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New officer

Harriett Dail swears in Dean Brooks Hart Cartwright, the Hertford Police Department's new police officer, replacing Officer Brooks Hart. Cartwright, 23, a native of Currituck County, began his duties in his first police job last Friday. He resides in Woodville with his wife, the former Susan Godfrey of Woodville, and their three children.

Perquimans Union School roof requires additional repairs

The Perquimans County Board of Education will decide this week what they intend to do with the roof at Perquimans Union School, where it was recently discovered that improper drainage had damaged a far more extensive area of the roof than the board had anticipated.

According to School Superintendent Pat Harrell, the additional damage was discovered when the firm contracted to replace a small portion of the roof found that nearly three-fourths of the roof had been damaged.

The firm, Southeastern Professional Coatings, Inc. of Elizabeth City, had been contracted to replace the outer four feet of one wing of the Union School roof. Water from the gutters had seeped into the roof edge, causing it to crack and damaging the insulation underneath.

After Southeastern had begun the work, they found that in fact water

had damaged almost three-fourths of the roof.

Harrell said that the cause of the damage was probably improper installation of the gutters several years ago. Because the gutters had been installed so long ago, Harrell didn't think any action could be taken against the firm which did the installation.

Harrell has called two special meetings of the school board, one on Tuesday of last week and one last Tuesday. Harrell said the special meetings were needed because the damage could get worse if the board waited until its next meeting.

Following consultation with engineers, the board will be presented with two options to repairing the damage. One option will be to remove the entire roof and replace it with a new type of roof without insulation, or to replace the damaged portion with the same roof already there, with insulation.

According to bidding regulations, Harrell said the board will not have to accept bids for the additional work, but can extend the contract to Southeastern to cover the additional work.

Harrell could not say exactly what the additional cost would be.

Central Grammar finds accreditation work rewarding

By TOM OSTROSKY
Second in a series

Teachers and administrators at Perquimans Central Grammar School are glad to see the work on accreditation finished, for the moment, and feel certain they can make the grade.

Central Grammar is one of the four schools in the county seeking accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Along with the schools, the school administration will also try to receive accreditation.

With their small teaching staff, teachers at Central found themselves dividing their time on more and smaller committees than they might have in one of the other schools. Each

committee was assigned to one portion of the schools curriculum or function.

Principal Shelton Davis and steering committee member Brenda Winslow think that putting teachers on a greater number of smaller committees was an advantage for the school, though it may have seemed like a lot of work at the time.

Committee members were right in the thick of things, learning more than they might have about how the school functions outside their own classrooms.

"They become more aware of what's going on in the school," said Davis. "Sometimes you get so involved in your own work, you forget the first grade class next door. This

gives us a broader view.

"It's an opportunity to just sit down and talk," said Winslow. "It's a chance to break down some of the barriers we might have."

From talking with teachers and parents, the committees formed an opinion of what were the schools strengths and weaknesses, and then outlined plans for the school's improvement.

"We were not always in 100 percent agreement on everything," said Davis, "but this provided us with a forum to present and solve problems."

According to Davis, some of the results of the school's accreditation report — a combination of reports from each committee — indicate that

margarine, a dessert and milk. The food is prepared by Brown's Catering Service and is delivered each weekday to the site.

Laura Tierney, Nutrition Director, and a representative of Brown's plan a menu together for the month that is agreeable to both parties. This menu is reviewed by two dietitians in Perquimans County before being sent to Raleigh for the final approval. It must meet certain nutritional standards.

"But it's not only the food," says Lee Riddick, Aging Administrator. "It's the chance for these people to get out and be active."

Hester Reid, site manager, says they offer a program before the meals. "We play bingo, have visits from the Health and Extension Departments, conduct Arts & Crafts classes or have a local minister to come in between 11:30 and 12 noon."

Each day, Reid calls in the number of meals to be served the following day to the ARPDC office, and they notify Brown's as to the number of meals to be prepared. "There is no waste," says Mr.

Riddick.

A menu is posted monthly at the site so recipients may decide when they do or don't want to eat.

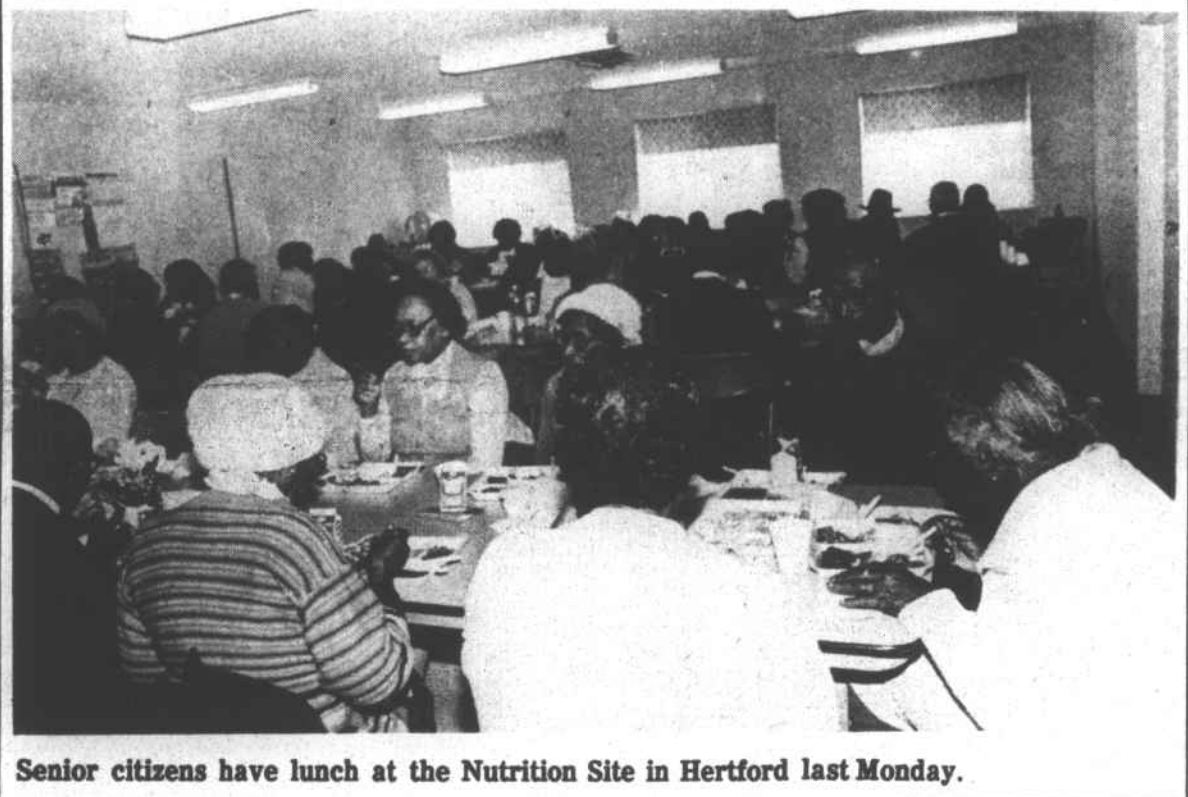
Donations are accepted from the recipients for the food and transportation. Vashti Lilly, a current recipient, says, "I give a dollar a month. If I don't have a dollar, I give fifty cents. I give what I can."

Mrs. Lilly adds, "If you come one day you'll want to come again. She (Mrs. Reid) is so kind and loving. I'm proud of her."

Last Monday, for example, about 50 people were served hot dogs and beans, spinach, a roll, a desert of cake and fruit salad, and milk.

The program is a result of the Older Americans Act, first passed by Congress in 1965 and amended several times over the years since then. The purpose of the bill was to provide money for local projects to improve the nutrition and reduce the isolation of the elderly.

Riddick said the site is a project in "preventive medicine. Getting them out, being active. This helps to keep them 'alive'. The money is being spent in the right way."



Senior citizens have lunch at the Nutrition Site in Hertford last Monday.

Peanut growers honored

Three Perquimans County farmers received awards for having the highest average peanut yields in the county at the county's Peanut Production Banquet Monday night at the county extension office.

Harold and Howard Hurdle received the first place award for growing an average 4,984 pounds of peanuts per acre on 10.5 acres on their farm in Winfall last season.

Jimmy Sawyer of Harveys Point received second place, harvesting 4,746 pounds per acre on 48.8 acres, and Maurice Weldon Byrum of Bear Swamp was third with 4,854 pounds per acre on 26.8.

The winners were determined on a point system, which factors in the average yield per acre and the number of acres harvested.

The awards were presented by North Carolina Peanut Growers Association Director Norfolk Suggs and county NCPGA representative Wayne Howell.

Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Chairman Bill Jester also announced three new members to the county's 5,000 Club, farmers who grew at least 5,000 pounds of peanuts per acre on a particular section of their land last year.

Those 5,000 Clubbers are Joe E. Harrell of Bethel, who yielded 5,110 pounds per acre on 10 acres; Byrum, who had 5,083 pounds per acre on 7.1 acres; and Donald Madro of Hertford, who harvested 5,082 pounds per acre on 1.1 acres.



The steering committee at Central Grammar School, from left, Principal Shelton Davis, Brenda Winslow, Mary Kathy Tant, and Katie Foskey, Maxine Wiggins, Lightfoot.

the school's greatest strength is its staff. Any group of people who would spend the extra time after school to put together these reports has to have some dedication.

"There's not one individual here who doesn't have concern for the children," Davis said. "This is a caring group of people and they give us a good school atmosphere."

Among the needs they found, besides more room for storage, were more classroom learning centers, a place in the classroom where a student can go off and work on his own, and working on various tasks provided by task cards at the center.

This gives the student a chance to use the skills he's learned, working at his own pace.

Davis also mentioned that the school has not taken advantage of

volunteers in the community who could assist teachers with the students. Another area of improvement was more teacher workshops, a need found in other schools as well. The work has also given them a chance, as Winslow said, "to open channels between the school and the central offices." And as they discover the value of this work, the need arises for a county-wide curriculum development, with all the schools discussing what should be taught, when, and how.

"This is a grand opportunity for professional growth," said Davis. "We're given the opportunity to look at what we do, look at the goals we set for ourselves, look at what needs improving and establishing plans to improve it."

Williams named to leukemia committee

The Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter announced today that the 1982 Cycle for Life Chairman for Winfall will be Mrs. Dennis Williams.

The Leukemia Society of America is dedicated towards the conquering of leukemia. Proceeds from the Bike-A-Thon will be used in research and patient-aid. At the present time the Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter has \$492,935 in research projects granted in the state of North Carolina.

These research projects are being conducted at Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

The Leukemia Society of America is also providing financial assistance to 260 patients in the state of North Carolina. In spite of remarkable medical advances in the last ten years, leukemia remains a number one killer disease of children.

When a boy or girl comes by your

home asking you to sponsor them in the upcoming Cycle for Life, please consider that the funds will be used right here in the state of North Carolina in research and patient-aid. Anyone wishing information or entry blanks can contact Mrs. Williams at 426-8467 in Hertford.

This week

The Snug Harbor Women's Club puts together a cookbook. Turn to page three.

Weather

Partly cloudy through Saturday, highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

