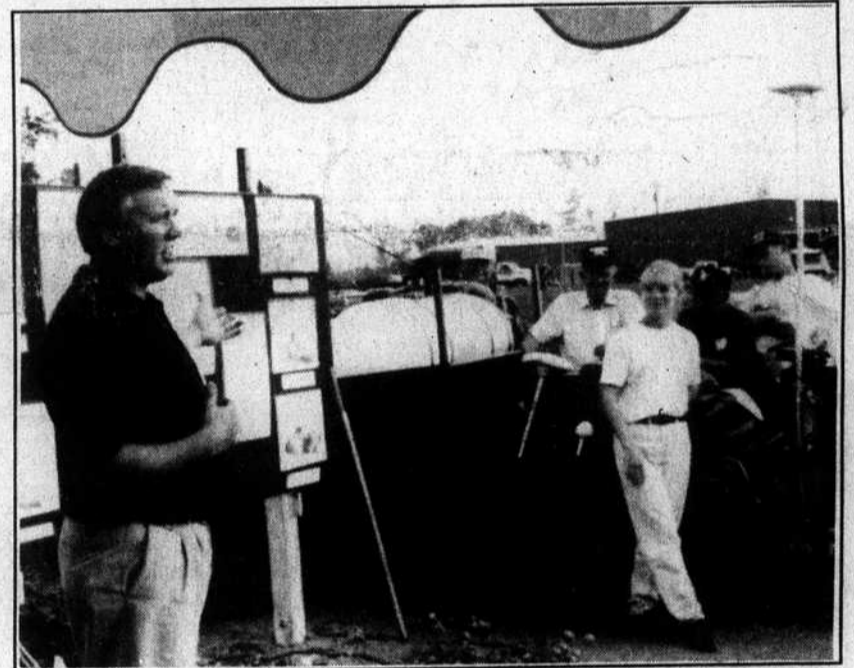
youth. "Defensively, Columbia is a young football team. They have a lot of sophomore players. They only had six seniors," said Swicegood, whose team gained 380 yards total offense to Columbia's 88. "It was obvious that we were much stronger than they were. It was a game where we were able to execute early."

That's exactly what the Aces did — execute early. The score was 27-0 at the end of the first quarter and 41-0 at halftime.

Swicegood said he pulled his starters after the first quarter to help give some of his reserves game-time experience in preparation for this Friday's game against Northeastern.

"This game gave us an opportunity to use a lot of kids," Swicegood said. "They got a lot of experience Friday night. It's not a game that you look forward to preparing for a big game, but it gave us the win and the confidence going into

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Dr. Ron Heiniger, NCSU Extension Crop Scientist Specialist, explains how the Global Positioning System (GPS) can benefit farmers when used to scout cotton electronically rather than manually. Graduate student Mary Thurman (at right) waits by the GPS for her turn to address the group. (Photo by Marty Jacobi)

Ag Expo brings new ideas to farmers here

BY MARTY JACOBI
Correspondent

The Northeast Ag Expo featured cotton and peanuts at the third annual field day on Tues., Sep. 16 at C.A. Perry and Son. The event brought in educators from North Carolina State University, in Raleigh, to explain new methods about the two local crops. The Expo had been rescheduled after being rained out last week.

"We wanted to offer a field day to show farmers new technology and techniques," said Mike Williams, Chowan County extension director.

Williams said that the great majority of farmers are not able to travel to other state shows, so this is an opportunity for them to learn more about farming.

"The name of the game is going to be reducing costs over the coming years," said Dr. Jack Bailey, NCSU extension plant pathology specialist.

Dr. Billy Caldwell, the associate director of the NC Cooperative Extension Service, told

Clarence Leary, from the NC Cotton Promotion Association, spoke about ways to improve make the transition.

"Those folks who've come out today are an important part of who we are," he said.

Clarence Leary, from the NC Cotton Promotion Association, spoke about ways to improve the quality of cotton. Most important, he said, is that the cotton has to be 100% contamination free with no caps, coats, tractor parts or trash in it.

He said that farmers need to counsel their workers to pick up anything that they drop out in the field.

Too much cotton is being rejected because of the less desirable short fibers due to immature cotton, cotton left in the field too long and being overcleaned in the gin, he said.

He commended growers for producing quality crops. "The U.S. has a reputation of having the finest cotton around," he said.

Bob Sutter, from the NC Pea-

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