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QUITE A RECORD—Shown in the right foreground is a 10-year old beagle named Spot. She, and her pups have aided their owners, Joseph Winslow (left) and his son, Marshall Winslow (not pictured), along with Dennis Winslow (right) bag a total of 1,120 rabbits in the past eight years. She'd be a star in any hunter's circle. (Staff Photo by Kathy Marren)

Vegetable Garden Contest On Friday

"The Annual Vegetable Garden Production and Conservation Contest in Perquimans County will start Friday, Feb. 22", according to W.C. Strowd, Agricultural Extension Agent for Perquimans County. Deadline for entry is April 15.

The increased cost of living has stimulated a sincere interest in gardening by many throughout the county. The need is so great for more and better home produced food that a state committee has been appointed to encourage and promote better gardening throughout North Carolina. The slogan is "Gardening Is For Everyone". (GIFE).

"To qualify for entry into this contest, simply fill in a garden contest form which can be secured from the County Agricultural Extension Office or from any garden leader within your community", further states Mr. Strowd. "Contestants are expected to grow a minimum of 15 different kinds of vegetables plus at least one kind of spices or herbs, have soil tested, and have one tenth acre of garden per person."

Reasons for having a garden should be to furnish additional food, to have a reliable steady supply of food, to improve the diet through diversified diet, and to save money.

Gardens will be judged at an appointed time and there is a date in the month of June to determine the county winners. The winner will receive a gold cup with his name engraved on it. The sponsor of this award is our local branch of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company. The county winner will also have an opportunity to participate in the ten county area contest being sponsored by the AADA.

Last year the county and area winners in this contest were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Felton, Rt. 1, Hertford, N.C. They grow a total of 42 different kinds and varieties of vegetables.

"A vegetable garden of adequate size with at least 15 different varieties, properly cultivated and managed has a value of at least \$500.00 to the average family. Helpful information on selecting soil samples, planning the garden site, and plant and seed selection, fertilization and liming, controlling disease and insects, harvesting and how to conserve food, is available at the County Extension Office", said Strowd.

Cancer Meeting Monday

The Perquimans County Unit of the American Society will meet on Mon., Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. at the REA Building.

Mrs. Harriet Flint, State ACS Program Chairwoman, will be the featured speaker. Members of the Perquimans County High School Health Careers Club and their advisor, Ms. Elaine Pritchard, have been invited to this meeting for the purpose of acquainting the young people with the Youth Council being organized.

The objectives of the ACS are to save lives by the prevention of cancer through education and by improved diagnosis and treatment. The Perquimans Chapter of the ACS is helping many people in this county with funds for medication and, if necessary, transportation to out-of-town clinics and

County Host To Board Meeting

Vice chairman of the State Board of Education John A. Pritchett told members of the North Carolina School Boards Association Wednesday that educators' personal liability, career education and teacher certification may prove to be the most troublesome issues confronting board members in 1974.

Addressing representatives from eight of the nine counties in District One, Pritchett briefly described the history of public education in North Carolina and congratulated board members for their selfless service to their profession.

Currituck superintendent Dr. Jerry Blake also introduced three legislative proposals for endorsement by the combined boards, however, board member

Pasquotank County requested more time to study the proposals before any endorsement is made.

Ervin Cooper, chairman of the Currituck Board moved that Blakes' proposals be adopted. Cooper's motion was not carried, although several board members did promise to report their feelings on the proposals after they have had time to study them at leisure.

One of Blake's recommendations called for a state pledge of full-faith and credit for all local school boards in order to obtain a better bond rating and interest rate for local governments.

Citing his own county as an example, Blake said some tripple A rated state bonds sold for just over four per cent last week, while Currituck may sell their

bonds for five and one-half per cent.

The difference may mean that \$45,000 in local taxes will have to be used for interest payments, Blake said.

The superintendent also requested a regular state allocation for building maintenance and capital outlay on a 90-10 per cent matching basis with local school districts.

Blake also asked for enactment of the State Board of Education proposed budget for 1974-75.

In his address to the board members, Pritchett recalled the first year North Carolina assumed responsibility for public education in the state.

In 1931, he said, \$16.5 million was allocated for two years operation of the state's schools. This year the Advisory Budget Commission has recommended the spending of \$895 million to support public education in North Carolina.

Pritchett said he felt the state board's creation of numerous technical institutions and community colleges in the 1960s was one of the body's most admirable achievements.

Pritchett also expressed concern over the high number of drop-outs in the state's schools and said he was "inspired" by a Pitt County program to keep fifth and ninth graders in school.

Officers elected to guide District One activities during the coming year were: Ervin Cooper of Currituck—chairman; Dr. Elsie Hand of Gates—vice chairman; Dr. Jerry Blake of Currituck—secretary.



GOING OVER PLANS—John A. Pritchett, center, goes over school matter with chairman of the school board of Perquimans County, Clifford Winslow, left, and looking on is superintendent of county schools, C.C. Walters. (Staff Photo By Francine Sawyer)



PRESENTS PROPOSALS—Dr. Jerry Blake, superintendent of Currituck County Schools presents educational administrative proposals.



Mrs. M.B. Taylor used demonstrations to show participants in the food stamp program how to get more value out of their food stamp purchases.

Court Action

Perquimans County District Court was in brief session on Wednesday and the following cases were heard by Judge Fentress Horner:

William Clarence Cartwright, charged with driving under the influence, was given a sentence of 90 days which was suspended

upon payment of a fine of \$125 and costs, and ordered to surrender his driver's license for a period of 12 months;

Willie Shannonhouse received a 20-day sentence which was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs, when he was found guilty of being a public drunk;

Bradford Elroy Wiggins was taxed with costs on a charge of improper equipment;

Katie Skinner McDonald, charged with failure to stop for a stopped school bus, received a fine of \$25 and costs;

John Charles Barry was taxed with a fine of \$75 and costs on a speeding charge;

W. R. Chamblee, charged with giving a worthless check, was given a 60-day sentence suspended upon restitution of \$100 for use of Towle Motor Company, and costs of the court.

Insurance, Rules and Operations of the Senate, and Wildlife. The energetic Senator takes a lot of personal pride in serving the largest Senatorial District in North Carolina. He promises, if elected, to continue to serve all its citizens with fairness to the best of his ability.

DANCE

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance Saturday night February 23, 9:30 to 12:30 \$5.00 per couple for members and guest. Music by the U.S. Band.

George Washington Celebrates His Birthday, With Specials Inside Today!



SEEKS RE-ELECTION—Incumbent Julian H. Broughton, filed this week for another term as sheriff of Perquimans County. Broughton, who is known throughout the Albemarle as "Little Man" first took office in 1966. Before becoming sheriff he was a brick mason. He is married to the former Irene Byrum. The couple live with their children, Jeff and Betty on Grubb Street. Broughton is a member of Hertford Baptist Church, American Legion and Lions Club. He has held top offices in these organizations. He served overseas during World War II.

Ma Bell's System

Phone Company Is Realigned

The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company and The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Va. announced today that at their recent board meetings four operations vice-presidents were elected: S.O. Alexander, Vice-President - Traffic; H.B. Houtz, Vice-President - Engineering & Construction; S.G. Scott, Jr., Vice-President - General Administration; and C.R. Wilson, Vice-President - Budget & Planning. The elections were part of an overall restructuring within the companies which realigned departments and is designed to make the companies more responsive to the growing needs of their service areas. The companies, headquartered in Elizabeth City, N.C., now serve over 35,000 stations in eight northeastern North Carolina counties, and over 11,000 stations in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Alexander, 46, began with the companies as a lineman in 1947 and was, before his recent election, Superintendent of Inside Plant. A native of East Lake, N.C., he completed Elizabeth City High School 1945 and served 2 years in the U.S. Merchant Marines, and 4 years in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant while in Germany. He is a General and Sunday School

Superintendent at Hickory United Methodist Church, and a charter member and past president of the Great Bridge Lions Club.

Houtz, 37, began with the companies as Chief Engineer in 1958, a position he has held until his recent election. A native and lifelong resident of Elizabeth City, he received his Electrical Engineering degree from N.C. State College (now University) in 1958, and served 8 years in the U.S. Army Reserves an attained the rank of Captain. He is a member of the board of directors and president of A.B. Houtz & Sons, Inc., and currently serves on the Engineering and Plant Committee of the North Carolina Independent Telephone Association. Houtz is a deacon in Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church and a member of its choir, member of the Rotary Club, Albemarle and drive chairman Pasquotank United Fund, and past Jaycee, holding various offices, including vice-president therein, and was the 1967 DSA winner from that club. He is married to the former Patricia Bunch of Elizabeth City, and has 2 daughters.

Scott, 56, began with the companies as Supervisor Special Programs in 1967 and, in addition to that title, has served for several years as Assistant Commercial Manager before his recent

PCRA Meets Tonite

The Perquimans County Restoration Association will meet tonight to continue the rapid movement of restoring the Newbold-White House, the state's oldest home.

The 8 p.m. meeting in the R.E.A. auditorium by the board of directors will hear discussion of the next phase of development of the Newbold-White House. The house is now restored to its original state. This was done during the summer.

The next step will see getting an architect to draw up and submit plans to restore the historical landmark.

The renovation will begin in early spring. The goal opening has been set for '76, the nation's 200th birthday.

Funds for these next phases will include a grant of \$7,500 for the National Park Service with \$25,000 coming from the state legislature.

These are matching funds. A drive to acquire local funds will be launched shortly.

An office of the Perquimans County Restoration Association is located over the bus station, in downtown Hertford.

Herbert Nixon is projects chairman and Mrs. Jean Winslow is financial

Families Learning Food Stamp System

There were 43 Perquimans low income families participated in a school on "How to use the Food Stamps" last Friday, at the Perquimans County Office Building.

The school was conducted by Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent.

She showed the participants how the food stamps can help them buy more nutritious food by adding bonus coupons to their food buying power. Much emphasis was placed on the value of the food stamps. She stated that the food stamps are just like money. Take care of them. Participants on the program should count their food stamp books as soon as they are received and sign their name on them. Then if the participants lose one, there is a good chance of getting it back.

Participants were advised to notify the food stamp office immediately if such occur. When you get the stamps, you are ready to spend them for food at any store that can accept them, Mrs. Taylor further stated. Look for the We Accept Food Stamps sign in the grocery store. To speed things up at the check out counter participants should do the following: The checker you are a food stamp customer. Be prepared to show your food stamp identification (ID).

items from those you will pay for with cash.

Food stamps are for food only. They cannot be used to buy pet food, soap, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, or paper goods. Also, foods that are marked that they come from another country except coffee, tea, cocoa, and bananas. Don't tear out your food stamps before going to the store. Your grocer cannot take loose \$2 and \$5 coupons. He can take loose 50 cents coupons. At the time of purchase the participants are to tear out the \$2 and \$5 coupons. The participants were taught how to make change. Making change is easy once you see how it works, stated Mrs. Taylor.

She further advised the participants that it was against the law to see food stamps or give them away, or pay back bills, or misuse them in anyway.

During the workshop tips were given on how to use the Basic four Food Guide in meal planning and "How to Buy Meats".

To help the participants to make the best use of the food stamps, Mrs. Taylor has planned with the participants to hold a workshop the third Friday in each month at 10:30 A.M., at the Agricultural Extension Agents Office Building. The topic for March meeting - "How To Food