

As I began to put together this column at the very end of 1982. I gave some thought about reflecting on the year that has just past and speculating as to how things may be different in the new year. However, after making a brief review of 1982 in my mind, I decided that at least in the area of finances relating to agriculture it would be much better to skip over any reflections and to set about sharing information that might be beneficial during the new year.

Since 1983 is not projected to be much better than 1982, the Extension Service will be sharing information through formal meetings in the next couple of months that should benefit local producers as

they strive to farm as good and economically as possible in 1983. The meetings that we have scheduled range from a farm management series tolivestock production meetings and interspersed in between is a vast number of field crops and vegetable meetings. All of the meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the 'O. P. Owens Agriculture Building unless otherwise designated as a special area meeting.

In the livestock area, meetings will be held on January 17, 24, and February 14. The topics will range from Drug Use and Herd Health to Feeding Fat in Swine Rations." In the farm management area, meetings will be held January 11 and 18. The first meeting will cover Taxes and

Farm Records, while the second meeting will cover Enterprise Budgets and Balance Sheets. The farm management meetings are being conducted in cooperation with Farmers Home Administration. There will be additional area farm management meetings and microcomputer workshops held on January 13 in Pembroke at the Senior High School beginning at 7:30 p.m. and another microcomputer workshop January 19 at

7:30 p.m. at the Orrum High School Vocational Agriculture Department. For persons intersted in

landscaping, a series of landscaping classes will be held beginning Monday, January 17. Additional landscaping classes will be held on Janua-

ry 24 and 31. Topics at these meetings will cover Basic Design Principles, Lawn Grasses and Ground Covers and Their Establishment, plus Maintenance and Culture of Landscaping Plants.

An overall tobacco production meeting will be held Thursday, January 20, and an additional tobacco meeting on Disease Control will be held on Thursday, February 24. In the vegetable area, meetings will be Selection and Caring for Transplants, Identification of Weeds, Insects, and Brock coli Production.

In the area of field crops, meetings will be held one Soybean Production Tuesday, February 15, and March 1. These programs will cover overall recommended production practises, plus nematode control programs. An additional field crops production meeting will be held Tuesday, February 22, where corn. production will be discussed extensively. A cotton update meeting will be held Monday, February 28, for all the cotton growers at Lou Henderson's cabin near Maxton. That special meeting will begin at

If all these activities are not enough, there will also be a pesticide licensing test held Wednesday, January 12, at 1 p.m. On Tuesday, January 25. at 7 p.m. the Crop Promotion Banquet will be held whereby awards are presented for outstanding yields by Robeson County growers. And on Thursday, January 27, an organizational meeting will be

6:30 p.m.

held for persons interested in establishing a Cooperative egetable Marketing Outlet for Robeson County. Finally. the Spring Livestock Show is scheduled for Wednesday. March 30. While this is quite extensive, we would like to extend a special invitation to anyone

who may have interest in these areas since all Extension programs are open to all citizens regardless of age, sex, race, nationality, religion or handicap

Fish have been seen at ocean depths of almost 7 miles



Public Information ******

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System. If private institutions

are included, the Community

College System has 45 per-

cent, the University System

37 percent, and the private

--RTC held a seminar "How

to Be a Winner in Life," on

insitutions 18 percent?"

-RTC Visting Artist Arnold Richardson recently presented two pieces of his sculpture to the school. The art pieces are entitled "High Technology" which is currently placed in the Continuing Education Department, and "Reclining Buffalo" which is located in the President's office.

January 4-5, 1983 in the -- A report taken from Statisti-**Robeson County Public Libra**ry Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. cal Abstract of Higher Education in North Carolina has to 9:30 p.m. Richard Harwell was the instructor. The work shop presented methods and procedures to break the recently been released revealing that the Community College System has 55 percent of the tax supported post-'grips of instant living." high school enrollment, while

RTC will offer a Notary the remaining 45 percent

ary on the and Thursday each month on the Barker T Mile campus. Carolyn Je nings will be the instructs and there is an \$8 registration fee. For additional information on. call 738-7101, extension 169.

> -RTC will offer three courses n January for law officers: Hostage Negotiations, Finger printing and a Radar school.

> -- RTC's Cooperative Skills Program has a hefty schedule planned for January. They are offering workshops and courses in Welding, Industrial Maintenance Training, the Art of Employee Motivation, Effective Supervision, and Value Engineering. For fur-"? ther information, call 738-7101, extension 177.

-- The RTC Continuing Education Department is holding registration for Winter quarter courses beginning January 10, 1983. Check your local newspaper for exact dates, times and locations.

How To Help Your Child With School

Is your child "computer literate?" It's a term that's being used a lot these days to describe a person's basic understanding of computers and programming. In a few years, many people entering the job market without this knowledge may face closed doors. Today, many parents are helping their children to understand and use computers by purchasing a personal computer for the home.

What is a personal com-puter? Both in the home and in the classroom, a personal computer is a tool for managing and organizing information, as well as a agement, and has been multi-purpose problem solv- called very "user friendly." er. Small in size but big in Convenient and lightweight, the amount of information it can be used with any TV they can store, personal computers are making it possible for grade schoolers to work, for example, with geometry concepts years earlier than usual.

As an at-home totor, teach youngsters language, reading, spelling and mathematical skills, as well as entertain them with game programs. It's also excelfundamentals/1.J.M. HINOJ gramming skills.

It's important to look for certain features when choosing a personal computer. Personal computers are fun, but

As an at-home tutor. personal computer teaches youngsters languages, reading, spelling and math skills, as well as entertaining them with game programs.

A computer should not be intimidating to you or your family. The Timex Sinclair 1000 offers encourset as a monitor.

Computers need software to tell them what to do. Or, you can quickly learn to create your own programs. A computer for children should be compatible with a personal computer can easy-to-use education programs. The TS1000 has software packages specifically designed for educational use, but, importantly, its instruction manual makes it lent for drilling children in easy to learn basic pro-

It's an important helper for adults as well. A personal computer can help you compute tax informanot toys. You should look tion, assess your home enerfor the system that best suits gy output, balance your budyour needs and your bud- get, maintain recipe files or get. One new computer, the catalog possessions. Through Timex Sinclair 1000, is only the use of a modem, or com-The computer has munications interface information.



2K internal memory, and a for low additional cost, the 16K RAM pack is available personal computer can give for a suggested retail price authorized individuals acof \$49.95. The computer cess to large data banks also comes with a 90 containing financial infor-day limited warranty from mation, newswires and spe-Timex, another important cific and general research consideration.



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