

Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries
1980 Spring Meeting

The Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries met on April 24, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. with the Currituck County Extension Secretaries hosting the meeting at Camp Coleman.

Marjorie Fields, President, called the meeting to order. Devotion was conducted by Lillian Briggs. Jerry Hardesty, County Extension Chairman – Currituck County, welcomed the group.

The roll was called with eighteen secretaries present.

The minutes were approved as read.

Sharon Gibbs, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$322.50 as of April 24, 1980, representing 26 paid members.

At this time committees were asked to meet for a few minutes before giving their reports.

Committee Reports

Public Relations – Earla Moore, Chairman, reported the Public Relations Committee would issue two newsletters this year: one after the Spring Meeting and one after the Fall Meeting. Anyone having news for the newsletter should send it to her as soon as possible.

Goals and Aims – Eric Mitchell, Chairman, stated, the committee status was the same as read from the November 1979 minutes.

Hospitality – Betty Cox, Chairman, requested that she be notified if secretaries see a need for the Hospitality Committee to send cards, or perform any other services. She also introduced Tamela Boyce, new secretary in Chowan County.

Membership – In the absence of Chairman, Marie Roberson, Glora Jean Thum, Committee Member, reported that this committee would like to work more closely with secretaries.

Finance – Miriam James, Chairman – no report.

Professional Improvement – Linda Buck, Chairman, reported that she contacted Nancy Payne, and was informed of a Pilot Program (first in the state) which had been held with the Northwestern and Southwestern districts on March 5–6, 1980, with approximately 40 attending. It was a Visual Communication Seminar. They learned how to prepare programs, etc., and were shown new equipment. D. G. Harwood, and Al Brothers attended. Linda, also was named Secretary of the Year of the Washington, NC Chapter of the National Secretaries Association. Congratulations to Linda for receiving this honor.

Rules and By-Laws – Sharron Sanderson, Chairman – no report.

OLD BUSINESS

The 1980 4-H Scholarship – Perquimans and Bertie Counties are the recipients. The camp recipient is chosen by agents in recipient's county. A 4-H'er must receive the scholarship on the basis of achievement and/or need. The scholarship must not exceed \$50.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Session on May 16, 1980 at McKimmon Center, Raleigh. Association Officers, Finance Committee Chairmen, and Public Relations Chairmen are to attend.

The Northeastern District Retirement Party for Dr. Eloise Cofer, will be held at the American Legion Building, Edenton on June 19, 1980. The meal and gift will be \$7.00 per person. Activities may include a skit for secretaries. The president hopes to receive and dispatch more information to members concerning this event.

The President asked Myrtle Rountree to serve on the 1980 Nominating Committee, along with Arnette Parker, to work up nominations for the up-coming officers.

The President stated the association received membership dues from Francis Cobb, Pitt County, who retired as Extension Secretary in 1979. The association voted to make Francis Cobb an honorary member of the association.

Our Guest Speaker, Mrs. Winnie Wood, of Camden County, was introduced by Linda McMullen who referred to our speaker as a *Super Person*. Mrs. Wood is employed at the College of the Albemarle as an instructor in Parent Effectiveness and is a Democratic Candidate for the N. C. State Senate. Her speech centered around the subject: Self Worth. Some points stressed were: Love, Accepting Love, Accepting Feelings, Listening for Feelings, Sharing Feelings, Forced Attention, and Giving Attention. She ended her presentation by reading a poem written and developed by Dora Underwood.

Hyde County will host our Fall Meeting.

Sharron Sanderson reported there were flowers on the tables for secretaries to take with them in observation of National Secretaries Week. These flowers were donated by Margaret Jarvis. Also, two tomato plants each were donated to the meeting by Vernon Garrett, EFNEP Program Aide, Currituck County.

After the meeting adjourned, a delicious dinner was served. Sponsors were: Mr. Richard Ferrell and Myock Lumber Company. Making donations for the meal were: Mr. Jerry Hardesty, Mary Sue Wright, Sharron Sanderson, Lee Ferrell, and Vernon Garrett.

Marjorie Fields, District President
Ruth Smith, District Secretary