

## Weekly constitution corner

By Charles W. Lowry  
D. Phil. (Oxon.) D.D.

The dog days of the Constitution Convention came not in August, but in the last third of June and the first third of July for twenty odd days. This was the period of sharp controversy and deep discouragement.

At base was a seemingly irreconcilable conflict of interest and convictions. The delegates of the smaller States, though not unanimously, were lined up against those of the larger States, especially Virginia and Pennsylvania. The nub and focus of controversy was the Legislative power and how it should be constituted. At stake was the republican principle, which today could be called, indifferently, the democratic principle. Were the people the true source of sovereignty? Should the majority rule? What about the interest of property, the role of wealth? Then there was the brutal fact that the United States of America then existing was a confederation of equal sovereign States. Was this a reality that could be overturned and forgotten?

Jonathan Day of New Jersey was sure that this could never happen. As late as July 14 he declared "the smaller States can never give up their equality."

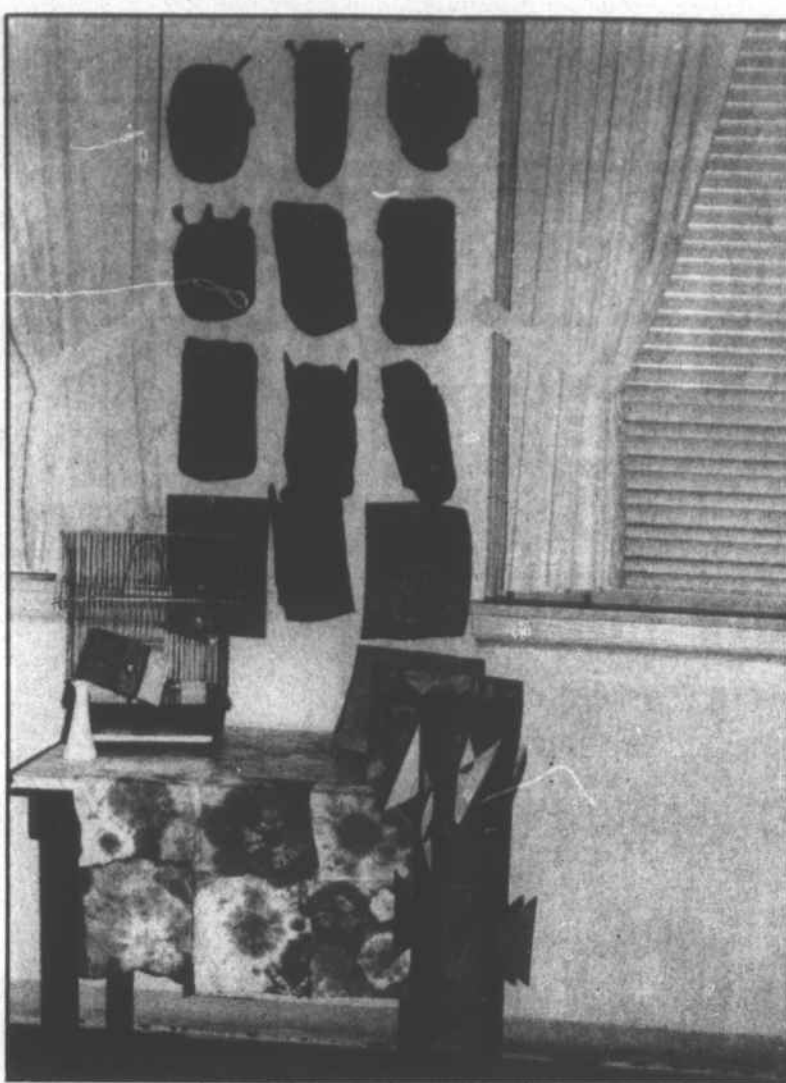
And there was the smouldering issue of slavery. There were in the Convention slave-owners from the Southern States. There were also delegates who did not believe in the "peculiar institution," including George Mason of Virginia, though he owned many slaves. How were the slaves who were certainly inhabitants and producers to be counted when it came to reckoning population and proportionality of representation? This issue raised temperatures among the delegates and occasioned sharp ex-



changes. It was eventually settled by the three-fifths formula first agreed to in a motion by James Wilson of Pennsylvania, seconded by Charles Cotesworth Pinckney of South Carolina, on June 11. But motions passed at one point were far from settling issues or stopping debate. There was great freedom in this Convention. That is why it is so interesting, and at times sensational, even spectacular, in ideas and views expressed.

An arresting example is one of the most influential delegates, Gouverneur Morris of Pennsylvania. This was a learned and very brilliant man, perhaps a trifle erratic.

He was sure wealth was important, property fundamental. He could say that "Property was the main object of Society." But this did not prevent his saying that he had come to the Convention "to form a compact for the good of America. He was ready to do so with all the States." (This was on July 12). A week earlier he had waxed eloquent in a prophetic vein: He came here, he avowed, "as a Representative of America; he flattered himself he came here in some degree as a Representative of the whole human race; for the whole human race will be affected by the proceedings of this Convention."



Pictured above is the art work which was used to decorate the lunchroom at Central School during "National School Lunchroom Week". The masks were done by Mrs. Lightfoot's room, pastel pictures were done by Mrs. Barcliff's room and Mrs. Hoggard's class, the flag was done by Mrs. Modlin's room, the tie die fabric was done by art classes at the middle school, and the totem pole is a project which the fifth grade will be doing soon.

## School's celebrate national lunchroom week

Students at Perquimans County Central School celebrated "National School Foods Week" last week. The students at Central School enjoyed foods with an international flair from around the world, throughout the week including American cuisine on Tuesday, African on Wednesday, Greek food on Thursday, and Scandinavian food on Friday.

The menu included such things as hamburgers, congo chicken with peanut sauce, and gyro sandwiches. All of the special items on the menu were prepared by the cafeteria staff, and throughout the week Mrs. Brenda Hollowell's art classes decorated the cafeteria to carry out the theme of the day.

## ECU to host open house

Greenville—East Carolina University will observe "Open House '87" on Oct. 31 with programs and tours of the campus for prospective students, their families and the public.

Sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, information sessions will be conducted at the Mendenhall Student Center from 9 a.m. until noon on admissions, student orientation, financial aid and

student life at ECU. Sessions are to begin at the start of each hour.

Academic information sessions will be conducted from 10 a.m. until noon. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet faculty members to discuss various academic programs and vocational options.

Campus tours will be conducted by the ECU Ambassadors, the university's student representatives.

**RE-ELECT**  
**W.D. (Bill) Cox**  
**MAYOR**  
OF HERTFORD  
**November 3, 1987**

— Your Vote and Support are needed and Appreciated —  
PAID FOR BY W.D. "BILL" COX

## Cost of food discussed

American farmers have always been proud of the fact that they are producing the world's best food bargain. Now that a major television network news report recently challenged that, it bears further examination.

The news report made the claim that Americans spend more on food than almost any other nation. Measuring only the total outlay of money spent for food, that's true enough, but other factors must be considered.

Our society is the world's most affluent. Americans demand food that is readily available and easily prepared. Most of the cost of food is in transportation, consumer convenience pre-preparation and the attendant cost of labor.

Like all well-fed nations, we can afford to address the question of food safety and quality. We have done this quite well, but not without adding cost. What we pay for is basically the freedom from worrying about our



food supply. In many nations, the quest for nourishment consumes nearly all of the waking hours of its people.

When analyzing all the demands Americans make on their food supply, there is only one fair way to determine the true cost of food and that is percentage of disposable income spent for food. By that yardstick, there is no contest. Taking an average of only 16 percent of after-tax income, American food is still the world's best food bargain.

## Pure bred duroc sale set

The North Carolina Duroc Breeders fall show and sale will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at the 4-H Livestock Arena in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The show will be in the afternoon and the sale at 7:00 p.m. Bred gilts, open gilts and boars will be offered for sale by Duroc Breeders from throughout North

Carolina. According to Jack Parker, Senior Extension Area Swine Specialist, this will be an opportunity for pork producers from throughout eastern North Carolina to buy top quality breeding animals to go into their herds.

## WGAI to change format

Mrs. Deborah Lamb, General Manager of WGAI Radio Station in Elizabeth City, announced October 19 that WGAI has joined hundreds of other radio stations nationwide in affiliating with Satellite Music Network.

"Pure Gold is complete live programming, with a full staff of exciting personalities playing "current" oldies music," Mrs. Lamb said. "We'll be playing Chuck Berry and the Beatles, Elvis Presley and Elton John. It's Ricky Nelson and Connie Francis and the Everly Brothers...the Beach Boys, the Lovin Spoonful and the Association...Simon & Garfunkel, Neil Diamond and Creedence Clearwater Revival. Pure gold is live oldies radio. As part of our Satellite Music Network affiliation, we will also be carrying Satellite News Network national news in addition to local news, which will give us immediate live coverage of national events as they happen."

Mrs. Lamb stressed Satellite Music Network is simply a live programming resource, and that WGAI will continue to serve the Albemarle Area as a local radio station. "This will give us the time and resources to strengthen our commitment to local news and information," she noted. "And we feel that the exciting, high quality music-and-personality programming of Satellite Music Network will attract a much larger audience for our many valued local advertisers. We're also looking forward to being able to concentrate on creating and producing more and better radio commercials for local businesses."

Satellite Music Network's Pure Gold programming is created, researched and actually aired by some of the most exciting and interesting oldies music programmers and personalities in the business," Mrs. Lamb concluded.

"We're glad to have them as part of our WGAI staff, and we're looking forward to great success as a Satellite music Network affiliate here in Elizabeth City."



The albatross has the greatest wingspread of any bird—11 feet from tip to tip.

## JIMMY'S BBQ

IS NOW SERVING  
BREAKFAST

- EGGS
- PANCAKES
- GRITS
- COUNTRY LINK SAUSAGE
- BACON
- HASH BROWNS
- BISCUITS
- STEWED APPLES

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**  
SERVING 6:30 - 9:30  
U. S. 17 Hertford

## Peanut market increases

PEANUT MARKETING UPDATE  
By: Jack Ward, Area Farm Management Agent

As you are now aware all peanut buyers in our area are offering premiums amounting to 110 percent of support grade for quota peanuts and 104 percent of support for additional. Recent marketing information indicates that premiums are even being paid for runner type peanuts (105 percent) and Spanish type peanuts (103 percent) in Texas. Late last week, Astor Nut Company, a manufacturer in Boykins, Virginia, temporarily offered 120 percent for quota peanuts to specific buying stations. This premium is not being offered at the present time. I do not know what the market will do, but some farmers are indicating that they intend to hold on to their peanuts a little longer for another increase in price. The N.C. Peanut Growers Association, Inc. suggests that farmers move their production to market as long as fair prices are being paid. The October 8, 1987 Crop Report projects that the total US production to be marketed will be slightly less than the 1986 crop marketings. The Virginia-North Carolina crop is projected to be 14 per-

cent below 1986 levels. This means two weak years back to back with a quality reduction also into play for this year. This is a marketing call that you have to make on your own. You do however have a new and up to the date marketing information source in the form of APMS, Inc., owned and operated by Curtis Hatcher decided to install a WATS line so that you as a producer could get information originating from the producers point of view. This program has just been implemented out of his personal funds and he is seeking support from concerned people or organizations. Your North Carolina Peanut Growers Association has furnished Mr. Hatcher \$200 for his endeavors. You as a producer are invited and urged to call APMS, Inc. at (800-346-1066) to get an up to date report on marketing conditions throughout the nation. A note of thanks to Gene Sullivan, N. C. State University Extension Service, Fleet Sugg, N. C. Peanut Growers Association, Inc., and Eddie Marks, PGCMA, for their courteous and informative responses to my requests for information about the marketing situation with peanuts.

## Are You Dreaming Of Buying A New Home?

Make your dreams come true with a home loan from Hertford Savings and Loan Association. We currently offer variable rate mortgage loans for first mortgages.

We've helped your friends and neighbors with their dreams for over 60 years. Come by and see us today.

## Hertford Savings & Loan Assn.

121 N. Church St.  
426-5403  
Hertford

## — ANNOUNCING —

### North Carolina DUROC BREEDERS Association

## DUROC SHOW & SALE

Open Gilts, Boars

## October 27, 1987

Show at 3 p.m.      Sale at 7 p.m.

Albemarle 4-H Livestock Arena  
Elizabeth City, N.C.