



**BIZARRE**—Farmer George Nations of Rt. 3 declared he has "never seen anything like it" in all his years of farming and displays corn growing out of the tassel of the crop. (Photo by Marty Vega).

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### Annual Institute

At least fourteen representatives from the Mid-State Lung Association are attending the annual institute on TB and other lung diseases July 7-10 at Black Mountain.

Purpose of the Institute is an in-depth examination of problems involved in the treatment of lung diseases.

## Accent On Agriculture

When General George Washington assumed command of the Continental troops, 200 years ago, he reported to the newly created Congress that he found a group of 14,000 men, "mostly farmers", adding that he was "amazed at what these ragged rebels had accomplished."

So it was that in the American Revolution, farmers provided the first line of defense just as they continue to do today. The greatest defense of any nation is an agricultural program that feeds its people first. No nation is secure or can survive without an adequate supply of food.

As we approach the Bicentennial Anniversary of our nation, it is particularly apt and fitting that we in agriculture celebrate the occasion. The heritage of the early patriots is entirely consistent with the ideals, philosophies, and goals of rural America and in fact, the overwhelming majority of all citizens.

It has often been said that "farmers built America." They turned forest wilderness into productive fields; they built barns where tepees once stood; and they laid the foundation for the greatest nation this world has ever known. When the time came to fight for independence, these courageous farmers swapped the plow for a musket and left their families and farms to go to battle.

These early fighters of 200 years ago were seeking freedoms: freedom to own and manage land, to worship as they wanted and to live their lives as they saw fit. When they had won independence, they established a form of government designed to protect these hard-earned freedoms.

Traditionally, farmers have been vigilant guardians of these freedoms, forming one of the staunchest strongholds against encroachments from all sides. However, their reduced numbers, a lowered percentage of the national income, and an increased economic dependence have threatened the farmer's situation - moving him from a position of independence to one of growing dependence upon price, the public, government, and world markets.

Nevertheless, farmers have clung to the precepts of their forefathers striving to maintain the freedoms purchased dearly through sacrifices in the War of Independence.

And freedom has survived. Although we argue over the rate of progress, our goals remain the same - fulfillment of promises and

protection of the guarantees stated in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. And that is what it is all about.

As we celebrate the 200th birthday of our country, it is appropriate that not only farmers, but all citizens from all walks of life, rededicate themselves to preserving the basic concepts that made this country great. We should all be proud of our heritage and carry the spirit of enthusiasm and love of freedom that our ancestors possessed on into our nation's third century.

While the nation's citizens focus attention on their heritage - independence, liberty and all the other guarantees of the Constitution - a government agency has launched a nationwide "Big Brother is watching you" informer network.

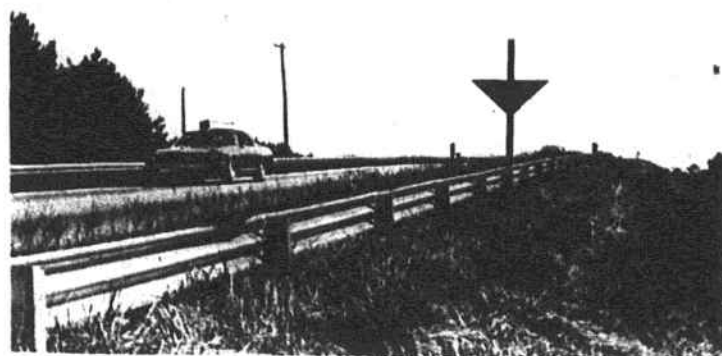
In a recent Environmental Protection Agency radio news tape, citizens were invited to call toll-free from anywhere in the nation to report the "misuse" of pesticides. You don't have to be a pesticide expert to take advantage of the reporting system, or have any particular qualifications to interpret misuse. Evidently, if you think the pesticide your neighbor used on his garden has made your roses wilt, you can report him.

To gain the attention of the listening public, the EPA announced its new informer system after charging that "hundreds of thousands of farm workers are made ill every year from the misuses of pesticides" and "hundreds of these workers die."

Although EPA later retracted these unfounded charges in response to Farm Bureau's protests, the reporting system still remains in effect.

Also, in its propaganda announcement, the EPA failed to mention the current federal and state safety measures governing the use of pesticides. Such use is strictly regulated.

The tax-supported toll-free "reporting" service is nothing more than a bureaucratic surveillance system, which is an open invitation for decisions based on prejudice instead of fact. This should not be tolerated in a free society.



**THINK** - The sign may have been in the wrong place for this unidentified driver education pupil out on the road Tuesday, but the motorist passing the young driver may have found it somewhat thought provoking.

### Area Incidents

## Foul Play Ruled Out In West Hoke Death

Foul play is not suspected in the death of a West Hoke man whose body was found about 9 A.M. last Wednesday.

Deputies reported they were called to the residence of Pernell Locklear and Daniel Lowery near the West Hoke fire station where the body of Lowery was found on a bed.

Several persons told deputies Lowery had been drinking heavily, according to the report, and he was found by friends the next morning.

The body was ordered sent to Chapel Hill for an autopsy.

In other incidents, Darlene's Wig Shop, Rt. 1, Red Springs was broken into last Wednesday and an undisclosed amount of cash stolen. A window air conditioner was also taken, according to the report.

Michael Morgan, Rt. 3, Red Springs, complained his home was burglarized Friday and listed as missing are a stereo and a clock with a total value of \$127. Suspects are being sought by deputies.

James W. McRae, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported a ten speed English bicycle worth \$130 was stolen sometime Tuesday night last week at his home.

Curtis McNeill, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported a break-in sometime early Thursday morning at McNeill's Grocery. Deputies found beer and wine stacked near the building, but apparently nothing was taken. Entry

to the store was made by breaking the glass in a window, according to the report.

Thomas and Elsie McNeil, Rt. 1, Red Springs, reported a bicycle wheel and seat worth \$13 were stolen Tuesday night last week in a break-in. The identity of a juvenile suspect was learned and a petition has been drawn, according to the report.

J.L. Blackburn, Rt. 4, Raeford, reported an intruder was surprised Wednesday night when she returned home and ran off. Apparently nothing was taken from the home.

City police reported two suspects were arrested and charged with a break-in at the Raeford Recreation Center on W. Elwood Avenue Thursday morning.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported Officers K.B. Griffin and G.P. Brown apprehended Joseph B. Hammack, 20, of Laurinburg, and Howard Rufus Hayes, 19, of 702 Saunders St., Raeford.

About \$90 in cash from vending machines was reported stolen in the break-in, Wiggins said.

The pair was jailed on charges of breaking and entering and larceny, receiving stolen goods, and breaking into a coin-operated machine, Wiggins said.

A July 25 court date was set.

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## Youth Program Begun At FSU

The summer youth program at Fayetteville State University began June 30 and will continue through July 31, FSU officials announced.

This is the third consecutive year FSU has been chosen as a site for the program, which is funded through the National Summer Youth Sports Program (NSYSP).

Young people ages 10-18 are welcome. Hours are 3-7 P.M.

Further information may be obtained by calling 483-6144.

## College News

Two Raeford students were named to the dean's list at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the second semester.

They are Miss Evelyn M. Brown, a child development major and the daughter of Mrs. Marie C. Brown, 813 North Main St., and Miss Martha C. Staton, a math major and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Staton, 715 East Donaldson Ave.

Miss Jane Reid Austin, who will enter Meredith College as a freshman in the fall, is participating in an eight week study program in London, England.

Upon completion of the program, Miss Austin will earn a full semester of credit.

## Tobacco Associates Fee Procedures Changing

The procedure for collecting the Tobacco Associates assessments in North Carolina and South Carolina and the excise tax for tobacco in Virginia is changed, the Tobacco Associates announced.

The assessment and the Virginia excise tax will be collected using poundage as the basis for

## Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

**Q** - My family has just adopted an orphan from a foreign country who will live with us in the United States. Are there any special tax deductions or exemptions I can claim?

**A** - There are no special tax deductions or exemptions for adopting an orphan from a foreign country. However, if the child was legally adopted, or was placed in your home for adoption by an authorized agency, before the end of the tax year, and if you provided more than half the child's support for the year, you may claim the child as a dependent.

**Q** - I have been hired for a summer job that will make up my entire income for the year. My total earnings will be several hundred dollars. What can I do to keep from having my federal taxes withheld?

**A** - If you paid no income tax last year and expect to pay none this tax year, you are eligible for exemption from federal income tax withholding. This exemption entitles you to have no federal income tax withheld from

your pay, although FICA (Social Security) and any State tax will still be withheld.

Just obtain a Form W-4E from your employer or the nearest IRS office and return the completed form to your employer.

**Q** - I am buying a new summer home to be used as a vacation site for my family. Is this transaction eligible for the new five percent housing credit?

**A** - No. The five percent tax credit applies only to new principal residences, (i.e., you live there most of the year). A summer home or a vacation home does not qualify for the five percent credit. For more details on the housing credit, contact taxpayer assistance in any IRS office.

**Q** - I recently received as a wedding gift several hundred shares of stock in a major corporation. Is this gift taxable?

**A** - No. Gifts you receive are not income. However, any dividend or other financial benefit you derive from this gift is taxable income.

## Legals

NOTICE OF SERVICE  
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OTIS HUEY Defendant

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Absolute divorce on the grounds of more than one (1) year separation. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 18th day of August, 1975 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 3rd day of July, 1975.  
R. PALMER WILCOX,  
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Raeford, North Carolina