

Weekly Report From Raleigh



COUNTY CHAMPION — Shown above on the left is Joe Sugg, of the N.C. Peanut Growers Assoc., presenting Preston Nixon, Rt. 1, Hertford, the County Champion award in Peanut Production.



PLACES SECOND — Shown above on the right is Stanley Blanchard, Rt. 2 Edenton, receiving 2nd. place award from Broughton Dail of Hertford Supply Company.



PLACES THIRD — Shown above on the right is Ed Nixon, Route 1, Hertford, receiving third place award given by Hertford Farmers Exchange, from Billy Griffin, Associate Agricultural Agent.

REPRESENTATIVE STANFORD WHITE
At the close of our session today, there have been approximately 1900 bills introduced in the House and the majority of these bills are local bills from all of our 100 counties. I have to date introduced about 25 local bills that represent the First District. As there is some controversy in regard to a couple of these bills, before they are finally read the third time, I will be in touch with those people who are

4-H Club Meets

Wayne Ashley, of the Bank of North Carolina, N.A. was a guest at the Wynnfork 4-H Club at their February meeting, on Wednesday, February 20. Mr. Ashley addressed the club with the importance and purpose of the Heart Fund Drive, and explained to them the part they could play in a iding the county in their Heart Fund Drive. The club adopted the Heart Fund Drive as a community service project and decided to take part in soliciting contributions throughout the county on Heart Sunday. In the form of new business the club voted to conduct a money making project in March. The club will sell donuts in Hertford on Friday, March 8. Donuts may be secured from any 4-H Club member or orders may be called in - in advance - to the County Extension Office (426-7697). The program "How Food Affects Your Body" was presented by Club leader, Mrs. Earline White.

Demo Hearing Set

State Democratic Chairman James R. Sugg urges all Democrats to attend and participate in public hearings on Saturday, March 2nd at 10:00 A.M. being held in each of North Carolina's Congressional districts on the Plan of Organization, the Party's basic rules. The public hearing for this district will be held at Pitt Co. Courthouse District Courtroom in Greenville.

The Plan of Organization Study Committee has devised a rough draft of proposals which will form the basis for discussion at the public hearings.

All Democrats are invited to attend the hearing in their district and to voice their opinions.

most concerned. As I am sure all of you realize, it is almost impossible to pass a bill when there are different feelings about the bill within the area involved. I realize that some of you could think that your ideas are not being taken into consideration. This is one of the hardest things that a representative has to do—that is try to find what is best for the area when there is disagreement about something. I am today, along with Representative Mason, introducing a bill that would provide for the sale of commercial fishing licenses in all counties containing coastal fishing waters. This is something that all the commercial fishermen in our area are very concerned about. About a year ago, all the commercial fishermen's licenses were taken from the agents in all of the coastal counties which included the eight counties I represent. They now have to secure their licenses by writing the Commercial Fisheries Department in Morehead City. Sometimes it takes as long as two weeks for them to secure the license so that they can pursue the livelihood they have engaged in over the years. As we all are aware of, the small fisherman only has a small income and he is not always in position to secure the license until the run of fish or crabs or other seafood is already in the area. So having to send to Morehead City for their licenses can cause the crabbers and other fishermen to miss as much as two weeks of their best fishing. I have received material pertaining to Jockey's Ridge from Mrs. Caralista Baum who is working so hard to have Jockey's Ridge become the site of a state park. I have also received several encouraging letters about this from local people as well as from people who live outside our District. Everyone mentions the beauty of Jockey's Ridge

and the importance of keeping it in its natural state. Its scenic beauty and uniqueness make it one of the most popular spots on the eastern coastline. We are going to do our best to secure state funds for the purpose of establishing a state park at Jockey's Ridge. The ECU Medical School issue has been most prominent during this session of the General Assembly. There have been three public hearings here in the Legislative Building this week in regard to this. After attending these meetings, I must be honest in saying that at this point I cannot give you the information that I would like to. This is one of the most controversial bills that I have had the occasion to be connected with but I do feel that something good will come from it. I know everyone is interested in the land management bill which has had so much publicity, both in the 1973 session and the 1974 session. The majority of people who have contacted me feel that we should have a land management bill and they are willing to endorse such a bill provided the majority of the members of the board which would govern this would come from the coastal counties. These members would be appointed by the Governor. We have yet to work out the number to be involved and what counties of the twenty-two they should come from. Also, we from the coastal area, feel that any person whose land is taken by the state for any purpose should be compensated for same at a fair market price and that appraisal of land taken should be made by competent, licensed appraisers. A bill was introduced last week that would provide for consumer no-fault automobile insurance. I believe some form of no-fault insurance will come out of this session of the General Assembly.

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Complete equipment specifications and installation instructions for same may be obtained from Mr. J.C. Powell, Clerk to Board, Perquimans County Courthouse, Hertford, N. C., 27944.

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Lester H. Simpson, Chairman
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