

# FFA Aid Gives Big Boost To Development



**WINSTON-SALEM** — Faced with rising costs and tight budgets, some North Carolina towns are finding it hard to provide anything beyond basic services.

But at least 45 communities this year had extra help from teenagers of the Future Farmers of America.

Through the FFA's national Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program, state FFA members have carried out projects ranging from park restoration to picnic area construction.

Nationally, BOAC projects are being carried out in more than 1,500 communities this year.

Sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., BOAC is designed to help improve small and rural communities while building youth leadership.

In Troutman, N. C., for example, the community will have its first public park when South Iredell FFA students complete their work on an empty two-and-one-half-acre lot.

James W. Gentry, South

Iredell FFA Chapter advisor, sees the project as filling a need in Troutman.

"The park is located in a heavily populated area," Gentry said. "There are a lot of children within walking distance of it. Since there is no other facility in the area, I think it will be a great benefit to the community."

The FFA chapter at Bartlett Yancey High School

in Yanceyville is a consistent BOAC project winner. This year, more than 100 students are constructing an obstacle course at one elementary school and landscaping another.

In LaGrange, FFA members planted 500 seedlings to reclaim a sandy area threatened by erosion. In Rowland, FFA members planted pine seedlings and cleaned an animal water

supply to encourage usage by area wildlife.

Charles Keels, North Carolina FFA executive secretary, estimates that more than 4,000 teenagers in the state are working on community development projects through the BOAC program.

"The number of FFA chapters working on BOAC projects has steadily grown throughout the 10-year

history of the program," Keels said. "We expect increased participation in the coming year."

Other 1981 North Carolina BOAC projects include the landscaping of cemeteries and senior citizens homes, construction and installation of picnic tables and fences, development of a nature trail and litter removal.

J. Paul Sticht, chairman

and chief executive officer of R. J. Reynolds Industries, BOAC's corporate sponsor, sees the program as an ideal way to increase community awareness and involvement by FFA students.

"The future of U. S. agriculture and rural America depends on developing its leadership," Sticht said. "Issues such as inflation, energy, water supply and productivity will continue to require the leadership of agriculture advocates who will set the pace for the industry."

## Profit Key To Free Enterprise System

Unlike the picture that some people paint, "profit" is not a dirty word. On the contrary, it is the key to the free enterprise system — the most successful system ever devised to build a strong and prosperous way of life.

Profit is what is left over after the bills are paid. For a company to earn a profit, it must take in more revenues than it spends in costs. These costs include raw materials, salaries, sales expense, interest, rents, utilities, taxes, and other expenses. Subtract

these costs from revenues and you get net profit — or what is sometimes called the "bottom line." Dividends are distributed to shareholders out of that net. And what is left becomes retained earnings.

Profits encourage people to take business risks and are the incentive that spurs invention, research, development, technological innovation, and business growth.

The free enterprise system is popularly known as the profit system. More

realistically, it might be called the profit-and-loss system. Without profit an enterprise falters and dies. Thus for stockholders, profit becomes the reward for bearing the risks of underwriting the business.

Profit normally is one measure of the efficiency of

a corporation. Indeed, it would be difficult to assess how well or how poorly an enterprise is doing without applying the measure of profit to its performance.

Profit is necessary for the creation of jobs, for the training of workers, for

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**SINGING GROUP TO APPEAR** — The New Directions singing group will be appearing in Edenton this weekend presenting "An Action Experience in Christian Love." The group, composed of high school and college age people, has traveled extensively throughout the Western Hemisphere, performing for audiences of all kinds to present and demonstrate their special blend of music, sharing and love. They will appear at Hicks Field on August 22 at 8 P. M.



SCUBA, as in scuba-diving, stands for 'Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.'

## Marathon Set For Sept. 12

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Yadkin River twice and ending in Jonesville on Spring Street at Sunie Avenue, not far from the beginning at Jonesville School. Elevation at the low point is 898 feet; at the high, 1,020.

The two-race event, sanctioned by The Athletics Congress as The Great Brushy Mountain Showdown, will begin at 7 A.M. Starters who register by September 1 will receive T-shirts. Further information and entry blank may be obtained by writing Charles Mathis, 439 West Main Street, Jonesville, N.C. 28642.

## Hardy Completes Training

Airman Jacqueline A. Hardy, daughter of Frank J. Hardy, 76 Lawrence Ave., Dorchester, Mass., has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who

complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

Her mother, Annie M. Hardy, resides at 123 W. Hicks Street, Edenton.

The airman is a 1979 graduate of John A. Holmes High School in Edenton.

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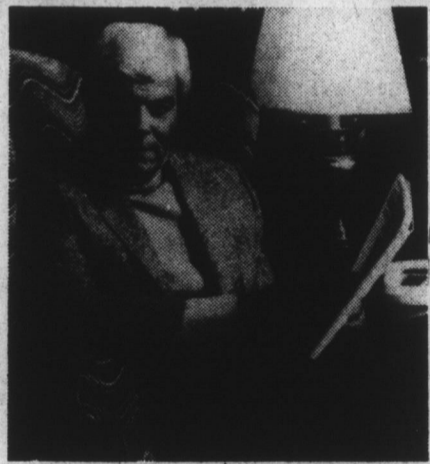
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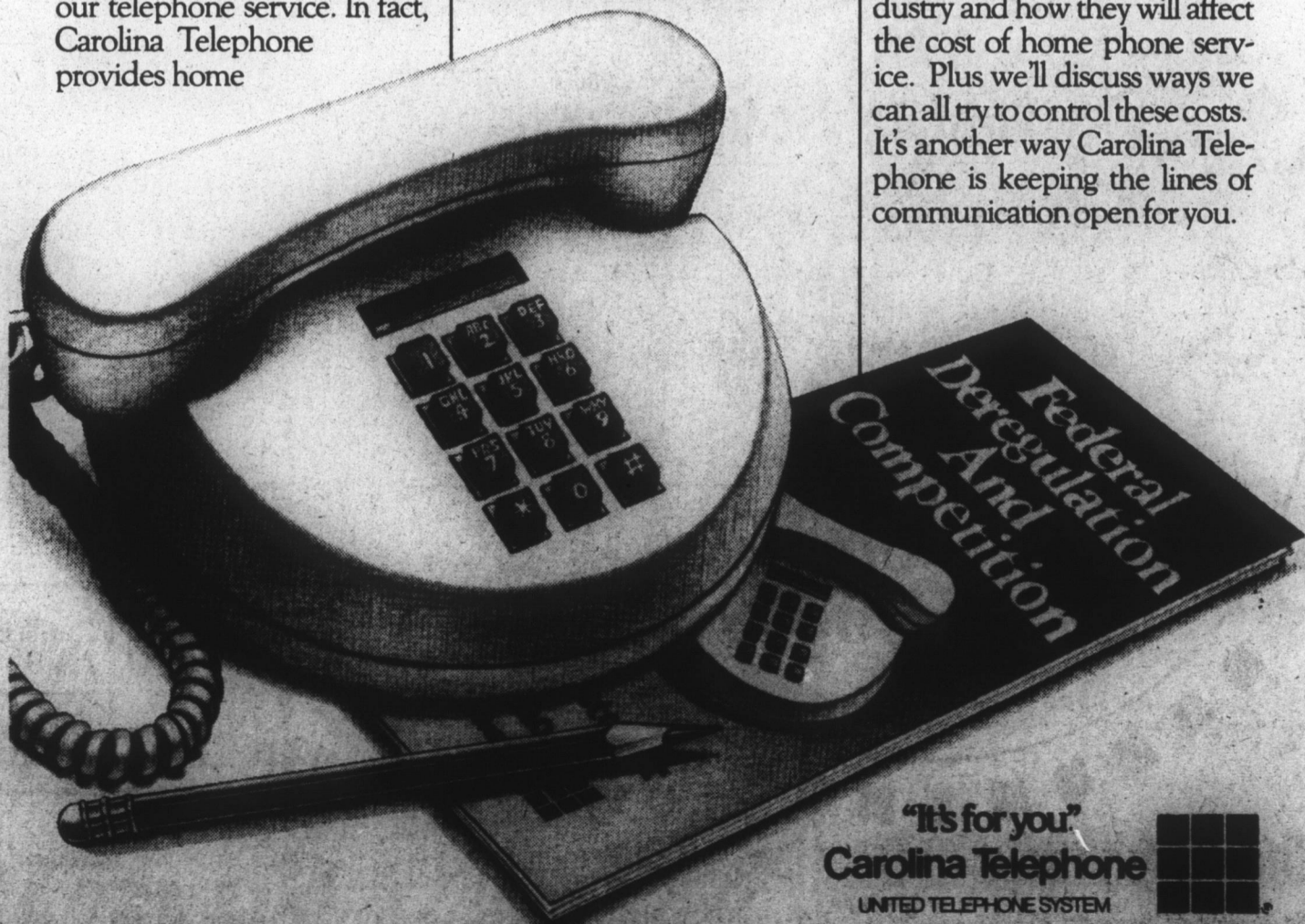
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