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License Plates Are On Sale

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1975 license plates were placed in the mail on Dec. 19, Dec. 30 and Dec. 31. Department of Motor Vehicle officials expect this huge mailing, estimated at more than 4,000 cards, to be delivered by January 1.

The 1975 Red and White plates will go on sale throughout the state on January 2. The 1974 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the department have through February 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain new plates at the Municipal Building in Hertford. Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. During renewal session, regular time is 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Regular time for Wednesday and Saturday is 9:15 a.m. until 12 noon. The local license agent, Jean B. Harrison, points out that "to renew a plate you must have a renewal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when it is received. She also asks you to open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application according to instructions before presenting it for a new plate. This will expedite issuance and keep lines from forming.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Post Office in Hertford, Belvidere and Durants Neck to turn over to the local license office renewal cards which the Post Office has been unable to deliver. Anyone failing to receive an application card may possibly find it at the local license office. "It will take from ten days to two weeks to get application cards from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh," says Mrs. Jean B. Harrison, and she suggests that those who have not received an application apply to her office as early as possible so that there will be time to get one out of Raleigh if she does not have it.

Motor vehicle owners who have not received their license application card by January 1st, should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "It will take you from ten days to two weeks to get one and you should, therefore, act promptly," says Mrs. Harrison. "If you have not received a renewal card by Jan. 2, 1975, please come by the License Bureau so we can send a card to Raleigh to get a renewal card."

The New Year: A Century Past

The new year has been celebrated in many ways — boisterous and gala parties are the earmark of modern observances of the march of time from the old to the new year.

But how was the new year marked a century ago?

It is of interest to go back in time and read newspaper accounts of the coming of another year.

The Raleigh Register for Jan. 2, 1856, carried an article entitled "A New Year." Though several words in the first paragraph are obliterated in the microfilm copy of this issue, which is located in the Search Room of the Division of Archives and History in Raleigh, the article begins by noting the passage of the year 1855.

It continues: "There is matter for joyous aspiration — these (sic) is cause for thankfulness. A kind hand, though unseen, has guided us all in security amid the trials and vicissitudes of the past. Our pathway, though it may have been beset with danger, and may have led even amid disaster and death, has been to us one of safety. The Ocean of Eternity has engulfed (sic) thousands of life's voyagers, but our bark still floats upon the stream of time. True, the joys — and the sorrows — the duties — and the cares of life — are still our heritage; but the trials, the temptations, the sufferings and calamities of the past are no more to be

remembrances alone remain as lights to encourage or beacons to warn us, while we enter upon a new period of existence, and fulfil its allotments, still cherishing the hope that when another year shall close, the sweet accounts of friendship and love may again, as now, softly whisper the heart-felt prayer — A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

On Jan. 1, 1878, the Observer, another paper published in Raleigh, noted: "When the clock struck twelve this morning even our work was checked for a moment to heed the warning that we had passed another of the landmarks which stand between us and the grave: that another year had come, another year had gone, making 'more figures in the lengthening sum of recollection that we work and work at to our torment, till Death idly jumbles all together and rubs all out. But only for a moment: in this work-day world there is little time to give more than a smile of cheerful recollection, an ejaculation of heartfelt thankfulness, for the good the Dead Year brought us, and then turn with cheerful heart and willing hand and undying hope to the work which the New Year finds for us to do. That there have been occurrences in the past year for which all readers of THE OBSERVER have reason to be thankful, and which they can recollect with pleasure, we have no doubt. To all of them we wish a Happy New Year."



KEY BANKER — R.L. Stevenson, Executive Vice-President of Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Hertford was recently named Key Banker for Perquimans County. In this position, Stevenson will be coordinating agricultural activities of the N.C. Bankers Association in the county. (Newbern Photo)

Stevenson Named Area Key Banker

To coordinate the agricultural activities of the N.C. Bankers Association in this area, R. L. Stevenson has been named County Key Banker for Perquimans County.

N.C.B.A. President Hugh L. McColl, Jr. has announced that Stevenson will serve as County Key Banker during the next twelve months. He is Executive Vice President of Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Hertford.

For thirty years the NCBA has received national recognition for its far-reaching program of service to agriculture in North Carolina. President McColl noting the work of bankers in behalf of

agriculture, thanked the 100 County Key Bankers for their role in this record.

McColl called attention to the projects that are sponsored by the Association such as the Annual Agricultural Credit Conference which will be held in Raleigh, January 13-14, 1975, the two-week school at N.C. State University for young farmers who are provided scholarships given by their home community banks, and the co-sponsorship of the Land Judging Meet in the interest of soil conservation. He also said that the banks of North Carolina continue to be a major source of agricultural credit to farmers.

Time To File

North Carolina taxpayers should have their 1974 Federal Income Tax forms in hand no later than December 31, according to Robert A. LeBaube, District Director for Internal Revenue Service.

"There are no major changes in this year's package over last year's," LeBaube remarked.

IRS recommends that taxpayers begin assembling the records they will need to file their tax returns as soon as possible. In fact, now is a good time to develop a system for keeping records for next year.

Taxpayers are again urged to use the peel-off label furnished with the forms package. If a

taxpayer has moved this year, he should correct the label before attaching it to the return. Be sure to include correct social security numbers for both husband and wife on a joint return, even if one had no income.

Employers are urged to furnish W-2 forms to employees as soon after December 31 as possible and no later than January 31. Taxpayers can get refunds in four to five weeks if they file returns in January and February. Later filers may have to wait up to eight weeks for a refund.

It's your money, so why wait; file early and get your refund early.

Benefits For The Elderly

Over one-third of all people getting monthly social security payments are 72 years old or over.

Social security pays over \$4.9 billion a month in benefits to over 30 million people. Over 10.7 million of those people are 72 or over.

Over 7 million men and women 72 or over get retirement checks based on their own work under social security. More than 2 million get payments as widows and widowers, over 1 million as wives or dependent husbands, about 21,000 as dependent parents, and about 357,000 are people 72 or over who are covered under a special provision of

the law because they had little opportunity to earn social security credit during their working years.

People 72 or over who are working can earn any amount and still get their full social security check every month.

People under 72 get reduced benefits if they earn over \$2,400 in 1974. But no matter how much they earn for the year, they can get their full social security payment for any month in which they neither earn over \$200 nor do substantial work in their own business.

Over 15 million retired workers 62 or over get a payment of \$181 a month.

Coastal Management System:

Local Responsibility

In order that residents of Perquimans County can know more about the Coastal Area Management Act and how it will affect them, Eric Haste, Jr. recently explained in brief some of the highlights.

The intent of the Coastal Area Management Act is to establish a Coastal Area Management System that is "A cooperative program of coastal area management between local and state governments." Local government has the initiative for planning, while the state government (through the Coastal Resources Commission) is set to standards, designate areas of environmental concern, and review local land use plans. Enforcement of standards and policies will be a joint state-local responsibility.

There are four basic goals of the management system which are firstly, to preserve and manage the estua-

rine system, the barrier dune system, and the beaches, in order to protect their natural productivity and their biologic, economic, and aesthetic values. The second goal is to insure that the development of the land and water resources proceeds in a manner consistent with the capability of the land to absorb that development. Thirdly, to insure an orderly and balanced use of the coastal land and water resources. And lastly, to establish policies, guidelines, and standards for the conservation of resources, the economic development of the coastal area, the use of recreational lands, the wise development of transportation and circulation patterns, the

preservation of historical, cultural, and scientific sites, and for the protection of the public rights in the lands and waters of the coastal area.

Locally, the Perquimans land use plan is a principal means for achieving these goals, and for implementing the policies of both the Coastal Resources Commission and of the local people through the local government.

Part of the land use planning process involves a land classification system which provides the framework within which community facilities planning and other planning tools of local and state governments can be coordinated to effectively manage the use of land and achieve the desired future land use patterns.

While the act requires a

public hearing before final adoption of the county plan, it is essential that citizens have an opportunity to have meaningful input at several key points throughout the planning process. Therefore, each county involved, such as Perquimans, must show proof of an active effort to involve all segments of the population within the county in the formulation and review of the plan elements.

While on the local level, Perquimans county has the primary responsibility for planning, cities, towns, and Lead Regional Organizations that agree to do so may be delegated the responsibility for preparing portions of the plan. Such agreements should be clearly specified in writing. Even if such delegation occurs, the county still has the primary planning responsibility and should thoroughly review all proposals prior to adopting the plan.

For more detail concerning the local effect of the act, county and town residents are encouraged to contact the County Commissioners and-on the Town Council.

PAPER DRIVE COMES TO A HALT

The Perquimans County Marching Unit will not collect newspapers again until further notice due to the closed market for scrap paper. The unit would like to thank all those who have collected paper in the past, especially those who carried their papers to the storage house. The unit will collect again as soon as possible. Notice will be given at that time.



HONOR GRADUATE — Linda Gail Harrell of Hertford received recognition at the graduation exercises of Campbell College on Friday, Dec. 20. Miss Harrell, who graduated summa cum laude, received the Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. A President's List student, she has served as senior class secretary and as a member of her dormitory house council. She has been project coordinator and Outward Journey Leader on Campus for the Baptist Student Union. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Harrell of Route 2, Hertford.

In order to be considered for an ECU Academic Scholarship, a student must score at least 1200 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and have an excellent high school record. Scholarship recipients are to be selected by the ECU Scholarship Committee.



FIRST PLACE — Ray Ward (left), chief judge for the recent Jaycee-sponsored Christmas parade, recently presented the first place trophy for band competition to Elizabeth City State University's band. Accepting the trophy is Assistant Chancellor Carter.



SECOND PLACE — Second place in band competition of the recent Christmas Parade went to the Perquimans County Marching Unit. Receiving the trophy on behalf of the girls in the unit is LaClaire Rogerson, unit director. The presentation was made by Parker Newbern, parade chairman.



APPRECIATION — A trophy of appreciation was presented to members of the Northeastern High School Band for participation in the Christmas parade. Band capt. Mark Vickrey accepts the trophy from Ray Ward, chief judge.



PRESENTS TROPHY — Parker Newbern (right), chairman of the Christmas Parade Committee, recently presented Charles Skinner of the newly formed "Hertford Fifes and Drums" with a trophy of appreciation for their participation in the recent Christmas Parade sponsored Dec. 6 by the Perquimans County Jaycees.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS