

Defending The Farm Economy

Albert Euse Fren, Perquimans county Farm Bureau states: Farm Bureau is defending the farm economy thru active participation at the grass root level in promoting, Legislature, Marketing Associations, and Service programs for the farmer.

Farm Bureau works thru-out the year, encouraging resolutions from the grass root level, for the purpose of shaping farm policies that will help build a strong farm economy.

Perquimans county Farm Bureau would encourage each one of its 370 members to be working on new ideas to strengthen the farm economy in 1970, thru legislature. These ideas can begin as resolutions to be turned in, and acted on by the membership next fall at the annual meeting.

Euse states: "The Farmers are particularly weak in keeping abreast of their position in the national economy, and in defending their position; he states that farmers are entitled to a 100% parity, but only get 73% parity, mainly because he is not organized to defend his position in the economy, that now is the time to --- UNITE --- with all farm organizations, and --- SPEAK OUT --- WITH ONE VOICE."

Lost Medicare Cards Can Be Replaced

"I've lost my Medicare card. How do I get a new one?" This question is one of the most frequently asked at the Social Security Office, according to Mr. Robert W. Alford, Officer-in-Charge.

Initiates 23

One of East Carolina University's newest honorary fraternities, Beta Gamma Sigma, has initiated 23 new members, students in the ECU School of Business.

Gamma Chapter of North Carolina of Beta Gamma Sigma was chartered here last spring. The fraternity honors business students who have achieved outstanding scholastic records. Membership is extended to juniors whose standing is in the upper five per cent and to seniors in the upper 10 per cent of their classes.

Dr. Donald C. Rocks, associate professor of business and secretary-treasurer of the ECU chapter, said ECU is one of three schools in the state awarded a chapter of the fraternity.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the only honorary society for business students recognized by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Initiated into the fraternity include Percy Lancelot Winslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Winslow of Belvidere.

at once if you have lost your Medicare card," Mr. Alford advises. "Give us your full name, address, your claim number (social security number), and your date of birth. We will get you another card."

Mr. Alford pointed out that the Medicare card is one of the first things needed when a person over 65 enters a hospital. It enables the hospital to obtain immediate information on the patient as to coverage, number of days of care available, and other information that will be needed for Medicare to pay his bill.

"There is no charge for the replacement of lost Medicare cards," Mr. Alford stated. Just write us at 401 S. Dyer Street, Elizabeth City, N. C., or call 338-3931.

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(Continued from Page 1) responsibility for administering the programs is vested in the county board of public welfare and the county department of public welfare. The local board may have three or five members, depending upon the wishes of the county commissioners. If the welfare board has three members, one is appointed by the State Board of Public Welfare and one by the board of county commissioners, and the two members select the third member. In case of five members, two are appointed by the State Board and two by the county commissioners, and these four select the fifth member. They are appointed for three-year terms.

This county has three members who presently are Mrs. Walter G. Edwards, Mr. Joel Hollowell, Sr., and Mr. Savage Jolliff. The local welfare board has limited responsibility for the administration of the program. It has the authority to hire the county welfare director, give administrative advice to him, approve and review public assistance cases, participate in community study and planning, develop the local budget and interpret the program to the county commissioners and the public.

Employees of the local welfare department come under the State merit system. They are required to take the competitive examination. The State sets a standard pay scale for the various categories of employees, but counties may elect to pay below the standard scale. Perquimans County pays below the standard.

The counties throughout the State are required by State law to pay their proportionate cost of the budget. By the use of an equalization formula which measures the wealth of the counties, the range of county participation is from approximately eight to twenty-five per cent.

The total expenditure for Perquimans County this past fiscal year was \$334,932.92. The Federal government paid \$235,697.83 or 70.37 per cent, the State \$59,250.92 or 17.79 per cent and the county's share was \$39,984.17 or 11.94 per cent.

The next article will be about one of the three financial assistance programs offered by public welfare in Perquimans County.

North Eastern Home Economics Assn. Formed

Dr. Miriam Moore, Dean of the School of Home Economics, East Carolina University, and first vice president of the North Carolina Home Economics Association was in Edenton to assist with the formation of the N. E. Regional Home Economics Association.

A dinner meeting was held with 32 representatives from vocational Home Economics, Home Economics in Business, Extension Home Economics, and Homemakers holding degrees in Home Economics.

Mrs. Frances S. Voliva, Associate Home Economics Extension Agent, Tyrrell County, temporary chairman, presided. Mr. West W. Byrum, Jr. of Edenton, former Extension Home Economist presented the devotion.

Miss Gay Howell of Perquimans County was elected chairman. Miss Howell is a teacher in the Perquimans County School System. Mrs. Ann E. Davenport, Tyrrell County Home Economics Extension Agent was chosen vice chairman. The office of secretary will be held by Mrs. Jean Ballance, representing School Food Service. Mrs. Pauline Berry, a homemaker, was elected treasurer. Both Mrs. Ballance and Mrs. Berry are from Hyde County.

A special crafts exhibit was prepared by Miss Edna Bishop, Area Home Economics Extension Agent.

Mrs. Edna Reaves, Mrs. Daisy Bamby, Mrs. Gladys White and Mrs. Fran Ward, Chowan County Home Economics hosted the event.

Land Forming Demonstration Scheduled

On Thursday, May 29, there will be a Land Forming Demonstration on the farm of C. M. Bundy just off Old Neck Road. This farm was originally the Tow Farm.

This demonstration is being put on by the Soil Conservation Service and N. C. State University with the cooperation of a Machinery Company and Mr. Bundy. At 10:00 in the morning there will be a discussion of the problems involved in Land Forming and the proper way to go about it by Dr. Kris and Ronald Sneed, N. C. State University. At 2:00 p.m. there will be another discussion similar to the one at 10:00. All farmers are invited to attend and to observe this operation and any questions that arise will be discussed at the discussion period.

"It is felt by many people that this is the necessary practice on many farms in Perquimans County, and we would like to urge you to attend either the morning or afternoon session so that you can observe the machinery and operation, and see the results," states R. M. Thompson, County Extension Chairman.

Bill Introduced On Tax

The Honorable Phillip Godwin introduced a bill last week in the General Assembly at the request of the Board of Perquimans County Commissioners which reads as follows:

"Enabling Perquimans County to hold a special election for the purpose of considering whether the county shall or shall not impose and levy a sales and use tax of one percent upon the sale, use and other taxable transactions upon which the State now imposes a three percent sales and use tax." Directs Perquimans County Bd. of Elections, upon written request of county commissioners or 15% of voters in last gubernatorial election, to call special election on whether to levy additional 1% sales and use tax in county. Provides for administration of election, notice, form of ballot, and fixing of date for election. Provides that tax, if imposed, to be effective on first day of month

following 90 days from date of election and collected by retailers. Tax to be imposed on same items as state taxes under GS 105-164.4 (1-4) and 105-164.6. Provides for exemption from tax, or credit on tax, or items of tangible personal property bought in Perquimans for use outside county or bought outside NC for use in Perquimans. Provides that exemptions of GS 105-164.13 to apply to tax. Requires Comin'r. of Revenue to collect tax and empowers him to promulgate rules and regulations for administration of Act. Requires retailers in county, if tax imposed, to follow bracket tax schedule set out in Act. Provides net proceeds (with detailed provision of what is net) to be distributed quarterly to county and municipalities therein on per capita basis, population of county to include all persons therein.

Commencement Recital At COA

The annual College Of the Albemarle Commencement Recital by music department students will be held Saturday, May 24th, at 3:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the auditorium. Preparatory, college curriculum, and special adult students from Gatesville, Currituck, Camden, Hertford, Edenton, Plymouth, as well as from Elizabeth City, will be featured in voice and piano selections from the baroque, classic, romantic, and modern schools of composition.

A short intermission will be observed for the presentation of the 1969 Music Achievement Award by James T. Bridges, academic dean at the college. These awards are presented to those graduating or transferring students who during a two year tenure at the college have developed outstanding records of

individual achievement in music performance and have made the most valued contributions to the musical life of the college.

The public is cordially invited to attend the recital on Saturday afternoon.

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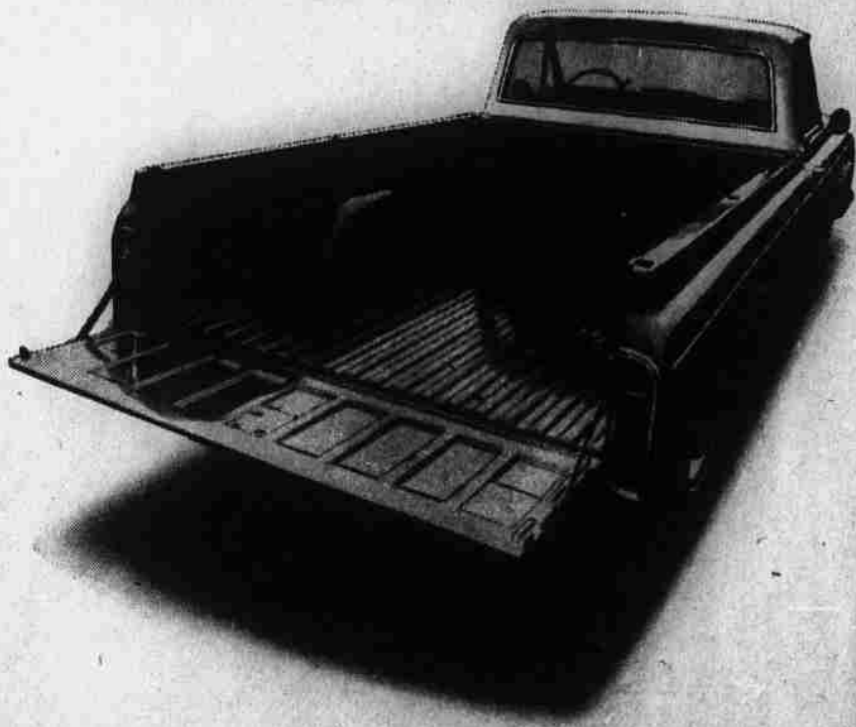
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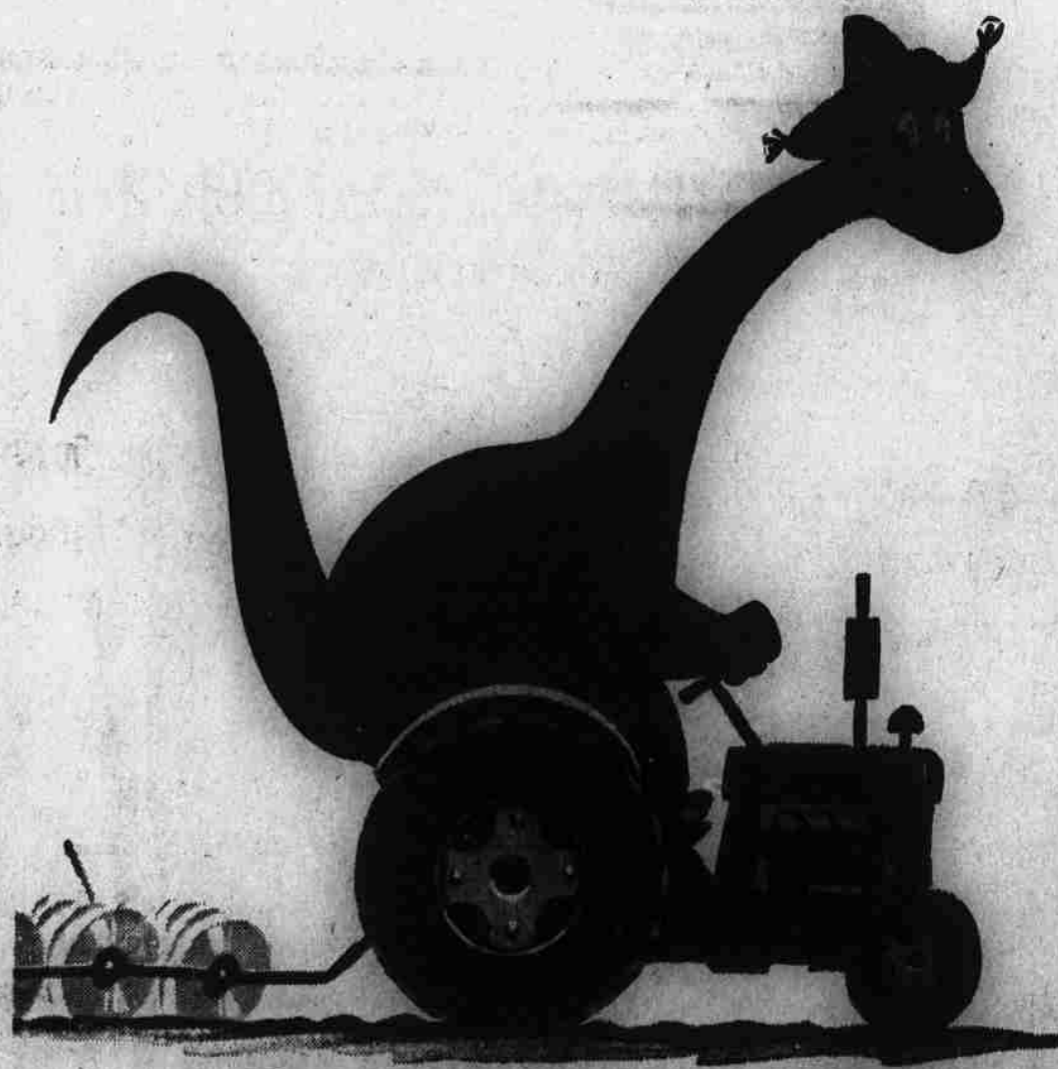
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