

Hookerton's Lon Edwards Elected to State's Agricultural Hall of Fame

Alonzo C. Edwards has been elected to the Agricultural Hall of Fame by the Hall's Board of Directors.

Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham, chairman of the Board, announced the Board's action, and said that Edwards' formal enshrinement will take place sometime this fall.

Edwards' name was formally presented to the Board's nominating committee by B. C. Mangum, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

"Alonzo Edwards was a part of practically every program in the State and the Nation that had anything to do with farm people and farm life," Mangum said in the presentation.

Among the nominee's contributions cited were the facts that: — He served the North Carolina Farm Bureau for many years as president and executive vice-president.

— He initiated and took full responsibility for the R. Flake Shaw Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for farm boys and girls in the fields of agriculture and home economics.

— He was Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Regional Export Council.

— He helped organize and was chairman of the Board of Tobacco Associates, Inc., a corporation of the tobacco industry organized to promote the sale of tobacco abroad.

— He was active in the Agricultural Foundation and a member of the Board of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange. He was a leader in the Soil Conservation and ACP programs.

— He served as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives during which time he was Chairman of the Agricultural Committee.

— He was president of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund and spent much time and traveled many miles in support of the program.

— He was a great supporter of the Rural Electrification Administration.

— "As long as there are agricultural programs and as long as people get together to discuss their problems, the philosophy and principles of Lon Edwards will live," the presentation concluded.

Edwards was born in Greene County on September 29, 1904, and died suddenly on March 1, 1968. He was survived by his wife, the former Betty Hardee Taylor, and a son, Alonzo Edwards Jr.

Other Editors Say

Won't Stoop

Some people find it much easier to talk about organizing a conference on environment improvement than to bend over and pick up a gum wrapper.

— Charleston Evening Post

Vets May Have Insurance Premiums Deducted from Their Monthly Checks

The Veterans Administration suggests that GI insurance policyholders who receive VA compensation or pension payments may want to consider having their insurance premiums deducted from their monthly check. In making that suggest, W. R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office, said about a quarter of a million veterans already pay their insurance premiums this way.

He pointed out that in order to use this convenient method, the veteran's monthly benefit check must be equal to or greater than the premium to be paid.

Phillips said one of the advantages of the deduction method is that payments of premiums are automatic, reducing the likelihood that the insurance will lapse.

Other advantages are that the veteran saves time, check or money order costs, and postage, and its costs the government less to process, Phillips explained.

He also said veterans with active VA insurance policies may use the monthly deduction method to repay loans on their policies.

Phillips added that veterans who draw retirement pay from the military services also may have VA insurance premiums deducted from their checks, but explained that technically they cannot repay policy loans through this method.

To switch to the deduction method, military retirees should request their finance offices to withhold VA insurance premiums and send them directly to the VA.

Both military retirees and veterans who draw benefit checks from the VA must pay insurance premiums through the month

the first deduction is to be made by the VA, Phillips explained.

HEAVY FINES APPEALED

In Lenoir County District Court last week Troy Edward Thompson of 306 King Street and Cecil J. Morris of Dover were each fined \$1000 for their third and fourth drunken driving charges, respectively, and each gave notice of appeal to superior court.

JUVENILE CHARGED

Last week Lenoir County authorities indicted juvenile Jerry Harrison of Grifton route 2 on the charge that he had telephoned a hidden bomb hoax to Savannah School earlier in the week, forcing an evacuation of the school and the usual futile search.

APPEALS LIGHT SENTENCE

In Lenoir County District Court Tuesday Robert L. Hardy appealed to superior court after getting the very minimum punishment of a \$200 fine for driving while his license was revoked and only being fined \$100 for drunken driving and reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, failing to stop for a police car and improper use of dealer tags.

Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week: From Max Harrison and wife to Bruce Koonce and wife tract in Chinquapin Township.

From Edgar Burney and wife to James Bullock and wife a tract in Pollockville Township. From E. B. Riggs and wife tracts in Pollockville Township to Harold Riggs, Elijah Riggs, Jerry Riggs, May Frances Riggs Morton and Iva Riggs Gray.

DEATHS

Gordon Southerland
Funeral services were held Friday for Gordon Southerland, 61, of 1506 West Washington Street, who died last Thursday after a long illness.

Herman Earl Harper
Funeral services were held Friday for Herman Earl Harper, 56, of 1911 Carey Road, who died last Wednesday night after a long illness.

Michael Titus Singleton
Funeral services were held Saturday for Michael Titus Singleton, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Singleton of LaGrange, route 1, who died last Friday after a long illness.

Mrs. Maggie Cox
Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mrs. Maggie Cox, 84, widow of Edward F. Cox, and mother of Mrs. Edna Gilbert of 1604 Herritage Street, who died early Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Nancy Jane Marshburn
Funeral services were held

FAST MEAL FOR VACATION COOKS



If you're planning to vacation at cottage or campsite, be sure to pack some ideas for easy-on-the-cook meals. One such menu is outdoor-grilled frankfurters with cheese and bacon, accompanied by Tomato Rice Medley. Minute Rice makes this hearty side dish extra quick to fix.

TOMATO RICE MEDLEY

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| 3 tablespoons butter or margarine | 1/4 cup diced cooked ham |
| 1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained | 1 1/4 cups packaged enriched pre-cooked rice |
| 1/2 cup finely chopped onion | 1 cup chicken bouillon |
| 1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper | 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce |
| | Dash of salt |

Melt butter in saucepan or skillet. Add mushrooms, onion, and green pepper; sauté until tender, but not browned. Add ham and sauté until lightly browned. Add rice, bouillon, tomato sauce, and salt; mix well. Bring to a boil. Cover, remove from heat, and let stand 5 minutes. Mix well. Makes about 3 1/2 cups or 4 to 6 servings.

City and County Officials Meeting In New Bern June 4 to Hear Outline Of Regional Crime Lab Need and Cost

Livingstone Stallings, President of the Neuse River Regional Planning and Development Council, announced this week that a regional meeting of all city, county and chief law enforcement officials will be held on Thursday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at the Berne Restaurant in New Bern.

The meeting is sponsored by the Law Enforcement Planning Division of the Neuse River Regional Planning and Development Council. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibility of creating a regional crime, drug and photo lab to aid local law enforcement agencies in crime detection, solution of crimes, apprehension and conviction of criminals and improved training and investigative techniques and skills.

The plans, procedures, first, second, third, and fourth year costs for creating and operating a regional crime lab will be explained by Captain Walter Thomas, Kinston Police Department, and J. Roy Fogle, Executive Director, NRRPDC to all

Wednesday for Mrs. Nancy Jane Marshburn, 78, a native of this section, who died Tuesday in Greensboro.

mayors, city councilmen, county commissioners of the nine-county District of the Neuse River Regional Planning and Development Council.

Sixty per cent of the cost for creating and operating the regional crime lab can be obtained from the Governor's Committee on Law and Order.

The participating units of local government would put up the other forty per cent of the operating cost.

This proposed regional crime lab would include a desperately needed drug bureau staffed with a chemist to make quick drug analysis and three undercover agents. The crime lab would also establish a task force of local police officials and provide thorough training in evidence preservation and collection.

The Thursday, June 4 meeting will be a "dutch-treat" dinner starting at 6 p.m. at the Berne Restaurant in New Bern. Reservations can be made by calling or writing the Neuse River Regional Planning and Development Council Office, Box 88, New Bern, N. C.

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