



WHITLEY SPEAKS OUT - "I don't know of any other program that gets more for their money than the Agricultural Extension Service and Research Service," stated Congressman Charlie Whitley during the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service Advisory Leadership Program Update breakfast. The breakfast was held at The Country Squire and attended by over 200 persons. Pictured (L to R) Riddick Wilkins, Advisory Chairman; Whitley; Violette Phillips, a member of ALC; and Jimmy Sauls, Past Chairman.

Duplin Agricultural Extension Advisory Program Update Held

"Duplin County is No. 1 in agriculture and we are going to stay No. 1 because of you here," stated Chairman R.E. Wilkins Monday morning during the county agricultural extension service advisory leadership system program update. The breakfast meeting was held at the Country Squire restaurant and attended by some 200 persons.

member of ALC, introduced the different committees and persons who make up the extension Advisory Leadership System.

The program update reports were given as follows: agriculture, Gerald Bell; home economics, Celia Stroud; 4-H, Ruby Brinson; and community resource development, Roy Houston.

Update Report

Mrs. Violette Phillips, a

Jimmy Sauls, past chairman, gave a three-month update summary, which included these facts:

During January, February and March, 1982, there were 25 agriculture meetings planned and conducted by the Agricultural Extension Service with a total attendance of 1,007 people. These included such groups as Young Farmers, tobacco growers, corn producers, soybean producers, and all horticulture commodities. There were 13 area and state agricultural meetings that 274 people participated in.

There were 38 home economics meetings planned and conducted with a total attendance of 941 people. These included stress seminars, extension homemaker workshops, food-buying seminars, clothing and house and house furnishings workshops.

There were seven 4-H meetings planned and conducted with a total attendance of 305 people. These included county council meetings, favorite food show, public speaking contest and 4-H leaders' meetings. Here were also three area 4-H events with 148

participating.

There were five community resource development meetings planned and conducted reaching 61 people. These include Agribusiness meeting, Rural Development Panel meetings and Neuse Area Development meetings. One area CRD meeting was held with 25 from Duplin attending.

On a regular basis, newsletters and publications are mailed to keep various clientele groups updated. A total of 21 different types of newsletters, ranging from a mailing list of 20 people to 1,960 people are mailed. In addition, the staff made numerous farm and home visits to help families with problems and there were numerous phone calls made and received which conveyed information.

Agents write news articles on a regular basis to help keep the public abreast of timely tips. An average of six different articles are printed weekly.

The four expanded foods and nutrition education program aides who work on a part-time basis, at the end of March, had 180 different families and 131 youth, ages

6-19 and 24 volunteers enrolled in a program to help them develop sound food habits, learn to garden, to freeze and to can a food supply.

This does not include the meetings held by volunteer leaders in a 4-H program and the extension homemakers programs as a result of their involvement in organized events and activities. These groups meet on a regular

Ward-Phillips Duo Returns

With a voice that is lovely, light and soprano, and with fingers that dance the keyboard sensitively, the Ward-Phillips Duo made a welcome and fine return to Duplin County. Many people will remember the exciting twosome that visited the county during the winter of 1981. Eleania Ward and Vincent Phillips have delighted audiences everywhere and Duplin was indeed lucky to have them return for a visit. The couple performed at several local schools and a nutrition site. At the North Duplin Junior High School, Eleania conducted a workshop with choral students participating in vocal exercises and singing. The Duo's performance was sponsored by the Duplin County Arts Council and was jointly supported by a grant from the N.C.A.C. and the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C., a federal agency.

SPRING RECITAL

Piano students of Mrs. Ernestine Summerlin will be presented in their spring recital on Saturday, May 15 in the Hoffer Auditorium at James Sprunt Technical College.

Elementary grade students will perform at 7 p.m. and junior high and high school students at 8:15 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

WHALEY FAMILY REUNION

The Jason and Ann Whaley reunion is scheduled for Sunday, May 16 at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Beulaville. All relatives and friends are invited to come and bring a picnic basket and beverage.

basis and agents are responsible for working with planning these. For example, right now, Duplin County fire safety programs are being conducted through local fire departments as a result of 4-H planning and training. Several hundred boys and girls are enrolled.

The extension service is an educational agency which helps people make for a better way of life. Through involvement in extension programs, people continue to develop their leadership potential. Sometimes we take for granted that the programs that the AES promotes has a tremendous effect on the economy.

After the update report by Sauls, Dr. Joe Phillips of the state Extension office was introduced by Chairman Wilkins. "I think you are exactly right, Mr. Sauls. Duplin County is really hard to beat when it comes to their Extension staff," commented Phillips.

Calvin Turner, chairman of the Duplin County commissioners, expressed deep concern about the possibility of cutting the agriculture teachers year to ten months.

Representative Doug Clark told the group that Duplin County was number one in agriculture because of diversification.

Congressman Whitley was called on for a few remarks. "I don't know of any other program that gets more for their money than the Agricultural Extension Service and Research Service."

stated Whitley. The Duplin County AES advisory leadership system program update may well

have been summarized by the last printed line on the agenda. "Thanks For Your Leadership!"

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