

ESC Attempts To Shed 'Unemployment Office' Image



PLACE SECOND — FFA forestry team winners at John A. Holmes High School proudly wear the club's jackets which carry their emblem and badges of honors received. Chris Evans, Harry Ganey, Darryl Stallings, Walter Byrum, and Mike Jordan recently placed second in the federation competition held in Gates County.

Forestry Team Places Second

The John A. Holmes High School FFA Forestry Team places second in the Albemarle Federation Forestry Contest recently held in Gates County. The local team faced stiff competition against FFA students from Currituck, Perquimans, Gates, Pasquotank and Camden counties, which comprise the Albemarle Federation. Collectively the team, composed of Darryl Stallings, Walter Byrum, Harry Ganey, Chris Evans and Michael Jordan (alternate) earned 1,028 points out of the possible 1,200 points, missing first place to Northeastern High School by three points. The contest consisted of demonstrating skills in tree identification, sawtimber estimation, pulpwood estimation and timber thinning events.

As second place winners the Holmes group will be eligible to participate in district level competition next spring. Should they place at this level, the forestry team will participate in state competition next summer.

In expressing pride in the forestry team's success, Eugene Rascoe, vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor, said that contests give the students an excellent chance to demonstrate skills resulting from classroom instruction. A firm believer in competition, Rascoe added that the various FFA teams will be participating in at least nine more contests between now and May. In addition to the forestry team event, other students teams will take part in land judging, parliamentary procedure, quartet, FFA sweetheart,

livestock judging, FFA creed, tools and materials identification, and extemporaneous public speaking events.

FFA membership at John A. Holmes is open to any student enrolled in Vocational Agriculture courses.

Death Claims Mr. Dail, 55

Tyner- William Irving Dail, Sr., 55, Route 1, died Monday morning in Chowan Hospital.

A native of Chowan County he was the son of the late Charles J. and Jennette Monds Dail. He was a retired supervisor for Seabrook Blanching Company.

He was a Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Ed (Linda) Lawrence of Hampton, Va.; Miss Darla Dail and Miss Kathryn Dail, both of Elizabeth City; two sons; William I. Dail, Jr., of Elizabeth City; and Charles Dail of Chapel Hill; three sisters; Mrs. William Byrum of Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. Howard Copeland of Winfall; and Mrs. Johnnie Hollowell of Hertford; and a brother, George Dail of Chesapeake, Va.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at 2 P. M., in the Chapel of the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home by the Rev. Robert Harrell. Burial will be held in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

"Life is a jigsaw puzzle with most of the pieces missing." Anonymous

RALEIGH—The N. C. Employment Security Commission (ESC), popularly known as Job Service, is trying to combat an identity crisis.

Like most state employment agencies throughout the country, Job Service wants to shed its image as only "the unemployment office"—the place where out-of-work people get unemployment compensation.

The emphasis of the agency in recent years has been shifting toward comprehensive job service, said J. B. Archer, chairman of the commission. "Unemployment insurance obviously is still among the commission's major duties," he said. "However, its relative importance may be partially due to the fact that other services are being underused by the public which is unaware of them. We are trying to combat this problem with public information."

The ESC exhibit at the State Fair, part of an eight state agency display entitled "In the Works", was central to this informational effort. "In it we emphasize that Job Service matches job seekers with employers, offers occupational testing and job orientation services, provides career counseling and referral services and coordinates special programs and representation for target groups with specific needs," Archer

said.

"Despite the fact that many people believe that Job Service only writes and distributes unemployment insurance benefit checks," Dollie L. Smith said, "nothing could be further from the truth. The ESC display shows how Job Service helps all kinds of people find jobs of all kinds."

Although the U. S. Department of Labor began a nationwide campaign to improve the image of all state employment services through the use of the "Job Service" logo in 1975, the public still often fails to connect "Job Service" and its numerous programs with the local public employment offices.

Archer said the com-

missions identify problems began in the 1960s when, "during the War on Poverty, the strong emphasis on income maintenance did not attract employers who were unaware that the agency served them as well as the unemployed."

"These initial misconceptions are very difficult to overcome," he said. "Yet this image problem is truly

ironic when you realize that less than 20 percent of our employees at the beginning of 1980 worked for the Unemployment Insurance Division. The balance of nearly 1,300 employees worked in collecting and distributing labor market information and in operating a full scope of job placement and training services.

"Particularly since the conclusion of state job openings in Job Service listings this year, there is just no organization in the private sector that is capable of competing with ESC," Archer said. "No other organization has anywhere near the resources or the variety of services to employers that Job Service does and it is free."

Battered Women Number 2-Mil. In United States

Continued From Page 6-A It could be a slap or throwing dinner at a family member. And it happens to women far more often than men. At least, that is what is currently being reported.

Alcohol plays a big part in domestic violence. Of cases reported in North Carolina during 1979, 55.3 per cent of the cases had an alcohol connection. That same year, eight programs across the state saw 5,000 women in need.

Under a new record-keeping system this year, 30 programs will keep tabs on the connection of alcohol and domestic problems.

"I am pleased with this

new system, especially because four units of government are beginning to work together to collaborate and share information," says White.

Those five agencies are the Council on the Status of Women, Crime Control and Public Safety, and three from the N.C. Department of Human Resources - the Alcohol and Drug Section of the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Assistant Secretary for Children and the Division of Social Services.

"Domestic violence victims and people with alcohol and drug problems are often

seen by other human service agencies, such as health departments and social services. Often these people do not talk about their "hidden problems" because they are embarrassed or do not know they can be helped, if they are willing to take the first step," explains Sandra Wilson, co-chair of the N. C. Women's Task Force on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, recently appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence.

Physical violence can be a real danger in such cases and the victim should remove herself and her children immediately from the situation to avoid further assaults, according to

White. "Many women have difficulties leaving their husbands. In the short run, they fear retaliation. In the long run they fear losing their financial security, not having a father for their children and they have few legal remedies which guarantee protection under current North Carolina law," she says.

In spite of the barriers which often prevent women from seeking safety and shelter, there are services in North Carolina communities which have trained and caring people who can help, 24 hours a day. Many offer emergency shelter and counseling.

If there isn't one in your local community, check with the local crisis line, information and referral agency or mental health center.

Here is an Early Warning Checklist which may indicate possible patterns of abuse by your mate:

- Family history of violence
- Poor self image
- Inability to handle frustration
- Cruelty to animals
- Criminal record or history of aggravated assault
- Abuse during honeymoon
- Abuse precipitated by heavy drinking

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