

Community Calendar

4-H Achievement Night set

Perquimans County will have a 4-H Achievement Night on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the ARPDC Building. The purpose of the Achievement Night is to recognize 4-H Club members, clubs and adult leaders for their outstanding work over the past two years.

N.C. Rehabilitation Association to meet

The first 1984 North Carolina Rehabilitation Association Chapter IV Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at the Holiday Inn on Highway 70 in Goldsboro. There will be a social hour from 5:15 until 6:30 p.m. Dinner will follow with a business and program agenda following dinner. The cost for this occasion is \$7.25. All members and individuals interested in helping improve the quality of life of the disabled person are urged to attend.

Candidate to visit

Senator Robert "Bob" Jordan, candidate for Lt. Governor, will visit Perquimans County on Thursday, March 1. He will be in the Perquimans County Courthouse at 11:30 a.m. All citizens of Perquimans County are cordially invited to come and meet Bob.

Quilters to meet

Perquimans Quilters will meet at the County Office Building on Monday, February 27, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Visitors and new members are welcome.

W.M.U. class slated

County W.M.U. Mission Study class will be Monday night February 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Hertford Baptist Church. Rev. Henry Hayes will teach the book "We Spell Missions A-M-E-R-I-C-A."

The writer, Everett Hullum, takes the reader around the country and straight to the heart of missions.

Total management table involves dual measures

By TONY SHORT
District Conservationist

Since farmers in the flat lands of North Carolina began farming in the late 1800's, they have been concerned with removing water to produce crops. Practically every soil type on the flat lower coastal plain is wet.

Water either ponds on top of the soil or it lies just below the surface. This water has to be managed during wet and dry seasons.

Now some farmers are finding that some of this drained off water can be used for irrigation purposes. Ditches that carry away water could be used to convey water back to crops.

The term for this process is total water table management. It involves managing water to its maximum use. Excess water will be drained off and in times of drought water will be held or pumped back to the field.

The water can be retained by a metal device around the end of a drainage culvert. This device has slots where wooden boards may be slipped in to block and thus raise the water level in the ditch.

During rains or wet periods, the water can be released. Underground drain tile will work well as ditches. It can be graded so that water will flow into it as well as out. Low pressure pumps or gravity flow can be used to push water back up the plastic drainage lines.

Many drain tile companies are becoming interested in this concept.

Various soil types respond differently to subsurface irrigation or water management depending on their ability to allow water to move through them.

Water does not move as readily through silty and clayey soils as it does through sandy soils.

There are some farmers who are

now experimenting with this irrigation/drainage. Jimmy Winslow of Tanglewood Farms near Elizabeth City has installed several devices to block water and retain it in his ditches.

Farmers in the Hale's Lake area of Camden County are also trying it. Farmers in Florida have used the process for years.

Research done at the Tidewater Research Station has indicated that the quality of the water ditches could be improved when cropland water is allowed to stand.

It's nitrogen content is lowered. Also sediment is given more time to settle out. Chemicals are given longer to breakdown. Nursery areas for shellfish may also be improved because this irrigating method allows for a slower release of freshwater.

Dwane Hinson is a Water Management Advisor, with the Soil Conservation Service, headquartered in Edenton. Hinson said, "Every field must be evaluated separately and a careful analysis must be made before a water

management system is installed in a field.

"A poor design or mismanagement by the farmer can result in

significant losses, especially if an entire crop is drowned. Consult your local SCS office if you are attempting to manage water on your farm."



This structure is one of many that has been installed for water management in northeastern North Carolina.

This one is being installed on Jimmy Winslow's Tanglewood Farm.

Service news

Army Pvt. Jerry M. Pettus Jr., son of Carol E. and William E. Umphlett of Route 2, Hertford, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Leonard Hall of Route 1, Hertford.

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Peanut support level unchanged

WASHINGTON — Peanut farmers will receive a national average support level of \$550 per short ton for 1984-crop quota peanuts and \$185 per ton for 1984-crop additional peanuts, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said today.

These are the same price support levels in effect for 1983-crop peanuts.

Additional loan collateral peanuts from the 1984 crop will be sold by USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation for export edible use at no less than \$425 per ton, Block said.

Current law requires the national support price for 1984 quota peanuts be the 1983 quota support level, adjusted for an increase in the average cost of production, excluding any rise in the land costs for 1983. This increase cannot be more than six percent.

However, Block said, USDA has estimated 1983 peanut production costs declined from those of 1982, so no increase is necessary.

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Crafts	3-7	5-23	Wed.	10-1	Wynn Fork	D. Toler	\$27
Crocheting	3-5	5-21	Mon.	1-4	Sr. Citizens Cntr.	D. Toler	\$24.75
Oil & Acrylics	3-8	5-24	Th.	3:30-5:30	Union School	R. Spivey	\$18
Religion	3-8	5-24	Th.	1-3	Sr. Citizens Cntr.	W. Martin	\$10
Religion	3-9	5-25	Fri.	10-1	Wynn Fork	W. Martin	\$10
Religion	3-6	5-22	Tu.	7-10	Vocational Cntr.	W. Martin	\$10
Sewing	3-5	5-21	Mon.	10-1	Wynn Fork	E. Hurdle	\$24.75
Sewing	3-6	5-22	Tu.	7-9	Vocational Cntr.	E. Hurdle	\$18
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