

## Rescue Policies Are Unchanged

U.S. Coast Guard Commandant, Adm. James S. Gracey told members of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council meeting in Annapolis, Md., that the Coast Guard has not changed its basic search and rescue or towing policies.

The oldest continuous sea service is "alive and well," he said. "The only change in recent years has been routine on-the-water boating law enforcement which has all but disappeared."

Responding to widely circulated reports of the recommendations from one of 25 recent studies of the Coast Guard, Adm. Gracey said, "The Coast Guard has not gone and is not going out of small-boat search and rescue and is not abandoning non-emergency search and rescue."

He said the service's men and women are daily called upon "to go in harm's way" and those who take these risks must have the best equipment and must build their capability and confidence by honing their skills on routine incidents.

Drawing a parallel in sports, he continued, "You need your best players in the World Series but they won't be ready for that level of stress and competition unless they play throughout the season and prepare for that in spring training."

He reminded the council that the recreational boatman is served not only by the vessels, aircraft and skilled personnel of the regular Coast Guard but by volunteers of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as well. "The auxiliary also needs to participate in assistance cases," he said. "It is very important to keep the auxiliary strong."

Asked by a Council member about commercial towing and salvage enterprises that have been instituted in some areas, Adm. Gracey said there had always been commercial salvors and the Coast Guard has always deferred to commercial towers when they were on the scene at sea and lives were not at stake.

There are some very com-

petent firms, he said, and there are others who won't go offshore or won't go out at night or in storms. There is a wide range in the availability and cost of service and there are no prescribed standards or controls. "Part of the problem," he added, "is that our Coast Guard people have the equipment and experience to make the difficult look easy and this may encourage ill-equipped or marginally qualified people to enter the field."

As for the Coast Guard paying its own way, the admiral said the service returns benefits to the Gross National Product at a rate eight times its annual expense to the taxpayers. Last year the service saved lives and property and performed a variety of other services valued at some \$16 billion while operating on a budget of only \$2 billion.

Adm. Gracey emphasized that the Coast Guard is a multi-mission, fast response organization. Any vessel or plane at any time must be capable of performing several functions simultaneously. It could be preventing an accident, rescuing a survivor, intercepting drug smugglers, protecting our fisheries, containing an oil spill, insuring the integrity of our aids to navigation, and at the same time maintaining the military readiness of the crew as part of our nation's defense forces.

## Dividend Set

ROCKY MOUNT — The Board of Directors of Peoples Bancorporation announced a second quarter dividend of 32 cents per share of the bank's common stock. This brings the total 1983 dividends to 64 cents per share as compared to 62 cents per share in the same period of 1982.

The dividend is payable June 30 to shareholders of record on June 15. The dividend date was set for June 9.

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FOREST SERVICES GETS NEW FORESTATION FACILITY—Scott Smith, NCFS Service Forester, Roger Spivey, Chowan County Forest Ranger and Sam Copeland, equipment operator, stand in front of the Forest Services new seedling cooler. The cooler holds both pines and hardwoods at a dormant state for around four months without any losses. The cooler located here in Chowan County cost the Forest Service \$15,000 to build with the use of in house labor and services of 13 counties in Northeastern North Carolina.

## Safety Hazards To Avoid

Most people are aware of routine summertime health hazards such as sunburn, but many of us aren't so savvy about other hazards stemming from warm weather picnics, swimming and camping.

If you're planning a picnic it's wise to remember that bacteria multiply much faster in lukewarm foods. The North Carolina Medical Society urges you to keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.

Swimming is splendid exercise, but those with sinus or ear trouble should be especially careful about swimming. Swimmers should also know that the water they're using is not polluted. A clear mountain stream could be loaded with germs.

Cases of typhoid and dysentery still occur after people drink untreated water. Campers and hikers can disinfect water by boiling it or

adding commercial disinfectant tablets.

## Tax Refunds

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Individual federal income tax refunds averaged a record of \$740 for 1982, up from \$712 for 1981, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Tax-deductible contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) were part of the reason.

At the beginning of 1982, everyone who works for a living became eligible to invest up to \$2,000 a year in an IRA, and the IRS says about 11 per cent of taxpayers cut their 1982 tax liability by doing just that.

Eventually, of course, taxes are paid on IRAs, but not until withdrawals begin—usually after retirement, when most people are in a lower tax bracket. Until then, contributions and earnings can grow untaxed, which can make quite a difference in the size of a retirement nestegg. (If you didn't put another penny in, a \$740 tax refund check paying 10 per cent a year for 30 years would grow to \$12,913. The same amount placed in a taxable investment paying the same rate would grow, over the same period, to \$5,633, for someone in the 30 per cent tax bracket).

If there are horses or cattle around, there is likely to be tetanus. Tetanus (lockjaw) is very serious. It can be prevented by injections of tetanus toxoid. If your family hasn't had tetanus boosters, get your shots before going into the country.

## Recreation Report

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Standings as of May 30  
Nixon's 4-0, Superstarlettes 5-1, Angels 2-1, Hospital 1-3, Coors 1-3, Blue Jays 1-3, Ryland 1-4.

Little League  
National Guard, Jaycees, and TG&Y battled each other for first and remained in a tie for the top spot.

The Jaycees gain temporary possession of 1st with an 8-2 win over the National Guard only to fall 8-7 to TG&Y.

In other games Hardees beat American Legion 11-0, TG&Y beat Texaco 16-6, Rotary went extra innings to pull out a 10-9 win over Fisher, National Guard eased past American Legion 10-3, Hardees downed Fisher 8-7 and Rotary triumphed over Texaco 11-4.

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National Guard 5-1, Jaycees 5-1, TG&Y 5-1, Hardees 3-3, American Legion 1-2, Rotary 2-4, Texaco 1-5, Fisher 0-5.

## Labor Laws For Teenagers

As the school year ends, many young people are looking for or beginning summer work.

The U.S. Department of Labor says that while the variety of work open to youths is wide, federal child labor laws do place certain limitations on the hours they may work and the kinds of jobs they may hold.

According to James E. Patching, regional administrator for employment standards, U.S. Department of Labor, Atlanta, when both federal and state laws apply to a situation, the more stringent law prevails.

Under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) enforced by the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division, child labor provisions do not apply to anyone age 18 and over.

At 16 and 17 years of age, youth may be employed, without a limit on hours worked, in any nonagricultural occupation other than those that have been declared hazardous by the secretary of labor. Hazardous occupations include:

- Working with explosives and radioactive materials;
- Operating certain power-driven woodworking, metalworking, bakery and paper products machinery;
- Operating various types of power-driven saws and guillotine shears;
- Operating most power-driven hoisting apparatus, such as non-automatic freight elevators, fork lifts and cranes;
- Operating certain power-driven meat processing machines; or most jobs in slaughtering and meat packing establishments;
- Most jobs in mining, roofing, demolition and excavation;
- Operating motor vehicles or working as outside helper on motor vehicles;
- Most jobs in logging and sawmill operations; and
- Most jobs in the manufacture of bricks, tiles and similar products.

Workers 14 and 15 years of age can be employed in a variety of jobs such as clerical and office work; various retail and food service jobs; and errand and delivery work by foot, bicycle or public transportation. They may also work at gas stations dispensing gas and oil and performing courtesy service. Fourteen and 15-year olds are excluded from working in

all hazardous occupations, manufacturing and mining, most processing occupations, operating or tending most power-driven machinery, and public messenger services. In work connected with warehousing, storage, transportation, communications, public utilities, and construction, they may hold office jobs.

From June 1 through Labor Day, when school is not normally in session, those age 14 or 15 may work between 7 A.M. and 9 P.M., but not more than eight hours a day or more than 40 hours a week.

The child labor provisions do not apply to children who deliver newspapers to consumers; perform in theatrical, motion picture or broadcast productions; or work for their parents, except in manufacturing or hazardous nonagricultural occupations.

Laws pertaining to farm employment are somewhat different. Youth 16 or older have no restriction; 14- and 15-year olds may work outside of school hours in any farm job other than those declared hazardous by the secretary of labor; and 12- and 13-year olds may work nonhazardous jobs outside of school hours with written parental consent or on a farm that also employs the parents. Minors under 12 may work in nonhazardous agricultural jobs outside school hours with written parental consent on farms that have no employees who have to be paid the minimum wage.

Certain hazardous farm work may be done by youth 14 and 15 years old who have received certificates for satisfactory completion of special 4-H or vocational agriculture training courses. The restrictions do not apply

to children of any age working on a farm owned or operated by their parents.

Most state child labor laws require employers to obtain employment or age certificates (work permits) for minor employees. The federal Fair Labor Standards Act contains no such requirement. However, employers who make it a practice to obtain permits can protect themselves from unintentionally violating the law.

Minors covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act must be paid the same minimum wage, \$3.35 per hour, as adults, unless the employer obtains a student certificate from the Wage and Hour Division. Student workers for whom such certificates have been secured may legally be paid 85% of the minimum wage.

Additional information on child labor restrictions and hazardous occupations is available from local offices of the Wage and Hour Division listed in most phone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration.

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