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Perfect attendees

The above employees recently received Perfect Attendance Awards for completing one or more years of perfect attendance. Pictured from left to right: Ist Row: Marie Melvin, Thelma Fairley, Linda Bundy; 2nd Row: Unellear Rogers, Rose Braxton, Elizabeth Pittman, Vann McIntosh; 3rd Row: Frederick Miller, Mitchell Bratcher, Curtis Jones; 4th Row: Charles Winters, Don Hammes, and Carnell Jacobs. Those not pictured are: Evelyn McQueen, James Woodhouse, Myrtle Purcell, Ann Fellows, Brenda Malloy, Betty Coach, James Skinner and Golda Byrd.

Leandro is named to NC Assoc. board

John Leandro of Raeford has been elected to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association, Long Term Care Facilities.

The board makes the policy for the professional association of rest homes in North Carolina. Leandro, who had previously served the Association as a vice president, operates Open Arms Rest Home in Raeford. Election of officers and directors was a highlight of the Fall

Convention of the North Carolina Association, Long Term Care Facilities held at Wrightsville Beach September 23-26.

Carolina Telephone is adding new equipment to Hoke phones

On October 16-17, Carolina Telephone will put into service new computerized operator services equipment that will speed up the handling of customer calls and provide additional conveniences for customers in St. Pauls, Parkton, Raeford, Red Springs and Maxton.

Bernice Barrett, Carolina Telephone's district commercial manager, said, "Because of technical considerations, the availability of new features varies from exchange to exchange.

'Additional information on the new features will be mailed in the near future with customers' bills, and will be in the Customer Guide section at the front of your next directory.

This new Traffic Service Position System, known as TSPS, went into service last year in about half of Carolina Telephone's exchanges, and will be in service companywide before the end of 1985.

Fayetteville customers are being converted to TSPS during September and October.

Customers at St. Pauls, Parkton, Raeford, Red Springs Customers at and Maxton without TSPS already can dial "0" plus the number they are calling, but they have to give the operator the number they are calling from.

After this new equipment goes into service, it will not be necessary for these customers to give the operator either the number being called or the calling number

That feature also will be available to persons making calls from public telephones in these communities.

With this feature, callers from public telephones only need to give the operator special instructions, saving their time and improving billing accuracy.

When a customer dials "0" plus the number, TSPS alerts an operator, who then asks for special instructions

Calling cards

Persons using Calling Cards to place calls from a U-touch telephone can benefit from another feature of TSPS. If a customer subscribes to U-touch service and dials "0" plus

(area code if required) a seven-digit number, a special tone will sound in the receiver. After the tone, the person simp-ly keys in his 14-digit Calling Card number. The call is then connected and billed -- by computer. The caller does not have to recite the Calling Card number to the

feature. Public telephone calls billed to a

operator, saving time and providing greater security. Public telephones also will have this

third party number require ap-proval by the third party, but

customers using Calling Cards never have to worry about billing acceptance.

In addition, customers will not have to be concerned about having correct change. Calling Card calls that are

customer-dialed station-to-station are billed at lower rates than operator handled calls.

Customers with rotary telephones also will hear the tone, but they still will have to recite the Calling Card number to the operator.

Customers can get a Calling Card by contacting a Carolina Telephone business office.

International DDD

Just as TSPS makes calling easier in the United States, it will make international calling easier.

Currently, when customers want to make an international call, they must dial "0" and have the operator connect them with the international operator.

With TSPS, customers in St. Pauls, Parkton, Raeford, Red Springs and Maxton will be able to dial direct to most foreign countries

A listing for many foreign countries and cities will be included in the next directory.

This same listing is available now from the business office serving these communities.



30 years service William H. Tapp Jr. has recently completed 30 years of continuous service with the Burl-ington Industries Raeford Plant. Tapp began his employ-ment with the local facility as a Shuttle Filler in the Weave Department, where he has spent his entire 30 years service. After several promotions within the same Department, Tapp presently works in the Weave Department as a Shift Supervisor. In appreciation for his service he was presented a dia-mond pin, certificate and gift by Plant Management.

Soybean loan rate set by USDA's ASCS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has set the final loan and purchase rate for 1985-crop soybeans at \$5.02 per bushel, the same as the preliminary rate announced earlier and the minimum permitted by law, according to a USDA official.





