

Agriculture

For referendum

Beef producers urged to register

Perquimans County beef producers must be registered between Jan. 28 and Feb. 6 in order to be eligible to vote in the national beef "Checkoff" referendum scheduled Feb. 19-22.

Producers may register and vote at the Perquimans County office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) located in the ARPDC building, 512 South Church Street, Hertford.

Registration and voting can be completed by mail if information and ballots are requested in advance.

The referendum will determine if producers want to establish a nationally coordinated beef research and information program to be financed by a "checkoff" or self-assessment.

Most organized groups within the beef industry, including the N.C. Cattlemen's Association, favor the proposal.

A similar referendum failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote required for approval in 1977, although North Carolina producers voted 86 percent in favor.

Nationally, the favorable vote was just over 56 percent.

Changes made by Congress in the enabling legislation will make approval easier in 1980. Only a simple majority will be required for adoption of the beef research and information plan.

The program would be funded by assessments based on the value of cattle sold. During the first two years of the program, assessments could be up to two-tenths of 1 percent of the value, or 20 cents per \$100. After two years, an increase of up to

five-tenths of 1 percent could be requested.

The program would be run by a beef board composed of up to 68 producers representing each state or geographic area of the nation. In addition, there would be on the board as many as five non-voting consumer advisors.

Perquimans County ASCS Director, Tommy Riddick urges Perquimans County producers to register during the designated Jan. 29-Feb. 6 period in order to be eligible to vote, whether they are in favor of the proposal or opposed to it.

Perquimans Gardening
By
Jean Winslow



As usual, this time of the year, our weeping fig (Ficus benjamina) shows signs of stress, that is, too many leaves are falling. This is because of a location which does not offer enough light in the winter. So I moved it to a brighter spot, and that should do the trick.

Weeping figs are in a large group of popular plants called epiphytes, a Greek word meaning "on a plant," which is highly descriptive of the manner in which this family flourishes. These familiar houseplants have a natural home high above the dense shade of tropical rain forests. While this obviously suggests that epiphytes love high humidity, it is incredible how well they will survive the dry conditions of modern housing.

Here's a list of epiphytes (you'll be surprised at how many you know): bird's nest fern, Boston sword, staghorn and rabbit's foot ferns, windowleaf, Spanish moss, wax plant (Hoya), mistletoe cactus, lipstick plant, rubber plant, mistletoe fig and weeping fig.

As you can see, these plants grow with their roots partially exposed, and since they must be kept well aerated, they should never be left water-logged, and never transplanted deeply into soil. Potting mixture for these plants should be light with a lot of organic material.

The ferns like a little shade, with good humidity, while most of the others prefer more light. How clever they are in conserving water, as they spend their natural lives being drenched by monsoons at the top of the forest canopy, only to battle searing sun and wind the next week as the forest dries out.

That woolly appearance on, say, the staghorn fern is caused by a layer of complexly branched hairs that hold a thick insulating layer of still air next to the leaf. The white color helps it to absorb less radiation, more reflected light energy causes less heating of the leaf and less water loss. Some have huge roots that wind around anything close to them and can survive only on the heavy dew of the atmosphere.

David Lee, an expert on rain-forest plants, reports that he has seen weeping figs and rubber plants growing on buildings in Southeast Asia, becoming so large they even split the concrete. Aggressive rascals, aren't they? But in our habitat I doubt you will ever have to issue commands like "Down, Ficus," or "Head that Hoya off at the pass..." Obviously, the history of these plants is bizarre, but if we realize how they grow in the forests we will better understand their needs.

As we anxiously await the next growing period, there are still things to do besides sit by the fire. (I love it, I love it, it's so cozy.)

Remember our feathered friends with water and seed.
Turn that compost,
Split that wood,
Get a little lazy—
You ain't doing what you should.

N.C. Soil Conservationists convene

The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts honored State Senator Melvin R. Daniels last week by naming him the Conservationist of the Year.

Mr. Daniels was cited for his work in the creation and adoption of many agricultural and conservation related bills for the Albemarle area.

The 37th annual State Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was

held in the Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club, January 6-9. The convention opened with a memorial and Vesper Service lead by State Association Chaplin, Rev. Charles Bullock.

The first assembly was held Monday morning with Milton E. Mekilburg, from Yuma, Colorado, Vice-President of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NADC) delivered the keynote address. On Monday night, a number of awards were

presented including the "Conservation Farm Family of the Year". The Johnston District received this honor and the conservation farmer was awarded a trip to Phoenix, Arizona, by the Good-Year Tire and Rubber Company, to visit their test farm there and observe methods of farming.

Sessions continued on Tuesday with Commissioner James A. Graham from the North Carolina Department of

Agriculture speaking to the group.

Attending the meeting from Perquimans County were: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Williams and Mr. and Mrs. George Winslow.

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NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The annual stockholders' meeting of Hertford Savings and Loan Association will be held Wednesday evening, February 13, 1980, 7:30 p.m., at the office of the Association, 121 North Church Street, Hertford, N.C. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers and directors of the ensuing year, and transacting any other business that might come before the meeting.

SILAS M. WHEDBEE, President
H. GENE BOYCE, Sec.-Treas.

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NOTICE

All property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation shall be listed annually as prescribed by law.

The regular listing period will begin on Wednesday, January 2, 1980 and end on Thursday, January 31, 1980.

List during the regular listing period and save ten per cent penalty.

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP
Mrs. Paul Byrum, List Taker
Belvidere Community Building

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Oras Winslow, List Taker
Courthouse, Hertford

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Mrs. Charles Ward, List Taker
C.R. Ward's Store

PARKVILLE TOWNSHIP
Mrs. Anna Newton, List Taker
Winfall Community Building

Dates and times for these 4 townships are:

January 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23,
24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
January 5, 12, 19, 26 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

NEW HOPE TOWNSHIP
Melvin Eure, List Taker
Durants Neck Post Office
and Woodville Fire Department

NOTE: Listing at
2 places.

Dates and time for the New Hope Township are:

DURANTS NECK POST OFFICE
January 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
January 5, 12, 19, 26 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

WOODVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
January 23, 24, 25 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
January 28, 29, 30, 31 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Machinery Act of 1971, G.S. 105-308, duty to list; penalty for failure

Every person in whose name any property is to be listed under the terms of this sub-chapter shall list the property with the tax supervisor or proper list taker within the time allowed by law on an abstract setting forth the information required by this sub-chapter.

In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, any person whose duty it is to list any property who willfully fails or refuses to list the same within the time prescribed by law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed six months. The failure to list shall be prima facie evidence that the failure was willful.

Any person who removes or conceals property for the purpose of evading taxation or who aids or abets the removal or concealment of property for the purpose of evading taxation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed six months.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED PERSONS

G.S. 105-277.1 excludes from property taxes the first seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in assessed value of certain property owned by North Carolina residents aged 65 or older or totally and permanently disabled whose disposable income does not exceed nine thousand dollars (\$9,000). The exclusion covers real property occupied by the owner as his or her permanent residence and/or household personal property used by the owner in connection with his or her permanent residence. Disposable income includes all moneys received other than gifts or inheritances received from a spouse, lineal ancestors, or lineal descendants.

KEITH W. HASKETT
Perquimans County Tax
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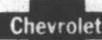
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with General Statutes 163-33-(8) that the Primary Election will be held May 6, 1980 and the Second Primary, if necessary, will be held on June 3, 1980, within the County of Perquimans, North Carolina. The hours will be 6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.

CANDIDATES seeking Party nomination in the First Primary, May 6, 1980 may file in the office of the Board of Elections beginning at 12:00 noon, January 7, 1980, and not later than 12:00 noon, February 4, 1980, pursuant to General Statutes 163-106-c.

W.L. TILLEY
Chairman
PERQUIMANS COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS