



RURAL SCENE -- A bit of cotton fluff tossed by the wind onto the freshly plowed dirt of a field off N.C. 20 makes a typical rural scene for a passing photographer. Months from now the field will fill with the snowy, languorous orbs long after the wind has carried this villous ball away. [Photo by Marty Vega]

State Road Crews Begin Shorter Work Week 18th

Some six thousand State highway maintenance workers will begin a 10-hour day work week next Monday.

Department of Transportation (DOT) officials announced that all its field maintenance operations employees will go on the summer four work day week starting April 18. The 10-hour day work schedule will see DOT maintenance crews report to work at 7:00 a.m. and work through 5:30 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch period. The summer work hours will remain in effect through Sept. 30.

This will be the third year that DOT field maintenance crews have employed the 10-hour work day

schedule during the summer months.

DOT supervisory personnel indicate that the summer work hours are generally well liked, are a boost to employee morale, contribute to increased productivity and save employee travel time, which results in added energy savings.

In announcing the summer work hours, DOT officials stressed that the four-day work week applies to normal field maintenance operations only and will not affect any essential emergency repair services. Also all field offices, manned by administrative personnel, will continue to operate on the normal five-day work schedule.

Bomb Scare Clears School

The Sheriff's Department received a bomb threat Monday directed at Upchurch Junior High. An anonymous caller told a deputy at 12:50 that a bomb had

been set at the school. Earl Oxendine, Upchurch principal, also reported that he had been called at approximately the same time. Oxendine's caller stipulated that the bomb was set to go off in 30 minutes.

The school was cleared and searched. No bomb was found.

Southern Nat'l Net Income Up

LUMBERTON -- Southern National Corporation, the one-bank holding company for Southern National Bank of North Carolina, has reported net income for the first quarter of 1977 of \$828,217 or \$.71 per share. This compares to \$691,686 or \$.60 per share at the same period in 1976, an increase of 18 percent.

The board of directors has declared a cash dividend of \$.20 per share payable on April 26, 1977.

Spring Art Show May 4-6

The spring show and sale of work done by the art students of Sandhills Community College will be held May 4, 5 and 6 in the art department in the Mary Luman Meyer Building on the Sandhills campus. The exhibit is free of charge to the public and on the opening day refreshments will be served by the students to all visitors.

According to Jack Acton, chairman of the department of art, there will be original pottery, line drawings, paintings, water colors and crafts that the students have done in classes this year. Sandhills offers an associate in fine arts degree

which prepares students for careers in art or to transfer to four year colleges for further study. According to Acton, the talented students will have a most unusual show this year.

Each year the May exhibit and sale of the work of art students attracts hundreds of visitors to the campus. It is an opportunity for art lovers and collectors to acquire original and outstanding works for reasonable prices set by each individual artist. In years past some students have sold their art work for enough money to further their studies at Sandhills and other colleges.



The establishment of dietary goals for the general public is not an appropriate function of any agency of government.

Members of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs got this message quite clearly when they released their report on "Dietary Goals for the U.S."

For example, the National Live Stock and Meat Board said the committee's claims that Americans should eat less meat, are precarious and could damage public health, as well as the meat industry and related industries. The Senators who serve on this committee also heard from angry folks "back home" when the report was re-

leased. They have decided, now, to follow up on the Meat Board's offer of assistance in the development of more information.

It's not the farmers object to the publication of information which will help consumers make decisions about their nutritional requirements. They, of all people, are in favor of good nutrition. What they do object to is the "Congressional sanction" the report gives to one side of a controversy -- in spite of the existence of substantial conflicting scientific opinion.

The Senate Committee's report goes beyond the role of describing useful facts about the nutritional aspects of food and contains many highly controversial statements which could be regarded as an initial step toward the formation of new agricultural economic policy.

Providing consumers with nutritional facts is one thing; getting into the policy area is another -- especially when there was no opportunity for input from the agricultural industry.

Family Dollar Names Executives

The Board of Directors of Family Dollar Stores, Inc. (AMEX symbol FDO) has elected George R. Mahoney, Jr. to the office of vice-president-general counsel and secretary of the Company, according to an announcement made by Lewis E. Levine, executive vice-president. Mahoney has served as General Counsel since joining the Company in October 1976.

The board also elected Jewell M. Garrison to the office of vice president-controller of the Company. Garrison has served as controller since joining the Company in 1969.



CLEAN UP -- Mayor J.K. McNeill and Yvonne Snead of Yvonne's Knit-Nak stand in front of the shop's recently installed window box. The shop's contribution to the downtown "Fix Up Festival." The two also display a poster announcing the Festival's attractions which will include a sidewalk art show and music, along with lots of painting and clean up projects. [Photo by S.H. Aplin]

Woodmen Convention

More than six hundred fifty delegates and officers of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society attended the North Carolina Jurisdictional Convention last week at the Great Smokies Hilton Inn and Country Club, Asheville.

The local Woodmen lodge secretary announced that Mary R. Haire, delegate, Peggy Calloway, delegate, Evelyn Ashburn, alternate, and Bertha Hendrix, alternate, attended from the Raeford lodge.

Past state president Jayne Campbell and her guest Pauline Cumbers, Grove president of 6179 also attended the convention.

Speakers at the convention included former Raeford town manager and National Woodmen Trustee J. Ed Williams of Erwin.

A preconvention activity honoring Nick T. Newberry was held Friday night. The business session opened the following morning with the introduction of visiting national officers. Mayor Gene Ochsenreiter, Jr., welcomed the group to Asheville.

Saturday afternoon President Newberry addressed the conven-

tioners, commenting on "Ten Years of Growth and Progress."

The official banquet was held Saturday evening and the final business session was held Sunday morning, ending with the installation of new officers.

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