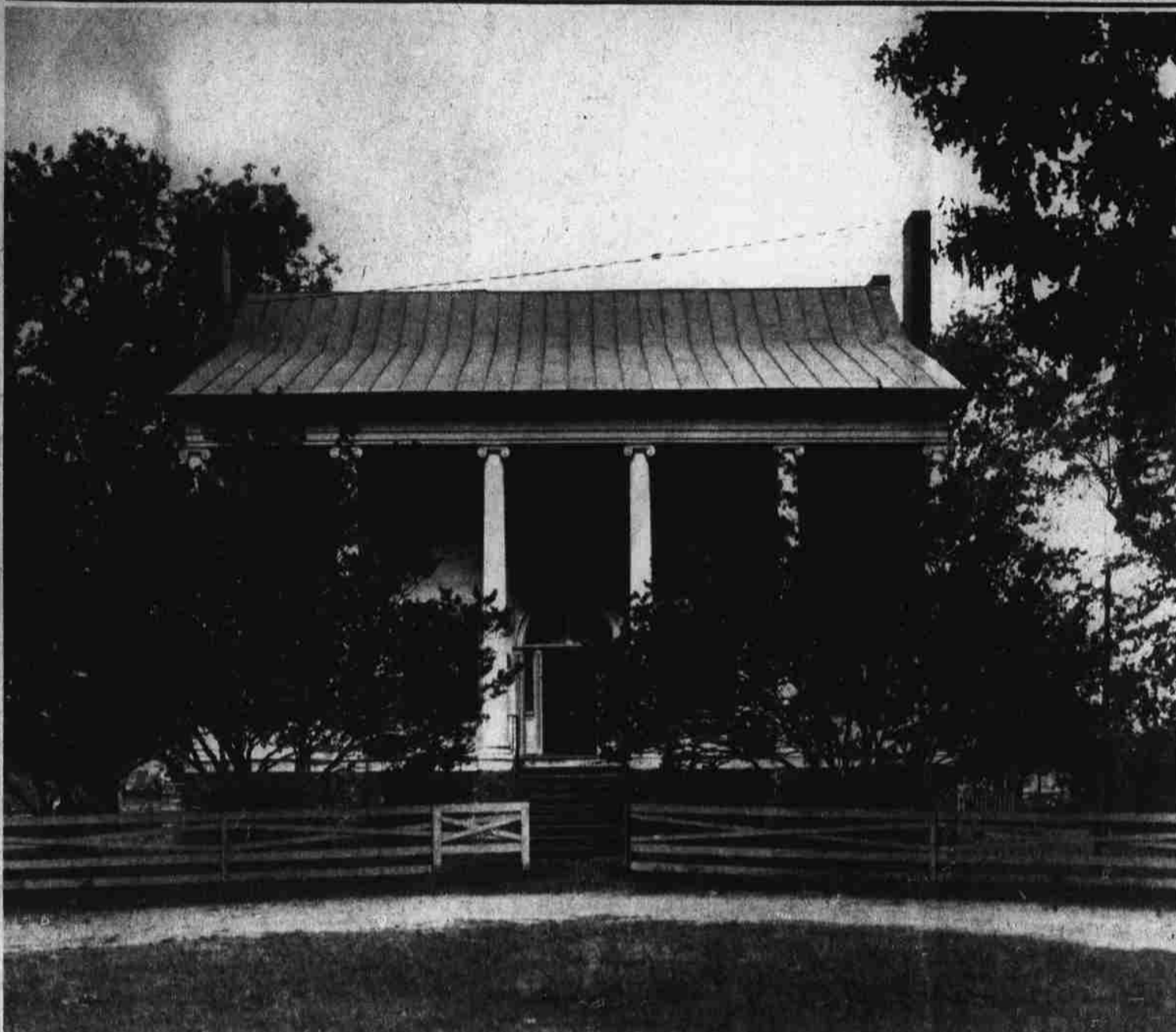


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**NOMINATED** — Cove Grove in Perquimans County has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Dr. Thornton Mitchell, acting state historic preservation officer. The register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

Cove Grove was built, probably about 1830, for Benjamin Smith Skinner, a prominent planter, patron of education, and principal supporter of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Hertford. The

large plantation house with its colossal Ionic columns is an unusually graceful and impressive coastal-type house, combining the boldness of the Greek Revival with much of the delicacy of the late Federal period. Its dramatic double porches engaged under the main roof and its well-executed exterior and interior detail make it an outstanding member of an important regional group of houses, including Land's End, Athol, and the Edmund B. Skinner house; it is apparently the earliest, stylistically, of the group.

## Landowner Benefits From Reforesting

A new program designed to increase the supply of wood available to meet our nation's future needs has begun in all counties in North Carolina. The federally sponsored Forest Incentives Program, known as FIP, became operational this spring across the United States.

"Under this new program, a landowner can receive up

to 75 per cent of the cost of reforesting his land," according to County Forest Ranger Lewis Stallings. "But this is for forestry work only," Lewis Stallings said, "and funds are not available under the Forest Incentives Program for planting windbreaks or putting in irrigation ditches. This program will increase the amount of wood growing

in our forests now so the wood will be available and ready for use when needed 20 years from now."

Under the Forest Incentives Program, any individual, group, association, or corporation owning private non-industrial commercial forest lands are eligible for assistance. The land must be capable of producing a merchantable timber crop and of growing at least 50 cubic feet of wood per acre per year.

According to County Forest Ranger Lewis Stallings, "If the land doesn't meet these minimum standards, it will not be eligible for assistance. Persons or businesses which regularly engage in the manufacture of forest products, such as pulp mills, sawmills, plywood mills, and so forth, are not eligible for FIP funds either."

The Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service is administering this program in consultation with the North Carolina Forest Service. In order to receive assistance under the Forest Incentives Program, the landowner needs a forest management plan which has been approved by the N.C. Forest Service, who will also make the field examination of the land. Applications of cost-sharing are made to the local ASCS office and approved by the county committee.

Additional information on the Forest Incentives Program is available by contacting the local office of the ASCS, or calling Perquimans County Forest Ranger Lewis Stallings at 297-2557.

## Garden Month Observed Here

The first 30 days of spring, March 21 to April 21, have been proclaimed "Home Garden Month" in Perquimans County in keeping with a statewide proclamation by Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr.

The County Board of Commissioners joined in the state observance—the first of its kind in North Carolina—by adopting a local proclamation suggested by W.C. Strowd, Agricultural Extension Agent.

Strowd said special emphasis is being placed on home gardening by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service in all 100 counties through a program called GIFE, for "Gardening Is For Everyone." "There is unprecedented interest throughout the state, in-

cluding in our own county, in people growing part of their fruit and vegetable needs," W.C. Strowd said. "With assistance from North Carolina State University, the county extension office is attempting to respond to this high interest with useful information. We are also trying to attract as many new gardeners as possible."

The Agriculture Extension Agent said "1974 seems to be the ideal year to have a garden," calling attention to rising food costs, gas shortages that promise to limit weekend travel and growing interest among families and individuals spending free time in a constructive manner.

Printed materials on gardening and other assistance are available from the county extension office.

## Family Planning Claimed To Provide Many Benefits

Family planning involves familiarizing all segments of society with information that will enable them to achieve optimum physical, social and emotional well-being.

Improved economic status results from better health, which in turn results partly from family planning. In short, family planning means having the chance to decide, with personal freedom and dignity, how many children you want and when you have them.

It creates the opportunity for all parents regardless of age, sex, race, income or creed, to improve their economic status by having only the number of children that can be adequately taken care of within the family.

Jim Lewis, the executive director of Albemarle Human Resources Development System re-emphasizes that the goal of family planning is to "strengthen the integrity of the family and to provide the family with freedom of choice in determining family

size by spacing of children."

Region R's comprehensive Family Planning Program with the cooperation of health and social service agencies of the region, has as its major goal the improvement in quality of family life in 10 counties — Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

By talking to men and women about the importance of planned families, the Family Planning Program aims to make every child a wanted child.

An outreach worker is available in every county. Her job is to provide educational information, transportation to and from clinics and to check in participants to make sure they are doing well in the following months. If need be, she also refers participants to other agencies for help in other health areas. There is only one counselor for each area. She helps with case finding,

clinics, referrals and counseling in the area of contraceptives.

All nurses on each team are registered nurses who aid the physician with the clinics. The nurses primary responsibility is the delivery of health services to the patient.

Another aspect of family planning is the Permanent Birth Control Program, directed by DR. John Crawford (physician in clinics). Any male or female interested in and meeting all requirements for sterilization may take part in this program. Sterilization (vasectomy for men and tubal ligation for women) is a permanent procedure for preventing pregnancy. For further information call any family planning office.

Within the educational field, family planning now has branches into teacher-counselor training with one hour teacher certification courses being offered in family life education. Many areas such as financial responsibility, emotional aspects, contraceptives and teacher role in family life education are discussed in each course.

Two separate courses are offered one on the elementary level and the other on the secondary level. School systems have responded positively and at the present all family life education courses are succeeding with marked results.

Mary Belch, Family Planning Program coordinator, commented that family planning "includes more than the dispensation of contraceptives. It also provides medical consultation, physical examinations, prescriptions for desired contraceptives, laboratory testing, follow-up care, and education as well as outreach services."

As is evident by all clinic reports and the above comments, family planning has been and will continue to be a far reaching service in the Albemarle Area.



Mary Belch & Jim Lewis

## Horse Bills Considered

The General Assembly is presently considering several bills which will affect the North Carolina Horse Industry.

Legislation to permit the N.C. Department of Agriculture to control and eradicate equine infectious anemia, a horse disease, leads the list.

The virus infection, known as EIA, is usually fatal to horses. Those contracting it through insect bites or contaminated instruments such as syringes, etc. become lifetime carriers. There is no known cure or vaccination for EIA.

Under the bill (House 448) the N.C. Board of Agriculture would be empowered to require negative EIA tests of horses prior to sale, exhibition or assembly

at any public place.

In other livestock legislation the General Assembly is considering House Bill 1405 which would amend G.S. 44A-2 (c) which would extend the lien period for those engaged in boarding animals beyond the present 90 days.

Also the North Carolina State Fair, a division of the NCDA, has a supplemental budget request before the Legislature for remodeling the existing livestock barns. The new pavilion, as it is called, would be shared by the state's livestock industries. It would stable 500 horses, provide sleeping quarters for attendants, have a sales ring, a small show ring, restaurant, meeting rooms and storage space. The estimated cost is \$1.2 million.

## More Gas For County

Perquimans County has received an additional 65,000 gallons of gasoline for its March allocations.

This gasoline will be distributed through local service stations.

The additional gasoline came as a result of concrete efforts by Tom Brown, field co-ordinator for the Governor's Energy Panel. Brown presented the case to officials in Raleigh. Brown told the panel of the problems commuting persons have who must drive to the Tidewater Area for employment.

The first delivery came last Thursday.

With this additional allocation the county will still be 15 to 20 per cent short.

Mayor Bill Cox, a service station operator himself said, "I think the allocations came about due to the efforts of Tom Brown and his position as co-ordinator."

"I hope this will reduce the long lines," Cox added.

## Flower Show

The Spring Flower Show, which is sponsored by the Dunes of Dare Garden Club, Kill Devil Hills will be held at Kitty Hawk Elementary School April 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. and April 7 from noon to 5 p.m.

The theme of the show will be "The Moods of Spring." The public is invited to attend the show. The Kitty Hawk School is located on Highway 158 near the Wright Memorial Bridge.



J. PARKER CHESSON

## Chesson Completes PhD Requirements

J. Parker Chesson Jr., Dean of Instruction of College of The Albemarle, completed requirements last week for a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) in Science Education.

The degree will be conferred May 11 at North Carolina State University at Raleigh. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Chesson of Route 3, Hertford, Chesson was a biology instructor at the college prior to his appointment as dean in July, 1973. Chesson has received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from East Carolina University at Greenville.

His thesis for the doctorate involved a study of the biology programs at COA, Sandhills Community College at Southern Pines and Southeastern Community College at Whiteville.

Chesson supervises all college instructional programs which include library services, hiring and evaluation of all faculty and staff in these areas, scheduling of classes and developing new programs. "I thoroughly enjoyed teaching," Chesson said, "but my job now is a challenge." The dean plans

two new programs in the fall - welding and medical secretary.

Chesson is married to the former Wynda Lyle Chappell of Belvidere. The couple has two daughters, Daphne, six years old and Melanie, two. They make their home at 121 Pineview Drive.

In addition to freshwater fishing, Chesson likes gardening and yardwork. His hobby is nature photography, and his camera is always with him when he travels.

"College of The Albemarle contains a heterogeneous student body. It is a challenge to help students who did not do well in high school and want to go to college," the dean concluded.

## Accepting Applications

Albemarle Academy is now accepting applications for Kindergarten. Children, who will be five on or before December 31, 1974, are eligible. Tuition will be \$325, plus a \$25. application fee. Application or information may be obtained by contacting the school office (338-6141).

## Social Security Increase

Monthly social security benefits will be increased in two steps starting with checks sent out in April. The overall increase will amount to 11 per cent for most beneficiaries. Seven percent of that will be included in checks delivered in April. The other 4 percent will be included in checks delivered in July.

People getting social security don't have to do anything to get the higher payment. The increase will be added to checks automatically.

The increase will enhance the financial security of about 30 million people who get social security retirement, disability, and survivors benefits.

Average social security retirement payments will increase from \$167 to \$179 a month starting with payments in April—and to \$186 starting with payments in July.

Average social security disability payments will increase from \$184 to \$197 a month starting with payments in April—and to \$206 starting with payments in July. Average survivors payments to a widowed mother with two children in her care will increase from \$391 to \$418 starting with payments in April—and to \$435 starting with payments in July.

The percentage rate of social security deductions from covered earnings remains 5.85 percent each for employees and employers—and has been reduced from 8 percent to 7.9 percent for self-employed people.

The amount of yearly earnings subject to social security deductions has been increased from the first \$12,000 to the first \$13,200 for 1974.