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## Proposed cuts will adversely effect extension service

By SUSAN HARRIS

The budget proposed by Republican President Ronald Reagan for fiscal year 1987, if passed in its present form, will have a devastating effect on the Agricultural Extension Service in the state, according to information from the North Carolina State University Extension Service. The department will lose 54-percent of its federal funds unless changes are made in the pro-

posed budget.

In 1985 the North Carolina Extension Service received \$13,357,780.00 in federal funds. The Gramm-Rudman Bill, which includes cost-reduction plans designed to balance the budget, cut the 1986 appropriation to \$12,824,655.00.

President Reagan has axed the 1987 proposal to \$5,878,328.00, slashing monies in all areas except 4-H. The recommendation

calls for the total elimination of federal funding in the following programs: Part-Time Farmers, Rural Development, Nutrition Funds, Farm Safety, Integrated Pest Management, Cotton Integrated Pest Management, Pesticide Impact Assessment and Renewable Resources Act.

Approximately 30-members of the local Extension Advisory Council and other community leaders met Monday night to dis-

cuss the budget proposal and measures to reinstate extension funding.

The group viewed a videotape of Dr. Chester Black's February 26th address to the North Carolina Extension Advisory Council concerning the status of the state's extension programs in light of the proposed budget cuts.

Michael Moore, local representative on the State Advisory

Council attended the session held in Raleigh, along with County Agricultural Extension Chairman Stan Winslow, County Extension Advisory Council Chairman Ed Nixon and Hertford Mayor Bill Cox.

Black informed the group that 30-percent of the state's extension budget comes from federal funds, about 23-percent from county appropriations and the remainder is funded by the state.

He stressed positive results the extension service has had in North Carolina. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program provides nutritional education to over 7,300 disadvantaged families. Black said that 80-percent of those helped through the program have a gross income of less than \$7,900 per year.

The program boasts the support of 3065 volunteers, while employing 39 specialist and 146 nutrition aids. Families are taught proper nutrition, preparation techniques and budget management.

The Integrated Pest Management Program has greatly reduced the useage of pesticides on the farm through research and scouting. Lower production costs and a safer environment have resulted through this service.

Should the budget ax be dropped on the extension service, these programs would be in serious jeopardy.

Many families, especially rural families are aided by the agricultural and economic aspects of the extension service each year in areas ranging from crop disease to home canning.

Staff positions stand to be reduced by 25-percent, or 340-positions, statewide. The cuts would be system-wide and would include extension agents, faculty and staff on the campus of North Carolina State University, paraprofessionals, technicians, and secretaries.

There is no appropriation to pay the unemployment benefits for staff and tenured faculty whose jobs would be terminated.

Stan Winslow spoke to the group following the videotape presentation, asking them to get involved in a letter-writing and telephone campaign aimed at federal representatives outlining the impact of the extension service on them personally.

Winslow said that failure to respond to the proposed cuts could result in even lower appropria-

tions in the future. He stated that the campaign should begin this week.

Michael Moore reiterated Winslow's request.

Ed Nixon gave the extension service credit for advanced technology which has resulted in higher yields and modern farming methods. He said that the world market, and the actions and intervention of our government and foreign governments, have hurt U.S. farmers, and that farmers must actively support extension.

Nixon said that now is the time for increased efficiency in government programs, but that agriculture needs the extension service for future growth.

## Child Passenger Safety Week Observed

Students at Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Central School last week participated in a Child Passenger Safety Week alertness program. The students let local citizenry know about the event by holding a balloon launch for safety. The program was sponsored by the Perquimans County Health Department. (Photo by Jane B. Williams.)



## Commissioners adopt county hunting resolution pending state approval

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

After weeks of discussion among county commissioners, landowners and hunters, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to adopt a county-wide hunting resolution.

The resolution, which was acted on by the Board Monday morning, will now have to gain the approval of the North Carolina Legislature before it can be enforced as law.

The act would make it unlawful to hunt on or from the right-of-way of any public road. The resolution, if signed as a bill, will also make it unlawful to hunt with, or possess a firearm or bow and arrow on another's land without the permission of the owner or lessee of the land.

Originally this resolution was passed in early February by the Board to apply on to New Hope Township, but after considerable discussion on the topic by those concerned the Board elected, out of a sense of fairness, to incorporate the resolution to apply countywide.

Omitted from the language of the original resolution was the word dog. The first proposal would have made it unlawful for a hunter's dog to be on the land of another without permission. The deletion of that item came about after numerous complaints from hunters, who declared that dogs cannot read, therefore they are not aware that they have crossed over onto posted land.

If the resolution is passed by the General Assembly, it will become effective September 1, 1986.

In other business at the meeting the board reviewed a list of names proposed for state-maintained roads throughout the county. The list was compiled from a group of local citizens and fire departments. The names will be used in erecting signs on all of

the county roads through a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program. The grant, which comes from federal monies, is governed by the State of North Carolina, and will provide 70-percent of the funds needed to erect signs on state-maintained roads. The county will be responsible for the remaining 30-percent of the funds.

It is the consensus of the board that the signs will be beneficial to many residents, especially emergency and rescue personnel.

The names that have been chosen for the majority of the roads

is the most commonly known name for that road. In the event that one road had several names for different sections, a common name has been selected for the entire road.

The proposed road names are as follows, identified by their State Road Number:

1001 and 1204-Shady Croft Road; 1001-Turnpike Road; 1002-County Line Road; 1100-Davenport's Lane; 1101-E. Bear Swamp Road; 1101-W. Bear Swamp Road; 1102-N. Bear Swamp Road; 1103-N. Bear Swamp Road; 1104-W. Bear

Swamp Road; 1105-Brinn Farm Road; 1106-Rogerson Lane; 1107-Ballahack Road; and 1107 and 1108-Cedar Stretch Road.

Also, 1109-Don Juan Road; 1110-Center Hill Highway; SR 1111, 1113, & 1117-Beech Springs Road; 1111-Hog Alley Road; 1112-Howell's Lane; 1113-Great Hope Church Road; 1114-Chinquapin Road; 1115-Poplar Neck Road; 1116-Hunter's Fork Road; 1117-Beech Springs Road; 1118-Drinking Hole Road; 1119-Piney Woods Road; 1120-Long's Loop Road;

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## Agencies combine to promote older workers

Charlie Skinner, Older Worker Specialist, with the Edenton local office of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina and Margie Rogerson, Job Developer for older workers with the Albemarle Commission located in Hertford, will be combining efforts to promote employment for older workers during the week of March 10-15, proclaimed "Employ the Older Week" in Hertford by Mayor Bill Cox.

"As mayor of the Town of Hertford I actively endorse this opportunity to focus public attention on the problems of older workers and urge all employers in Hertford to carefully consider the qualifications of persons 45 and older when they seek new employees," and I also ask public officials with job placement responsibility to continue their efforts throughout the year to help older workers find suitable jobs", stated Mayor Cox.

Charlie Skinner, older worker specialist with ESC says, "Employers can turn the many positive attributes of the older worker into real savings. High job performance, positive atti-

tudes, job stability and low absenteeism are all good qualities found in older workers."

By hiring workers over 45," advises Margie Rogerson with the Albemarle Commission, "employers can add these attributes to their work force, which can contribute to increased productivity."

According to Gordon Allen, Manager of the ESC office in Edenton, "There are some older workers who do encounter difficulty in getting or keeping a job because of age. This is really unfortunate because the employers that do utilize the older worker find that it's good business. I think many employers realize that they need the ability and stability in their work force that they get from the experienced older worker especially at a time when high productivity is essential to meeting competition from foreign products."

By joining forces these two agencies can address the special needs of the older worker through employment counseling, testing, job search assistance, training in job-finding techniques and individualized job devel-

opment. If you are an older worker seeking help in finding employment or if you are an employer with a job opening and would like to benefit from and

older worker's experience please contact either Margie Rogerson at 426-5753 or Charlie Skinner at 482-2195 in Edenton.



**EMPLOY THE OLDER WORKER WEEK**—A proclamation to support older workers was signed last week by Hertford Mayor Bill Cox. Looking on as Cox signs the proclamation is (left to right) Margie Rogerson of the Albemarle Commission; Charlie Skinner, Older Worker Specialist with the Employment Security Commission; and Gordon Allen, manager of the local ESC. (Photo by Nancy Smith.)

the suspects apparently entered the home through a door adjacent to the carport by knocking out the glass window, reaching through, and unlocking the door. They then proceeded to two bedrooms in the home and removed jewelry boxes. They also removed a television from a stand, supposedly preparatory to removing it from the house.

At approximately this point Mr. Baker returned to his home and surprised the culprits. Baker struck one of the suspects, who then fled the premises via the carport door, dropping a jewelry box. Baker started to pursue the suspect, and then heard a crashing sound from the vicinity of his bedroom, where he immediately went to investigate. Upon entering his bedroom, Baker found an open window, with a broken storm window. Assumingly the second perpetrator fled the house by jumping through the windows.

Merritt stated that fingerprints and a cap were recovered at the scene.

Merritt added that Wilkins is also a suspect in a rash of break-ins that have occurred recently in the municipality.

Wilkins faces a charge of second-degree burglary; a felony, punishable by a minimum of 14-years and a maximum of 20-years in prison.

## Burglary suspect arrested

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

A Hertford man, incarcerated in Albemarle District Jail, was arrested there for a second time in as many days Sunday, and charged with second degree burglary by the Hertford Police Department.

Robert Dorrell Wilkins, age 24, of 205 Wynn Fork Court was arrested and placed in Albemarle District Jail on March 2, and again arrested on March 2. He is under a total bond of \$50,600.00.

On Saturday, March 1, Wilkins was charged with eluding arrest, no operators license and disorderly conduct after he was stopped by an officer of the police department for allegedly traveling in excess of 15 m.p.h. over the posted speed limit. He was placed in jail under a \$600.00 secured bond.

On March 2, while still in jail, Wilkins was arrested again in connection with a Hertford burglary that had occurred on Friday evening. He was then placed under \$50,000.00 bond.

According to Hertford Chief of Police, Marshall Merritt, the burglary occurred at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Friday, February 28, when two black males entered the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baker at 219 Crescent Drive.

## BLOODMOBILE

Thursday, March 13  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Sponsored by the Perquimans  
County Jaycees

Hertford United  
Methodist Church