

ECHSA Application Is Disapproved For The Craven County Memorial Hospital

An \$11,889,000 application for the addition of 58 beds, and expansion and renovation of ancillary services at Craven County Memorial Hospital was disapproved by the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency (ECHSA) by a vote of 20 disapprovals, eight approvals and five abstentions at the group's March 12 meeting in Greenville. Among the reasons for disapproval of the application for a

required Certificate of Need, the governing body listed: lack of demonstrated need for the hospital beds; the availability of alternative, less costly, or more effective methods; questionable availability of financial and manpower resources; the project's relationship to existing services; relationship of the project to the hospital's own

long-range plan; non-compliance with the State Medical Facilities Plan; and the lack of support from the Craven County Board of Commissioners. The ECHSA's recommendation for disapproval has been forwarded to the state Certificate of Need Section of the Department of Human Resources for final action.

All other health care proposals considered by the agency that evening were unanimously approved. Those proposals were:

National Migrant Worker Council - East Coast; Migrant Health Project; Twin-County Rural Health Center, Inc. - Second-year Continuation of Rural Health Initiative; Edgemont-Nash Mental Health Center - Financial Distress Grant; Edgemont-Nash Mental Health Center - Children's Resources Services Grant; and Wilson-Greene Mental Health Center - Renewal of Operations Grant.

The group also granted the approval necessary for the agency to coordinate efforts with other N.C. health systems agencies toward providing a united front to Dr. Sarah Morrow of the Department of Human Resources, regarding the problem of N.C. nursing homes for which construction is approved but not underway. Because of the state's restriction on numbers of nursing home beds that may be constructed in the state.

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FCX Meeting News

RALEIGH — Directors of FCX, Inc. and Central Carolina Farmers Exchange, Inc., two of the oldest farmer cooperatives in North Carolina, have agreed in principle to merge their organizations.

In separate meetings, the boards voted unanimously to approve the merger.

The decision, however, is subject to the execution of a formal plan and agreement of merger by each board and is further subject to member-stockholder approval. Target date for the joining is July 1.

FCX, with headquarters in Raleigh, has local branches throughout North and South Carolina. CCF, based in Durham, operates in Durham, Granville, Chatham, Orange and Person counties.

In a joint statement following the merger announcement, Marvin McClam, president and general manager of FCX, and Brantley DeLoatche, general manager of CCF, explained that a merger would bring about substantial savings and increased efficiency through joint purchasing and better utilization of facilities and personnel.

Tennis Tournament Set

The North Carolina Heart Association and Northwestern Bank have announced plans for the Fourth Annual Statewide Tennis Tournament to benefit the Heart Fund. Local tournaments will be held during March and April throughout the state, with a variety of events being offered in each locality.

The second stage of the statewide event will consist of play-offs in May in 10 districts and the Heart Association's four Chapter areas (Gaston County, Charlotte - Mecklenburg, Forsyth County, and Greensboro). Winners of progressive events in local tournaments will compete against winners from other local tournaments in order to determine district champions.

The third and final stage of the tournament will be the North Carolina Heart Association - Northwestern Bank State Tennis Cham-

pionships, which are scheduled for June 20-22 at the Chapel Hill Tennis Club. Winners of each division in district play-offs will compete in a USTA-sanctioned tournament in Chapel Hill. The divisions at the Championships will be men's and women's singles and doubles, men's and women's 35 singles and doubles, men's and women's 45 singles and doubles, men's 55 singles and doubles, mixed doubles, and mixed 35-and-over doubles.

Local entry fees of \$10 for singles and \$5 per person for doubles are contributions to the Heart Association. No fees are required at district play-offs.

This year's statewide tournament was planned by the Heart Association's Tennis Work Group, chaired by Judy McKaughn of Hickory. Other members of the group are Roger Anthony and Donna Sauls, Greensboro; Tommy Bumbarger, Hickory; Joyce Fowler, Gastonia; Marshall Happer, Raleigh; Margaret Klutz and Anna Mills Wagoner, Salisbury; Bill Rocamora, Asheville; and Russ McCormick and Toni Adams, Chapel Hill.

The Northwestern Bank is sponsoring the tournament for the second year. The statewide tournament provides players of all ages and abilities with an opportunity for healthy exercise and friendly competition and the satisfaction of contributing through their entry fees to the reduction of premature death and disability from all forms of heart disease.

For information on the tournament, contact the Statewide Special Events Coordinator, North Carolina Heart Association, P. O. Box 2636, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

Overpayments Recovered

RALEIGH — The anti-fraud unit of the state Employment Security Commission reported Wednesday that \$130,506 in unemployment insurance overpayments was recovered in February.

Of the money recovered, \$24,390 came from refunds to the agency by the recipients of overpayments and \$106,116 was recovered by withholding or reducing payments to eligible unemployment insurance claimants.

The anti-fraud unit investigated 274 persons during February and found that 199 of them had been overpaid a total of \$48,061. Fifty-nine of those cases were classified as fraud by the commission. The non-fraud overpayments totaled \$26,752 and the fraud cases totaled \$21,309.

Twenty-eight persons were tried for fraud and convicted in the state's courts during the month.

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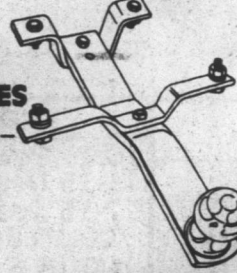
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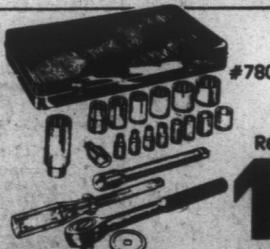
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