

State Economy To Be Discussed

Gov. Jim Hunt will sponsor a state-wide brainstorming session on North Carolina's economy January 9-11 when he holds a Conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development at Charlotte's Radisson Plaza Hotel.

The conference, which will bring together business and agriculture leaders from throughout the state, is an outgrowth of 100 county conferences held in October and November.

At the county conferences, citizens were invited to discuss with state government officials their own community's economic problems, and what state and federal government should do to help solve them. Reports coming out of these open, public meetings will be presented to the larger conference in Charlotte.

The purpose of the Governor's Conference, which is expected to draw several hundred persons, involves these elements:

- To examine current and prospective economic trends, problems and opportunities facing the state;
- To evaluate possible policy directions for improving North Carolina's economy;
- To discuss strategies for

development high-paying industries and increasing wage earnings of North Carolinians while maintaining a posture of balanced growth;

- To discuss provision of services to promote more even distribution of economic opportunities; and

Hunt went on, "At our local conferences people demonstrated that they really care about bringing high-paying jobs to this state, and improving the wage scale. But they also feel we need to continue to protect our environment—that there needs to be some control in how we grow."

The January conference, he said, would help clarify the goals for the state's balanced growth policy.

John Medlin, president of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., is chairman of the conference's state-wide steering committee. Those interested in finding out more about the conference should contact him or call Ken Flynt, the Governor's economic advisor, at (919) 733-4131.

Thanksgiving

Service Set

According to Webster, Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks, a prayer expressing gratitude, and a public acknowledgment or celebration of divine goodness and mercies. The United States has designated the fourth Thursday in November as a legal holiday for giving thanks for divine goodness. This day has become known to us as "Thanksgiving."

Dr. Fenner will have a one hour service on Thanksgiving Day at 11 A.M. The pastor, officers and members invite you to join us in this service. We all have something to be thankful for, so let us come together to worship, sing, pray and give all the admiration and glory to God, for He has brought us from a mighty long way.

We look forward to seeing you Thursday morning.

Church School begins at 9:30 A.M. with Supt. Charlie Downing, Sr., in charge. Morning worship service begins at 11 A.M. with the Young Adult and Sunbeam choirs serving. Dr. Fenner will be in charge of morning worship service.

Also, at 2 P.M. busses will depart for worship Ebenezer Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va. Dr. Fenner will be guest minister and all are invited to accompany him. Price: \$3.50 roundtrip (dinner included). Tickets may be purchased from any officer of the church.

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Carlisle's Cindy Davis Reveals U. S. Senate Candidacy

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Three Year Old

DOVER, Del.—Carlisle's Cindy, a three year-old filly owned by Lorimer Midgett and Logan Lane of Elizabeth City, N.C., remained undefeated in her three year-old event at Dover Downs November 12.

Going from the fourth post position with Bib Roberts at the reins, Carlisle's Cindy got up for a half-length victory over Sweet Selection to win in 2:07.3. Paradise Molly finished third.

Sired by the famous trotting stallion Carlisle, and out of Essentially by Something Special, Carlisle's Cindy is the product of well-planned breeding by Midgett and Lane. Midgett, a senior vice president of the Peoples' Bank in Elizabeth City, and Lane, a retired North Carolina state trooper now an Elizabeth City magistrate, are part owners in all four horses and needless to say, they're proud of their success with Carlisle's Cindy.

"We've watched her closely since the day she was foaled," commented Lane following the victory at Dover Downs. "I trained her myself right up to the day I turned her over to Bib Roberts at Rosecroft. She's the perfect horse. She's well-mannered and you never have to use the whip with her. We'll give her a rest now and bring her back next summer for the four-year-old Delaware Stakes events."

The win for Carlisle's Cindy brought her season record to 4 wins and 3 seconds in 15 starts this year with just under \$19,000 in purses earned. She paid \$9.60 for her Dover win.

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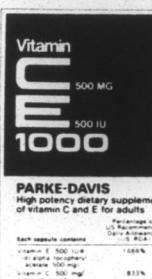
24 Cents/Share

ROCKY MOUNT — The Board of Directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 24 cents per share and an extra year-end dividend of 8 cents per share on the bank's common stock for the fourth quarter.

The 32-cent dividend brings the total dividends paid in 1977 to \$1.02. This represents a 9.2 per cent increase in cash dividends paid over 1976 after giving effect to the increase in number of shares outstanding as a result of the 20 per cent stock dividend declared in November, 1976.

The new dividend is payable December 30, 1977 to shareholders of record on December 21, 1977. The ex-dividend date was set for December 15, 1977.

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