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Underwood Recognized

Mrs. Paige Lilley Underwood, Perquimans County extension home economics agent, is shown receiving a 20-year tenure award from Chester D. Black, director, North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

Mrs. Underwood was recognized for her 20 years of service on Thursday evening, November 15, at McKimmon Center, Raleigh, during a state conference of the N. C. Agricultural Extension

Service.

Mrs. Underwood joined the Perquimans County Extension Service in 1958 as an assistant home economics agent. In 1970 she was promoted to home economics agent.

Perquimans County School system selected to participate in state-wide pilot program

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Perquimans County teachers will be among a select group that were chosen to test a new Career Development Plan that has been mandated by the N.C. General Assembly.

The Perquimans County School System was among 16 systems state-wide that were chosen to pilot the program during the 1985-86 school year. Each of North Carolina's school systems will offer the plan beginning in July, 1986.

The program will provide teachers the opportunity to make more money, assume more responsibility and will compensate teachers for outstanding performance.

Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, stated that he was pleased that the local system was chosen to aid in the implementation of the program. Harrell stated that

even though sign-up for the program was on a voluntary basis, he felt that many of the system's teachers would choose to participate in the program.

The plan establishes a five-step advancement ladder for teachers, that rewards them with a 10 percent pay increase upon the completion of each step. First year teachers will continue to earn \$15,680 and the salary levels will increase significantly as the teachers climb the career ladder. The preliminary salary structure sets a level-three career-status teacher with 31 years of experience at \$45,696. A teacher at that level under the existing system averages \$27,300. For advancement on the career ladder, the plan considers professional growth, performance and experience.

The steps provided for include; initial, provisional, Career I, Career II, and Career

III. The plan will require achievement of career status at the end of the first four years.

Continued self initiated professional growth, and completely adequate performance at all career status levels.

Working closely with the pilot program will be Perquimans County Board of Education Chairman, Clifford Winslow, who was selected by the N.C. State Board of Education as a member of the State Steering Committee to provide guidance in the field testing of the N.C. Career Development Plan.

Winslow, who will represent District I on the committee, expressed his enthusiasm at being chosen to aid in the implementation of the program.

Other members of the committee are representatives of business and industry, school administrators and teachers.

Elderly urged to get flu shots

RALEIGH—State health officials are urging older adults and people with chronic illnesses to get their flu shots now. Flu usually arrives in late fall or early winter, but immunization must be given well in advance for the immunity to have time to develop.

"It's particularly important for people in the high risk group — generally persons over the age of 65 or those with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart, lung or kidney disease — to get their flu shots now," said Dr. J. N. MacCormack, chief of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources' Epidemiology Branch.

Flu is usually a mild disease in children, young adults and middle-aged people who are healthy. However, flu can be life-threatening for older adults or persons with chronic illnesses because it lowers the body's resistance.

This makes a person more susceptible to secondary infections like pneumonia, which is one of the five leading causes of death among people over the age of 65.

MacCormack said flu is a viral infection of the nose, throat and lungs which can be confused with the common cold. Flu is normally accompanied by fever, whereas a cold is often characterized by nasal congestion.

"Most people can fight off the flu with a few days in bed, additional days of rest, aspirin and plenty of liquids to drink," MacCormack said. "Because the

elderly or people with chronic diseases are more prone to develop pneumonia or other secondary infections, many doctors recommend that these people get a flu shot early in the fall."

He said side effects may result from the injection, such as a low-grade fever or redness around the injection, but the risks associated with flu and pneumonia are greater than the dangers from the side effects of the flu shot.

He also noted that people who are allergic to eggs might get some additional reactions to the flu vaccines because they are made from egg products. These people should check with their doctor before getting a flu shot.

"It's hard to predict the type or severity of influenza viruses because they change constantly and are unpredictable," MacCormack pointed out. "This year's vaccine is somewhat different from previous years.

Hertford Town Council's plans for annexation brings concern from local resident

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Concern over the Hertford Town Council's plans to begin an annexation project in the near future prompted one Ballahack Road property owner to question the proposed annexation limits last Monday night during the Town Council meeting.

Ed Nixon, a local farmer, appeared before the Council to attempt to gain knowledge of their plans for annexation of land surrounding the town, and to request a public hearing on the matter for other concerned property owners.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox told Nixon that the Board had not made a final decision on the exact perimeter of the project, and that survey maps of the proposed annexation area would not be completed until December 15.

Cox also stated that the Council had already planned to hold one or two public hearings after the details were closer to finalization and the maps were complete.

Nixon told the Board that he was representing a group of West Hertford property owners and that currently "we don't know what the Council is planning, and

we are opposing action until we know."

Cox offered the following generalization of the proposed annexation project: "We plan to extend on the northwest side of the Town of Hertford, following the Perquimans River behind Preston Stevenson's land, following the slew behind Frank Roberts' property and coming east of the Little League Park, crossing the highway and following the highway east for 500-feet across the highway. The line will then go back to the Nine-Foot Road, 500-feet west of the Nine-Foot Road, going south and crossing Ballahack Road. The line will then go east, taking in 500-feet south of the Ballahack Road to the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Track."

"The line will follow the swamp line/drainage line from the railroad track east to the present city limits line, and cross U.S. 17 Business at the present line. Crossing U.S. 17 By-Pass at the present line, and joining the west boundary of the Warner Madre property. The line will then follow the Irvin Long east property line to the T.S. White property line, and follow White's

east property line to the Perquimans River."

Cox added that the proposed project would make a complete circle of the town.

Nixon indicated that he would protest the town's plans and again requested that there be at least one public hearing. He also requested that the Council give him at least two weeks notice prior to a hearing stating that "We'll probably have a representative speaking for us." Nixon also commented that having the maps wouldn't make any difference to his group after finding out the general area that was involved.

Hertford Councilman Jesse Harris stated that the plan for annexation "might affect Ed more than anybody," but added that he would also profit later if the town put in sewers and streets.

"We'll discuss this at the public hearing," Nixon said.

Although no action was taken on establishing a public hearing during the meeting, council members seemingly agreed to hold the hearing as soon as possible after receiving the survey maps.

Plans set for Christmas parade

The 1984 Christmas season is upon us, and that means that preparations for the annual Christmas parade are nearing completion.

According to Edgar Roberson, chairman of the event, approximately 20 entries have been made for the parade, which will take place on Saturday, December 1, at 2:00 p.m.

There will be two divisions of judging for floats in this years parade: Schools, and Church and Civic; and two divisions for bands; 60-plus members and under 60 members.

Floats will be awarded cash prizes for first and second place, and bands will be awarded trophies for first and second place.

All area organizations are encouraged to participate in this years' parade, which is being sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Any group that is interested in entering a float, band, or decorated car, etc. in the parade should send the following information to the Perquimans County Jaycees, Edgar Roberson, Route 1, Box 464, Hertford, N.C. 27944.

Information that should be submitted is: Name of organization; type of entry; person responsible for getting entry in parade line-up, including name, address, and phone number; and state whether there will be music in the unit.

Happy Thanksgiving

