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Horse And Pony Club 71' Show Season To Begin In April

The Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club would like to remind the public that the 1971 Show Season will begin in April. There are plans to enlarge the ring to accommodate more entries. We would like your continued support for the 1971 Season.

At our last show which was held Saturday afternoon, November 7th, there were 58 entries for the different scheduled events.

The trophy and ribbon winners are listed, according to classes and events:

Class No. 1 - Pony Halter

1st. Tommy Stallings, Pony, "Nicanor", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Johnnie Stallings, Pony, "Scout", Belvidere, N. C.; 3rd. Roy Chappell, Pony, "Macaroni", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Carlye Bryant, Pony, "Little Buck", Windsor, N. C.; 5th. Harry Stallings, Pony, "Princess", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 2 - Open Halter

1st. Dale Yost, Horse, "Debs Parker Chic", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Preston Nixon, Horse, "Bonnie West", Hertford, N. C.; 3rd. Charlie T. Rogerson, Jr., Horse, "Waukeshaw's Man", Hertford, N. C.

Class No. 3 - Childrens Go As You Please

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Jay Lane, Pony, "Goldie", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Michelle Boyce, Pony, "Little Lightning", Belvidere, N. C.; 5th. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 4 - Open Go As You Please

1st. Preston Nixon, Horse, "Sven Daisy", Hertford, N. C.; 2nd. James Harrell, Horse, "Ann", Hertford, N. C.; 3rd. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 5 - Open Barrel Race

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Va.; 2nd. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Charlie Fowler, Horse, "Devil", Hertford, N. C.

Class No. 6 - Childrens and Youth Western Pleasure

1st. Michelle Boyce, Pony, "Little Lightning", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 7 - Childrens Musical Chairs

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 8 - Childrens Musical Chairs

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 9 - Childrens Musical Chairs

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 10 - Childrens Musical Chairs

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 11 - Childrens Musical Chairs

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 12 - Childrens Musical Chairs

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 13 - Childrens Musical Chairs

1st. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Al Hobbs, Pony, "Buck", Hobbville, N. C.; 3rd. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

1st. Donna Stallings, Pony, "Candy", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Cheryl Stallings, Pony, "Sandy", Belvidere, N. C.; 3rd. Corinne Underwood, Pony, "Dillie", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Bonnie Underwood, Pony, "Little Bit", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Marta Rogerson, Horse, "Cheyenne", Tyner, N. C.

Class No. 8 - Open Western Pleasure

1st. Debbie Yost, Horse, "Debs Parker Chic", Chesapeake, Va.; 2nd. Preston Nixon, Horse, "Sven Daisy", Hertford, N. C.; 3rd. James Harrell, Horse, "Ann", Hertford, N. C.

Class No. 9 - Open Roadster Class

1st. Michelle Boyce, Pony, "Holly Run Kidd", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Tommy Stallings, Pony, "Nicanor", Belvidere, N. C.; 3rd. Rollo White, Pony, "Silkie Jet", Belvidere, N. C.; 4th. Johnnie Stallings, Pony, "Scout", Belvidere, N. C.; 5th. Roy Chappell, Pony, "Macaroni", Hertford, N. C.

Class No. 10 - Costume Class

1st. Michelle and Eric Boyce, Pony, "Holly Run Kidd", Belvidere, N. C.; 2nd. Glen Byrum, Pony, "Spooky", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. R. P. White, Jr., Pony, "Peas", Belvidere, N. C.

Class No. 11 - Open Ring Spearing

1st. Rub Palland, Horse, "Little Sweet Lady", Hobbville, N. C.

Class No. 12 - Open Ring Spearing - Jackpot

1st. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 2nd. Duke Champ, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.

Class No. 13 - Fastest Pony Around The Ring

1st. Bonnie Underwood, Pony, "Little Bit", Hertford, N. C.; 2nd. Corinne Underwood, Pony, "Dillie", Hertford, N. C.

Class No. 14 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 15 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 16 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 17 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 18 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 19 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 20 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Class No. 21 - Fastest Horse Around The Ring - Jackpot

1st. Sharon Hudman, Horse, "Ribbons", Chesapeake, Virginia; 2nd. Walter Tharrington, Horse, "Sacious Bar", Elizabeth City, N. C.; 3rd. Joe Meads, Horse, "Copper Joy", Hertford, N. C.; 4th. Joe Meads, Horse, "Joppa", Hertford, N. C.; 5th. Sherri Small, Horse, "Fooler", Elizabeth City, N. C.

Agriculture Comm Graham Praises Conservation Work



About 45 Perquimans County residents heard North Carolina Commissioner James A. Graham speak at the annual conservation rally of the N. C. Association Soil and Water Conservation Districts at the Edenton Armory on November 10th.

He told about 500 people representing the 19 counties that comprise the Northeastern Area of the state association that their programs are benefiting everyone interested in environment. "Our people, both farmers and city folks, are interested in environment. They want to keep the state in the same condition their grandfathers enjoyed. This is dramatically brought out by the fact that people cooperate with their soil and water conservation

districts in increasing numbers, even though the number of functional farmers grows slightly smaller each year," continued Commissioner Graham.

According to Graham, during the past year the Soil Conservation Service professional employees assisted 130 groups of landowners some 608 items. He stated that the technical assistance made available by SCS can be a big help to public officials. "It makes the best use of our soil and water resources and it means professionalism of the SCS program is recognized," commented Graham.

Two accomplishments were pointed out to the guests by Graham, being the formulation of the N. C. Land Use Congress to help in policy making in future

years; and also the inauguration of the watershed program in the state in which everybody concerned with Tar Heel agriculture can take pride. In closing Graham remarked, "Your work is voluntarism at its finest; you want to get a job done. You are more interested in solid accomplishments than in personal glory."

Mr. Lloyd C. Bunch of Edenton, Area Chairman, was re-elected; as was Arch J. Flanagan, Vice-Chairman of Pitt County; and A. B. Etheridge, Secretary-Treasurer, of Pasquotank, following report of nominating committee.

Mr. Bunch presided during the meeting and is pictured to the right of the speaker, Mr. Graham.

George Wood Speaks At Annual Farm Meeting

Perquimans County Farm Bureau met November 2, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. in the Perquimans County High School Cafeteria. Chairman, Albert Eure called the meeting to order. Mr. Joe Layden gave the invocation, after which, the Chairman welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by acting secretary, Carrol Baker and the treasurer's report was given by Office secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Hurdle.

New Business attended to was, the adoption of a slate of resolutions representing the views of Perquimans County Farmers. These resolutions will be taken to the State Annual Meeting to be defended there by three delegates from Perquimans County.

Farm Service Agency's were reported on by Walter Humphlett, Insurance and Shelton Morgan, Tire and Battery Program.

Rollo White, nominating Chairman proposed a slate of officers for the County which was adopted by the Membership.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Senator George Wood from the First District. Senator Wood had high praise for the Farmers and the following statements were made by him:

He said no other group in the county were as important as the farmers, which make up only 5 per cent of the population, and never has so many owed so much to so few as the American Farmer.

The American farmer has kept the Country solvent through international trade of farm commodities while the other segments of International trade show a deficit.

He stated that one thing alone perplexes our enemies, is our ability to produce food and fiber. Our enemies are not afraid of our armies any more because they were equal in their ability to wage war. They are afraid of our ability to produce. In America 5 per cent of the population feeds America and then we export enough to feed a big part of the world. In Russia 40 per cent of the population cannot even feed Russia and he thought the fear of the American Farmers is what keeps this Country out of war.

Senator Wood stated he was a little weary of the news media picturing the farmer as being subsidized by the Government. He stated that farmers pay 1/3 of all taxes being collected in the country and that the country in turn was being subsidized by the farmers. It was also revealed that the U.S. Department of Agriculture spends a lot more money for the Consumer than the farmer.

Senator Wood finished by saying that the farmer had gone through good times and bad, but still had a passion for God and Country.

The meeting ended in a social hour with door prizes being given and refreshments served.

Albemarle Area Development Assn. Banquet Set Dec. 4

Albemarle Area Development Association Annual Award Banquet will convene Friday, December 4, 1970, at 7:00 p.m. in the National Guard Armory, Edenton, North Carolina. The keynote speaker will be Governor Robert W. Scott. The banquet menu will include 12 oz. ribeye steaks, baked potato, tossed salad and coffee. The cost for this meal is \$3.00. The tickets are available at the Perquimans County Office Building. You may contact Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent or W. C. Strowd, Agricultural Extension Agent, by calling 426-7697 or 426-5428 for tickets and information concerning this meeting.

1% Sales Tax For October \$6,343.22

In Perquimans the 1% Sales and Use tax collection for the month of October amounted to \$6,343.22 it was announced today by L.L. Clayton, Commissioner of the State of North Carolina Department of Revenue.

Supply Of Housing In Perq. May Be Expanded

The supply of modern housing in Perquimans County may be expanded through a new cooperative effort with private industry announced today by Melvin E. Howell, county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, rural credit service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"From now on, builders, developers and others in the home building and financing fields can work directly with prospective borrowers to 'package' applications for rural housing loans," Howell said.

"Participation in the packaging program," he added, "will be limited to those who can provide all the necessary information about the home, assure its delivery at a specified price, and can work directly with the applicant family."

He explained that the packager will assemble reliable information on the applicant and the home he wants to buy, build, or improve. They will submit the data on forms supplied through the local Farmers Home Administration office in the County Office Building in Hertford.

When the information about the building and applicant is complete, the loan can be approved and funds made available by the FHA.

Families residing in communities of 5,500 population or under are eligible to apply for FHA loans. They must be unable to obtain adequate credit from private sources. Approved borrowers receive direct financing through FHA.

The county supervisor said a briefing session for interested builders and developers will be held at 2:00 p.m. on November 20, 1970 at the County Office Building.

"The first step for a prospective packager is to meet with the FHA county supervisor to obtain detailed information

about eligibility requirements for a loan and the type and cost of homes the agency can appropriately finance," Howell said.

In general, he explained, the family must lack decent, safe and sanitary housing, must be unable to obtain credit from other sources and must have sufficient income to repay the loan, pay taxes and insurance, maintain the house and meet other living expenses. Family income, however, may not exceed limits established by FHA.

The county supervisor said loans may be made to farm-owners, nonfarm tract owners, rural residents or nonrural residents with low to moderate incomes who work in a rural area. The home may be on a farm, in open country or in towns under 5,500 population that are rural in character and not adjacent to an urban area.

"Each packager should understand that final action cannot be taken on applications until all required information has been submitted to FHA, the applicant is interviewed by the county supervisor and any required supplementary information has been obtained," Howell pointed out.

A 36-page manual explaining the program is now available at the local office.

The Farmers Home Administration rural housing program totals \$1.5 billion in fiscal 1971, and will finance about 125,000 housing units. The total in 1972 is expected to reach 200,000 units.

The county supervisor noted that James V. Smith, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration "has expressed confidence that this new program will help smooth the way for applicants and move us more rapidly toward the national goal of adequate housing for every family in rural America."

Perq. Chamber of Com. Plan Christmas Parade

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce -- sponsored Christmas parade is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Dec. 4 and the plans at this date indicate one of our larger ones, particularly so far as floats are concerned.

Feature attraction of course will be Santa Claus. For the first time commercial organizations are being allowed to be a part of the parade and this is allowing a greater variety of entrants.

All of the participants will meet at the high school no later than 3:30 p.m. and parade chairman Billy White and Francis Nixon will arrange the proper line-up.

Following the parade the Hertford Jaycees will present a special program in front of the Perquimans County Courthouse. There will be a tree-lighting ceremony, followed by a program of Christmas carols featuring voices from most of the churches in the county.

Everyone who will be downtown for the parade is invited to stay and join the tree-lighting ceremony and caroling which will get underway shortly after the parade concludes.

For the county this should be the biggest Christmas Parade day yet. Y'all come.

Homemakers Christmas Open House

Are you looking for ideas for Christmas decorations? If so, attend the Perquimans County Christmas Open House, Wednesday, December 2, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 3, 1970, at the Perquimans County Office Building. The theme is "Homemakers Christmas Open House". The open house will feature decorations for each room in a house.

It is sponsored by the Extension Homemakers club members of Perquimans County. For further information you may contact your Home Economics Extension Agents, Mrs. M. B. Taylor and Mrs. Paige Underwood at 426-7697.

Monthly Report Of Hertford Police Department

The following monthly report for October was given by Chief Ben L. Gibbs at the regular meeting of the Town Council.

ARRESTS MADE: Drunk on the Street 5; Disorderly Conduct 1; Speeders 2; Assaults 2; Careless and Reckless Driving 1; Miscellaneous Traffic Arrests 4; Miscellaneous Arrests 2; ACTIVITIES: Calls Answered and Investigated 98; Accidents Investigated 2; Larceny of Automobiles 1; Automobiles Recovered 1; Funerals Worked 3; Courtesies Extended 106; Doors Found Unlocked 4; Fire Calls Answered 2; Radio Calls 221; Citations Issued for Improper Parking 2; Lights Reported Out 3; Bicycles Recovered 1.

Board Of Directors Will Meet Monday

The monthly meeting of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be held Monday, November 23, at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building in Hertford.

The newly-elected board of directors will meet with the present board at that time, to elect officers for the coming year. All members are urged to be present.

Att. Gen. Robert Morgan Speaker Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The annual Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Hertford Grammar School with Attorney General Robert Morgan as this year's guest speaker.

Roast beef will be on the menu and the Chamber's well-known 'giveaway' program will be in effect with many, many door prizes which are being donated by local merchants.

Entertainment will be provided by The Variety Pack -- local and talented. The invocation will be given by Rev. William R. Pinner, Methodist minister of three churches in the county.

Business will include a summary of Chamber activities over the past year, introduction of new members of the Board of Directors, the new president taking over, recognition of retiring officers and a few appropriate remarks.

It will be kept short and sweet so that the evening will be one that can be enjoyed.

The fellowship that is a part of these annual banquets is one of the featured attractions.

Tickets are available from any member of the Chamber's Board of Directors (old or new) or from the Chamber Office in the Municipal Building.

Co. Officials Asked to Endorse NC Zoological Park Placement

County commissioners and mayors throughout Eastern North Carolina have been asked to officially endorse placement of the North Carolina Zoological Park in a location "most convenient" to the citizens of Eastern Carolina.

Daniel T. Lilley of Kinston, co-chairman of the Central Zoological Park Committee, made the request in a letter to R.L. Spivey, Chairman, Perquimans County Commissioners.

Lilley said in his letter, "Due to criteria established by the State Zoo Authority . . . it is impossible to locate the zoo in either the extreme western or eastern sections of the State. It is the goal of the Central Zoological Park Committee to bring together the interests of Eastern North Carolina.

"Each of the sites being presented by our committee is more convenient to the citizens of your community than any of the other sites under consideration by the Zoo Authority."

BPW To Sponsor Bicycle Safety Campaign

A bicycle safety campaign is being sponsored by the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club. The purpose is to teach safe riding habits to the many children who own bicycles.

On Saturday, November 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. children with bicycles are asked to bring them to the vacant lot beside the Municipal Building where BPW members will put reflector tape on them. This tape which glows at night when car lights shine on them will enable motorists to see the riders and thus cut down on accidents.

Also, brochures on bicycle safety are being distributed to the school children in the county this week.

SAFER EYEGLASSES The Food and Drug Administration has proposed that all eyeglasses be made with shatter-proof lenses. Safety lenses in use now have prevented an estimated 34,000 serious eye injuries in the past decade, the FDA said.

Funeral Services Are Held For Mrs. Harrell

The Central Zoological Park Committee will make its presentation on behalf of three sites in Granville, Alamance-Orange and Chatham Counties, Lilley said. Other area groups are trying to have the zoo placed in western Randolph County, in the Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point area and near Charlotte.

The Zoo Authority will meet December 9 and 10 in Raleigh to hear presentations from the different area groups.

Mrs. Virginia Ann "Jennie" Hurdle Harrell, 82, of Route 3, Hertford, died Saturday at 12:45 p.m. in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, N. C. A native of Perquimans County, she was a daughter of the late John Wesley and Mrs. Virginia Keaton Hurdle and the wife of the late Jesse Harrell.

She was a member of the Woodland United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Henry Keaton Harrell of Richmond, Va., Ralph F. Harrell, James W. Harrell, and Jesse Vernon Harrell all of Route 3, Hertford; one daughter, Mrs. Eunice Spivey of Route 1, Belvidere, N. C.; 17 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Howard Harrell, pastor of the Woodland Methodist Church. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery, Hertford, N. C.

"Will The Circle Be Unbroken" and "Goodnight and Goodmorning" were sung by Mrs. Laura B. Pierce and Mrs. Evelyn Benton. They were accompanied by Miss Ann Benton, organist.

The casket pall was made of pink carnations, white chrysanthemums and fern.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Douglas Harrell, Victor Spivey, Pat Harrell, Jesse Vance Harrell, Jimmy Harrell and Joe Harrell.

Hog Cholera Quarantine In Perquimans County Lifted

North Carolina counties of Chowan and Perquimans were released from Federal quarantine for hog cholera today. This is the second quarantine lifting for North Carolina this week. Gates County, North Carolina, was released Monday.

Concurring in today's action by the U.S. Department of Agriculture was Commissioner James A. Graham of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Local announcement of the release came from Dr. Grant E. Blake, Associate Coordinator of State-Federal eradication efforts in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina.

An intensified State-Federal eradication drive began September 8 when State officials asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Health Division for special assistance. Adjacent areas of Virginia and North Carolina began experiencing troublesome hog cholera outbreaks in early 1970.

Since then, four North Carolina counties -- including Chowan and Perquimans -- have been released from quarantine. All Virginia areas have been released with the exception of southern Isle of Wight County.

Cheribuck County in North Carolina plus Surry and Sussex Counties in Virginia were released September 23 after completion of initial surveys by State and Federal inspection teams.

Areas released since September 23 include: Southampton County, Virginia, October 29; Virginia cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake, November 4; Brunswick County plus the southern portion of Isle of Wight

County, Virginia, November 6; Gates County, North Carolina, November 9; and Chowan and Perquimans Counties, today.

Still under Federal quarantine for hog cholera are Camden and Pasquotank Counties in North Carolina and the northern portion of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. These will be released within the next two weeks if no new cholera cases are located.

All breeding herds in formerly quarantined areas will remain under State and Federal surveillance until after farrowing season and weaning. This is because pregnant sows have been known to transmit hog cholera virus to offspring without showing symptoms themselves. Normal gestation period for sows is about 117 days.

State and Federal regulations requiring inspection and identification of feeder and breeder swine as well as swine sold through livestock markets will also remain in force after lifting of quarantine.

Since September 8, two positive cases of hog cholera were found in Chowan County; and one was found in Perquimans County. The most recent cases in Chowan and Per