

# Local Briefs

## Corn production meeting

The annual corn production meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at

the Hertford Grammar School Cafeteria.

## Conference slated

The area fruits and vegetable conference will be held on Wednesday, January 15th from

10:00 a.m. 'til 3:00 p.m. at the Pasquotank Agricultural Extension Office, Elizabeth City.

## Sibling class set

Expecting a new arrival at your house? Albemarle Hospital's Big Brother and Sister is ready to teach your youngsters all about the new baby coming.

The class, offered every two months, is free and open to parents, grandparents and siblings-to-be. It is held in the AHEC classroom area, adjacent to the Emergency entrance of Albemarle Hospital. Children of all ages are welcome, although the class is most effective for those three and older. The ideal time for children to attend, is during the last three months of mother's pregnancy.

Big Brother and Sister Class is taught by JoAnn Scott, a registered nurse with Newborn Nursery and teaching experience. Mrs. Scott is currently working in patient education in the newborn and obstetrical care areas of Albemarle Hospital.

In order to help Mrs. Scott prepare for the class, she has requested that parents call and pre-register their little ones for the class anytime between now and the class date. Call 335-0531, extension 473 for registration and more information, through the Public Relations Office.

## COA offers courses

The Continuing Education Department of COA will offer the following courses beginning Jan. 7 (Registration will run for 2 weeks).

Archaeology; Tues, 7-10 p.m.; Newbold-White House, Hertford.

Guitling; Tues, 7-10 p.m.; Rocky Hock Comm. Bldg.

Color Analysis-Wardrobe, Tues, 5:30-7 p.m., Holmes High School, Edenton, NC.

For more information call 482-8426 on T-Th nights or 482-7544.

## Edenton Jazz claims title

Two teams from Edenton, Jazz and the Nuggets, met in the final game of the Midget Basketball Tournament which was held after the New Year. The championship game came down to the final seconds when J. Jernigan, a Jazz team member was successful at his free throw attempt which proved to be the winning basket making the final score 25-24.

Open Class PTL and Peoples Bank Celtics, both from Perquimans County, advanced to the semi-finals before losing to Jazz and the Nuggets, respectively.

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# VA mortgage rate is lowered

CHARLOTTE, NC—For the second time in three weeks the federal government has lowered the maximum interest rate on U.S. government-backed home

mortgage loans. The drop—from 11 to 10.5 percent—is effective December 13 and is the lowest the rate has been since September 25, 1979.

The lower rate means a change in the monthly principal and interest payment for a new \$60,000 30-year level payment loan from \$571.40 to 548.85, a \$23 difference (figures rounded).

For each half-point drop in the rate homebuyers need approximately \$100 less monthly income to qualify for the loan, according to Karl Mendenhall, senior vice president with Cameron-Brown Company, the nation's ninth largest mortgage banker. Mendenhall added that for every percentage point drop in the rate an estimated 1.5 million additional American families can qualify for a home loan.

This is the fifth time this year the VA rate has dropped. The most recent drop — to 11 percent — came November 20. The all-time high for the VA rate was reached September 14, 1981 at 17 1-2 percent. Mendenhall said the latest drop in the rate "is most likely due to the fact that it didn't drop enough the last time to stimulate the market properly. It means that this is an excellent time to buy a home."

Interest rates on 30-year fixed-rate conventional loans are currently in the 10.75 to 11 percent range.

## Deadline for internship applications set

Now is the time to start looking for those summer jobs.

College students who are interested in state government internships for the summer of 1986 must apply by Jan. 17.

A total of 100 internship positions will be available in locations across the state. Students will work for 10 weeks, May 30 to August 8, and will earn approximately \$150 per week. They will attend seminars and tours to learn more about state government.

To be eligible for an internship, a student must be attending a North Carolina college, university, community college or technical institute or be a North Carolina resident attending an equivalent out-of-state institution. College and university students must have completed their

sophomore year, while students in a two-year technical program must have completed one year of study.

Students must submit the N.C. State Government Internship Application Form. Other applications forms will not be accepted.

Applications and information about specific projects, guidelines and the selection process are available at campus career placement offices. Internship application forms are also available at local Employment Security Commission Job Service offices.

For more information, contact the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, N.C. Department of Administration, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27603 or call (919) 733-996.

## Award deadline set

Distinguished Women of North Carolina awards will be presented to as many as five women next spring. The recipients will be only the third group to receive the honor.

Last year's recipients were Virginia B. Davis of Stoneville; Elizabeth Duncan Koontz of Salisbury; Jane Smith Patterson of Raleigh; Barbara Gardner Proctor of Chicago, formerly of Black Mountain; and Florence I. Ryan of Asheville.

Nominations for 1986 awards must be submitted by Jan. 15.

Nominees must be living, native-born North Carolinians or current residents of the state. Their achievements may be in business, education, health, agriculture, government, sports, arts, humanities, volunteer service and other areas.

Recipients will be selected by a committee of citizens appointed by the chair of the N.C. Council on the Status of Woman, which is an agency within the N.C. Department of Administration.

For more information and nomination forms, contact the N.C. Council, on the Status of Women, 526 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604, or call (919) 733-2455.

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