

## Reports Move Toward Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A potentially significant move toward food stamp reform occurred this week in the House Agriculture Committee.

Congressman Walter B. Jones (D-N.C.) reported today. In that move, the Committee adopted an amendment sponsored by Jones which requires a token sharing by States—2 percent—in the overall benefit costs of the food stamp program, with a comparable lessening in federal funding requirements.

"Up to this point," Jones emphasized, "we have had the unusual situation of a program administered jointly by the States and the federal government, yet with the federal government paying the entire benefit costs. Any management analyst will tell you that is not good business; funding should go hand in hand with administration."

"Certainly the States have been struggling manfully with a program which has many statutory loopholes, and we are trying to fix that as well. At the same time, however, no one can look you straight in the face and tell you that management decisions cannot be affected by the one picking up the ball."

"The food stamp program has one of the worst track records of any public assistance program, with error rates exceeding 45 percent. Millions of dollars in tax funds are unaccounted for; fraud and abuse go largely uncontrolled."

"By providing a 98 percent-2 per cent sharing ratio, we may have begun to build in some additional incentive for management improvements in the day-to-day administration of this program. At the same time, the amount which we have selected—2 percent—should not be an unreasonable burden upon the States, and offsetting requirements will, of course, occur federally."

"The real savings, however," Jones concluded, "hopefully will come in the improved management of the program. Just \$1 in savings per person per month means an overall savings of \$228 million nationally. Those are the kinds of savings that the taxpayer has come to expect, and we must do everything possible, both legislatively and administratively to bring this program under control."

## Edmiston Alerts Farmers

RALEIGH — Attorney General Rufus L. Edmiston has advised North Carolina farmers to be alert to individuals seeking investments in illegal agricultural cooperatives.

"The Consumer Protection Section of my office has been informed by Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham and Secretary of State Thad Eure that promoters of bogus cooperatives have recently contacted residents in the western part of North Carolina," said Edmiston. "We have reason to believe that the operation of these illegal cooperatives in Kentucky, Illinois and several other states has resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to farmers who have been induced to invest their hard-earned income."

The promoters are offering interests in agricultural cooperatives with the promise that farmers will receive an investment return and the right to purchase goods, services, and products at a reduced rate. The only drawback is that the companies cannot, or do not, fulfill their financial promises.

"Agricultural cooperatives play a valuable role in the marketing and supply of our farm products if used in the proper manner," said Edmiston. "Unfortunately, smooth talking con men, promoting bogus cooperatives, can swindle our farmers out of all that they have worked so hard to earn. We will do everything possible to see that such schemes do not operate in this state."

Anyone having knowledge of such an operation in North Carolina should notify the Consumer Protection Section of the Attorney General's Office or the Markets Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

## Lupton Reunion

The 16th Annual Lupton Reunion will be held Sunday, August 8 at 1 o'clock at the Lupton Cottage in Whortonsville, N.C. All Luptons and their relatives are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

## Walter Jones, Jr. Named

Walter Jones, Jr. of Farmville, son of veteran 1st District congressman, Walter Jones, has been named a field representative with Jim Hunt's campaign for governor in Eastern North Carolina and is helping to organize a massive eastern rally for Jim Hunt in Greenville August 12.

The younger Jones, who is 32, is assisting Thomas F. Taft of Greenville, eastern N. C. field representative in Hunt's campaign. The Greenville event is one of a series of major rallies that will be held across the state in the last weeks of the campaign. It will be held in Minges Coliseum at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 12. Tickets cost \$5, and entertainment and a barbecue supper will be included.

In announcing this week that Jones has joined his campaign, Hunt, who lives in the Rock Ridge community of Wilson County, said, "Walter Jones knows Eastern North Carolina the way few people do. He has travelled throughout that area and knows the people. He will be a strong asset to our campaign."

Hunt added that "the name of Walter Jones has been associated with public service for years in this part of the state, and I'm proud to have the son of this outstanding congressman working with us."

## Class Reunion

The Arapahoe graduating class of 1935 had its 41st class reunion on July 10 at Minnesott Beach. The member's were entertained with a reception at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Hardison at the Hardison Real Estate offices. Refreshments of shrimp and dip and corn chips and dip with punch was served from a lovely decorated table. After refreshments and lot of picture taking the class members and guest went over to the Pomeioik Room at the Minnesott Beach Cafe for dinners of seafood and steaks.

Present with the class were it's mascots, Mr. George R. Brinson and Mrs. Pearl Andrews Muraglia, also a former teacher and principal, Mr. Archie Reel and Mr. J. J. Collier. Present with Mr. Brinson and Mr. Reel were their wives. All members were present but five. They were Mrs. Alvia

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## BICENTENNIAL NEWS by Dot Avent

Congratulations to the winners in the Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Pamlico County Public Library. Mrs. Mildred Carey, librarian, and Dottie Sawyer, visiting librarian, can certainly be proud of a successful program enjoyed by all participants.

James Earl Wilkinson, age 12 of Bayboro, has loaned three very interesting bottles to the Pamlico County Museum. They are a 1933 V. Loewer's Canbrinus Brewery Company bottle in excellent condition; a Sauer's extract bottle, and an E. W. Hoyt Company, Lowell, Massachusetts drug bottle. He has also donated an assortment of other bottles which will soon be displayed. We want to take this opportunity to thank him for his interest in the museum and its collection. We are grateful for the loaned items and the donation.

Please note that the Museum is now open weekdays from 2 to 5 p.m. Our hostess is Mrs. Jennifer Reece. She will be happy to let you browse and is also most willing to accept donations or loans.

Southern Railway Systems have acknowledged our request to attempt restoration of the depot located in Bayboro for an extension to the museum. Their representative and the Pamlico County Museum Committee will be working together to accomplish the necessary legal work so that work on this project will soon begin. Other contacts are being made for materials and other assistance. We have some of the papers pertaining to the operation of the railroad which we hope to have preserved in the near future. If you have items which you would like to contribute, please let Mrs. Reece know during the hours the museum is open or contact the Bicentennial Office (745-4461).

The Pamlico County History Committee is continuing its research. They are in need of material for Vandemere, Stonewall, Olympia, and Minnesott Beach. Please let us have any material you may have on information pertaining to these areas.

"We got the harbor dredged about 1915 for large boats. They made a bulkhead and built up land and sold lots to help pay for it. The storms finally washed it down and we now have our breakwater where it was."

We had five different churches here and they were all doing pretty good: Methodist, Missionary Baptist, F.W. Baptist, Episcopal, and Disciple.

We have had fishouse here since Oriental was first settled. A Mr. Dudley was the first I knew, but Sam Midyette and Joe Caroon bought and sold fish before him.

We had a nice canning factory for oysters and vegetables in the 1920's. I have seen the harbor so full of oyster boats you could walk across it from one boat to the other. And in the 1940's the shrimp boats were the same way. I have counted 200 shrimp boats in front of our home at one time. Now we have the sailboats and they are pretty when lots of them go together.

We had three doctors at one time in Oriental and all the time we had two. All made a good living. We also had a nice drug store operated by Mrs. Maude Walker.

We built a pavilion at Lewmack Park, had music every Saturday night and danced and sang while some went swimming in the moonlight. Also we built our only hotel, the Breeze Inn, near by. They were damaged so badly in the 1933 storm that we never got them rebuilt like they were.

We have had four different banks in Oriental: (1) The Bank of Oriental, about 1906-1915; (2) The Bank of Pamlico, 1916-1930; (3) The Eastern Bank and Trust Company, 1930-1932; and (4) The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, 1972 on. All have given good service and have helped the town a lot.

We got our curbs and gutters and sidewalks around town in 1926. Some were against it, but it has been a good thing and has helped the whole town.

The women got their club started in 1916 as the "Women's Club of Oriental" and have been very active in different projects ever since. They got the Women's Club Building finished in 1924. They helped get the road hard surfaced to Oriental. The highway department paved the road to Bayboro and stopped in 1925. The women took one look at that and not like it a bit. They got cars to take them to Raleigh on one or two trips and we got the hard surface to Oriental in 1927.

L. F. McCabe had an Oriental Building Supply Company here one time. We bought all of our doors, windows and hardwood floor from him. In 45 years we have never had to replace a piece of it except one window which washed out in a storm.

No one can tell the story about Oriental without telling about Lewis B. Midyette, better known as Uncle Lew, who first settled Oriental.

After we built our home in 1932, he would come sit on the porch and tell me about his first trip to Smith Creek in 1872. He lived on Roanoke Island and they carried their fish and salt mullets to Norfolk. That year the market got dull in Norfolk and they heard there was a good market in New Bern. So he got four or five more who had salt mullets to bring them to New Bern.

He said they came through the sound and up Neuse River. When it started to get dark they looked for a place to camp for the night. Before they could get in Smith Creek, a bad squall came up and they ran aground. He said he and one more fellow waded ashore. He climbed a tree and saw a light. He told the rest to stay in the boat and he and the other man went for help. They walked to the house with the light. A Mr. Chadwick lived there. He went back with them to get their boat in Smith Creek and to tie it up. Then they all went to spend the night with Chadwick. During the night he learned that Chadwick wanted to sell the place.

The next day they went on to New Bern and sold their mullets at a real good price. Uncle Lew said on the way back from New Bern he kept thinking about Chadwick wanting to sell his place. At that time Uncle Lew was a young man just married and he didn't have any money. He said he had an Uncle Robert Midyette that was a Marine Insurance Adjuster for the beach from Manteo to Hatteras. He got a percentage from all the wrecks that they could salvage anything from and with all the wrecks they were having, he knew his Uncle Bob had some money. So he got the other men with him to stop in Smith Creek and stay another night with Chadwick. He asked Chadwick not sell that place until he could get home and see what he could do. He said that he had bragged about Smith Creek and Oriental ever since he had moved here but that he had never painted a more rosey picture than he did to his Uncle Bob when they got back to Wanchese. There was a good market in New Bern and it was easy to get to and the Dismal Swamp Canal was bad to get a sailboat through. Plenty of mullets and other fish were in Neuse River for he could see them jumping everywhere. It was a good harbor for their boats. There was plenty of land for his Uncle Bob to farm. So he and Uncle Bob came back and bought the place. His Uncle Bob let him have the land around Smith Creek and Uncle Bob took the farm. The deed is registered in Bayboro. It is the first deed registered after Pamlico County got its charter in 1872—book one, page one, deed one. There were people living all around here then—out at Kershaw, up Smith Creek and Pamlico but there was no one down in the old part of Oriental.

There was a Confederate Post Office up Smith Creek in 1862-65. I have seen a letter stamped at Smith Creek 1863 which was from some soldiers to their commanding officer in Kinston. They wrote that their orders, to put the Cape Lookout lighthouse out of commission in order that the Federals could not use it, had been completed by a trip from Smith Creek to Cape Lookout. It was a rigorous trip by boats and by foot. They were resting at

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## W.O.W. Rangers Attend Camp



A total of thirty-three boys from the Florence Woodmen Of The World Ranger Unit 1345 attended camp recently at the East North Carolina W.O.W. Youth Camp at Fort Barnwell. The unit placed first in Riflery, second in Archery, and fourth in Volleyball, Kickball, Swimming, and Track and Field.

Roy Brinson, Jr. of Reelsboro received special honor during the week when he was awarded the blue ribbon for Most Valuable Player in Riflery. He was high score in riflery with a perfect score of fifty. He was also honored when he received a blue ribbon for Leadership. Eleven boys were awarded

archery patches after receiving a safety course and successfully proving their skills in the shooting of the bow and arrow. Five boys completed a course in patriotism and were awarded patriotism patches. Six completed a beginners swimming class and six more completed a general swimming class and received swimming patches. Two others received Junior Life Saving awards. Twenty-five boys also completed a course in Hunter Safety and received awards.

Those attending and enjoying camp included: Gene Wooster, Roy Brinson, Jr., Dalton Dixon, James Meekins, Harry Ireland,

Jr., Don Johnson, Marty Lee, Ray Lewis, Craig O'Neal, Daniel Potter, Oswald Williams, Mark Powers, Charles Robinson, Marty Shaw, Tommy Spencer, III, Jerry Warren, Robbie Whorton, Bruce Wilkinson, Keith Wilkinson, Roger Brabant, Timmy Day, Michael Health, Paul Peterson, R.M. Humphrey, Todd Whorton, Mitchell Roberts, Todd Roberts, Mead Roberts, Bryan Glisson, Mark Lilly, Church Lilly, Steven Stevens, and Kenny Paschal. Adult Youth Leaders during the week included: Bruce Lupton, Rick Rhodes, S. D. Daniels, Edward Hill, and Richard Peterson.

## Tournament Of Champions, Softball Invitational News

By C. RAY DUDLEY

Two Craven county teams who entered into this double elimination affair were a bit lightly regarded and it proved fatal to a total of fourteen teams that felt their sting. Harlowe of Craven county won the men's division by possessing a team defense that allowed only four runs the entire tournament. Josh Mills of Craven county won the women's division by also possessing a team defense that saw them edge Pamlico 1-0 in the finals and that took nine innings.

The Pamlico women and the Plymouth Rams men were the tournament favorites but each had to settle for second best. The Bayboro Jets took on Smalls in the first round. The Jets could generate little offense as well as defense. Smalls scored five runs in the first inning—including a three run homer by Marvin Fulcher of Smalls. Gene Dudley of the Jets hit a triple in the top of the third to cover one of the Jets' five runs in this game as Smalls took command 13-5.

Harlowe had the Bayboro Mustangs singing a different tune as the Mustangs hit a stone wall and couldn't operate any form of offense. Though both defenses were pretty tough, Preston Justice and Rickey Burroughs were able to mass one run in the bottom of the second. A sacrifice by Jimmy Caton brought in George Kelly who had doubled earlier and made the score 2-0 in Harlowe's favor and brought the Bayboro Mustangs one game down.

Nita's of Aurora had Bayboro's women heads swimming as B. Lewis, L. Honeycutt, R. Hopkins and D. LaVictoria all contributed to a six run sixth inning and taking a 8-7 lead over Bayboro. It was singles by Kitty Whorton, Pat Sodoma and Luray Wilkerson and doubles by Lana Toler and Betty Scott that sent in six needed runs for Bayboro as they came back to edge Nita's 13-8.

Reelsboro scored three runs off of hits by Bill Harper, Tom Jones and Dennis Brison while the Plymouth Rams scored four runs off of hits by McNeil, Brown, Davenport and Hooker to take an early 4-3 lead. Reelsboro ran into a hitting problem as they were unable to score anymore. The Rams went on to score three more runs including a homerun by Andy Hooker and take the game 7-3.

When Smalls' women of Aurora invaded Josh Mills' turf they really made them feel 'small' as Smalls was able to score only one run the entire game. Dawn Cayton singled and Joan Edwards brought her in for

one run. Josh Mills scored five runs in the first with Nettie Hatch leading the way. Lulua Price, Diane Kornigay and Cathy Hiller singled to bring in the five runs for Josh Mills. Josh Mills tallied five more runs in the fourth to take the game 15-1.

Mayo's Mill of Tarboro planned to give league champions Pamlico a run for their money. Christian Bell, Dent Moore and Phoeby Pearsall got things rolling for Pamlico as the bases were loaded and Pamlico going ahead 4-0 in the top of the first. This didn't last long as Mayo's Mill came back for two runs in the bottom with T. Johnson and S. Leonard clearing the way and trailed 4-2. Christine Bell singled and Florine Moore brought her in to make the score 5-2. Mayo's Mill went on to score three more with S. Taylor, T. Johnson and S. Leonard all contributing to Mayo's Mill five runs. Pamlico scored two more off of hits by Christine Bell, Dent Moore and Phoeby Pearsall. Pamlico's defense held as they won over Mayo's Mill, 7-5.

HARDEES vs PAMLICO BADGERS—G. Johnson and G. Kindell each singled to give Hardees of Tarboro an early 1-0 lead. It didn't last long as Danny Rice singled and John Lanvist tripled and helping the Badgers take a 2-1 lead. In the bottom of the second, Joe Small, Dewitt Rice and John Caraway all singled with doubles being recorded by Ted Tyndall and Jay Woodard and giving the Badger's a 7-1 lead over Hardees in the top of the fourth, Al Leonard tripled and G. Kindell doubled followed by another double by L. Rogers to give Hardees two runs and trailed 7-3. The Badgers came back offensively with John Caraway, Dan Rice and Sam Spencer all singling and Charles Rice topping the cake with a three run homer and a 11-3 victory for the Badgers—sending Hardees to the losers bracket.

LITTLE AURORA vs PAMLICO COUNTY ALL\*STARS — Beverly Carawan of the All Stars started things rolling with a single followed by a double by Linda O'Neal in route to a 3-0 first inning lead. Sandra Banks and Annette Jones contributed hits for the All-Stars as they tallied one run in the bottom of the second for a 4-0 lead. Little Aurora broke the scoring column in the top of the fourth with M. Blount and J. Smith getting singles and M. Williams bringing two of Little Aurora's four runs in and tying the score 4-4. The All-Stars went on to score five more runs en route to their 9-6 victory over Little

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BAYBORO JETS vs BAYBORO MUSTANGS—Gene Dudley and Hubert Monk doubled while Hubert Sawyer, James Mason and Mike Monk all singled to give the Jets an early 3-0 lead. All of the Mustangs forces stamped in the bottom of the second as C. Baker, D. Stepheson, R. Bowles, J. Ireland all singled and doubles coming from Eddie Mayo and Charles Toler to give the Mustangs a 5-3 lead. It took the Jets only two innings to record two more runs and a 6-5 uplift over the highly regarded Mustangs totally eliminating them from the "Tournament of Champions."

REELSBO RO vs HARDEES —Hardees' J. Brewer hit an early homerun to give Hardees 1-0 lead. It took Reelsboro until the fourth inning when Dennis Brison returned Hardees' favor by hitting a one-run homer tying the score 1-1. In the top of the fifth, Bill Harper, Steve Pipkin and Duffy Toler singled while Tom Bray doubled in adding five runs for Reelsboro and a 6-1 lead. In the bottom of the seventh, A. Robinson singled and was followed by Doubles by J. Brewer and G. Kreidell. They added two more runs but not enough as Reelsboro sent Hardees home 6-3.

SMALLS vs NITA'S — When two Aurora teams meet that are in the same league you can bet that there will be plenty of action. Well, both scored a lot of runs off of errors but it was Nita's that came out on top by a score of 18-11 thus eliminating Small's women from competition.

LITTLE AURORA vs MAYO'S MILLS — Mayo's Mill took advantage of Little Aurora's twelve errors and turned them in to scores as they walked away victorious 16-4. Little Aurora could not generate no offense and scored their four runs in the top of the fourth.

BAYBORO vs JOSH MILLS — Josh Mills used their superior defense in not allowing Bayboro a runner beyond second base and gave Bayboro no hits nor runs in a 8-0 softball no hitter, shutout. The Josh Mills' women played the field well and defense became the key for their 8-0 victory.

PAMLICO vs PAMLICO ALL\*STARS — Pairings like this often happen when you play double elimination matches and two county teams fell victims of circumstances as Pamlico by-passed the All Stars regardless of the All Star hitting of Sandra Banks, San Smith, Beverly

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A SUMMER BEAUTY... With summer getting into full swing, the warm weather and sunlight have done wonders for plants, including this hanging basket. In the past several years, house

plants suspended in planters with foliage cascading earthward have become increasingly popular. (Photo by Jerry Raynor)