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## Outstanding School Bus Drivers

The New Bern-Craven County Board of Education honored twelve outstanding school bus drivers at their March 15, meeting. These twelve drivers were selected by the individual schools. They were selected from the 155 regular bus drivers. These drivers have driven thousands of miles accident free. They have never received a traffic citation, and have performed their duty with maturity and a professional attitude. These drivers fully realize the cargo they transport each day is the most precious there is, our children. From these twelve drivers, Louis E. Butler from Jasper was selected as the Outstanding School Bus Driver for the New Bern-Craven County School System. Mr. Butler is the School Systems representative to the North Carolina Division of School Bus Transportation in Raleigh.

Front row, left to right: Lindbergh Norris, Janey L. Heffner, Linda Kay Manning, Cindy Howard, Jean Purifoy. Back row, left to right - Hugh Burroughs, Debra Roadman, Doris B. Jones, Louis E. Butler, Rhonda H. Barwick, Barbara Ellis, Ruth D. Wilson.

## Law Enforcement Center Holds Open House

In a very impressive ceremony on Sunday, March 25, the Craven County Law Enforcement Center was presented by John H. Duncan, AIA, project architect, to Sidney R. French, Chairman, Craven County Commissioners; Pete Bland, Craven County Sheriff; and Tyler B. Harris, Craven County Manager.

The Sheriff Department's personnel were on hand to give guided tours of the facility. The security, administrative offices, the cell blocks and communications equipment all blended in to make the tour interesting and full of information to the questioning visitors.

Only one complaint was heard as this reporter went through the facility. A lady said, "I can't understand why the female cells have no windows while the male cells have windows."

The facility seems to be adequate for the purpose and should give the department the working conditions they have needed for so many years.

It is hoped by Sheriff Bland that the facility will be fully operational by April 15, and all of the move from the old jail will be complete by that date.



## Toombs Named Executive Director

Larry C. Toombs has been named Executive Director for the New Bern-Craven County "Family" YMCA. The announcement was made by YMCA President Keith Hundley who says Toombs' appointment is effective Monday, April 9, 1984.

Toombs, who succeeds Nancy Hollows who has been acting Executive Director, comes to New Bern from Petersburg, Virginia where he has been General Director of the Southside Virginia YMCA for the past 4 1/2 years.

Toombs took on the assignment of rejuvenating a YMCA program in Petersburg that required much needed program and membership development.

Toombs has presently completed a \$375,000 capital fund drive to expand the Petersburg

facility. This was needed due to membership increases from 600-700 to 2800 members.

Toombs attended the University of Richmond, Old Dominion University, Richard Bland College and Virginia State University. He has a B.S. in Recreation Education and graduate studies in sports management.

He is married to the former Kay Fish of Coats, N.C. and has two children, Justin and Jeremy.

"We are very happy to get Larry here, Hundley said. He has a strong background in YMCA work and has a track record which is the envy of many YMCA organizations. Our search committee took a long hard look at the people available for this kind of job before offering the position to Larry," Hundley concluded.



Larry C. Toombs