

ATTEND 4-H ELECTRIC CONGRESS

Chowan County 4-H was well-represented at the 52nd annual State 4-H Electric Congress held at Western Carolina University near Sylva. Those attending were (l-r) Brenda Leggett, 4-H leader; Kentraile Sanderlin and Sara Leggett, 4-H members; and Mildred Vanterpool, 4-H leader. Congress activities included workshops on giving electric presentations, developing an electric project and organizing an electric record book. Delegates also enjoyed whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River and a scenic train ride. The Congress is sponsored by the state's four power companies — CP&L, Duke Power, Nantahala Power and North Carolina Power — and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at North Carolina State University.

Letters

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Asbell's name to the memorial of Precious Gems ... lost on the Outer Banks by a drunk driver. Bobi Jean Whitson Grandy, NC

Problem needs fixing

(Editor's Note: Students having the problem outlined in the following letter need to promptly alert the public relations office at their school that their news is not being furnished to the newspaper of their choice, and work with that office to make sure the problem is corrected. The Chowan Herald will also contact the school on the student's behalf, if a student notifies us such a situation exists.)

Dear Editor:
Graduating from college is an achievement that all who attempt should be recognized. I recently graduated from ECU and made the Chancellor's List, yet my name was not mentioned in the paper along with the rest of the students who live in Chowan County. The reason behind this is I live in Gates County address.

For the past four years my name has been left out from the honor roll lists. I am not complaining for myself but for those who have gone before

me and those yet to come. It is time someone speaks out or the problem will never be fixed.

One's education depends on family and community members, teachers, and other role models. It is important to recognize students on their accomplishments. Having someone commend you on your success is a strong motivator to con-

tinue doing well.

I am about to begin my career as a teacher and I am going to do my best in promoting my students' educations. I hope someone else will do the same by recognizing ALL the students from Chowan County.

April Parks Pina
Hobbsville, NC

Martin

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from the regular state party.

The strength of the organizations of the governor and the legislative leaders helps explain the lack of great "day-to-day" power of some single monolithic Democratic Party.

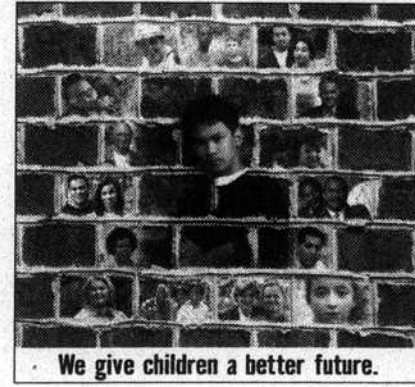
The absence of this "day-to-day" power should not lead us to mistake the great and continuing presence of the Demo-

cratic and the Republican Parties.

When Election Day comes, that power comes together for the battle. If anyone doubts the power or existence of either of the major parties, let that person run for office as an independent.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and there is a Democratic Party. They live in the hearts of good men and women.

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Businesses would pay a flat tax on their gross revenues, minus allowable costs. Allowable costs include purchases of goods, services and materials, plus wages, salaries and pensions paid to current and former employees, and investments in equipment, structures and land.

In this flat tax system, investment income, from interest on certificates of deposit to stock dividends, is not taxed at the household level but instead at the business level where the income is first earned.

Could this kind of flat tax system be implemented for North Carolina? If so, what would be the flat rate?

Indeed, it could be implemented, and I've done some number crunching to calculate the results of a sample flat tax system.

Let's say we want a flat rate tax system to replace the taxes that now support the state's General Fund, which pays for just about all state functions except roads. In 1999, the state's General Fund was supported by almost \$12 billion collected through the state income, sales, inheritance and gift and assorted other taxes. Allowing an \$8,000 per person, or \$32,000 per family of four, household deduction, I've calculated a 9 percent flat rate could produce the \$12 billion.

So we could end the state individual and corporate income tax, the state sales and use tax, and the state inheritance and

gift taxes and replace them with a 9 percent flat tax rate with an \$8,000 per person household deduction. Should we say full steam ahead?

Well, as with any tax idea, there are supporters and detractors, and the flat tax is no exception.

Supporters like the flat tax for its simplicity and for its removal of the tax system from individual and business decision-making. That is, with no special deductions, exemptions, or credits for specific kinds of spending, the flat tax system has a much-reduced influence over how we spend our money.

Detractors say this hands-off approach of the flat tax is actually one of its disadvantages.

With a flat tax, there would be no special deductions for

homeowners who finance the purchase of their house, for households that make charitable contributions, or for families with relatively large medical and child care expenses. Detractors of the flat tax also say there should be different tax rates for lower- and higher-income households.

As the political season heats up in coming months, there will be increased discussion of taxes at both national and state levels.

You decide if the flat tax should be a serious part of this discussion.

(Dr. Mike Walden is a professor and economist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at NC State University. He teaches and writes on personal finance, economic development and policy.)

Obituaries

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former organist for the church. She was a former bookkeeper for the Town of Tusten and she was active in numerous community activities.

Survivors include: two daughters, Deborah Barnes of Edenton and Suzanne Nordenhold of Narrowsburg; a son, William (Bill) Tegeler of Southbury, CT; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Sunday, Aug. 9 at Rasmussen Sons Inc. Funeral Home in Narrowsburg, NY.

A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg with the Rev. Phyllis Haynes and the Rev. Donald Beck officiating. Interment followed at Glen Cove Cemetery in Narrowsburg, NY.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Memorial Fund, Narrowsburg, NY. Rasmussen Sons Inc. Funeral Home in Narrowsburg, NY handled funeral arrangements.

LLOYD A. TWINE

Lloyd Alvin Twine, 72, of Tyner, NC, died Thursday, Aug. 5, at McGuire Veterans Hospital, Richmond, VA.

He was the son of the late Alma Lloyd and Bertha White Twine, and the husband of Katherine Mitchell Twine.

He joined the Church of God in Christ at an early age. He attended the Chowan County Schools, was a World War II Army veteran and member of the Linton J. Sutton American Legion Post #223 of Elizabeth City. Mr. Twine was a retired long distance truck driver.

Besides his wife, survivors include: 10 daughters, Gwenolyn Revell, Beverly Bonner, Maxine Mason of Tyner, Sandra Brickhouse, Connie Twine of Queens, NY, Angela Barrington, Sharon Goodwin of Elizabeth City, Teresa Lewis of Newport News, VA, Reba Twine of the home, and Arlene Boston of Plymouth, NC; eight sons, Elder Joseph Twine,

Zeddie Twine of New York, Willie Twine, Gregory Twine of Elizabeth City, NC, Minister Tony Twine of Marietta, GA, Bruce Twine of Edenton, Barry Twine of Newport News, VA and Lloyd Twine, Jr. of Chesapeake, VA; four sisters, Evangelist Ellie Roberts of Norfolk, VA, Marry Perry of Hertford, NC, Minister Camez Hunter of Suffolk, VA and Ida Hall of Edenton; 36 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Edenton Church of God in Christ Church with Elder Ananias Purkett officiating. Burial followed in Piney Grove AME Zion Church Cemetery, Tyner, with military rites accorded by members of the Linton J. Sutton American Legion Post #223 of Elizabeth City.

Stallings Funeral Home in Elizabeth City, NC was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT C. WHITE

Robert Crusoe White, 89, of 202 Tyler Lane, Edenton, died Aug. 1.

He is survived by two nephews: Solomon White, Jr. of Windsor, NC and James White of Milford, VA.

A funeral service was held Friday, Aug. 6, at Blair Funeral Service in Edenton. Burial followed at Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton, on Saturday, Aug. 7.

DONALD E. WINSLOW

CHESAPEAKE, VA - Donald Edward Winslow, 67, died Aug. 7 at Chesapeake General Hospital, Chesapeake, VA.

Mr. Winslow was born in Old Norfolk County on March 13, 1932 to the late Mr. Asa Paul Winslow and the late Mrs. Sybil Roundtree Winslow.

He was a retired technician for Sears. Mr. Winslow was a member of the Hickory United

Methodist Church, where he served as the chairman of the board of trustees. He was vice president of the Turnpike Hunt Club, a member of the Tidewater Coon Hunters Association, and a member of the Hickory Ruritan Club, where he was Ruritan of the Year in 1992 and 1993. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952-54 during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Betty J. Winslow, and son, Shelton H. Dowless of Colonial Beach, VA and numerous cousins and friends.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Hickory United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Mercer officiating. Burial followed in Upriver Friends Cemetery in Belvidere, NC.

Twiford Funeral Home in Great Bridge was in charge of arrangements.

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