

# Summer Jobs For Youth

By Raymond J. Donovan  
Secretary of Labor

In many ways, a person's first job is the most important one he or she will ever have. It's that first job that starts a young man or woman on the road to a full and rewarding career in the work force.

The first job is an important learning experience, where young people develop self-discipline, productive work habits, self-worth and interpersonal skills that can only be acquired in the work place.

A person's first job also provides that seemingly magic phrase for resumes and applications: prior work experience.

Unfortunately, the economic reality of today often stands in the way of teenagers finding such entry-level jobs. Statistics tell a grim story: Youth unemployment today stands at 22 percent. For black teenagers, it is a staggering 45 percent!

Employers in today's economy must be conscious of costs; marginal jobs are something they can cut when they are seen as costing more than they are worth. So today's teenagers without job skills cannot compete for jobs requiring payment of the minimum wage.

President Reagan has proposed to Congress a plan for a summertime youth opportunity wage to provide unemployed teenagers with some work experience at a cost employers can afford. Under the proposal, employers would be allowed to pay those under age 22, 75 percent of the current minimum wage, or \$2.50 per hour, during the period May 1 to September 30.

The youth opportunity wage would act as an incentive to encourage employers to add new jobs in the summer, relieving the yearly problem caused by the flood of youths in the labor market seeking jobs when schools close. It will create an estimated 200,000 to 600,000 jobs for teens, and provide them with a chance to adjust to the realities of different kinds of jobs.

Some critics have charged that the plan would encourage employers to substitute teenager labor for adult labor. But the facts do not bear these charges out, especially in a

summer-only program as the President has proposed.

For instance, the Heritage Foundation contends that the jobs created by a summer youth opportunity wage "would be entry-level positions that would be more suited toward the youth labor market than to older workers." The Heritage Foundation also says that employers would be unlikely to substitute teens for older workers because of the high costs associated with employee turnover.

In addition, noted economist Walter E. Williams finds that, "for the most part, teenagers hired at the sub-minimum rate would fill new jobs or old jobs that would be reinstated. There might again be ushers at movies, for ex-

ample, and hotels might decide to keep their corridors and windows cleaner."

To those critics of the proposal who have offered no solutions of their own to teenage unemployment, I simply ask, are your teenage sons and daughters better off with a job that pays \$2.50 an hour or no job that pays \$3.35? Are they better off wasting their time unemployed or gaining job skills in attempting to become productive members of society?

The President's new proposal is a step in the right direction to allow teenagers to gain a job toe-hold in today's American economy. The proposal is an investment in human capital, which will benefit all of us in the future.

## Obituaries

### Bonnie Hall

Mrs. Vonda (Bonnie) Hall, 66, 2810 South Evans Street, Greenville, died March 16, in Eustis, Fla.

A native of West Virginia, she had lived in Edenton prior to moving to Greenville in 1960.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph R. Hall; one daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lou Dixon of Edenton; three sons, Ralph R. Hall, Jr., of Greenville; Willard Ray Hall of Ayden, and Oscar Lee Hall of Winterville; two brothers, Hoy Stout and Carl Stout, both of Williamsburg, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Audra Detamore of Weston, W. Va.; and Mrs. Vivian Day of Edenton; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 Saturday, in Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel in Greenville, by Rev. Bill Clouse. Burial followed in Pinewood Memorial Park.

### Edward Cale

Edward G. Cale of Winter Park, a retired economist who served with the U.S. State Department in Latin America, died Tuesday, March 8. He was 76.

The son of the late Rev. & Mrs. W. F. Cale Sr., of Chowan County N.C., Cale was a specialist in international finance and in commodities advising the State Department, The United Nations and foreign countries on their economic and agricultural policies.

After conducting research on commodities for the Brookings Institution, Cale taught at Tulane University in New Orleans and the University of Virginia until the State Department asked him to become a consultant and liaison to international trade conferences.

He was elected chairman of the Inter-American Coffee Board, an organization of coffee-growing nations, and served for seven years in the 1940s and 1950s.

In 1956, the State Department sent him to Buenos Aires to be economic counselor to Argentina.

A few years later he was assigned to the embassy in Mexico where he was

### minister counselor, second to the ambassador.

In 1966, Cale retired from the Foreign Service and taught a year at the University of Oregon.

He later did research for the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome. He and his wife, Elizabeth, lived in Ghana for a year and a half while he was an economic consultant to the African nation's government.

They moved to 311 E. Morse Blvd., Winter Park, in 1970. He was a member of First Congregational Church of Winter Park.

His other survivors include a son, Dr. Edward G. Jr., Boston; daughters, Mrs. Betty C. Scarborough, Palo Alto, Calif., Mrs. Ann C. Woolfolk, Princeton, N.J.; brothers, Paul H., Crozet, Va., Dr. W. Franklin, Culpepper, Va., Montgomery G., Newport News, Va.; sisters, Mrs. Virginia Harrell, Edenton, N.C., Mrs. Grace Bateman, Tyner, N.C.; six grandchildren.

Garden Chapel Home for Funerals, Orlando, was in charge of arrangements.

### Ruby Perry

HOBBSVILLE—Mrs. Ruby Phthisic Perry, 81, Route 1, Hobbsville, died Saturday night at her home.

A native of Chowan County, she was the daughter of the late John Reubin and Mary Chappell Phthisic and was the widow of Joseph Lynch Perry and was a member of the Piney Woods Meeting.

Surviving are two sisters; Mrs. Nurney (Edna) Chappell, Route 1, Hobbsville; and Mrs. Maybelle Brafford of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; and two brothers; Ralph Phthisic of Edenton and McCoy Phthisic, Route 1, Tyner.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 3 P.M. in the Piney Woods Friends Meeting at Belvidere by Rev. T. T. Fowler. Burial followed in the Family Cemetery near the church.

Pallbearers were Robert Phthisic, Herbert Ray Lane, Grady Brafford, R. H. Copeland, Curtis Ray Perry and Gene Brafford.

Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford was in charge of arrangements.

### Thomas White

Thomas Martin White, 21, of Key West, Florida died on March 18.

He was employed by the Key Tex Shrimp Co. out of Key West, Florida and was a member of St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Arlington, Va.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Katherine Cobb White of Winton and his maternal grandmother—Mrs. Viola Castelloe Cobb of Merry Hill.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 22, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Colerain. The father John Williams conducted the services.

Obituary information provided by Williford-Barham Funeral Home.

### Eva Voliva

Eva Voliva, age 70 of Naranja, Florida died March 15 after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Voliva formerly of Edenton was the wife of Ike Voliva and the daughter of Mrs. Martha T. Basnight and the late Benjamin F. Basnight.



AGENT HONORED—Jimmy Stallings of Edenton, right, receives a trophy from Robert Worthington of N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Stallings was cited for being top producer in his category.

## Stallings Is Recognized

Jimmy Stallings of Chowan County was announced by Clyde O. Fulk, Jr., Sales Manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, as a Top Producing Agency Manager (Category II) in 1982.

Stallings was selected as one of five Top Producing Agency Managers in North Carolina because of his Agen-

cy's outstanding sales and service record during 1982 for multi-lines of insurance.

This honor was announced at the Annual Sales Conference of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies held in Raleigh at the Radisson Plaza on March 13-15.

Stallings and his wife Pamela reside in Edenton.

## Fish Fry Saturday

The Edenton Aces Booster Club is having a fish fry this Saturday from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. There will be two locations—The Boy Scout Hut on Broad Street, and at Rocky Hock Grocery. Advanced tickets are on sell but are not necessary. Tickets are only \$3 each and the proceeds will be used to help with the Athletic Program in the Edenton-Chowan Schools. Bill Norvell, chairman of the fish fry, urges everyone to participate and get their tickets. He also added that delivery would be available to different plants and businesses.

Terry Williams, President of the Booster Club stated that in the last year, over \$5,000 has been raised to contribute to the Athletic Program. "We are very proud of the fact that so many local citizens have supported us. In our ad sales, orange drive, Banquets, and

fish fries public support has always been overwhelming. We hope to see our program continue to grow and give student athletes in our school system the facilities they deserve."

Please remember to get your tickets for the fish fry or just stop by and pick up your plates from either the Scout Hut in Edenton, or at Rocky Hock Grocery. Your support is appreciated. Those wanting more information on becoming a member of the Booster Club may call Terry Williams—Club President at 482-4798 or Tom Bass—Athletic Director, JAHHS at 482-8426.

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## Edenton-Chowan Recreation News

### Softball Organizational Meetings

The Recreation Department will hold organizational meetings for the 1983 Men's and Women's Softball Leagues on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 P.M. Both meetings will be held at the Recreation Department. All teams are urged to have a team representative present at the meeting to discuss fees, schedules and league rules. If you cannot attend call the Recreation Department at 482-8595 prior to the meeting.

### Youth Baseball Registration

Registration for all youth baseball leagues for this spring and summer is now open. Any boy or girl age 6-18 living in Chowan County may sign up to play on one of the Recreation Dept. teams. Registration is taken every week day from 8:30 - 5:30 at the Rec. Dept. office. Forms may be picked up at the Rec. Dept. office in the old National Guard Armory or at the schools. A large turn-out is expected so register as early as possible.

### Basketball Shoot-a-thon

A Basketball Shoot-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis is scheduled for Saturday April 9 at the Recreation Department. Sponsor sheets may be picked up at the Rec. Dept. office for anyone interested. Each participant is to shoot either 25 free throws or jump shots and obtain pledges from as many people as possible for each shot made. All money goes to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Call or come by the Rec. Dept. office for more information.

Open League  
The Open League All-stars

took two games last week. The first was a 69-68 win over Perquimans Co. After building up at a 43-29 half time lead Edenton hung on to claim the 1 point win. Jimmy Dillard led Edenton with 25 points.

The All-stars then cranked up in the season's last game to defeat league champion GHP 92-90. John Costen held the hot hand for the allstars tossing in 23 points. Marvin Morring had 28 points; Robert

Shields had 24 points and Deimonte Johnson had 22 points for GHP.

Aerobic Dance Class The Recreation Department continues to offer an Aerobic class for men and women. The class meets every Monday and Wednesday evening at 6:00. There is also a class offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00. You may call Julie Spivey at 482-8055 for more information.

## Research Seminar

Carolina's program of ocean research and teaching has added new faculty, major new facilities and new impetus in the last few years. A weekend seminar April 22-23, co-sponsored by the General Alumni Association and the Institute of Marine Sciences, will enable participants to hear about some of the latest research from UNC marine scientists.

The weekend will begin with a seafood dinner at a site overlooking the Beaufort waterfront. Lecture-discussions and visits to laboratories to learn about underwater photography and the productivity of seaweeds will be part of the Saturday activities.

Participants are invited to cruise on The Hatteras, the \$3.5-million research vessel

jointly operated by Duke University and the University of North Carolina oceanographic consortium. "The Hatteras has all the horns and whistles you would expect on a state-of-the-art research vessel," says Dirk Frankenberg, director of the marine sciences program.

The seminar will be held from 6 P.M., Friday, April 22 to 4 P.M., Saturday, April 23 at Morehead City. Seminar tuition is \$55 for members of the General Alumni Association and \$60 for non-members. The seafood dinner and lunch are an additional \$15. Lodging is available at the Ramada Inn, Atlantic Beach; double room—\$48; single room—\$48.

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Astigmatism is often corrected by prescription eyeglasses. Now, there are also contact lenses which are made specially to match the special shape of the astigmatic eye. Whichever lenses are prescribed, there is usually a period of adjustment during which objects may look distorted, slanted or out of position. After that, vision is substantially improved.

The degree of astigmatism usually does not change rapidly, but gradual changes will generally occur. This is particularly true for school age youngsters and elderly persons. Regular optometric examinations are the best way to keep on top of things. If your astigmatism had progressed, your optometrist may change your prescription to compensate for the change.

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