



**WILLIAMS RECEIVES AWARD** - Jack Williams of Faison was recognized recently at the annual meeting of the N.C. Plant Food Association for this third place wheat yield in the district wheat contest. Williams achieved his yield of 71 bushels per acre by seeding Coker 762. The top yield in the state came from Stanley County where Gary Herlocker produced 100.4 bushels of wheat per acre by growing the new variety Roy, which was

developed at NCSU. The wheat yield contest is conducted by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and is sponsored by the N.C. Crop Improvement Association, Cargill Inc., FCX, Plant Food Association of N.C., and the Stateville Flour Mills. Presenting the award is Dr. Billy Caldwell, head of the crop science department at NCSU. Right is J. Michael Moore, Duplin County assistant agricultural extension agent.

## Home And Garden

good things this world has to offer. Like, for instance, you're working on a job with three other guys and you're all doing the same job. A higher position becomes available and you just know you're doing a much better job than the other guys but because you don't have a diploma, one of the other guys there gets the job. The manager figures that man is more dependable because he completed his high school education.

So if you're out of school or had to quit for some reason and feel that you don't have a chance or can't hack the long hours of regular schools; get in touch with an Extended School Day near you. Don't just quit because it is one experience you'll never forget.

At Extended School Day They Care.

**John Tyler fathered more children than any other U.S. president - eight by his first wife, and seven by the second. He was the first vice president to succeed to the presidency.**

**Centipede Lawns Need Management** - During recent years, more and more samples and/or complaints of loss of stand of centipede have come in each year to the extension office. Extensive tests and observations of these problem areas have found no insect or disease to be associated with the problem. The problem is "centipede decline," one which is caused by nothing more than mismanagement.

The most prevalent cause of centipede decline is thatch buildup, where the surface organic matter accumulates undelayed and hinders establishment of new runners. Extremely lush growth this year will usually mean trouble next year. Homeowners should be satisfied with a light, green color that is natural for centipede. Don't fertilize centipede as you would zoysia or bermuda.

Lush growth from heavy nitrogen will not harden off in the fall and is more readily killed by frost on low tem-

peratures which, in turn, adds to thatch. New runners grow on top of thatch and never get roots well established in soil and are thus more susceptible to cold injury and moisture stress.

Proper mowing height is also important in order to help reduce stress. Always mow centipede at the proper height, which is one to one and one half inches every seven to 14 days during the growing season. On problem areas, tear out thatch when present with a rake or vertical mower then re-sprig areas and sit back and enjoy your lawn. Or better yet, go fishing because centipede is not called the "fisherman's" grass for nothing.

Root diseases of tomatoes are one of the most serious problems facing the home gardener. Fortunately, agricultural scientists have been able to develop varieties of tomatoes with resistance to many of these root diseases.

Better Boy has resistance to root knot nematodes, fusarium wilt and verticillium wilt. Manapal has resistance to fusarium wilt, gray leaf spot and leaf mold. Walter has resistance to fusarium wilt, gray leaf spot, gray wall and blossom-end rot. Marion has resistance to fusarium wilt, gray leaf spot and leaf mold. Venus and Saturn have resistance to bacterial wilt, which is very common in Duplin County. Of these varieties, Better Boy is out-

standing because it has resistance to root knot nematodes as well as to fusarium wilt and verticillium wilt.

You may be wondering by now how a gardener tells if his tomatoes have one of the soil borne, root diseases.

All wilt diseases cause browning of the vascular system, which is the water conducting system of the

plant. The vascular system is located immediately under the outer tissue of the stem. Thus, in identifying wilt diseases you must cut or scrape the stem to determine if browning is present.

Along with growing wilt resistant varieties, you can reduce wilt problems by rotating your crops, destroying crop residue as soon as

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## EDA Creative Writing Contest

The North Carolina Extended Day Association will sponsor their first annual Creative Writing Contest this year. There are talented students in the extended school day program and there is a need to recognize and promote this talent on a statewide scale.

At Duplin County Extended Day School, one student entered and wrote the following:

**What a Beautiful Way To Learn Extended School Day**

By Emma Stevens  
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Warsaw

There are many ways to get to know schools, but how many schools can allow you to attend school and work at the same time. On top of all that you even get a chance to raise a family if you have one.

My name is Emma Stevens. I am twenty-two years old. I am also a senior at Extended Day in Kenansville. I have a husband and three children. I did not hear of Extended Day until 1980.

One day my cousin phoned me and asked me if I was interested in going back to school. He told me I could finish high school and work at the same time. So I asked him how and he said that Extended Day had a CETA program that would allow me to get job experience, while finishing my education. So I went and that's how I was introduced to Extended School Day.

Extended School Day is a beautiful part of my life. When I felt like I couldn't go on, there was always someone there to give me that little bit of confidence that

everyone needs every now and then. I remember one particular time when I was having so many problems and it seemed like everything was going wrong. I confided in one of the teachers because one of the ways I was considering solving this problem was quitting.

So this teacher sat down with me and explained to me that if I quit now, and later I decided to come back to school, I would have to start over and that everything I had started would be lost. After talking with her, I decided that if I was ever going to get a good education it would have to now or never. She also told me that quitting was for losers and she didn't think I was one.

One of the most important parts of Extended Day is to see colleagues working so close together, which is a good influence on the students. Extended Day is an experience every dropout needs for them to get back on the right track. I am a witness to how successful this program is.

Everything that I've tried has failed except Extended Day. I've tried American School, the home study class and they have failed. I can't understand why people will pay good money for something that'll fail and won't accept something good for free. Extended Day is free and all you have to do is have a willing mind and just three hours of your time four days a week.

Extended Day is one good experience after the other. I remember one particular event. It was the trip the Extended Day CETA students took to New Bern. I had not been there in ten years and a lot of things I had forgotten. Through Extended

Day, I was able to recapture the memories of the Tryon Palace. It was a very educational trip because we should all know of great events of the early Americans.

Extended Day has offered many courses to help me move on in life. Typing, general business, family life and many other courses have helped me to prepare for the real world.

Extended Day has really been an experience to me and my family because it has helped me to get a high school education, work and raise three children. Without this experience, I would never have been able to write this paper and hopefully it would encourage some boy or girl, man or woman, somewhere to continue their education regardless of the circumstances.

I think that if regular schools would give the students some of what Extended Day has given to me, I believe a lot of students would continue their education. Some of these qualities are a reassuring hand, a little bit of P-U-S-H, an opened ear and a closed mouth. Students need someone to be sort of a pal, someone that they can trust, and here at school I have found that in the teachers.

I think any student of Extended School Day that if you're thinking of quitting school, "don't" because without a high school diploma, you won't stand a chance of getting some of the



**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE COMPANIES HONOR LOCAL AGENCY MANAGER** - William (Billy) Knowles of Duplin County was announced by Paul J. Lancaster Jr., sales manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, as a top producing agency manager (Category I) in 1981. Knowles was selected as one of five top producing agency managers in North Carolina because of his agency's outstanding sales and service record during 1981 for multi-lines of insurance. This honor was announced at the annual sales conference of the companies held in Charlotte March 14-16. Knowles resides in Warsaw. L to R. Knowles accepts trophy from associate director of sales Clyde O. Fulk Jr.

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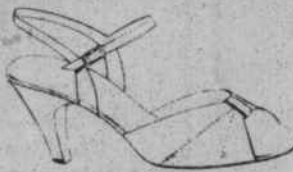
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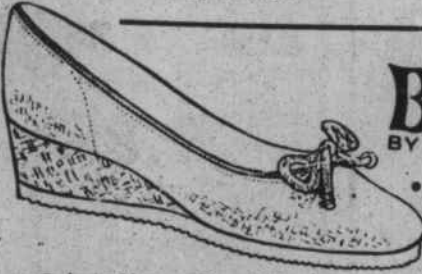
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