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PREVIEW OF PLATES — Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce secretary, Jean Harrison, gives you a preview of next year's license plate - and next year's and next year's and next year's. In case you haven't gotten the idea yet - North Carolina is joining other states in selling automobile license plates that you will keep for five years. The only thing you buy from year to year is that year tag in the middle. The new plates are aluminum and lighter than the ones now in use. They go on sale January 2. Office hours are 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and from 9:15 a.m. to noon on Wednesday and Saturday. By the way trailer, truck, and motorcycle plates will be the same as in the past. One more thing - heed the advice on the bumper stickers on the rear of Mrs. Harrison's car.

Three State Watershed Workshops Are Held

Three watershed workshops designed to inform project sponsors, urban planners and other government officials, environmental groups and the public at large on watershed projects was held in North Carolina November 19, 20, 21.

The workshops were announced by William G. Greenlee of Marion, chairman of the Watershed Committee of the State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and by Jesse L. Hicks of Raleigh, who heads the Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina.

Each workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. Locations include: Tuesday, November 19 - Ramada Inn, Greenville, Highway 264 Bypass. Wednesday, November 20 - Forsyth County Agricultural Building,

Winston-Salem, 1450 Fairchild Drive.

Thursday, November 21 - Lemon Tree Inn, Marion, intersection of Interstate 40 and Highway 221.

The program included discussions of:

1. Local watershed work, and how projects are affected.
2. SCS principles and standards used on watershed projects.
3. Legislative action affecting North Carolina watershed projects.
4. The status of watershed projects in North Carolina.

A question and answer period will be a key part of each session. In addition, Executive Director Leonard Solomon of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission will discuss watershed work in Oklahoma, and a panel will discuss a North

Carolina project at each meeting.

At the Greenville session, Conetoe Creek Watershed Project in Pitt and Edgecombe Counties were discussed.

At Winston-Salem, the Dutchman Creek Project in Davie County was covered.

At Marion, the Muddy Creek Project which serves McDowell and Burke Counties was the panel topic.

"We think these three workshops, with knowledgeable people on hand to supply scientific information, will contribute to the general knowledge of people interested in flood prevention and related resource conservation in North Carolina," Chairman Greenlee commented.

Holiday Hints For Mailing

With the holiday season fast approaching, Hertford Postmaster Henry Stokes reminds the public that mailing early and following wise mailing practices will speed up the Christmas mailing load and insure delivery on time.

The suggested Christmas mailing dates are December 10 for surface parcels; December 15 for cards and letters; and December 21 for air parcels.

Some suggested mailing practices include the use of zip codes, bundling large mailings for local, in state and out of state deliveries, and the use of strong packaging materials when wrapping Christmas parcels for mailing.

In connection with the holidays, the two ten-cent traditional Christmas postage stamps are presently on sale at the Hertford Post Office.

This year's Christmas Masterpiece stamp is based upon a detail from "The Perussis Altarpiece," a large oil painting which hangs in the Metropolitan

Museum of Art in New York. Designer of the stamp is Brabury Thompson of Riverside, Conn.

The stamp features an angel taken from the central of the five panels making up the large altarpiece painting. The angel is one of two in the central panel - one is depicted in flight on either side of the upright portion of the cross that dominates the panel.

The second Christmas stamp is taken from an 1853 lithographic print, "The Road - Winter," by the firm Currier and Ives. The drawing was done on the lithography stone by Otto Knirsch, one of the celebrated American artists Nathaniel Currier employed to produce drawings that were to be colored on an assembly line of girls, each of whom applied a single color.

The stamp was designed by Stevan Dohanos of Westport, Conn. The design shows a man and a woman in a horsedrawn sleigh moving through a wintry landscape.



PROCLAMATION — Hertford Mayor Bill Cox recently signed a proclamation declaring Nov. 22-Nov. 28 as Farm-City Week. Looking on is R.L. Stevenson, 1974 Perquimans County Farm-City Week chairperson. Activities of observance for the week include a Nov. 26 luncheon at Owen's Restaurant in Hertford for the county's civic club presidents. This will be followed by a tour of Don Juan Manufacturing Corp. in Hertford. Also, there will be a one-week art exhibit at the Peoples Bank lobby displaying works done by Deanna Kückel Stevenson. And, R.L. Stevenson will attend a luncheon at the North Carolina State University Faculty Club in Raleigh for the county Farm-City Week chair people.

County To Observe Farm - City Week

R.L. Stevenson has been named Perquimans County Farm-City Week chairman for the 1974 observance of Farm-City Week. The appointment was announced by Mr. Sherrill Williams of Newton Grove, state Farm-City Week Chairman.

Serving with Stevenson as co-chairman for the county committee is Richard Bryant, County Extension Chairman.

Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on November 22-28, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people.

In appointing county Farm-City Week chairman, Mr. Williams stated that North Carolina is fortunate to have a fine relationship between urban and rural citizens. "Farm-City Week can help to maintain and strengthen this relationship," he said.

Mrs. Gilbert English of

Trinity is serving with Mr. Williams as state vice-chairman.

This will be the twentieth annual observance of Farm-City Week. Last year's observance, according to final reports received at national headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 15,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada.

Farm-City Week is under the direction of a National Farm-City Council, Inc. headed by Don Tuttle, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut. Kiwanis International will serve as coordinating agency for Farm-City Week and act as headquarters for the National Farm-City Council for the nineteenth consecutive year.

The National Farm-City Council is composed of representatives from more than 150 major farm organizations, industries, businesses, associations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and church groups.

A Presidential proclamation and a joint Congressional resolution have called for Farm-City Week observances each year since the inception of the event. Farm-City Week has won the Freedoms Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, which carries the same distinction in the community service field as does the famed "Oscar" in the motion picture industry and the "Emmy" in the

television field, and the Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America for being the best community relations program of 1966.

Bill Cox, mayor of Hertford, signed the following proclamation for the observance of Farm-City Week in Perquimans County.

WHEREAS the prosperity and well-being of this community are dependent upon the cooperation between the two great elements of our society: farmers and urban people, and

WHEREAS the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities have led to a widening gulf of misunderstanding, and

WHEREAS this gulf of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure, and

WHEREAS Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled opportunity for farm and city people to become re-acquainted,

THEREFORE, I, William D. Cox, Mayor of the City of Hertford, do hereby proclaim the period of November 22 through November 28 to be Farm-City Week; and I do further call upon all citizens of this community to participate to the limit of their capability in the joint visits, seminars, social and civic events attendant to a successful Farm-City Week in Hertford.



PRESENTS PROGRAM — Ms. Rosemary Dunford recently presented a program on alcoholism to seventh and eighth grade students at Hertford Grammar School. Ms. Dunford is Alcoholic Educational Specialist with the Albemarle Mental Health Center in Elizabeth City.

Hertford Grammar Students Learn About Alcoholism

By KATHY NEWBERN
Seventh and eighth grade students at Hertford Grammar School learned some of the facts about alcoholism when Ms. Rosemary Dunford presented a program at the school Monday morning.

Ms. Dunford is Alcoholic Educational Specialist with the Albemarle Mental Health Center in Elizabeth City. Her job includes educating students through school programs such as the one on Monday, counseling with families of alcoholics and counseling with the alcoholic.

Ms. Dunford presented the facts related to the disease. As she put it, "I'm here to just present the facts; it's up to you how you use them."

In her presentation, Ms. Dunford used several phrases to describe alcohol. According to her, alcohol is a drug, a chemical, an allergy of the body, an obsession of the mind, an anesthetic.

Some of the facts about the disease of alcoholism included some startling statistics. Ms. Dunford informed the students that there are nine million alcoholics in the United States today and four other people are effected by these nine million, such as wives, husbands, parents, employers, brothers, sisters, etc. She also pointed out that 450,000 teenagers in the United States are already alcoholics. Further commenting on the widespread disease, she added that one out of every ten people that

drinks alcohol will die from it or will develop permanent brain damage. Alcoholism is the number three killer in this country with heart disease and cancer ranking first and second respectively.

Ms. Dunford told the Hertford Grammar students that alcoholism is chronic, progressive, and fatal.

Showing an understanding of some of the problems young people face, Ms. Dunford said, "Alcohol makes us feel more congenial, and like one of the gang; it gives us a sense of belonging." However, she did not preach on the sins of drinking. "I'm not here to frighten you," she said, "The alcoholic is drinking because he is so full of fear and he knows that alcohol deadens the emotional pain."

Following the class presentation, a personal interview with Ms. Dunford revealed some new trends toward helping the alcoholic and the role society plays. Ms. Dunford commented, "If we can think of the alcoholic as a sick person doomed to death or permanent insanity, then we can start to help him."

The Albemarle Health Center where Ms. Dunford works is under the State Department of Mental Health. The center covers five counties including Perquimans. Ms. Dunford said, "Treatment of alcoholism in this Albemarle area is one of the center's concerns. We have an alcoholism rehabilitation

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Randy Simmerson

Named To Who's Who

Randy Simmerson, a senior at North Tredell High School in Statesville, N.C. and a former resident of Hertford, was notified recently that he is to be featured in the Eighth Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1973-74.

Simmerson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford L. Simmerson of Statesville, N.C. He is active in the DECA Club, French Club, VICA, Scouting, and has won a science award, is a selected member of the Order of the Arrow and is an Eagle Scout.

In addition to having his biography published in the book, Randy will also compete for one of ten scholarships of \$500 to \$1,000 funded by the publishers

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CANCER CRUSADERS — David White, president of the high school Health Careers Club, recently presented a check in the amount of \$200 to Harriet Woodard, town chairperson for the Cancer Crusade campaign. The Health Club members raised the money selling the "Send a Mouse to College" buttons and the Cancer Crusade balloons. Faculty advisor for the club is Elaine Pritchard and the community sponsor is the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club. Carolyn Fowler served as county chairperson during the Cancer Crusade month of October. (Ray Ward photo)



MORNING HAS BROKEN — Perquimans County may be the land of beautiful women, but it is also the land of beautiful scenery as can be seen in the dark and light contrasting landscape of sunrise over the Perquimans River. (Newbern photo)