

Lisa Blackshear



Anthony Powers



Valeria Galberth



Linda Alford

Church News

Lisa Picked For Valentine

Lisa Blackshear was crowned Wee Miss Valentine Friday night at East Freedom Chapel. The Rev. James Glenn presided at the ceremonies.

First runner-up was Valeria Galberth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Galberth. Her escort was Dennis Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Walker.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer. Her escort was Anthony Powers, the grandson of Mrs. Fannie Powers.

Second runner-up was Linda Alford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alford. Her escort was Darrick Cunningham, son of Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham.

Farm Items

By W. S. Young & Phil Ricks
County Agricultural Agents

During the latter part of February, about 150 residents of Hoke County will receive questionnaires from the Community Development Specialists at N.C. State University. The survey will be an attempt to determine what the people perceive to be the needs and concerns in their communities and state. About 16,000 people across the state have been selected randomly to participate in this study. It is extremely important that you complete and return the questionnaire as soon as possible. Further information about the project can be gotten from the county agents office.

Tobacco producers should be practicing good management on their plant beds. Beds with solid plastic over them should be ventilated or holes punched into the plastic. Temperatures under the plastic can get extremely high and can kill the young plants as they germinate.

Drainage around these beds should be good, especially since we have had excess rainfall this winter. Plenty of good plants are necessary to get you off on a good tobacco year and it takes close supervision of beds to insure the growth of plants.

Sediment Law Begins March 1

Noting that state law will soon require a sediment control plan on all clearing or grading operations more than one acre in size, State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks pledged the support of Soil Conservation Service people to help control sediment.

from washing away and entering streams and other waterways."

Under the law, a plan must be submitted 30 days before grading operations begin. The plan must list and define measures that will be used to keep disturbed earth from leaving the graded area. The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission is responsible for enforcement of the law.

Under terms of the North Carolina Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973, earth-disturbing activities after March 1 must include measures to keep sediment from such work on the project site.

More information may be obtained from regional engineers in the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources. Field offices are located in Asheville, Mooresville, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Washington, N.C. and Wilmington. Technical assistance in developing erosion control plans may be obtained from the 92 soil and water conservation districts, which serve every North Carolina county. The Hoke County District Conservation Office has additional information available.

Land cleared or graded for agricultural or forestry uses are exempted, Mr. Hicks said, and no plan will be required.

"But we have a lot of development and building projects that are clearly included in the category covered by this part of the Act," he added. "Fortunately, conservation measures are available to help prevent the sediment

Hoke ASCS

by Thomas R. Burgess

The sign-up period for flue-cured tobacco growers to designate their markets for 1975 has been set during the period from March 3 through April 4, according to Tom Burgess, County Executive Director of the Hoke ASCS Office.

This marketing procedure was initiated in 1974 in an effort to alleviate some of the marketing problems of recent years.

The following are the principal features of the 1975 system of marketing: All flue-cured tobacco growers must designate the number of pounds they will sell at each warehouse in order to be eligible for price support; a grower who expects to have tobacco available for marketing this year may designate any portion of his quota up to 110% of the farm's effective quota. The designation to be made at the local ASCS office.

Each office will have a list of the warehouses that are within the 100-mile designation area and growers may designate to as many warehouses as they wish. Growers may sell outside the 100-mile limit without the benefit of price support. Periods for redesignations will be announced later. If additional poundage is leased to a farm, the grower may designate at the time the lease is filed.

The ASCS office will have necessary forms and other information needed to operate the system. Any grower needing additional information is invited to visit the office.

1975 FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRICE SUPPORT NOT TIED TO ACREAGE - Flue-cured tobacco growers will not be required to stay within their allotments in order to qualify for price support on 1975 marketings. Price support will be available to eligible producers on their 1975 marketings up to 110 percent of their poundage quotas, even if the harvested acreage exceeds the farm allotment for 1975.

RELEASE AND REAPPORTMENT OF COTTON ALLOTMENT - Cotton farm operators will again have the opportunity to release their 1975 cotton allotment for preservation of allotment history. Farmers wishing to plant more than their allotment may do so and can request additional acreage through the office. Applications for release or

reapportionment should be made at the county office not later than March 10. DEADLINE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS FOR DISASTER PAYMENTS - Applications for feed grain or cotton disaster payments and cotton yield adjustments must be filed not later than 15 days after completion of harvest of the crop for which loss is claimed. The crop residue must not be destroyed until it is inspected by an ASCS representative.

Those who file applications must submit production evidence no later than February 29, 1975. The county committee can grant additional time if they determine the submission of such evidence by February 28 is beyond the producer's control. However, the date cannot be extended beyond April 30, 1975.

Bl Bowling

H. Waves Wilt

By Blanche Farmer

Intruders added three more wins, defeating the Heat Waves three to one. Junk Yard Dogs were doomed, but due to the excellent performance of Wayne Smith, they won three games to one from the Wrecking Crew.

The Stompers stood tall against the Fantastic Four, taking a three to one win. The Rolling Stones held their ground to the Misfits, three to one.

The aim was to shoot when James Leggett reached for 271, but got 247. George McKoy picked up a 204, Richard Taylor, a 203. It's looking good!

Standings	W	L
Intruders	15	5
Fantastic Four	12	8
Junk Yard Dogs	10	10
Stompers	10	10
Misfits	9	11
Heat Waves	9	11
Rolling Stones	8	12
Wrecking Crew	7	13

Averages	W	L
B. Monroe	178	
C. Jackson	160	
G. McKoy	158	
J. Leggett	155	
L. Woodcox	155	
R. Morgan	155	
B. Elledge	153	
I. Tyner	152	
S. Glines	150	
A. Kelly	149	

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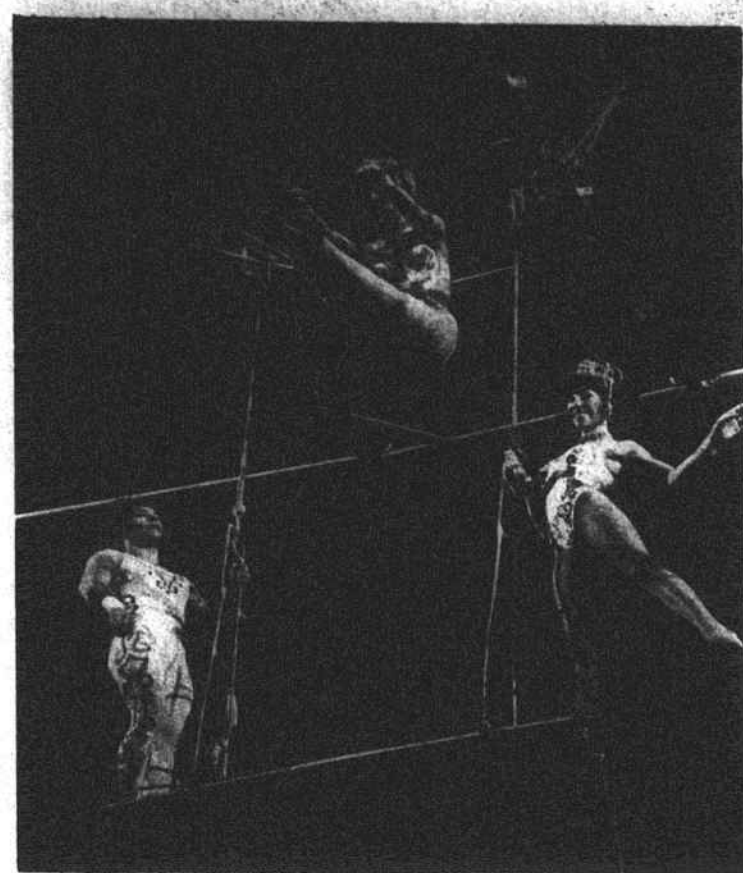
The situation in which farmers now find themselves is perhaps the most critical in our history. We can say with certainty that never before has the business of farming been so complex and never before has so much been expected from so few.

Even as the proportion of farmers to the rest of the population continues to grow smaller, farmers are being asked to produce larger and larger crops to supply an affluent and growing population, at home and abroad. To complicate matters, they are expected to do this in the face of rising production costs, declining farm prices for some commodities, shortages of some production items, and many unrealistic environmental restrictions.

Farmers like to produce food and fiber. If they didn't, they wouldn't do it. It's hard work in all kinds of weather and full of risk. Farmers also like to make a decent living, but it's tough when they have to face so many uncertainties.

Although farming is a gamble, and always has been, the day is long past when the farmer is willing to continue to lose money. He will either quit producing altogether or change to a more profitable farm commodity. Today's farmers are businessmen because they have to be in order to survive as farmers.

Also, there is a new "breed" of farmer appearing on the scene. He's young, very often with some college, very much open to change, and considers farming as a business from which to make a profit - the same as any other businessman.



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