N.C. Telephone Plans Expansion, Improved

hub of the Albemarle and gateway to the fast-growing Outer Banks, Elizabeth City is a focal point in Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company's program to improve and expand its telephone services this year.

Terry F. Daniels, commercial and marketing manager, said that in excess of \$13-million, twice the amount spent in 1978, has been budgeted in 1979 for improving telephone service. More than \$71/2-million of that was already spent through June of 1979, he

The provision of additional long distance circuits between Elizabeth City, other Albemarle communities, the Outer Banks and population centers outside the area is a key part of the overall project, Daniels said. More than \$1-million is being spent to provide these additional circuits.

Daniels said, "Additional long distance cable routes are being installed for Elizabeth City, Edenton, Woodville, Hertford, Welch, Piney Woods, Sunbury, Moyock, Shiloh, Sligo, South Mills and Weeksville.

an additional Elizabeth City-to-Rocky Mount link was recently completed and increased Elizabeth City long distance facilities."

Radio channels, an alternate to cable circuits, are being provided for long distance service in most of the Outer Banks.

Daniels said, "A total of 120 radio channels between Elizabeth City and Outer Banks communities, 36 channels between Buxton and Waves, and 24 channels between Elizabeth City and Mamie are being established. Additional channels also are being established between Elizabeth City and Norfolk, Va., Richmond, Va., and Washington, D. C. Some of the new radio and cable circuits were in service before the end of June. Others are scheduled for service in September October.'

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the future.

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Daniels explained, "At the beginning of this year, we had 124 call ticketers, which are a vital part of the long distance network. In April, we added 40 call ticketers, in early June we added 40 more and we will add 24 more in September or October at a total cost of \$353,000. This is an 83 per cent increase in ticketers and should certainly increase our capacity to handle long distance calls."

While all this capacity is being added into the long distance telephone network, additional local central office lines for new customers also are being provided.

The following local central office lines for new customers already have been installed this year: 400 lines in Elizabeth City, 400 lines in Manteo, 200 lines in Hatteras, 200 lines in Weeksville, 600 lines in

The New Orleans, Outer "A cable route providing Continental Shelf (OCS) Office, Bureau of Land Management, is planning an oil and gas lease sale (Proposed OCS Sale 56) of tracts in the South Atlantic. These tracts range from offshore North Carolina to offshore Florida.

> To that end, the Bureau is conducting a series of an opportunity to present its possible impacts.

Among the meetings set in North Carolina is one on August 21 at the Marine **Resources Center on Airport** Road in Manteo. The meeting begins at 7 P.M. and all interested persons are invited to attend and present their views.

Walter Bagehot

pected, major additions are being made to the long distance equipment in the Elizabeth City toll office.

Battlefield Boulevard, Va., other telephone exchanges in the company's service upgrading its conventional and emergency power lines in Edenton and 200 To be certain that systems in many comlines in Sligo.

In addition, 400 local central office lines are scheduled for service in Kill Devil Hills and 600 lines in Elizabeth City in the third quarter. Four hundred more lines will be added in Edenton is the second quarter of 1980.

These central office line additions are being installed at a total estimated cost of \$949.800

Automatic number identification (ANI) on long distance calls was made available to one-party subscribers in Elizabeth City beginning April 1, and later in Edenton. ANI permits callers to dial long distance without operator assistance. ANI is planned in an accelerated rate for

necessary emergency power is available for telephone communications in case of the loss of conventional electrical power,

systems in many communities in the company's service area. These projects are costing a total estimated \$1,185,000.

Daniels said that the

ail Services Held Mrs. Sandra Hare Vail, 33, Gail Singh of Edenton; Mrs. Iris Olmstead of New Bern; Mrs. Sally Scragg of Burs-

died Thursday night in her home in Charlotte as the result of an accident. A native of Chowan

County she was the wife of David Vail and a daughter of Worth H. and Elsie H. Hare She was a member of

Macedonia Baptist Church, a registered nurse, and served as a houseparent at Boys Town in Charlotte. Other survivors include,

one son, Mark Vail of the

home; four sisters: Mrs.

of Edenton. A funeral service was held Sunday at 3 P.M. in Macedonia Baptist Church by Dr. John Tresch with

lem, England; and Miss

Kim Hanes, of Edenton; one

brother, Worth H. Hare, Jr.,

Swindell-Bass Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

burial in Beaver Hill

Cemetery.

number of Plant Department employees now working in the Norfolk Carolina service area has increased by 50 this year and will increase by another 10 before year-end.

Edenton recently attended a

Haywood Technical In-

the Eastern U. S.

Installation of some equipment, which would have been installed earlier had it not been for strike-delayed shipments from manufacturers and suppliers, is expected to be completed in October.

pected to merge with Carolina Telephone late this year. Both are subsidiaries munications Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., and members of the United Telephone System. Employees of both companies are working

in Norfolk Carolina.

information to saw filers and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas. Haywood Tech has a complete training program for the sawmill trades, leading to a diploma or certificate: a Sawyer program which is ninemonths in length; the Saw

Jones Attends Workshop

saw filing.

Tech sponsored the seminar

for the benefit of people

working in the lumber in-

dustry and in particular,

The purpose of the annual

seminar is to present new

Filer program which is six-

months in length; the

Bobby K. Jones of stitute, located in Clyde. denton recently attended a The Wood Products

seminar for saw filers from Department of Haywood

at

Lumber Specialist program which is nine-months, with Norfolk Carolina is exan optional fourth quarter. The Lumber Specialist curriculum includes planer mill, lumber grading, United Telecommillwrighting and dry kilning.

Additionally, the Wood Products Technology program is a sever-quarter associate degree curriculum designed to together in this accelerated prepare people for entryprogram to improve service mid-management

positions in the sawmill industry.

Closely related to these curriculas in the Wood Products Department at Haywood Tech are two regional programs in the Agricultural and Biological sciences Department: Forest Management Technology and Fish and Wildlife Technology. Both are seven-quarter, associate degree programs, with excellent job placement as well as good transferrability to four-year institutions such as VPI.

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