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CONTEST JUDGES — Serving as judges for the Area Community Development Contest were (l. to r.) Miss Mary Ann Spruill, Dr. Joseph A. Phillips and Miss Nancy Abasiokong.



FROM BELVIDERE — The Community Development Committee from Belvidere includes: Mrs. Emma Lilly, Mrs. Eva Hurdle, Mrs. Reba Hurdle, Mrs. Marie White, Miss Sandra Welch, Mrs. Julia Winslow and Mrs. Vosthi Lilly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS — Members of the Beech Springs Rural Community Development Committee are pictured above (front row, l. to r.): Mrs. Hattie Williamston, Clarence Felton, Mrs. Willie Thatch and Mrs. Elsie Felton. Back row: Mrs. Emma Blanchard, Mrs. Frances Williamston, Mrs. Bessie Spellman, Mrs. Ernestine Felton and Mrs. Roxie Williamston.



Judging Held In Area Community Development

Judging was held Nov. 9-10 in the Area Community Development Contest. According to Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Agent, the county's organizational leaders in Rural Community Development put Perquimans County back into the mainstream

when they told the judges of the accomplishments made during the year.

The communities in the area judging were Belvidere (representative of a large community) and Beech Springs (representative of a small community).

The judges included Miss Nancy Abasiokong, Miss Mary Ann Spruill and Dr. Joseph A. Phillips. Miss Abasiokong is an Assistant Agent with Rural Community Development responsibilities in Mecklenburg County. She is a graduate of Berea College in Berea, Ky. and holds a B.S. degree in Home Economics. Miss Spruill is a specialist in Foods and Nutrition at N.C. State University in Raleigh. She holds a Masters degree in Foods and Nutrition from Virginia State Polytechnical Institute and N.C. State University. Dr. Phillips is Extension Soil Specialist with the Department of Soil Science at N.C. State. He has been with the soil department since 1968, working in the areas of soil management and land use. He has also been involved in community development

and land use planning since 1969.

The committees told the judges what the program has meant to the community and to the people. According to committee members, every person has felt the impact in one way or another.

Mrs. Taylor stated that the success of the Rural Community Development work can be credited to good working relationships between all people. She said, "The community must have leaders who see the whole community; leaders with different ways to solve problems; and leaders who have a strong sense of community loyalty."

She urged citizens to join in and continue to help keep Perquimans County in the mainstream of life by working together to make it a better place in which to live, work, and play.

Committee Election

According to the County Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service, nominees for the 1977 ASC Community Committee election have been named. The election will be held on Dec. 6. The following are the names of the nominees as they will appear on the ballot for each community: Belvidere — Savage Jolliff, Walter Murray Parker, Curtis R. Perry, George (Jack) Nowell Jr., L. Clinton Winslow; Bethel — Lawrence Corpew, S. Edgar Long, Donald Madre, Otis Newby, W. Dewey Perry Jr.; Hertford — M. Weldon Byrum, Clarence Felton, L. Wayne Howell, Ray Hunter, Oras W. Winslow; New Hope — William Wray Chappell, Belvin Eure, Robert H. Eure, A.L. Godfrey Jr., Henry Mallory; Nicanor — E.L. Hurdle Jr., J. Quincy Riddick, Seldon Rountree, Lloyd Stallings, Raymond White; Parkville — Ralph L. Layden, Floyd Long, W.E. (Ned) Mathews Jr., Floyd (Jack) Modlin, and L. Paul Smith Sr.

Ballots will be mailed to all known eligible voters in the county on Nov. 26. Any person who does not receive a ballot and thinks that he is eligible to vote may obtain a ballot at the County ASCS office, if determined to be eligible to vote in the committee elections. All farm owners, operators and producers are eligible to vote in this election. Each farmer may vote for three or less candidates listed on the ballot, or he may write in his choices on the lines provided at the bottom of the ballot. Ballots must be returned or postmarked not later than Dec. 6 to be counted. The certification on the envelope must be signed in order for the ballot to be counted.

The County ASCS Committee will publicly tabulate the voted ballots at the Perquimans ASCS office on Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.

The newly-elected committeemen will hold a County Convention to fill vacancies on the County ASC Committee on Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. in the ASCS office. These Community Committeemen also choose the County Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Perquimans Census Nears Completion

Mrs. Mildred Holliday, Supervisor of the Special Federal Census of Perquimans County, said this week that the Census is drawing to a close. Census Takers, who started canvassing the County on Nov. 3, have virtually completed their initial canvass, leaving some clean-up work (re-calling on persons who were not at home at the time of the initial visit) for the following few days.

In order to be certain that no permanent resident of Perquimans County is overlooked, Mrs. Holliday urged that residents who feel they may not have been included in the count, complete the special "Were You Counted?" form carried elsewhere in this issue. It should be clipped out and mailed immediately to the address given on the form. Those who wish to call, may contact the Census Office in Elizabeth City, 338-0136, and give the information. Mrs. Holliday said, "We want to be sure we have included every person who was living in Perquimans County on Census Day — Nov. 3."

She again emphasized that only bona fide residents of Perquimans County, or those who have no usual residence elsewhere, will be included. Specifically excluded from the count are students away from home attending college and those stationed away from home in the military. She also said that people who think they may have been counted should first check with other family members, who may have given the information in their absence to the Census Taker.

Mrs. Holliday said she expects shortly to have a preliminary population count for the County, as well as Hertford and Winfall, for release to County Commission Chairman Lester H. Simpson, and Mayors William D. Cox

and David R. Trueblood respectively. The Census being taken under the authority of and as directed by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended in 1970 and 1975, is being conducted in 28 counties throughout the Country. Shortly after the first of the year, sample surveys will be conducted in an additional 65 governmental jurisdictions in the Nation. After completion of both the Censuses and Surveys the compiled data will be presented to the Congress as statistical tables. As in all Censuses, no identifying information can be released about any individual, and only sworn Census employees may see personal information. Through the Special Census Perquimans County is gaining an up-to-date population count which ordinarily would not be available until after the 1980 Census, scheduled for April 1. This should prove to be a valuable tool to city and county planners and officials in planning the directions the County should take in the next several years.

Mrs. Holliday praised the cooperation of Perquimans County residents, who, by their cooperation with the Census Takers, have made the job easier. She also commended highly her work force of two Crew Leaders and 12 Census Takers, all local residents hired for the Census, whom she said have worked hard and been diligent in their efforts to make sure that every Perquimans County resident is counted.

The following persons have been taking the Census: Vanora Brothers, Crew Leader; Delphine Barr, Crew Leader; Margaret Knopf, County; Marie Byrum, County; Dianne Phelps, Hertford; Ann Winslow, Hertford; Hulda Wood, Hertford; Rita Saunders, County; Hazel Powell, Winfall; Elaine Lewis, County; Dorothy Burke, County; Teresa Overman, County; Ted Boswell, County.

Hertford Post Office:

Open Saturdays Until Christmas

HERTFORD — Hertford Postmaster Henry Stokes has announced two dates important to the public wishing for Christmas mail to be received on time. Dec. 3 is the suggested date for mailing all parcels and Dec. 10 is the suggested date for mailing all letters and greeting cards.

Stokes pointed out that the suggested mailing dates are earlier than usual due to the increased mail volumes generated by the 15-state United Parcel Service strike in the East and South.

In order to assure delivery by Christmas, Stokes encourages the public to mail items by these dates. He also added that proper packaging should be used and people should check to be sure correct addresses and zip codes are used.

For those mailing overseas packages and greetings, the Postal Service strongly urges getting these items in the mail immediately to assure delivery by Christmas.

Also, according to Stokes, due to these mailing dates and the amount of mail expected during the Holiday Season, the Hertford Post Office will open on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 on Dec. 4, 11 and 18 for the convenience of the public. Stokes added that he hopes the public will take advantage of this temporary expanded service.

Civic Calendar

THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 25
Thanksgiving Day: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS AND BE THANKFUL!

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 27
The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance for Shriners and Guest, starting at 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Music will be by the Sounds of Time. Admission is \$5.00 a couple.

MONDAY: NOVEMBER 29
Inter-County Ladies Aux. will meet.

TUESDAY: NOVEMBER 30
Hertford Rotary Club will meet.

Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106 will meet at 8 p.m. at the Lodge Hall in Hertford.

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 1
Perquimans Jaycettes will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Albemarle EMC.

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 2
American Legion will meet.

American Legion Aux. will meet at 8 p.m.

Hertford Lions Club will meet.

Homemakers Plan Many Activities

The Annual Perquimans Extension Homemaker's Christmas Open House will be sponsored by several clubs on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and on Friday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the County Office Building on the Hertford-Edenton Highway. The public is invited free of charge.

Demonstrations, decorations, refreshments and gift ideas will be featured Thursday night. Friday will consist of displays only.

Other dates of interest open to the public include:



MARY ANN SPRUILL

Holiday Foods Workshop Planned

Miss Mary Ann Spruill, Specialist in Foods and Nutrition, 4-H, at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., will conduct a Holiday Foods Workshop at the Extension Office Building on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. Miss Spruill is a 1973 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where she received a masters degree in Foods and Nutrition.

Miss Spruill is planning the workshop around dried foods from North Carolina including such things as fruit leathers of various flavors, pumpkin and sunflower seeds, etc. All are excellent and nutritious ideas for stocking stuffers or could be used as gift ideas for children. Time is being planned for adults to prepare some of these foods. Adults are asked to take to the workshop a cookery sheet.

This work can only accommodate 25 participants. According to Mrs. M.B. Taylor and Mrs. Paige L. Underwood, those wishing to participate may sign up at the Extension Office Building or call 426-7697.

Safe Holiday Driving Urged

RALEIGH — Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, reminds motorists the Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the most dangerous of the year on North Carolina's streets and highways.

The N.C. State Motor Club of Charlotte has estimated that approximately 20 persons will die in North Carolina traffic accidents over the holiday weekend.

Powell said that during the four-day (102 hours) holiday weekend last year (1975), there were 1,546 traffic collisions, 978 persons injured and 26 persons killed on North Carolina streets and highways. Official observance for this year's holiday begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24 until midnight Sunday, Nov. 28.

"As we approach this dangerous holiday weekend with 1,302 fatalities this year, we can improve this record, but we need the cooperation of the public. I am asking all motorists to drive defensively and cautiously," Powell said.

Library News

The Perquimans County Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday all day Thursday and Thursday evening.

Memorials this week include a contribution to the Memorial Fund in memory of Arthur Woods, and a book, "Understanding the Kingdom of God by Harkness in memory of Joel Hollowell."

Other new books in the library are "Thanksgiving Feast and Festival by Luckhardt; "Easter Eggs for Everyone" by Cooney; "Before Liberty" by Thompson which is a history of North Carolina written in observance of the nation's Bicentennial year; "The Sleeping Murder at the Vlearage" by Christie; "Muir's Blood" by Larson; "Storm Warnings" by Higgins and "Judas Flowering" by Hodge.