

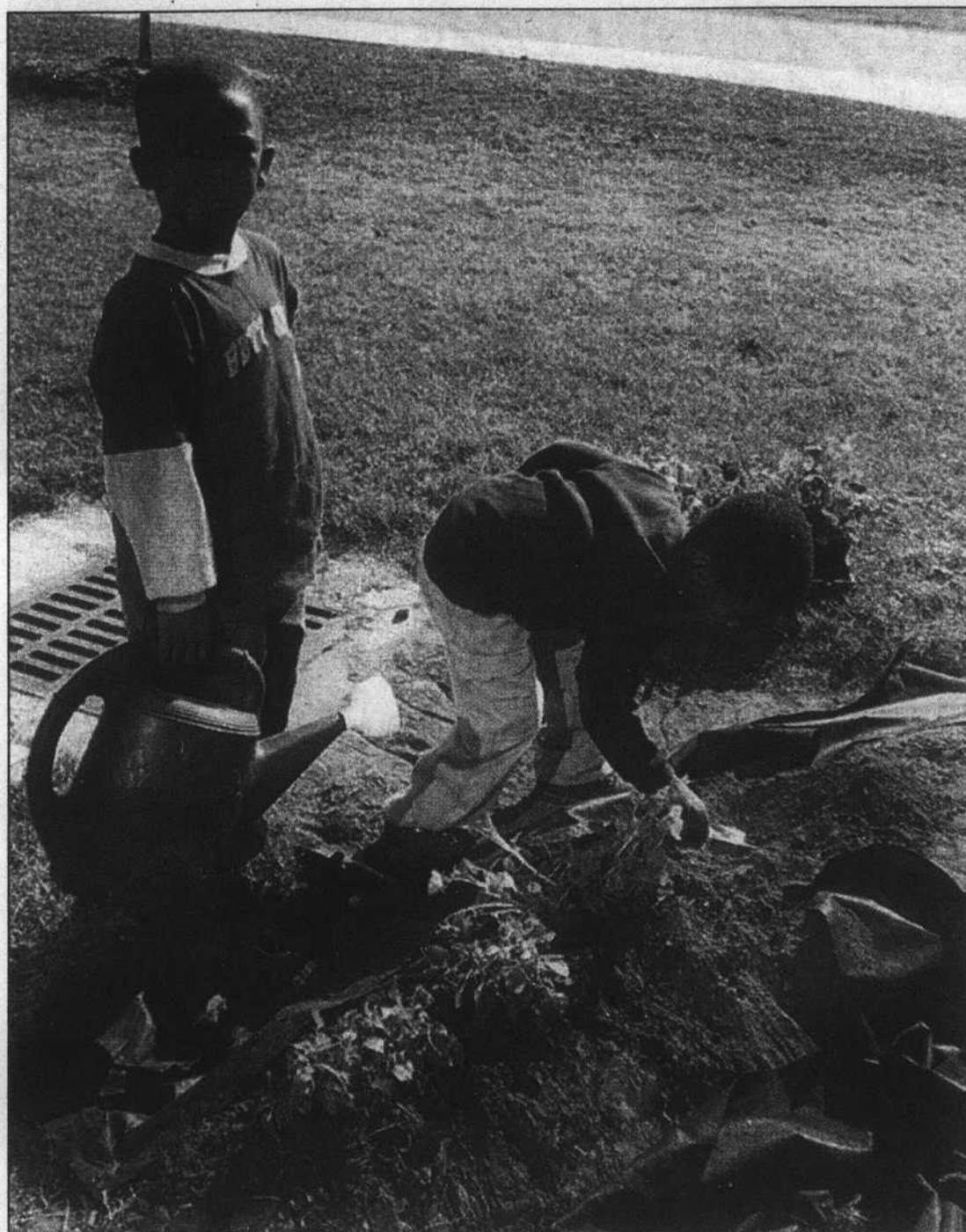
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Beautifying school lawn

Tyheim Privett (left) and DaMonte' Rome, members of Elizabeth Dail's pre-kindergarten class at White Oak School, plant pansies on the school's front lawn. Dail's students plant and maintain flowers throughout the school year as part of their studies. Also, according to DaMonte', because digging in the dirt is fun. (Photo by Glenda Jakubowski, Edenton-Chowan Schools)

Eure named Young Farmer of the Year

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
 Staff Writer

Chowan County's annual Farm City Banquet was held Tuesday, November 20th at the American Legion Post 40. The banquet, the highlight of Farm City Week, brings together the farming and city community to celebrate their collective efforts and to present awards to those in agriculture for outstanding production and contributions.

"We have seen a lot of changes in the economy, but we represent a community that works together," said Edenton

Mayor Roland Vaughan. "It is a blessing the way the farming community and town pool their resources and energy to accomplish together the things that make Chowan County successful."

Each year, Farm-City Week is observed nationwide as a way to bring together the rural and urban communities to better understand how farms and cities support each other. Chowan County traditionally celebrates this occasion with a community-wide invitation to attend and participate in the Farm-City Awards Banquet. This year was no exception.

The 2001 Farm City Banquet was coordinated through the Chowan Extension Advisory Council in Edenton. "Our program will focus on another of the many area resources available to the citizens of Chowan and surrounding counties," said Chowan County Extension Director Mike Williams.

Sharon Rowland, Executive Director, 4-H Development Fund, was on hand to present a slide show featuring the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center located on Bulls Bay in Tyrrell County that

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Fenton Eure Jr. accepts the Chowan County Farmer of the Year Award presented by Jimmie Parrish during the annual Farm-City Banquet here. (Related photos on 8-B) (Helen Outland photo)

Homes to open for Ramble

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

A number of warm-hearted Chowan County residents have agreed to share some holiday hospitality as they open their homes for the first annual Rocky Hock Ramble.

The Ramble, sponsored by the Rocky Hock Ruritan, will be held Dec. 7-8. Hours will be: Friday evening from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Tickets, good for both nights, are \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free.

Purchase of a ticket covers admission to a Live Nativity at Rocky Hock Baptist Church as well as refreshments at the Rocky Hock Community Center and a performance at the Rocky Hock Playhouse by the Emmrich Theatre scheduled to take place at 9:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the Ramble will be used to fund ongoing Ruritan projects.

- Participating homeowners are scheduled to include:
- Dodd Floyd, 224 Greenhall Road
 - Fenton Eure, 218 Greenhall Road
 - Fenton Eure III, 230 Greenhall Road
 - Neal Bass, 259 Harris Land-

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Dr. William V. "Bill" Muse, chancellor, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC talks with Shelby Strother during a swing through Edenton Monday as part of a Hometown Tour of Eastern North Carolina. Strother, a former music teacher at John A. Holmes High School, is an ECU graduate. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

ECU Chancellor visits Edenton to listen and learn from locals

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

East Carolina University Chancellor Bill Muse brought his ECU Hometown Tour to Edenton Monday as part of a series of "listen and learn" encounters with residents of eastern North Carolina.

Prior to attending a recep-

tion in his honor at Creekside Restaurant, the chancellor stopped by The Chowan Herald to answer questions about the university, its services and plans for the future.

"This is a beautiful little town," said Dr. Muse. "This is my first visit here, and I am really impressed."

He said that one of the pluses

offered by East Carolina's Partnership with communities was the strengthening of health care services. He noted that Chowan Hospital, as part of University Health Systems of North Carolina, gives patients "access to state-of-the-art services provided by a top-notch

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'Christmas at the Market' on Dec. 1

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

Everyone is invited to visit downtown Edenton this Saturday, Dec. 1, as the Historic Edenton Marketplace Guild ushers in the Christmas season with a full day of activities for the whole family.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, the sounds of holiday music will fill the air with carols performed by local church groups

and area musicians.

Shoppers are encouraged to stop by Town Hall to chat with Santa and Mrs. Claus and to register for the Guild's "Great Gift Giveaway," which Special Events Chair Susan Wilkerson describes as "a huge box full of merchandise and gift certificates from participating merchants." She added that children are also welcome to whis-

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Candlelight tour nears

The opportunity to visit beautifully decorated local homes draws many here during the Christmas Candlelight Tour. This year's tour will be Friday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 15, 4-8 p.m. For tickets, call 482-7800, 482-8005, or 482-2637.

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