

## Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries 1984 Spring Meeting

The Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries met for their spring meeting on Friday, April 27, 1984 at the Village Restaurant in Oriental. The meeting was called to order by President Betty DeCamp.

A devotional was given by Betty Chandler of Beaufort County. A cordial welcome was extended to us by Mr. Fred May, Pamlico County Extension Chairman.

Myrtle Rountree introduced our first guest speaker, Brenda Leggette, Director of Continuing Education at Pamlico Technical College, who talked to us about Toastmasters. Our second guest speaker, introduced by Lillie Walker, was Pete Caraway, Chairman, State Personnel Commission, who talked with us about N.C. State Employees Association.

After a short break, entertainment was provided by Susan Herring, Associate Home Economics Extension Agent, Pamlico County who played the piano. Everyone then enjoyed a delicious seafood lunch. A very special thanks to our sponsors for the day: Pamlico County Young Farmers Organization, First Citizens Bank, Wachovia Bank, Farm Credit Service, Farm Bureau Insurance, Nationwide Insurance, New Bern Oil & Fertilizer, Sound Packing Company, and Hopkins & Sons Seafood and Storage.

Roll call showed 19 secretaries present.

Minutes of the fall meeting were not read as copies were given to each member. Myrtle Rountree moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Lillie Walker, motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given by MarySue Wright-Baker showing a balance of \$414.04.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance - Peggy Bailey, Chairman -recommended that travel be increased from 10 cents to 20 cents and that the 4-H scholarship fund be increased from \$50.00 to \$60.00. Louise Newsome moved that travel be raised from 10 cents to 20 cents. Seconded by Myrtle Rountree, motion passed.

Goals and Aims - Myrna Horne, Chairman, absent - no report. However, Hilda Mitchell suggested that we do let it be known at the planning meeting that we do know about possibility of proposed reclassification.

Hospitality - Ruth Smith, Chairman - requested to be contacted when there was a need.

Membership - Jo Ann Clemmons, Chairman, absent. Hilda Mitchell reported that we have 13 members that have not joined our association. They will be invited to attend. She reminded us that everyone needs to put forth an effort in this matter.

Nominating - Lillie Walker, Chairman - reported that she would be sending forms in July. She asked for full support.

Professional Improvement - Janet Hardison, Chairman - no report, but welcomed any suggestions. Lillie Walker suggested that we may try to pursue getting some training on the computer. Betty Chandler suggested that in keeping with Lillie's suggestion, that a letter or proposal be sent to county chairmen so they would be aware of this.

Public Relations - Dwan Saunders, Chairman, passed out copies of booklets entitled *Happiness is Looking at the World Through Rose Colored Glasses -- Good Public Relations is Putting Them on Someone Else*, which will be

of benefit to all of us. She will try to send news releases to counties so they can get our meeting news in their local papers.

Rules and Bylaws - Earla Moore, Chairman - no report.

### **Old Business**

Louise Newsome reminded us that it was time to draw for the 4-H scholarship. Peggy Bailey read the guidelines. After discussion, Earla Moore recommended the following changes be made in the 4-H camp scholarship guidelines:

1. That scholarship be increased from \$50.00 to \$60.00.
2. That if selected county does not use scholarship in the current year, its opportunity be forfeited until all other eligible counties have an opportunity.

Katherine Gillam moved that we accept the recommendations made by the 4-H scholarship committee. Seconded by Dwan Saunders, the motion carried. Drawing for the scholarship was held and will go to Beaufort County with Pamlico County being the alternate. If Beaufort County does not use the scholarship they were asked to notify the chairperson so that alternate could be notified.

Betty DeCamp told us that Dr. Hobgood sent a letter of regret that he could not be with us for our meeting. He sent his best wishes.

### **New Business**

It was announced that the state planning meeting would be May 10, 1984 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Our annual state meeting and training will be held September 18-19, 1984 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. A tentative schedule was given.

It was decided that our district fall meeting would be in Beaufort County.

Under other business, Earla Moore moved that we accept Jessie Ellis from Craven County as an honorary member of our association. Seconded by Hilda Mitchell, motion passed. Tammy Smith then introduced our newest member, Donna Downing from Chowan County. Lillian Knight thanked Betty DeCamp for her efforts and hard work in preparing for our meeting.

Betty DeCamp then presented each secretary with a box of candy and a rose in honor of secretary's week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty DeCamp, President  
Tammy Smith, Secretary