



CAMPAIGN LEADERS—Gov. James B. Hunt presents the 63 Premium Bright campaign bumper stickers to Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham, right, and William Little, left, state director of the Premium Bright campaign.

taxpayers Now Can Phone The IRS

GREENSBORO—This year, for the first time, taxpayers can call the Internal Revenue Service for answers Federal tax questions after normal working hours, the IRS said. The new telephone system called Tele-Tax, and is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week the year around. It may be used by taxpayers having pushbutton phones and has 141 information tapes on tax subjects including filing requirements, amended deductions, tax credits, types of income, and adjustments to income.

None of these numbers are toll-free, the IRS cautioned. Tele-Tax can be called by using any of the above numbers. The tape numbers and topics are listed in IRS Publication 910, "Taxpayer's Guide to IRS Information and Assistance," and the Tele-Tax brochure, both available free at most libraries.

When Tele-Tax is called, a message will be heard with instructions on how to use the system. The tape number is then keyed into the phone by the taxpayer.

The numbers to call in North Carolina are: Asheville (704) 254-3044, Charlotte (704) 371-6352, Durham (919) 541-5283, Fayetteville (919) 483-0735, Greensboro (919) 378-5172, Raleigh (919) 755-1498, and Winston-Salem (919) 761-3136.



Through the process of seed selections (cultivating superior plants) the Chinese developed the chrysanthemum from the daisy.

"Do It Right: Grow Premium Bright"

RALEIGH—"Do It Right: Grow Premium Bright," is the slogan for the 1983 Premium Bright flue-cured tobacco campaign, officially kicked off by Governor James B. Hunt with the help of Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham, state campaign chairman William Little from the N.C. Farm Bureau and Kenneth Keller, beltwide campaign chairman and managing director of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association.

"It's purpose is to emphasize the quality of our product and to increase the determination of our growers to produce the best tobacco in the world," emphasized Hunt.

"Growers have lost ground in the battle to maintain quality over the past years," said Graham, who pointed out that the percentage of ripe, mature tobacco reaching the warehouse floor decreased from 79 per cent in 1972 to 47 per cent in 1982.

The Premium Bright 1983 campaign is a multi-agency effort designed to improve the quality of tobacco across the flue-cured belt, explained Ray Campbell, tobacco marketing specialist with the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

"There are four key areas of emphasis for North Carolina in 1983," said Campbell. "The first area of concern is the excessive use of nitrogen. The second is the timeliness of harvest and the number of primings," he said. "The third area is the amount of pesticide residue, including MH residue levels, and the final point of concern is the method of curing and the degree of market preparation practiced by North Carolina growers."

The press conference coincides with a county-level effort

to localize the Premium Bright campaign. More than two-thirds of the counties in North Carolina will be participating in the campaign, and officials hope the campaign will be carried out on the local level as well, where grower-to-grower contact will play a major role in improving the quality of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina.

Public Hearing

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Department of Human Resources and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners will co-sponsor five public hearings on long-term care across the state in May.

A hearing will be held May 12 in Elizabeth City at Pasquotank County Courthouse, 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Dr. Ted Parrish, DHR's assistant secretary for intergovernmental relations and chairman of the Committee on Long Term Care will serve as moderator at the hearings. The committee includes representatives of government, advocacy groups, long-term care providers, and private citizens.

"The purpose of these hearings is to receive comments and information about the growing needs of North Carolina's elderly and disabled citizens," Parrish said. "What we learn will help in putting together a comprehensive long-term care plan for the state."

He added that one of the most important goals of the plan will be to help the elderly and disabled remain as independent as possible, for as long as possible, by offering services that will allow these citizens to stay in their own homes rather than being placed in institutions.

Washington Report: Emergency Assistance Act

by Congressman Walter B. Jones

During the years I have been in the Congress, I have attempted to report through this column on what is happening on the Congressional level, more particularly on the House side. Some weeks it is impossible to report to you that which might be of interest. Last week was a classic example of this situation. For some eight or nine hours on Tuesday the House bitterly debated the Emergency Housing Assistance Act. This would provide for a moratorium on mortgage foreclosures on homeowners, who through no fault of their own, find themselves unemployed, but otherwise with prospects of being able to repay the mortgage at some future date. This legislation would declare a 12-month moratorium on foreclosures with refinancing arrangements at lower payments in order to provide the protection of homeownership to those unfortunate individuals involved. The controversy surrounding the bill is whether the government should guarantee the repayment of these loans or rather force private enterprise as well as government agencies, such as Farmers Home Administration and the Veterans Administration, to withhold action. In spite of the good intentions of the bill, it ran into a great amount of opposition from the present Administration, and even after the eight hours of amendments and debate no final action was taken. So the bill was carried over to be considered at a future date.

consuming activity was the consideration of the anti-nuclear freeze resolution. As this column is being written, the House has already spent exactly 41 hours in consideration of this single issue. I have previously reported the contents, but just to remind what this does, it provides that both the United States and Russia should allow on-site inspection of nuclear installations and warheads and come to some agreement for a fixed reduction, or rather at least a termination of continuing build-ups. The weakness, as far as I am concerned, of the whole program is that it is hardly reasonable to expect Russia to co-operate in the matter of the verifiable activity as to their strength and their nuclear arsenals. This would not in any way be a law, but would merely be a Sense of Congress asking that

Russia consider taking the same action which the contents of the Resolution provide and which this nation is willing to agree to. In all probability at some time in the future the Resolution will be approved by the House, and here again, after careful consideration and lengthy debate, many of us feel that it is a most noble purpose since all civilized people are against nuclear war realizing that if and when one occurs, there is no way to estimate the damage or for that matter the ultimate destruction of the entire earth. The proponents of this legislation say it is an act of faith or good will on our part to stop the nuclear arms race and then if Russia doesn't agree, the responsibility would be on their shoulders. In this instance, President Reagan and the Administration does not want to

see the Resolution passed, whereas the Democratic leadership insists that it is an act of good faith and intentions and places the responsibility on our adversaries, particularly, the Russians. As important as the intentions of the bill might be, it seems hardly reasonable to expect that Russia would agree to a verifiable treaty of any nature whatsoever. As I have stated, the Administration is opposing this resolution based on the grounds that it weakens our negotiating position in Geneva, where at the present time several nations are discussing the very idea of trying to put some control on the nuclear arms race.

So, in sum total, the House, although spending a considerable amount of time in debate, accomplished nothing of final nature for the week ending April 22.

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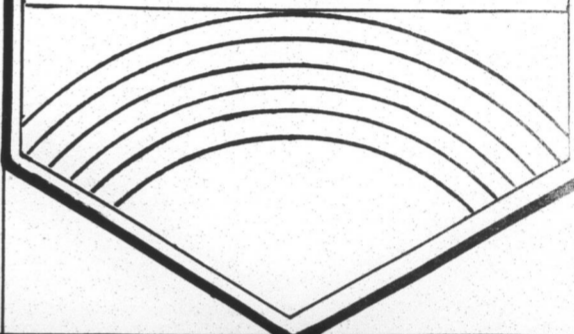
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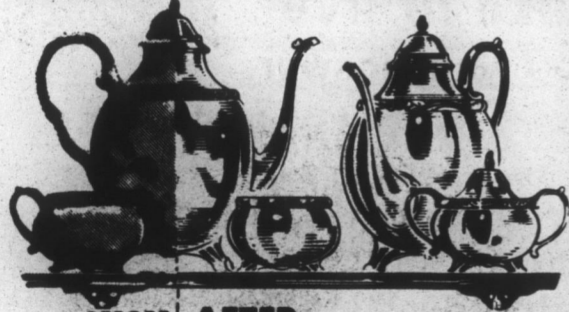
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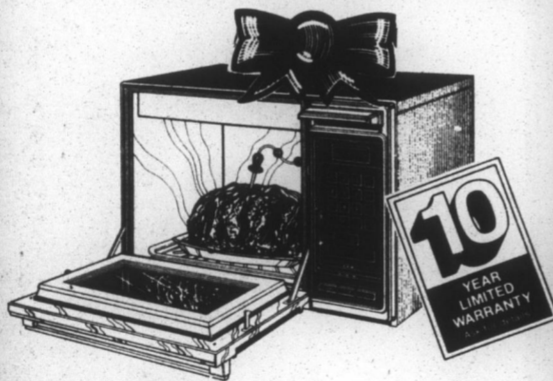
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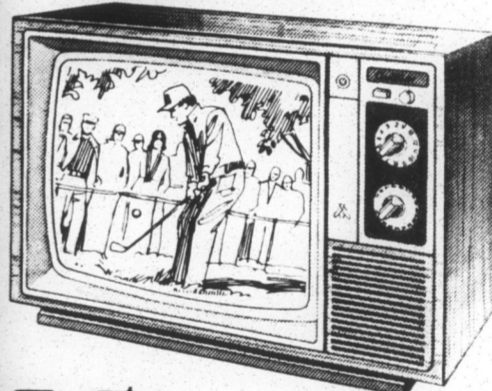
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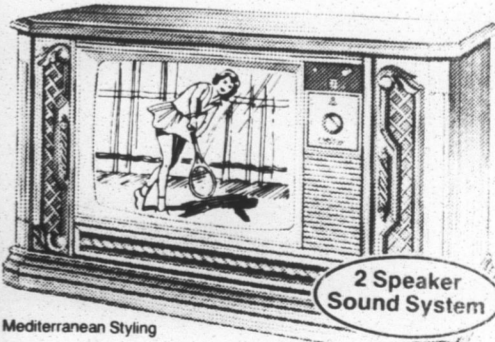
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