

Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries  
1981 Spring Meeting

April 28, 1981

The Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries met for their spring meeting in Edenton at the Chowan County Agricultural Extension Office. Katherine Gillam, 1st Vice President, presided in the absence of President Linda McMullen.

Betty Cox read Psalm 100 for the devotion and led the group in prayer.

Roll call showed eighteen secretaries present.

Minutes of the fall meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$318.51.

**Old Business**

It was announced that Currituck County would receive the 4-H scholarship for 1981. The state planning meeting will be held in Raleigh on May 15.

The state meeting will be held in Blowing Rock with the Southwestern District serving as hostess for the meeting. The meeting will be held on September 17-18.

**New Business**

A discussion was held concerning a money-making project to help defray the expenses of those persons attending the state meeting. No action taken.

It was decided that each county would be responsible for a door prize to be given away at the state meeting.

Martin County agreed to host the fall meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Goals and Aims – Ruth Smith, Chairman, reported that many of the goals that we had set have been accomplished -- time granted for meetings, longevity, etc., and recommended that the 4-H Scholarship be continued.

Hospitality Committee – Lillian Briggs acted as Chairman in the absence of Myrtle Rountree. She asked that we contact the chairman of the committee so that members of the association can be remembered when they are ill. It was also suggested that the hospitality committee might assist the host county with district meetings.

Membership Committee – Earla Moore, Chairman – expressed concern for getting counties that have no members into the association. Plans are to contact all those who are not members. A

letter will be sent to Pamlico and Craven Counties welcoming them into the Northeastern District.

Public Relations – Marie Roberson, Chairman – reported that she will prepare a form letter concerning the district meeting and will send to each county for use in the local papers. Each person is asked to submit any items of interest to Marie for use in a newsletter by May 15. The only way that a newsletter can be successful is for everyone to participate and send in news worthy material.

Katherine Gilliam reported that it would seem that the present budget should be adequate for the new year. No major changes seen.

Professional Improvement – Linda Buck, Chairman – discussed joining the Professional Secretaries Association and gave out information on same. It is felt that since we receive time for meetings now, we might change our meeting format somewhat and have a morning workshop and luncheon. This would enable us to have more in-service training and also keep traveling at night to a minimum.

Rules and By-Laws – Peggy Bailey, Chairman – reported no proposed changes at this time.

Nominating – Tammy Smith, Chairman – stressed the importance of serving if you are asked to fill an office. There was some discussion concerning appointments of committees, especially chairmen, without the person first being asked. It was felt that there would be much better participation and cooperation if the person is asked to serve rather than be appointed and being informed by mail.

Katherine Gillam announced that Hilda Mitchell has reached her 30th anniversary this year.

Betty Cox introduced Mrs. Fran Ward, Home Economics Extension Agent, who presented a program on making silk flowers. Each secretary was given an opportunity to make an iris during the workshop.

After the meeting, the Chowan County Extension Office hosted a meal at Cherry Point. Bank of North Carolina and Peoples Bank & Trust Company sponsored the steak dinner, and Pete Thompson, retired Extension Chairman, served as chef.

Katherine Gillam, 1st Vice President  
Betty J. Cox, Secretary