

### Regional Agency Seeking Bids

The Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission has issued a second request for bids from eligible agencies and organizations for delivery of Title III (Older Americans Act) services within Region R during FY 79.

Eligible agencies include any public or private non-profit (incorporated) agency, institution or organization.

Priority services which may be considered for funding via Title III in-

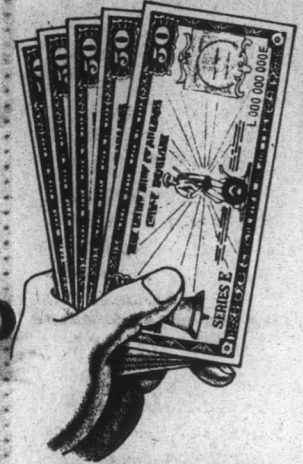
clude: transportation, homemaker, chore, health screening, home health, housing assistance and employment referral.

RFP's are available, upon request, at the ARPDC - Aging Unit (Annex Office) in Hertford.

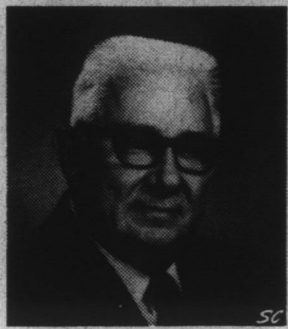
Submission date for receiving RFP's is July 6 at the ARPDC office; 217 N. Church St., Hertford, N.C.

ARPDC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. ARPDC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

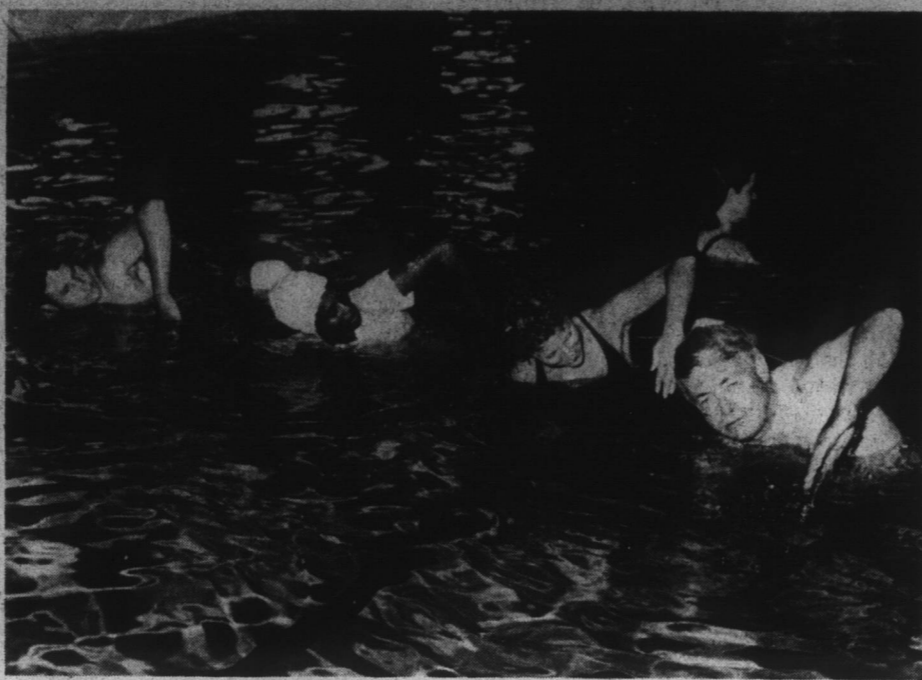
### Winning Hand.



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**ELECTED BY LIONS** — Ralph A. Lynam of Alma, Mich., was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the organization's 61st annual convention held June 21-24 in Tokyo, Japan. The organization has more than 1,240,000 members in 149 countries and geographic areas.



**WATER BALLET?** — Perhaps these beginning swimmers at College of The Albemarle might perform in a synchronized water show someday. Right now, however, they are concerned with developing a proper stroke to help propel themselves through the water. Pete Baney, instructor, demonstrates at left as class members Brenda Brooks, Claudia Winslow and Don Lee, COA's library services department chairman, practice. Registration is currently open for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimming courses during the second Mini-Quarter which begins on Friday, June 30. (COA Photo)

### Green Lauds Efficiency Of Assembly

Lt. Gov. James C. Green today commended the members of this 1978 Session of the General Assembly for administering their legislative responsibilities in a period of only 13 days. Green particularly recognized committee chairmen and members for their diligence in attending to the budget and other legislative matters brought before them.

Green stated that "While the primary responsibility of this session was to deal with a credit balance in the general fund of \$271.6-million, North Carolina legislators were asked to consider important measures such as the inventory tax credit, amendments to the open meetings law and banking law, income tax check-off, and the emotional issue of liquor-by-the-drink.

"The taxpayers of North Carolina should be proud of the dedication and hard work of these representatives," said Green. "Many long hours were spent by them in an effort to complete their tasks in this two-week session."

In discussing the state budget, Lt. Gov. Green commented, "It boils down to the fact that it's the governor's budget, as recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission, and the major items therein reflect his emphases — capital expenditures totaling \$92-million and a 6 per cent increase in salaries for State employees and teachers."

"I do believe, however, that when we in his state are fortunate to experience a credit balance at the end of a fiscal year, all this money does not have to be spent. Some funds ought to be placed aside, a reserve for a time when we are not so fortunate, or should be used to reduce taxes."

Lt. Gov. Green did point to several major programs of which he was supportive and which were enacted or expanded by the General Assembly during this session, particularly in the

areas of education and health services. Approximately \$8.9-million was directed to the expansion of programs for children with special needs, including the handicapped, gifted and talented.

Funds amounting to \$9.38-million were provided for the reduction of student-teacher ratios in junior high schools and community colleges.

In the area of health services, the University System was provided funds for the expansion of area health care center programs. Under Medicaid

\$10.6-million was appropriated to restore the dental program for adults and children, which was cut out of the 1977 budget, and to recognize other increasing costs. Another \$600,000 was provided to raise the maintenance allowance for medically needy recipients of Medicaid, thereby lowering the "s and-down" required to individuals before Medicaid would begin to pay any medical expenses. This, along with restoration of the dental program, was especially valuable to the aging population of North Carolina.



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### Halifax Production Is 'All-New Show'

HALIFAX — The third season of the outdoor drama "First for Freedom" opens here with a new director, new set, new script and new songs.

"It's an all-new show," said production manager Peggy Phillips of Halifax. "We are optimistic this will be a very successful year," she said.

"A lot of work has gone into preparation for 'First for Freedom' this year and all the indicators are this will be as good a season as 1976 when the play opened," Mrs. Phillips projected.

The script was written by Maxville Burt Williams of Enfield, author of the historical novel by the same name. The script represents a deviation from the drama's first two years in that it climaxes with the signing of the Halifax resolves at the end of the two-act play.

Director Del Lewis of Greenville, associate professor of drama and speech at East Carolina University, feels everything will fold into place for the Friday night opening. "The cast has put in some long hours in the past three weeks of rehearsals, and by Friday night things will click."

This is Lewis' first outdoor drama; however, he has a long list of acting and directing credits including a role in the Broadway production of "Fiddler on the roof" and a movie role in "Diary of a Mad Housewife."

Director Lewis, who has a degree in choral music conducting, has added his touch to arrangements for nine new songs added this year by the playwright.

David Downing of Greenville, as instructor of theatrical lighting in the drama department at East Carolina, is in charge of

lighting design and is serving as technical consultant for the outdoor drama. A number of new lighting effects are employed in the 1978 edition of the show.

A new set, designed by Downing and Cheryl Earp, visiting artist at Halifax Community College, features two break-away interiors, one on a Colonial tavern and one at a delegate hall. The set was built under the direction of James Twisdale of Halifax, drama board chairman, and Tom Watson of Roanoke Rapids, construction crew chief. It was built with volunteer help.

Key roles in the play are portrayed by Wren Phillips of Scotland Neck as narrator; Craig Perkins of North Carolina Wesleyan College as Sam Pickett; Paige Weaver of East Carolina as Josie Hamilton; Felix Arnold of Enfield as John Hamilton; Mary

Daniel of Weldon as Mrs. Hamilton; Tom Simpson of East Carolina as George Hamilton; Mary Ellen Temple of Halifax as Mrs. Eelbeck; Bill Crew of Roanoke Rapids as Dudley; Seward Dickens of Halifax as Johathan Lawson and Tom Watson of Roanoke Rapids as Jesse Turner.

The show will run nightly through July 9 beginning at 8:15 P.M. For ticket information and reservations, telephone the theatre box office at 583-1001 from 8:30 A.M. to 8 P.M. Tuesday through Saturday, from 1-8 P.M. Sundays and from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Mondays.

A special performance is slated for July 4 and will feature a schedule of events beginning at 10 A.M.

During the run of the drama the Halifax State Historic Site will extend its visitation hours until 8 P.M. Tuesday through Sunday.

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