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## New Business Opens In Hertford



OWENS GUN SHOP, located in the Broughton Building on Market Street in Hertford, opened for business last week. Melvin Owens, Proprietor, specializes in all types of gun repair.

## Profitable Corn Production In Perquimans County

By: W. C. Strowd

**Agricultural Extension Agent**  
Corn is one of our major crops in Perquimans County. It is our number one silage crop. Corn is and will remain the backbone of the county animal agriculture for many years to come.

Corn is grown in every section of the county. In 1969 we grew 15,000 acres of corn for grain in Perquimans County with an average of about 98 bushels per acre.

We must grow corn profitably for it to remain a cash crop in Perquimans County. Costs are moving up rapidly and high yields are necessary to cover these costs. It isn't possible to write a prescription for an assured 125 bushel plus yield; but it is possible to offer some guidelines for high yields.

### SOIL TYPE

The soil type is one of the factors that plays an important role in the cost of production. The soil provides the plant with a root media, a source of water and nutrients. How well the soil plays this role depends upon the soil type. The extremely sandy soils and those with very poor till, or the very poorly drained should be avoided for corn production. The ideal would be a loam or medium textured soil. Corn can be produced profitably on most all soils in Perquimans County. The most desirable soil for corn is a deep medium textured soil, preferably high in organic matter, well drained, and high in water holding capacity. This soil would likely be some shade of brown; have a loam or silt loam surface and a brown silt loam or silty clay loam well drained to moderately well drained subsoil. Soils not only need to be suited but they should be in large enough fields and proper slope to give economic returns.

A knowledge of the chemical properties of the soil is also important. A soil test is where your profit starts. A recent study showed corn growers who fertilized according to soil test recommendations earned \$16 more net profit per acre than neighbors who fertilized corn without benefit of soil testing. The few minutes it takes you to get a good soil sample can bring you a very good profit return. Depending on your acreage the extra returns could run to hundreds of dollars. Can you spend a few minutes of your time to a better advantage?

Soil test accuracy depends on sampling; a soil test report is only as accurate as the sample taken when one test tube of soil in the Soil Testing Laboratory, finally represents several acres. It has to be right. Here are some tips to follow when taking a sample:

1. If soil is right for plowing; it is best for sampling.
2. Each sample should represent the average fertility of the field being tested.
3. In row crops, take sample between rows to avoid fertilizer band areas.
4. Sample well away from wooded areas.
5. Take sample with sampling

tube or other clean tool.

6. Take sample from several places in the field; mix thoroughly in a clean bucket or pail.
7. Fill out the history form for each field. This form provides information for recommendations made to you.

### LIME

One should go the second mile to apply lime when recommended. The liming of acid soils is the number one practice in improving and increasing soil fertility. It benefits soils in many ways by adding calcium as well as correcting the pH by reducing soil acidity. Liming also reduces the availability of elements such as aluminum and iron, that are present in acid soils in harmful quantities. Liming produces two other benefits that are frequently overlooked. It improves soil structure by combining small soil particles into larger ones. This promotes better aeration and increases water intake. It also increases the efficiency of fertilizer.

Soil sample containers are available at our office. Pick-up date for this county is January 22.

### REALISTIC GOALS

Farmers should establish realistic goals, not the yields they read about in other states grown without consideration of the cost; but the one they plan for. In establishing these goals the farmer should consider his soil type, fertility status of his soil, management ability, willingness to be timely, money and credit available, and attitude toward risk.

### SELECT SUITABLE VARIETIES

Selection of a suitable variety is very important. There are many varieties on the market to choose from but there are only a few considered truly superior. The farmer shooting for the 100 bushels plus yield must be more selective in his choice of varieties. It isn't unusual for one variety to out yield another by more than 25 per cent. The North Carolina Measured Crop Performance publication is a good guide for selecting varieties. However, all of the varieties grown in the state are not tested annually in the official variety test. One should talk with his County Extension Corn Agent, other good corn producers, look at seed company demonstration plots and check some of the promising new varieties on his own farm. Single cross hybrids are very much talked about today. A single cross, namely, the crossing of two inbred lines, is no assurance of a superior performance. However, the best single crosses can be expected to be superior to double crosses under favorable conditions, especially rainfall and temperature. Yield increases are possible with single crosses but not assured.

### PLANTING DATES

Research shows that best results are obtained when corn is planted in the following dates:  
(See Corn page 6)

## Nannette Ambrose Is Nominee For Scholarship

Alumnae committees appointed for every county in North Carolina are this month interviewing the 278 nominees for the Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarships at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Serving on the Committee for Perquimans County are: Mrs. R. S. Monds, Mrs. H. C. Stokes, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Holmes.

The Nominee from the county, an outstanding member of her high school graduating class, is Nannette Dawn Ambrose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ambrose of Market St., Hertford. Nan will graduate in June from Perquimans Co. High School.

Twelve scholarships are awarded to each freshman class. The awards, covering board, room, tuition, fees, books and miscellaneous expenses, are valued at \$1,600 and are renewable for four years of study.

The selection of Reynolds finalists was delegated to the Alumni Association of UNC-G by the Reynolds Foundation when the program was initiated in 1962. District committees were appointed to serve this function.

The Reynolds Scholarships were established by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in memory of Mrs. Katharine Smith Reynolds, a Woman's College (now UNC-G) alumna, wife of the founder of Reynolds Tobacco Company, and mother of the late R. J. Reynolds, Jr.

## Area Swine Meetings

Four swine meetings have been scheduled for producers in Gates, Perquimans and Chowan Counties. They will be held at the Center Hill Community Building on January 19 and 26 and February 2 and 9. All meetings will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Robert Jones, Extension Swine Specialist, N. C. State University will conduct the meeting on January 19. Ray Woodard, Extension Specialist in swine evaluation will conduct the January 26 meeting.

The meeting on February 2 will be conducted by Jack Parker, Albemarle Area Swine Specialist and Dr. David Spruill, Extension Swine Specialist from N. C. State University will conduct the fourth session on February 9.

It is important that producers attend all four sessions. Each speaker will be covering different areas of swine production.

## C of C To Hold Special Meet For Parents And Children

The Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce is extending an open invitation to parents and schoolchildren to attend the Monday night meeting, to be held in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

This is a special meeting which will give the county an opportunity to find out how plans, puppet shows, art exhibits and so on can be brought into this county for the benefit of all of the school children.

There is very little opportunity for boys and girls of Perquimans to see play productions and the like but it will soon be possible through the Albemarle Area Arts Council. All they need to know is that we're interested.

Mrs. Nelson Chears, AAC president, will be here to explain the program and to tell us the possibility of getting grants to give our children a musical education - something else that youngsters here lack.

Also at the meeting will be Miss Jean Baird, a Camden High School senior who represents the young people of schools in seven counties of Northeast North Carolina. She will talk of greater student representation and of the interest the State Department of Education has in the program.

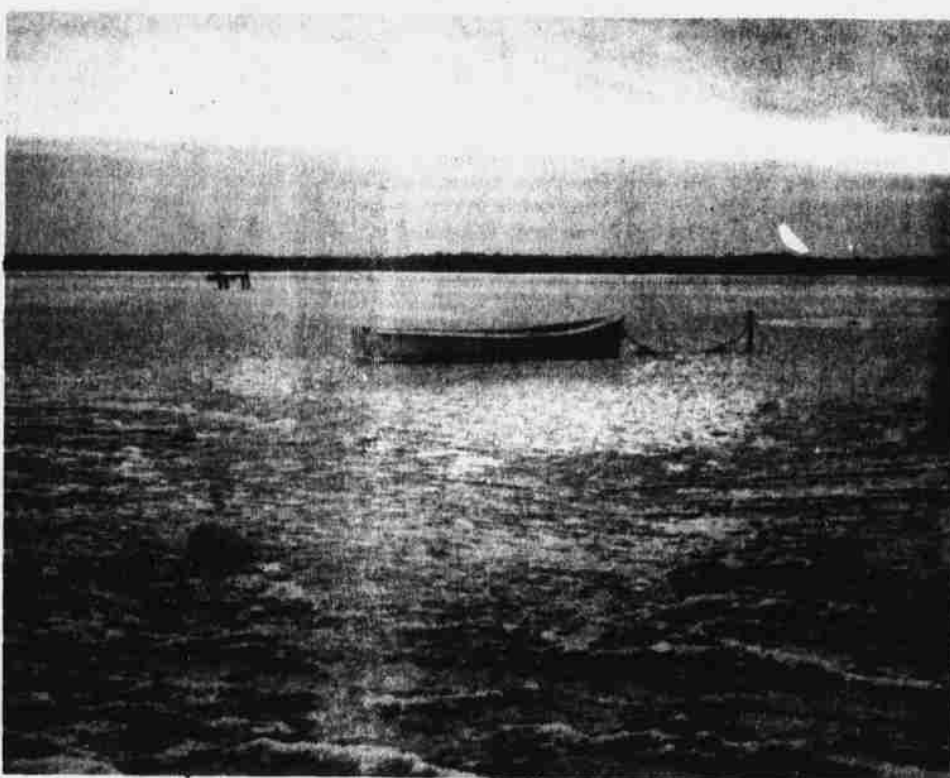
We urge parents and students to be at this meeting. It is of great import. If you're interested in a better cultural atmosphere and more educational opportunities for Perquimans young people, be at the Monday night meeting.

If not - stay and watch the tube.

### LIFE-SAVER

Think twice before you speak - you'll be surprised how often it keeps you out of hot water.

## Waiting For Warmer Days



SEVERAL DAYS of 10 and 20 degrees weather left the Perquimans River frozen. The boat waits patiently for a warming trend to thaw her out and put her back afloat.

## Local Woman Appointed To Historical Association

Mrs. Julian E. Winslow, Jr. was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association at its recent meeting in Raleigh. Mrs. Fred W. Morrison of Washington, D. C. and Kill Devil Hills was reappointed as Chairman.

This is one of the oldest and largest cultural organizations in North Carolina. It dates back to 1880 when a group of patriotic North Carolinians headed by the Rev. R. B. Drane of Edenton, Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, Professor Edward Graham Davis and Mr. John B. Bassett formed its parent organization known as the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association. The object of the organization was to preserve Old Fort Raleigh and to commemorate the birthday of Virginia Dare each August 18. Virginia Dare was the first child born of English parents in the New World.

The Roanoke Island Historical Association has promoted the restoration of Fort Raleigh with the construction of a Visitor's Center, a Lost Colony Activities

Building and an Educational Center. It has also developed Morrison Grove Apartments for players in the famous "Lost Colony", America's longest running outdoor drama.

The production of "The Lost Colony" is one of the chief activities of the Association. Paul Green's symphonic drama tells the story of Sir Walter Raleigh's 1587 expedition to Fort Raleigh, and this, his fourth expedition, became the well-known "Lost Colony".

Mrs. Winslow is also Secretary of the Museum of the Albemarle, a member of the Albemarle Arts Council, and Secretary of St. Catherine's Guild of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

## Mallory Family Needs Help

Help is being asked for the Cleo Mallory family of the New Hope section of Perquimans County who lost their home and all belongings in an early morning fire January 6.

Attention to their plight has just reached the local Red Cross office who is asking for help.

At the present time, Mr. and Mrs. Mallory do not have a house in which to live but are in need of clothes, towels, bed linens, etc. now.

Mr. Mallory wears 36-28 pants, 40 or 42 coat and size 9 shoe. Mrs. Mallory wears a size 18 dress and size 8 shoe. Anyone having items or cash which they might give to this family is asked to contact Chapter Chairman, George E. White, Jr. (Phone 426-789) or Mrs. Marion Swindell (426-7311).

## Dealers And Motorists Are Warned Of Faulty Tires

"The Attorney General's Office and the Department of Motor Vehicles, in a joint release today, warned North Carolina tire dealers and motorists against the sale or purchase of inferior quality "FARM USE ONLY" tires for use on passenger cars and other vehicles traveling the highways of the state.

According to the statement, issued by Attorney General Robert Morgan and Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe W. Garrett, an investigation by the License and Safety Inspection Division of the Motor Vehicles Department has definitely established the fact that "factory reject" tires have been sold in North Carolina for general highway use.

Details of the investigation have been turned over to the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office and a report made to the Federal Department of Transportation.

Garrett said that federal authorities have already warned all domestic and foreign tire manufacturers against the sale of these generally inferior tires for highway use. The agency pointed out that while the tires normally carry the "FARM USE ONLY" legend, there have been instances in which dealers and distributors have buffed off the legend and purchasers have not been informed that the tires are dangerous for highway use.

The National Highway Safety Bureau, which according to Garrett, sets specific per-

formance standards for tires, has urged all manufacturers to advise their dealers and distributors that the sale of farm tires for highway use constitutes a violation of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicles Act of 1966 and carries penalties of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

## 1969 Activities For Employment Security Comm.

All major activities, except unemployment insurance claims, showed a marked increase in the year 1969 over 1968, in the Edenton Employment Security Commission Office according to Neil E. Thagard, manager of the local office.

Applications for employment were taken from 1547 individuals, 1931 persons were referred to employers that had requested workers and 1242 were hired from those referred. Of those hired 144 were veterans and 81 were handicapped persons.

A total of 1112 contacts were made with employers of the area, 500 of these were personal visits by members of the Employment Security Staff and 257 were telephone contacts to solicit jobs orders and provide other services needed by the employers. The other 355 contacts were made on behalf of disadvantaged persons to solicit the aid of employers in utilizing this important segment of our work force.

A testing program was conducted in all the high schools in the area and employment counseling was provided to those who had not made a vocational choice. There was a total of 554 persons tested and 306 counseling interviews were held.

In the three county area served by the Edenton Office 532 initial unemployment insurance claims were taken and claims were filed for 4294 weeks, for an average of only 1.5 per cent of the insured work force being unemployed during the year.

If you are an employer in need of workers or an individual in need of employment, contact the Edenton Employment Security Office at 709 No. Broad St.

## Mrs. Lina Umphlett Dies After Illness

Mrs. Lina Davenport Umphlett, 56, died Thursday in the Albemarle Hospital after a long illness. A native of Tyrrell County, she was a member of the Malachi Baptist Church near Columbia and before her illness, was employed by Supak Co. in Elizabeth City.

Surviving are her husband, Aubrey B. Umphlett; two sons, Leon Earl Davenport of Goldsboro and Air Force Tech. Sgt. Charles Thomas Davenport in Vietnam; a sister, Mrs. Aletha Walker of Columbia and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:00 in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. W. R. Pinner.

"Beyond the Sunset" was sung by Mrs. Charles Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Nowell, organist.

The casket pall was made of pink carnations, white chrysanthemums, and fern.

Pallbearers were Vick Stallings, Edward Swain, Vernon Gray Gibbs, L. M. Edwards, Raleigh Minton and Floyd Morris.

Burial was in West Lawn Cemetery in Elizabeth City.

## Karen Haskett Listed In Merit's Who's Who



Karen Haskett received a letter of congratulations recently from Paul C. Krouse, Publisher, Merit Publishing Co., stating that she has been selected for recognition in the 1969-70 edition of Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is also eligible to compete for one of ten \$500.00 scholarships sponsored by the Merit Publishing Company Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students is an annual publication and is the largest in the field of student recognition books, devoted to honoring outstanding students throughout the nation. The current edition represents the fourth annual compilation and will feature the biographies of students from 18,000 public, private and parochial high schools throughout the country. The purpose is to publicize the positive achievements of our nation's youth and to provide recognition for these outstanding students.

Only students who have demonstrated leadership in the fields of academics, activities, athletics and/or community affairs are chosen for this honor. Less than 5% of the senior and junior students in the country are selected for recognition every year.

Karen is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Haskett of Hertford and a member of the 1970 Senior Class at Perquimans County High School.

## Area Students On Dean's List At COA

Dr. Arthur Land, Dean of Instruction, at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, has announced the names of those students who made the Dean's List for the quarter just ended. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have a 3.0 average on a 4.0 system with no grade below a "C" and must be carrying at least 12 hours. Following is a list of the students from the Perquimans County area who met these requirements: Michael Lindsey Bunch, Kay Stallings Dail, Elizabeth Anne Ivey, Mary Louise Ivey, Linda Carol Long, Thomas J. Long, Barbara Dianne Stallings, Carole Elliott White and Georgia Kay Winslow.

## District Court Convenes

Judge W. S. Privott presided at the regular session of Perquimans County District Court Wednesday and heard the following cases:

Henry Winslow, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was given a 4 months road sentence, which was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs and the further conditions (1) that he cannot operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina for 12 months and (2) he must satisfy all damage done to Calvin Barcliff's car;

Columbus Brothers, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, received a 4 months sentence, which was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs;

Allen Elisha Perry, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was given a 4 months sentence, which was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs;

Pleasant Burns was found not guilty of larceny;

Thomas Preston Elliott, charged with speeding, was fined \$50.00 and costs;

Cleese Williams, charged with failure to observe stop sign and improper equipment, received a 15 day sentence, which was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs;

Probable cause was found in the case of James Oliver Wilson and Allen Foster (Ducom Webb), who were charged with burglary and assault, and the defendants were bound over for trial at the next term of Superior Court.

### Farm Fire Damage

NEW YORK—For such reasons as lack of fire-fighting facilities, less rigid wiring and construction standards and poorer heating equipment, fires in rural areas cause three to six times more damage on the average than fires in the cities, says the Insurance Information Institute. Farm fires caused a record \$214 million damage in 1968.

### INCENTIVE

Words of encouragement are the best tools that can be given the youth of our nation.