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LT. GOV. JIM HUNT

Flag To Be Presented Wednesday

North Carolina's Lieutenant Governor Jim Hunt will be in Hertford next Wednesday, Sept. 10 to be guest speaker for the Bicentennial flag presentation ceremonies. Several local events have been planned in connection with the visit and the honor of receiving the Bicentennial flag which will officially mark the naming of the town and county as a Bicentennial Community. The ceremony and presentation is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on the courthouse green in Hertford. Prior to the opening ceremony, the Hertford BPW Club will be sponsoring an old-fashioned ice cream social on the lawn beginning at 3 p.m. The

schedule of events are: Raising of the Colors by the American Legion Post 126, a welcome by Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, a presentation of music by the Hertford Fives and Drums; remarks by Joe Nowell, chairman of the Perquimans County Bicentennial Committee and remarks from Lester H. Simpson, chairman of the County Commissioners. The presentation of the Bicentennial flag will be made by Dr. Lawrence J. Wheeler, Communities Consultant for the North Carolina Bicentennial. Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt will follow as guest speaker. The day's event will conclude with a fish fry sponsored by the American Legion from 5-7 p.m.



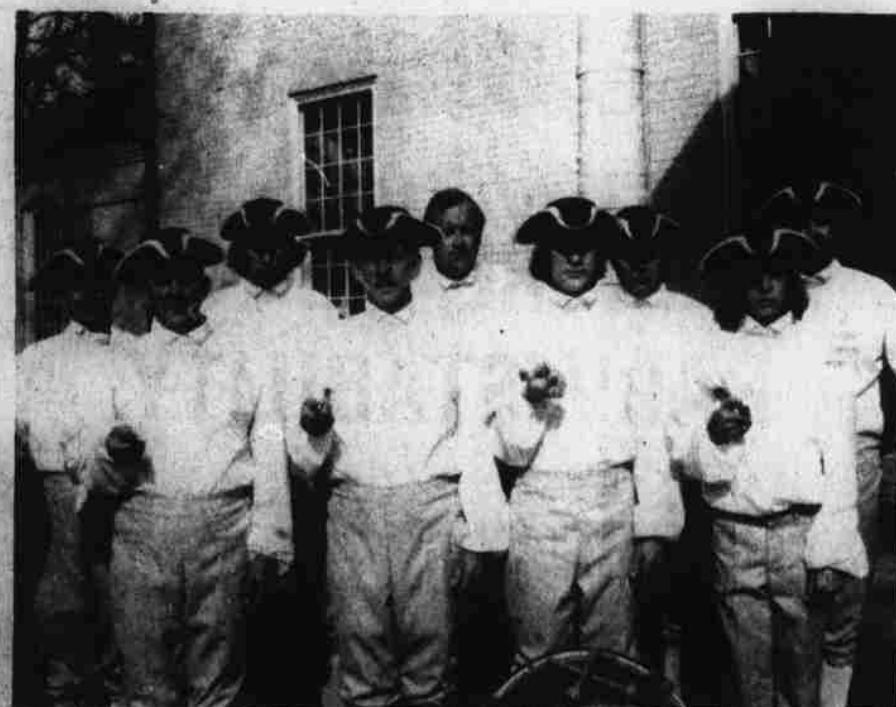
PLANNING — Conservative planning is the key to wise land use.

Conservation Planning In N.C.

Today, as one rides through the green country side, you may notice that a quiet revolution has been occurring on the rural farms, roadsides, fields, and woodlands of North Carolina. I am referring to the conservation revolution which has been taking place with the able guidance of the District Supervisors of the 92 Soil and Water Conservation Districts of North Carolina. Conservation practices have slowly changed the rural scene in North Carolina from one of red and brown, eroding fields, with little or no vegetative cover to protect the soil and hold the water on the land; to one of green, healthy fields with adequate vegetative cover to protect the soil and retain the water. Assisted by the Soil Conservation Service, which provides the technical knowledge and expertise, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors have been very successful in getting conservation practices applied on the land. These Soil and Water Conservation District

Supervisors are local people planning for the conservation and wise development of our state's soil and water resources; which is the reason the conservation revolution has been so successful. Good conservation practices which are established means: increasing incomes and efficiency through proper land uses; protecting land against all forms of soil deteriorations; rebuilding eroded and depleted soils; building up soil fertility; stabilizing critical run off and sediment producing areas; improving grasslands, woodlands, and wildlife habitats; conserving water for agricultural and municipal as well as other uses; proper agricultural drainage and irrigation; and reducing floodwaters and sediment damages. Each county in North Carolina has a Soil and Water Conservation District office, with or close to a Soil Conservation Service office; from which anyone may obtain help in the application of conservation

practices. So if you want local Soil and Water assistance contact your Conservation District office.



PRESENTATION — The Hertford Fives and Drums presented a musical program last Wednesday night on the courthouse lawn. The sunset program began at 7:15 p.m. and was attended by a small crowd. The program has been planned in connection with a scheduled visit by the Connecticut "Rebels". Although the visit by the New England group was cancelled the performance was carried on as planned. The Fives and Drums will also perform during the Bicentennial flag presentation next Wednesday beginning at 4 p.m.

Minimum Wages To Increase

Some 35,000 of North Carolina's lowest paid citizens will receive direct pay boosts on October 1, 1975

as a result of action taken by the 1975 General Assembly, State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel said today.

Ruling Made On National Teacher Exams

E.B. Palmer, associate executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of Educators announced today the first North Carolina statewide ruling concerning the National Teacher Examination (NTE).

issued to any teacher who was denied certification or rating since the adoption of the minimum cutoff score requirement.

According to Palmer, the long fight waged against the NTE by the NCAE and the National Education Association has finally ended in an overwhelming victory for the teachers of North Carolina.

However, the landmark decision does not prevent the state from reinstating a written test which may require a cutoff score. If the state wishes to establish such a written examination, it must have a cutoff score which has been deemed valid in measuring the minimum knowledge needed for competent teaching performance.

The decision to eliminate the NTE as a criteria for certification was handed down by Judge J. Braxton Craven representing a three-judge panel. Braxton, along with Judges Hainsworth and Dupree, declared the practice of certification of North Carolina teachers based upon NTE cutoff scores unconstitutional and discriminatory.

The decision by the panel of judges provides an injunction for the state to issue regular licenses for the plaintiff-intervenor and all other educators who are qualified for licensing except for their failure to attain the minimum NTE score requirement.

It further requires the state to issue regular certificates to each teacher holding an "NTE permit" or "non-standard" rating. Certificates will also be

Palmer said he "has been working since 1964 to eliminate the NTE and that this decision is one of the high achievements of his career." "After eleven years," said the education leader, "it is gratifying to see a three-judge panel agree with what I have espoused and restores my confidence in our American judicial process. The education profession is greatly relieved from the lifting of this awesome burden, at least for the time being", said Palmer.

The issue of back pay will be decided at a later date, said the state education leader.

E.B. Palmer, the NCAE and the NEA have fought many years in a fervent effort to render the use of the NTE illegal for the certification of North Carolina Educators.

"On Oct. 1, our statutory minimum wage will advance from the present \$1.80 per hour to \$2.00 per hour in establishments not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage-Hour Law)," said Commissioner Creel. "This increase will apply to employees in establishments having four or more employees."

"An undetermined number of those who will benefit from the higher minimum wage are persons 65 years of age and over," Creel added. "The General Assembly repealed the section of the law which hitherto has exempted these older people, and on Oct. 1 they will be entitled to the new \$2.00 an hour minimum wage."

Creel said the new wage floor will benefit mostly workers employed in relatively small retail and wholesale trade

establishments, service industry businesses, food service establishments, and assorted other small businesses. They work as retail sales clerks, wholesale trade sales workers, stock and material handlers, food service employees, and in a variety of other unskilled and semi-skilled service industry occupations.

"The General Assembly also provided the Labor Department with additional authority to help collect back wages due employees under the Minimum Wage Law," Commissioner Creel stated. "The newly enacted North Carolina Uniform Wage Payment Law, which will become effective January 1, 1976, will be a great help to us in insuring that employees covered by the Minimum Wage Law will receive the wages to which they are entitled under this law."

Scholarship Available

College scholarships from \$500 to \$5,000 are available to all high school seniors through the Betty Crocker Search for Leadership in Family Living, now under way in its 22nd year. Invitations to enroll in the program have been mailed to high schools across the nation. Schools new to the program may write the Betty Crocker Search, P.O. Box 1113, Minneapolis, Minn. 55440, for information.

Enrollment deadline is October 31, 1975. On Tuesday, Dec. 2, each participating school will administer a 50-minute written examination. Prepared and scored by Science Research Associates, Inc., Chicago, this general knowledge and attitude examination is the first important step of the scholarship program.

From the examination results a Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow will be chosen for each participating school. School winners are acknowledged with special

awards and their examinations are entered in state competition.

Each State Family Leader of Tomorrow receives a \$1,500 college scholarship while every state second-place winner receives a \$500 grant. State winners also earn for their school a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

State winners, each accompanied by a faculty advisor, will be the guests of General Mills next spring on an expense-paid tour of Washington, D.C. A special event of the tour is announcement of the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow, who's scholarship is increased to \$5,000. Second, third and fourth placenational winners receive scholarship increases to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

The Betty Crocker Search is on the advisory list of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Cancer Crusade Reaches A High

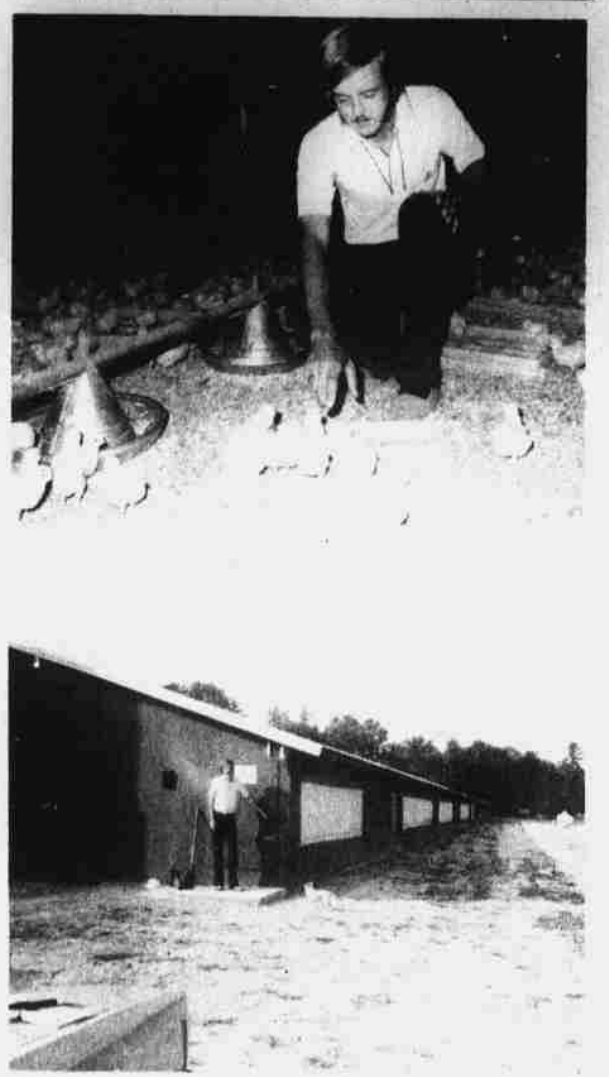
The primary objective of the American Cancer Society is to save lives through lay and professional education. While this primary objective is being sought, funds must be raised for other programs of research. More and more people in North Carolina are

becoming aware that knowledge about cancer leads to early detection and prompt treatment which can save 1/2 of those lives being lost.

Due to the great work of our volunteers Perquimans County Unit reached a record high in Crusade income in October 1974. However, there is always an increased need for improving our services and the amount allotted has been used up. The Service Chairman, Mrs. Charles Murray, has stressed the need for a very successful drive in October 1975 in order to lend assistance to patients in the County whenever the Perquimans County Unit is approached for funds.

Donations to the Memorial Fund are included as Crusade income and may be sent to Mrs. Henry Sullivan, Front St., Hertford.

For the coming year Mr. J. T. Biggers will be President and Mrs. Pat Harrell will serve as Vice-President. Mr. Gene Boyce will serve as Treasurer again and Mrs. William Tice will continue as Secretary. The next meeting of the Perquimans County Unit of the American Cancer Society will be held November 10, 1975 at the REA Building; please note change of meeting night.



OPEN HOUSE HELD — Open house for the newest Perquimans County Perdue Broiler house was held Sunday at the home of Thomas Chappell, Jr. just outside of Belvidere. In the top picture, Chappell is shown with some of the 16,000 baby chicks which will one day become Perdue broilers. In the bottom picture, Chappell is shown entering the long Perdue house. Several of the Perdue officials, friends and relatives attended the open house. (Newbern photos)

Election Announced

It was announced today by the Perquimans County Board of Elections that a non-partisan municipal election for the Town of Hertford and the Town of Winfall will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4. Voting on this election will be for the office of Mayor and two (2) commissioners for both towns. The filing date for candidates will open at 12 noon on Sept. 12 and close on Oct. 3 at 12 noon. The polls for the Nov. 4 election will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.



THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

The regular monthly meeting of Post 126 of American Legion will be held at 8 p.m. Commander Applewhite has requested the Executive Board members to be present for a special meeting at 7 p.m.

Meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Legion Home.

Meeting of the Hertford Lions Club.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

The Hertford Saddle Club will have a horse show beginning at 12 noon. The ring site is located one mile west of Hertford next to the Little League Ballpark.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

The UMW of the First Methodist Church will meet.

Hertford Town Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

The Wesley Circle will meet.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

Hertford Rotary Club meets.

Perquimans County Masonic Lodge No. 106 will have a meeting at 8 p.m. in the courthouse in Hertford.

The Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club meets.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

The Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor an OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM PARTY from 3 until 4 p.m. on the courthouse green. This will precede the presentation of the Bicentennial Flag to Perquimans County ceremonies. The public is invited to enjoy homemade pound cake and homemade, freezer ice cream. Prices are within everyone's reach.

In connection with the Bicentennial Flag Presentation at 4 p.m.; the American Legion Post No. 126 will sponsor a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$2 from any American Legion member or from the Chamber of Commerce.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

The Perquimans County Jaycees meet.

The Perquimans County Citizens Band Club will meet at 8 p.m. and every other Thursday thereafter. This will be the opening meeting for the calendar year, 1975-76.