



Talking turkey, or chicken, as the case may be, at the groundbreaking ceremony Monday for a Perdue Farms primary breeder hatchery at Manson

are Frank Perdue (left), chairman of Perdue Farms, Inc., and N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Groundbreaking Formally Held Firm May Construct More, Perdue Hints

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Agriculture in Warren County received a welcomed boost Monday with poultry company Perdue Farms' groundbreaking ceremony for a primary breeder hatchery in Manson.

Close to 200 persons, including N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham, Perdue Chairman Frank Perdue and company staff members and various area officials and interested citizens, attended the midday ceremony.

Perdue Farms has a strong involvement with the poultry industry in North Carolina, Commissioner Graham told those gathered. More than 50 percent of its total poultry production is located in North Carolina, he continued, noting that "Perdue Farms has expanded its facilities more than tenfold since beginning its operations here in 1976."

Graham pointed out that Perdue facilities provide an economic boost to the less populous areas of North Carolina, providing jobs that help maintain a viable rural economy and which stem migration to urban areas.

"The increase in Perdue producers has enabled many local farmers to diversify, helping maintain the family farm and providing a more stable agricultural economy," the commissioner added. "Perdue's investments broaden the tax base and improve the quality of life for many of our state's citizens," Graham pointed out.

Graham noted the impact of the broiler and hatching egg industries on the economy of North Carolina, ranked fourth nationally in commercial broilers and seventh in egg production. Farm cash receipts from commercial broilers and hatching eggs have averaged slightly more than \$702 million a year since 1980.

Perdue Farms has an investment of about \$7 million in Warren County. The primary breeder hatchery, located on State Road 1113, will employ approximately 30 people and will have the capacity to hatch 241,920 eggs per week.

Eggs hatched at the Manson hatchery will come from primary breeder farms in the surrounding area. From the hatchery, the day-old breeder chicks are delivered to regular broiler breeder houses. The adult breeder chickens lay eggs that are raised as broilers and ultimately end up on our tables, according to Perdue literature.

The location of the parent breeder hatchery in Warren County is the result of many months of planning. A grant of \$110,480 was approved by the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for Warren County to match \$25,000 in local resources for construction of water and sewer lines to serve the hatchery site.

Explaining the several false starts by his company in Warren County, Chairman Perdue emphasized that his company does

### Resigns

The Rev. Cameron West, pastor of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, announced Sunday he will be leaving his local charge the end of December to transfer to the Western North Carolina Conference.

not act hastily and that prospects seem favorable now for a successful Perdue operation here. He hinted that the area is under consideration for further investment in the future.

Approximately 50 chicken houses are required to support

the hatchery, Dr. Ira Carte, Perdue director of primary breeder division, told the crowd. Twenty-six farmers are now under contract in this area, he said, as he encouraged interested persons to inquire in order that production may stay on schedule.

### Break-Ins Probed

## Suspects Apprehended By Sheriff's Deputies

Chief Deputy Bobby Bolton announced Monday that two suspects had been apprehended following investigations of recent area robberies.

Alvis Cheyenne Worley of N. Garnett St., Henderson, Ms. has been housed at the Johnston County Prison Unit. Worley has been charged with three counts of breaking and entering and larceny. No bond or hearing date has been set.

Worley has been implicated in the two robberies occurring April and May at the home of George Al Fleming in Oakville in which over \$3,600 worth of property was stolen. He has also been implicated in the March robbery oc-

curing at the Oine Road Amoco station in which approximately \$300 in property was taken.

Also apprehended was Ms. Tammy Darlene Moss of Boddie St., Henderson. Ms. Moss has been charged with one count of forgery and uttering in the matter of a check written to Alston Convenience Market. She has been placed in jail under a \$500 bond. "Her court date was last Wednesday, but it has been continued for two weeks," Bolton added.

Chief Deputy Bobby Bolton and Sgt. Lawrence Harrison were investigating officers for the incidents.

## Christmas Parade Set Here On November 30

The Warren County Jaycees will sponsor the Warren County Christmas Parade on Sunday, Nov. 30, through downtown Warrenton beginning at 4 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded first, second and third places in the float competition, which is required to follow a Christmas theme. Persons, groups, civic clubs and churches are invited to participate. There is no entry fee.

Individuals who have clown outfits or who wish to march are invited and encouraged to participate. Children who wish to decorate and ride bicycles are also invited.

Commercial floats may be obtained, depending upon

availability, but are not eligible for the competition.

The parade, which will include Santa Claus, will begin at Mariam Boyd Elementary School and will travel north on Main Street, turning west on Ridgeway Street and ending at the Warren County Fair Grounds.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Walter Gardner, Jr. at 257-3104 or Kenny Clayton at 257-3455 daily or any Warren County Jaycee.

Christmas decorations, sponsored by Warrenton merchants and the Town of Warrenton, will be installed by the Jaycees on the evening of Nov. 17 and will be lighted during the parade.

## Warren County To Share In Indian Affairs Grant

Warren County has been selected as one of seven counties to receive a portion of an \$183,000 grant to the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs to provide in-home and community assistance Human Resources Secretary Phillip J. Kirk, Jr. announced last week.

The federal funds were given by the N. C. Department of Human Resources' (DHR) Division of Social Services to the Commission's Community Service Project. The project will provide in-home and chore services, transportation and meals to older and disabled individuals living in small rural communities. In addition to Warren, counties receiving portions of the grant are Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Halifax, Harnett and Sampson.

"This is a good example of the Martin administration's dedication to helping all North Carolinians live at home near their families and loved ones for as long as possible, and avoid un-

necessary care in hospitals, nursing homes and rest homes," Kirk emphasized.

He added that the Community Service Project provided chore services to people who are unable to do household tasks by themselves and reimbursed volunteers who provide transportation to physician's offices, clinics, hospitals, local health and social services departments and grocery stores.

A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs, pointed out that the Commission provided nearly \$61,000, or 25 percent of the total, in matching funds for the \$246,000 project. The money will enable the program to continue operation during fiscal year 1986-87.

Eligibility is determined by the local departments of social services in the seven counties. Citizens do not have to be Indian in order to qualify.

### Mrs. Ricks Plans Retirement

## Warren County Schools Receive Accreditation From State Body

By THURLETTA M. BROWN

Warren County schools have been accredited for the first time by the State Board of Education under current accreditation guidelines. Although the schools have been accredited previously by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), receipt of ten new certificates signals the beginning of system-wide accreditation.

Sam Shugart, director of the Region Three Education Center for the State Board of Education, presented to Board of Education members in their Monday night meeting certificates for the central office and each of the nine county schools. Commenting on the growth and improvement in the system, he said, "When I first came to Warren County some 18 years ago, it was as though people thought that it was up in the sticks somewhere—maybe somewhere in Virginia."

But now that has changed. "When people talk about Warren County today, they talk about the programs that you were able to get funded and about your commitment to excellence," he continued. "You've got a plan for the future," he added.

Unlike SACS accreditation, state accreditation is system-wide. Under the auspices of state accreditation, a system is accredited and a plan is developed. Systems are monitored each year by the State Board of Education to see if they are making progress.

Preparation for the review entailed the compilation of a volume describing the programs, comparing existing standards with those prescribed in the Basic Education Plan and determining

steps to be taken over a six-year period to ensure compliance. Area personnel worked on the project for almost two years before the Oct. 9 vote granting accreditation by the State Board of Education.

Following the presentation of the certificates, Mrs. Rachael Ricks, assistant superintendent

and state accreditation coordinator, spoke the sentiments of the group. "We accept these certificates with pleasure and with pride," she said. "The total commitment of our superintendent, Mike Williams, made it an easier task," she added, noting that such commitment is "unusual" (Continued on page 3B)

## Christmas Joy Of Lights Planned Here Once Again

"If everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be."

To paraphrase the words from that familiar song of days gone by, "If everyone in Warren County gave just one little dollar, what a bright night Dec. 14 would be."

Once again, the Blazetts will sponsor the second annual "Christmas Joy of Lights" on the grounds of the Armory Dec. 14 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. "We have a rain date of Dec. 21," Juanita Wood, Blazetts president, said, "but we are hoping for very good weather on that date."

"We got the idea from Mrs. Maybelle Hueber, who was a new club member last year. She told us about a similar activity in Roanoke Rapids in which lighted candles were placed in the cemetery in honor of special loved ones."

"In Roanoke Rapids, names of loved ones are inscribed on the bags, but we have opted not to do that so that there will not be a traffic problem at the Armory," she added.

There are three categories of contributions for the Blazetts "Joy of Lights" display. Candles

may be purchased: in memory of a deceased loved one; in honor of a loved one such as a sweetheart or spouse; or "just because an individual wants to make a donation." Contributions of \$1 will purchase one candle in any of the three categories.

According to Mrs. Wood, the "Joy of Lights" event is not a money-making project. "Unlike our stews and raffles, this is something for the community to enjoy—our way of saying thank you."

Contact has been made to ensure television coverage of the event. "We have been in touch with Fred Taylor of Channel 5, and hope to have Sky Five here this year," Mrs. Wood said.

The Blazetts, organized ten years ago, serves as an auxiliary for the Central Fire Station. Proceeds for this and other projects are given to the firemen for equipment purchases or other necessary activities. "The firemen help us, and we do our best to help them," Mrs. Wood added.

For further information call Juanita or A. A. Wood at 257-4498 or Mrs. Lisa Blalock at 257-1572.