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YOUNG GUY FISHER of Pendleton shows two of his top hogs which were named (right) grand champion and (left) Reserve champion in the individual class at the annual Choanoke 4-H

Market Hog Show and Sale Wednesday afternoon at Murfreesboro. Fisher also showed a pen of three which was named grand champion in that category.

## Top Hog Show Honors To Pendleton's Guy Fisher

MURFREESBORO — Guy Fisher of Pendleton and his hogs walked away with just about all the top honors Wednesday afternoon at the annual Choanoke 4-H Market Hog Show and Sale. Fisher's hogs took first place in individual competition in both the lightweight (180-210 pounds) and heavyweight (211-240 pounds) divisions. The heavyweight hog was named grand champion and reserve champ. In pen of three competition, Fisher's pen won first place in the heavyweight division and was named pen of three grand champion.

bought by Johnson Manufacturing Company, Pendleton and Jesse Wheeler Feed Mill, Lasker, and the pen of three grand champ sold for 42½ cents a pound, bought by Severn Peanut Company and Wards Grain Company, Conway.

Fisher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fisher. Brett Edwards, Rich

Square, showed a pen of three which placed second in the lightweight division and was later named reserve champion in that category. The reserve champion pen sold for 38½ cents a pound and was bought by Farm Service Center in Rich Square and B & S Milling Company in Jackson.

Other winners in the show were: individual class, lightweight division - second place, Brett Edwards; third place, Danya Edwards, Rich Square; heavyweight division - second place, Vicki Eason, Jackson; third place, Davidson Chamblee, Cofield.

Pen of three class, lightweight division - third place, Doug Eason, Jackson; heavyweight division - first place, Doug Eason; second place, Davidson Chamblee; third place, Eric Hollowell, Rich Square.

Showmanship Contest - first place, Eric Hollowell; second place, Davidson Chamblee; third place, Martha Hollowell, Rich Square.

Record Book competition - first place, Davidson Chamblee; second place, Earl Chamblee, Cofield.

Following the presentation of trophies to the winners, the extension service presented awards to Paul Parker of Smithfield Packing Company, R. G. Whitley of R. G. Whitley & Son and Henry Burgwyn of North Carolina National Bank for their continued support of the 4-H program in the Roanoke-Chowan area.

### 2nd In 2 Days

## N'ampton Records 4th Highway Fatality

RICH SQUARE — A collision involving four cars occurred on Interstate 95 at 4:45 a.m. Friday which left one man dead and three other people hospitalized.

A 1972 Dodge, driven by

Nancy Ann Fruchtmann of Rochester, N. Y., was going south on I-95 when it hit a dog. She tried to avoid the animal but lost control of the car, traveled across the median, and skidded into the north

bound lane backwards.

A 1971 Cadillac, driven by Nevin Raymond Ranch of Pompano Beach, Fla., was going north in the north lane. He collided with the Fruchtmann vehicles left rear side and spun the Fruchtmann car around so it was now headed south in the north bound lane.

A 1972 Opel, behind the Cadillac hit the Dodge head-on. The driver, soldier from Camp Lejeune, was killed instantly. (His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.) His car went end-over-end in the air (See FATALITY, Page 9)

## Raleigh Firm Buys Woodland Co-op.

WOODLAND — Stockholders of the Woodland Cooperative, a bonded Warehouse Company voted unanimously to sell the company and its entire assets and property of Cotton Growers Warehouses, Inc., Raleigh, which has agreed to

pay all debts of the company, pay all stockholders the par value of their stock, pay all debenture holders the face value of their debentures, and pay the costs of liquidation. Cotton Growers Warehouses bought out the Woodland company for an undetermined amount of money and the sale is effective as of April 1.

"No one loses any money," said John G. Burgwyn, president of the Woodland Cooperative. "It is merely a change of name."

## New Furniture Store Opens In Rich Square

RICH SQUARE — A new discount furniture store has just opened in downtown Rich Square. Roanoke Furniture Company, whose home office

is in Roanoke Rapids, has a branch office here under the management of J. T. Hinton, formerly of Henderson.

"This is a discount house for complete home furnishing," said owner T. W. Hyde of Roanoke Rapids. "We sell first quality name-brand merchandise."

Hinton, a retired merchant mariner, has been in the furniture business for over 10 years. He will be working with Mrs. Lydia Chestnut, store supervisor.

Roanoke Furniture has a central store and warehouse operation in Roanoke Rapids and another branch office in Enfield. The store in Rich Square is a showroom. Any furniture they do not have in stock may be secured from their warehouse.

Their first customer was Mrs. Evelyn G. Clark of Rich Square, who bought an Admiral color console.

## Much Legislation Still In Committee

By Joseph Covolo Jr.  
 RALEIGH — With most legislation still in committee for this session very little news is coming from the State House however, two of the Roanoke-Chowan legislators had items to report.

Representative Roberts Jernigan of Ahoskie gave further support to the fact that this session would be over by mid-May and Senator J. J. (Monk) of Lewiston reported on a tax bill which he has introduced.

**Timberland Tax**  
 Senator Harrington's bill, intended to unify all counties in the state in regards to taxing timberland, is based on a system currently used in forty-some counties right now.

"If passed, this bill will value the ability of land to grow trees rather than value the trees actually on the land," Senator Harrington said. "I have studied this bill closely and see nothing but good for all of us coming from it. I offer three points in

support of the proposal:

1) If a field has been clear cut and nothing is standing on it at all, as timberland it would be valueless. This requires the county appraiser to have to survey it and make the adjustment in the county tax books. As new trees are planted and grow there would be the usual increase in taxes from time to time as the value of the timber increased.

2) If a man owns a farm with a growth of 18 year old trees on it he has to pay the taxes on

it. Of course, the possibility is always there that he must cut the timber much too early just

to get out from under the tax burden. If the tax value of the (See COMMITTEE, Page 9)

## Ricky High Dies At Duke Hospital

GASTON — Ricky Shirl High died Tuesday at 2 p.m. after a year's bout with kidney disease.

He was taken to Duke Hospital in Durham last Wednesday because his sight was rapidly deteriorating. His blood pressure began to rise and an emergency operation was performed Monday morning. Ricky died the next afternoon when a blood vessel in his head ruptured.

The 18-year-old Gaston native was forced to drop out of the eleventh grade at Gaston High School last year because of kidney trouble. Later he enrolled in a few courses at Halifax Technical (See RICKY, Page 9)

## River Status Is Questioned

RALEIGH — The lower reaches of the Roanoke River will be upgraded to Class B to conform with reclassification on the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. This action

will be taken when the N. C. Board of Water and Air Resources approve recommendations of its Water and Air Quality Control Committee.

Three public hearings have been held by the Board in Kinston, Hickory and Southern Pines the first of March to study reclassification of the river basins in the state. Because of these hearings, the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound had been classified in their entirety to Class B.

Some sections of these rivers were Class C, which did not allow contact with the body in recreation and sports. Class B will allow such body contact.

Spokesmen for Chowan County, Town of Edenton, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Committee and area development organizations went before Dr. Arthur Cooper, assistant secretary for resource management and Sec. James Harrington of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources to question why the Roanoke River had not been reclassified also.

Darwin Coburn, Chief of Water and Air Quality Control Committee of the N. C. Dept. of Water and Air Resources said in a telephone interview with Your Home Newspaper that "At the time we felt the Roanoke in that particular area was suitable because of lack of recreation, even though reclassification was considered. Because of public interest, action will be seriously considered."

### Location Change In Hearings

JACKSON — In last week's issue we reported on a series of public meetings to be held by the Board of County Commissioners during April and May to "get the pulse" of the community prior to making up next year's budget.

Locations of the public hearings were in the Court House in Jackson and at the school auditoriums in Woodland, Seaboard, Conway, and Gaston.

Instead of a hearing in Woodland, the public hearing for that district will be in Rich Square, it was reported this week.

## FHA Cutback A Loss To Economy

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The 18-month moratorium on Farmers Home Administration housing

subsidy programs will mean a direct loss of \$1.6 billions to the economy of rural areas of the nation and a loss of 133,000 jobs to those areas. The indirect loss to the rural economy would be conservatively two or three times the direct loss.

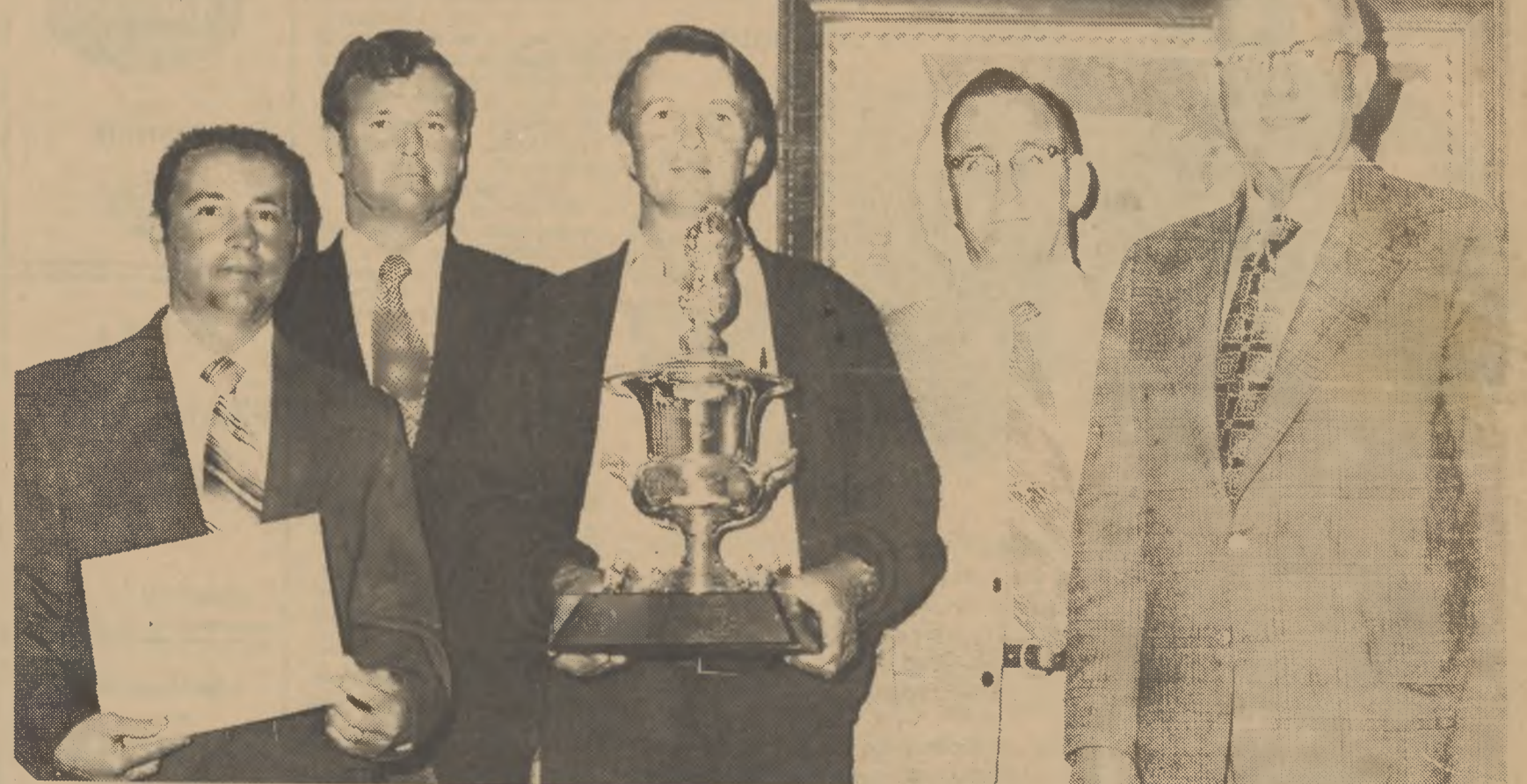
For North Carolina, the direct loss to the economy was

estimated at \$81,797,690 and 6,742 jobs.

"We will not be making loans to families with incomes that need interest cred," reports Robert Daughtry, local supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration in Winton. "We will probably be making 50 per cent less than before. Fewer homes being built will definitely affect the local economy."



MRS. JEAN HARRINGTON, teller for Planters National Bank in Rich Square, was honored at a luncheon as one of the Top Sales Winners from PNB offices. F. Doug Draffin, assistant vice president of the Rich Square office commented, "All of us in the Rich Square office are proud of Mrs. Harrington's splendid record of sales and customer assistance, and we congratulate her on being the Rich Square winner." James B. Powers, PNB President, made the presentation.



NORTHAMPTON'S TOP PEANUT GROWER, Bill Turner, left, was honored at a meeting of area peanut growers Tuesday in Ahoskie. Turner, of Seaboard, grew 5,248 pounds of peanuts on a measured acre. In the middle is Wilbur Ward of Clarston County, champion state peanut producer. He averaged 5,160 pounds per acre on his entire allotment.

Others in the photo are, Harvey Morris, 2nd from left, Bladen County Extension Agent; Astor Perry, peanut specialist with N. C. State University Extension Service; and Joe Sugg, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association.