Farming news

Governor Martin supports funding for state conservation programs

RALEIGH-Gov. Jim Martin today announced that the state will provide \$200,000 this year to soil and water conservation districts as matching funds for soil and water conservation programs.

The funds will be dispersed through the state Soil and Water Conservation Commission, which receives the \$200,000 annually from the General Assembly to support each county's soil and water conservation districts.

Once the districts meet the requirements and the counties appropriate matching funds on a 50-50 basis, the Commission will disperse \$2,000 to respective districts.

The funds are used for secretarial and technical personnel, education, supplies and communications.

Soil and water conservation districts-staffed locally by elected or appointed supervisors who volunteer their time-review and approve applications for the state's Agriculture Cost-Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution and coordinate local conservation education programs for landowners and youth.

The Commission sets guidelines for the state's cost-share program and matching funds. The Division of Soil and Water Conservation in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development provides staff assistance.

State reduces traffic congestion

RALEIGH-The state transportation department has found a way to reduce traffic congestion on US-17 at Bridgeton in Craven County.

Delays and traffic backups occur on the highway when the drawbridges across the Trent and Neuse Rivers are opened to allow water traffic to pass.

Beginning Wednesday August 12, the department will erect signs on US 17 at Vanceboro and New Bern to direct motorists onto a series of prinary and secondary roads bypassing Bridgeton. The bypass will be signed as NC-43 to provide continuity to the route. NC-43 currently extends from

RALEIGH-Senate Bill 1241, distil-

lery tax credit changes that will cre-

ate an ethanol industry and enhance

production of corn in North Carolina,

has passed the North Carolina Gen-

eral Assembly on the final day of the

legislative session. The new law, in-

troduced by Sen. Harold Hardison of

Lenoir County, will become effective

The law, which drew strong sup-

port from both the Corngrowers As-

sociation and the North Carolina

Farm Bureau, provides a 20-percent

tax credit for the construction of an

ethanol production facility. Location

of the new plant, as yet undecided,

will most likely be in the eastern part

of the state and employ 175 people.

The ethanol facility will immediately

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just south of Warrenton in Warren County to Vanceboreo.

The bypass will be 18.2 miles long or 2.7 miles shorter than the US 17 route between Vanceboro and south of New Bern.

Randy D. Doub of Greenville, who represents Craven County on the state Transportation Board, urged motorists not headed directly to the New Bern-Bridgeton area to use the

Doub said motorists headed south to Jacksonville and Wilmington and north to Washington, Greenville and Elizabeth City will save time by taking the bypass.

generate \$60 to \$75 million in con-

struction costs into the North Caro-

Ted Ivey, president of the Corn-

growers Association of North Caro-

lina, praised Sen. Hardison and the

legislative leadership for their role

and said the ethanol distillery plant

will be a boon for family farms in the

whose income depend on the produc-

tion of corn. This new plant will even-

tually use 25 million bushels of corn

per year. Methods are now under

study that would even allow the plant

to safely use drought-stressed alfa-

toxin tainted corn, which in the past

has caused great monetary loss to corngrowers," Ivey said.

"There are 25,000 farm families

State passes ethanol legislation

lina economy.

DOT crews will begin erecting signs designating the NC-43 bypass next week. The signs on US-17 directing motorists onto the bypass will be erected on Wednesday. The signs south of New Bernwill go up at 8 a.m. with the ones at Vanceboro set to be erected later that day.

The NC-43 bypass will use sections US-17 Business, Weyerhaeuser Road (Secondary Road 1482), Secondary Road 1400, Secondary Road 1401, NC-55, Glenburnie Road (US-70 Business), US-70 Bypass, and South Glenburnie Road (Secondary Road 1309).

'Sen. Hardison's efforts, the work

of Representative John Kerr and

Senator Henson Barnes, both Demo-

crats from Wayne County, and Ver-

non James, D-Pasquotank, as well as

the leadership of the House and Sen-

ate, were instrumental in gaining

passage of this important legis-

Proponents of the ethanol industry

say that ethanol enhanced fuels burn

cleaner and will help reduce the de-

pendence on foreign imported oil. Ap-

proximately 50 million gallons of

ethanol are currently being shipped

annually into North Carolina. North

Carolina production of ethanol is ex-

pected to greatly reduce that

WILD with their own teaching

lation," Ivey said.



Area farmers and extension agents gathered last week in Hertford for the annual test plot tour sponsored by the Perquimans Extension Office. Farmers were given an opportunity to see various test plots and their results throughout Perquimans County.

formation on webworms

usually during the evening.

Fall webworms are not tent caterpillars in fall dress, say experts at the N.C. Botanical Garden at the University of North Carolina at Chapel

The communal web tent is the home and feeding ground for the larval or caterpillar stage of a tigar moth, a relative of the woolly bear caterpillar.

Trees the webworms favor most for snacking are the ash cherry willow and apply. In this area, they munch heartily on the sourwood as

Landis promoted

ROCKY MOUNT, NC.-H. Kel Landis, Peoples Bank Executive Vice President, has been appointed Peoples Bancorporation's first Holding Company Administrator by Robert R. Mauldin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Landis' new duties include providing coordination on mergers and acquisitions, investigating additional opportunities in non-banking activities, overseeing strategic planning, and taking over administrative responsibility for the Audit, Investor Relations, and Legal

Departments. According to Mauldin, 'The holding company needs the attention of a full time administrator in order to facilitate future growth and progress and to deal with the increasing complexity of a multi-bank holding company. With Kel's financial management background and years of experience with Peoples, we feel fortunate that e is the one who will be assuming the responsibility of this much needed position. We are certain that Peoples Bancorporation will benefit from his serving in this capacity.'

Landis has been serving in the financial management area of the bank for most of his banking career.

AND ONE MATTRESS!

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The female moth lays from 200-500 eggs on the underside of the tree leaves. The masses of eggs are covered with white hair from the female's body. When the eggs hatch about a week later, the larvae begin a web around the leaves. This is done

When the caterpillars are one-anda-quarter inches long, after six molts in four to six weeks, they wander away to pupate individually in gray cocoons possibly in a rubbish pile, on a fence or in crevices in tree bark.

Fall webworms nests are much like tent caterpillar nests except tent caterpillar nest are in the crotch of branches and fall webworms tents are in the tips of branches. The difference results because the tent caterpillars leave the protected nest to feed on leaves, and the fall webworms build their nests around their feeding areas. The fall webworm is seldom seen outside its nest.

Although the webworm's nest seems safe, the caterpillars do fall victim to birds, hornets and wasp. Yellow warblers especially enjoy dining on webworm caterpillars and can easily annihilate an entire colony. Wasps do not cause as much damage. They either sting a caterpillar or chew on it awhile before taking the larva to their nest.

Fall webworms likely will not destroy trees, but the web is unsightly. For gardeners who have fall webworms and do not want them, two remedies exist: the branch can be cut and burned, or it can be sprayed with bacillus thuringiensis.

Teachers participate in project

A new science-teaching method in North Carolina's public schools may have students turning into grasshoppers, shrews and hawks when they return to school this Fall.

Under a correlation plan between the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and the state Department of Public Instruction, students may get a better understanding of the reasons for protecting the state's natural resources. Some of the wildlife activities in the new plan call for students to pretend they are different animals-some predators and some preyto get an understanding of natural processes

This summer, 15 public school teachers matched the Commission's two Project WILD teaching manuals with guidelines set by the State Board of Education for science and social studies. Project WILD is a method endorsed and sponsored by wildlife and natural resources agencies nationwide to help school teachers with their lessons on the environment. North Carolina began using Project

In one lesson for sixth-graders, the teacher's goal, according to the state Department of Public Instruction, is that children learn the importance of natural resources. One Project WILD activity for that lesson calls for the teacher to divide the students into groups of grasshoppers, shrews and hawks and give them colroed pipe cleaners to represent food for the grasshoppers. Some of the pipe cleaners represent pollution. Since the shrews prey on the grasshopper and the hawk preys on the shrew, the activity shows how the shrew ingests more pollution when it eats the grass hopper. And, it shows how the pollution contamination multiplies when the hawk eats the shrew.

This leson demonstrates the principle of biological concentration of contaminants in the food chain in terms the students can easily under-

A \$2,500 grant from the N.C. Wildlife Federation paid the teachers to match activities described in Project

guidelines. Teachers divided into teams according to grade levels and subjects such as science and social studies to devise the new teaching method. A 15-page manual compiled by those teams will be delivered to 3.000 of the state's teachers who have attended Project WILD workshops in the past.

"Most of the activities provided in the Project WILD manual apply to science and social studies," said Rick Estes, supervisor of the Commmission's Educational Services

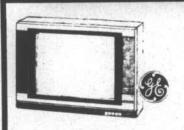
"For example, during a geography lesson for fourth-graders, teachers may show which native plants and animals live with humans in certain geographical regions and how they are important to the area.

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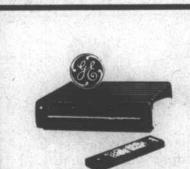
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child's pennies Media attention has recently focused on a series of seizures of chil-

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dren's bank accounts. According to the Internal Revenue Service, this is one childhood trauma

that could be avoided.

The new tax law requires any dependent age 5 or older to have a social security number of his-her own number. On existing accounts, parents should notify the bank of the child's social security number to eliminate potential problems.

By law a bank must have a social security number in order to set up an account. When parents set up an account for their child, many times a parent's social security number is used because the child does not have one. This can cause problems.

When a taxpayer owes back taxes, the IRS sends several notices and bills requesting payment. If the taxpayer does not pay voluntarily, the IRS is authorized to levy on any account listed in the taxpayer's name

A new procedure has been intitiated by the IRS in response to public concern, which adds a safeguard for innocent parties to collection actions - whenever a levy involves a joint account, the funds are frozen

Haw River man convicted

been convicted here in Alamance County District Court of operating a boarding kennel without a state li-

According to Al Eatman, animal welfare director with the N.C. Department of Agriculture, Roy C. Parker, Jr., owner of McRoy Kennels of Rt. 1, Haw River, was charged with operating the business from July 7 through July 11 without a state li-

cense issued by the NCDA. District Court Judge W. S. Harris, Jr. found prayer for judgment contin-ued on condition the defendant not violate the North Carolina Animal Welfare Act for five years and not apply for a state license during the same period of time. It was stipulated that if Parker violates the condition, he would be fined \$25 a day for each of the days he operated the kennel without a license

Prosecution of the case resulted from an investigation by the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Dapart-

and-or social security number.

until ownership can be verified.

GRAHAM - A Haw River man has ment of Agriculture. Under the law, it is the responsibility of the Veterinary Division to enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the state Animal Welfare Act.

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