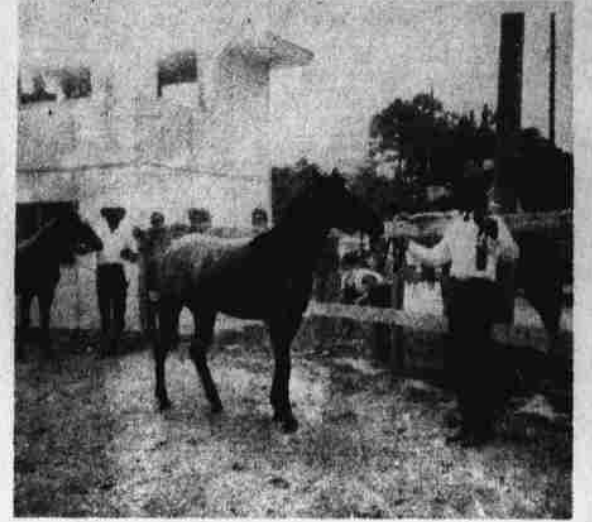


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## Schools Are Without Milk Subsidization

By FRANCINE SAWYER  
The federal government has called a halt to subsidized special milk programs for 40 million of the nation's school children.

C. C. Walters, superintendent of Perquimans County schools said this means the schools will not get any reimbursements on milk.

However, the student will continue to receive one carton of milk with lunch, but additional milk will have to be purchased at 10 cents a carton which is an increase over the price during

last year's school term, Walters added.

This may reduce the amount of extra milk which has been previously purchased by some of the students, Walters said.

Herb Rotex, director of the Department of Agriculture's Child Nutrition Service, said Tuesday "We don't have the money to pay for the milk and so we are cutting out the program in all schools with school lunch programs."

"When Congress provides the money for this milk program we will reconsider our action,"

Rorex said. Congress has not passed an appropriation bill for this program other than including \$25 million in a continuing resolution to run the department.

The House approved the President's request for \$25 million for the fiscal year, the amount Rorex considers necessary to continue the milk program in schools without lunch programs, but the Senate increased the amount to \$97 million, \$2 million more than the amount appropriated last year.

The bill has been sent to conference and is expected to be considered soon after Congress reconvenes next week.

The federal government has paid an average of 3 cents for a half pint of milk, although the amount has varied according to the need of the district. Last year, these cartons of milk cost an average of 5 cents, with the student paying 2 cents. This year they are expected to cost 10 cents with the student paying the full amount in most cases.

Mrs. Lucille Barnett, president of the American School Food Service Association said, "This is an emergency situation. Children need milk and with prices on milk skyrocketing, they are not likely to get enough at home."

Some school districts would be forced to close school lunch programs because they cannot meet the rising cost of food without increased federal reimbursements.

Rorex said his office has received inquiries from almost every school district in the nation requesting additional reimbursements, but there are no immediate plans for an increase.

## Social Security Increasing Pay

The Elizabeth City Social Security Office is now taking applications for supplemental security income payments, a Federal program scheduled to start in 1974 that will establish an income floor for people in financial need who are 65 or over, or blind, or disabled, according to Robert W. Alford, Social Security Branch Manager.

But people already getting State old age assistance, or State aid because they are blind or disabled, don't have to apply, he said. They'll be getting more information later this year about how the program will help them.

"The first monthly payments under the Federal program will be made in January 1974," Alford said. "Until then, State and local public assistance offices will continue to make payments in the usual way."

People not getting public assistance now who think they may be eligible for the new Federal payments should call or write social security to find out if they should apply, according to Alford.

"Federal supplemental security income payments will be made by the Social Security Administration," Alford said. "But the program will be financed by Federal general revenues—not by social security contributions from workers and employers. It's not the same as social security."

working part time should know that the first \$65 a month of earnings won't be included in counting their income and only half of the rest of their additional earnings will be counted," he said.

Apart from earnings, other income above the first \$20 a month generally will reduce the Federal payment. "This includes social security checks, veterans payments, workmen's compensation, pensions, annuities, and gifts," Alford said. "And if you live in someone else's household, your basic Federal payment will be reduced by one-third before other income that may affect your payment is deducted."

People who need more information to decide whether they might be eligible for the Federal payments should call social security at 338-3931 or write to the office at 401 S. Dyer Street, he said. "Or, a friend or relative can make the call if the person in need isn't able to," he said.

Even though payments cannot start until January 1974, we're starting to take applications now so we can process them ahead of time and avoid delays that might occur if there's a rush of applications right at the end of the year," Alford said.

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## Court Cases Heard

Judge Fentress Horner presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court and heard the following cases:

Henry Lloyd Carter, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was given a 90 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$125.00 and costs, and ordered to surrender his driver's license to the Clerk of Court for a period of 12 months;

James W. White was found guilty of possession of non-tax paid whiskey and given a sentence of 30 days suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs;

Willie Turner, charged with assault, received a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs;

Virgie Mamie Allen, charged with being a public drunk and possession of tax paid whiskey with a broken seal, received a fine of \$25.00 and costs;

Calvin Bruce Allen was found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and possession of a concealed weapon. The defendant was given a 6 months sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200.00 and costs on the first count, and a 60-day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs on the second count. The weapon was ordered to be confiscated. An appeal was noted and Bond was continued;

Raymond Luther Mason was found guilty of reckless driving and taxed with a fine of \$35.00 and costs;

The State took a No! Pros in the case of Joseph Earl Rochelle, charged with failure to drive on the right half of highway;

In other charges Rochelle was found guilty of not having financial responsibility; failure to deliver certificate of registration to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles after they had been revoked, and displaying registration plate knowing the same to be revoked. The defendant was given a 60-day sentence on each charge suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs in each case and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed;

Speeding charges and fines included - Clarence Holly, Jr., \$25.00 and costs, and Coleman Webb, \$85.00 and costs.

### MUSEUM INVITATIONAL ART SHOW

The Museum of the Albemarle will have its Fourth Invitational Art Show from October 5 through October 16. Artists in the area may call the office (phone 335-1453) if they would like to participate and a form will be mailed. The show will be judged.

A reception for the artists, members of the Museum and their guests will be held on the evening of October 5th after the judging that afternoon.

FARM INCOME  
Farmers receive more for the products they produce nowadays, but their costs have gone up too. They still rank far behind most income groups.



Land's End (the Leigh House) at Durant's Neck has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Dr. H. G. Jones, state historic preservation officer. The register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

Land's End is a massive two-story brick plantation house with handsome double porches and excellent Greek Revival detail apparently taken from Asher Benjamin's Practical House Carpenter (1830, 1851). It is an impressive member of

an important regional group of houses that includes the Edmund Skinner House, Cove Grove, and Athol. It was built, probably between 1830 and 1837, by Colonel James Leigh; the place is known to have been called Land's End during the lifetime of his son, Edward A. Leigh.

The nomination was submitted in connection with the Division of Archives and History's long-range program to identify and document the authenticity of historic properties in North Carolina. Approval of the nomination by the Department of the Interior usually requires about six months and will be announced through the state's congressional delegation.

## Hunt: Albemarle Message

Li. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., will be keynote speaker September 11 at a meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association and two other regional organizations scheduled at Seafare Restaurant in Nags Head. The dinner meeting begins at 7 p.m.

L.F. Amburn, Jr., AADA president, said the banquet will be preceded at 5:30 p.m. by meetings of the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission and the Association of Counties & Towns in Region "R".

W.B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, is chairman of the ARPCD board and will preside at that meeting. C.A. Phillips, also of Edenton and chairman of Chowan County commissioners, is the acting chairman of the association of county and municipal officials.

Phil Quidley of Manteo, an AADA vice president, is in charge of arrangements for the annual September meeting at Nags Head.

Amburn said the area is

extremely fortunate to have Li. Gov. Hunt as speaker for this meeting and said a good attendance is anticipated. He requested that people desiring to attend contact their respective County Extension chairman so Quidley can be informed.

Li. Gov. Hunt, a past president of AADA's counterpart in the Coastal Plains, will be introduced by J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, a former State Highway Commissioner and Hunt's regional campaign coordinator.

The state official, a native of Wilson, is expected to deliver a major address on the importance of regionalism in the delivery of services and with funds provided by state government and other sources.

An advocate of a statewide land-use policy to promote economic development and, at the same time, protect natural resources, Li. Gov. Hunt is a

member of the Council on State Goals and Policy. He was recently named vice chairman of this council.

He received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education from N.C. State University and was certified to teach. He went on to receive a master's degree in economics and later received his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



## Perquimans Personality

Mabel & Lester Keel

By FRANCINE SAWYER  
Lester and Mabel Keel of Hertford are very rich people. They have the great wealth of nine children who know they have a great mother and father.

Recently Mrs. Keel has been very ill. She has been in the hospital for medical treatment for a number of times. While in the hospital all nine of the children pitched in and got her new home renovated and livable. They did it because the family is strong and unselfish.

Mabel and Lester married in 1937 after meeting only a little over two weeks prior to the wedding day. As Lester says, "It was a happy get together on such a short notice."

Mrs. Keel is a native of Columbus county but has lived in Hertford since she was five years old. Mr. Keel is a native of Hertford county and was raised on a farm by his tobacco farming father.

Mrs. Keel is a cobbler and has

been the little ol' shoe maker since he was 14 years old. He looks a lot like the cobblers in movies and fairy tales. He has the twinkling eyes and they are crisp blue. He has the sharp sense of humor and the wisdom of the story-time cobbler characters. But Mr. Keel is for real with all of his warmth.

Lester's work place is a clutter of shoes, antiques and nearly anything else one could name. They sell everything from straight pins to washing machines.

Keel's store has had several locations in Hertford, but the final one is now across the street from Harris shopping center.

Both agree the town of Hertford can't be compared with any other town in the world. When the couple return from an out-of-town trip and are approaching Hertford a feeling comes over them of "this is home."

## Schools Get Impact Aid

State School Superintendent Craig Phillips announced today that 54 school units in North Carolina will receive an additional \$1,239,100.00 in Impact Aid to operate schools during the 1973-74 school year. The announcement came as a result of recent court action brought against the Nixon administration by several states and Cumberland County and Onslow County local education agencies. Perquimans County schools will receive \$3,673.

According to Carlton Fleetwood, Director of Federal-State Relations for the Department of Public Instruction, Impact Aid is allocated to school units with a high concentration of military dependents on the basis of two formulas. "A" students are

children of parents who are employed by the military and also live on a military base. "B" students are children of parents who are employed by the military, but do not live on a military base.

For each "A" student, the school unit receives one-half of the National Average Per Pupil Expenditure (\$430.14). For each "B" student the federal government provides one-fourth of the NAPPE (\$215.07).

### BIG BUSINESS

The home sewing industry has grown 66 percent in the past three years. Of the \$1,900 million spent on fabric alone in 1972, more than half was for women's apparel.

## Sponsored Locally

Registrations for the 1973 Punt, Pass, and Kick competition sponsored locally by Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co. continue to roll in. The contest is open to any youngster eight through 13 years of age.

Any youngster meeting the age requirements, who can punt, pass, or kick a football—or who'd like to try—will want to compete. In the contest, participants will compete only against others their own age, and there will be no body contact.

No special equipment is needed and participation does not impair a youngster's amateur standing. Each youngster will compete in three categories—punting, passing, and kicking. Judges will score one point for each foot the ball travels on the fly, minus one point for each foot the ball lands to the right or left of the center tape.

Youngsters, accompanied by a parent or guardian, may register for PP&K at Winslow-Blanchard. There is no entrance fee.