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Notices going out for unemployment payments

Workers in the Perquimans County area who were employed and received benefits from the State last year will soon receive notices from the Employment Security Commission on their total payments during 1977.

According to Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager of the Employment Security Commission's Job Service Office in Edenton, unemployment payments are taxed by the State and should be reported on personal income tax reports.

She says unemployment benefits are not taxed by the federal government.

The Employment Security Commission central office in Raleigh will start mailing information on payments to approximately 300,000 workers on Feb. 6. The same information will be provided the State Revenue Department.

The ESC paid in excess of \$198 million in unemployment checks last year under various state and federal programs.

Although claimants are in-

structed at the time they file to keep records of unemployment payments for income tax purposes, many fail to do so.

The statewide mailing system, therefore, is a new method instigated by the ESC to provide accurate information to the claimant as well as to revenue officials, reports Mrs. Bond.

Last year, local ESC offices were provided microfiche records of total payments as a source of information for UI claimants.

Bond sales are reported

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Perquimans County during 1977 were \$70,869. This represents 85.9 percent of the county's goal of \$82,460 according to R.L. Stevenson, County Volunteer Chairman.

North Carolinians purchased \$119,607,087 in U.S. Savings Bonds during 1977 — the highest yearly total ever recorded in peacetime.

This was over \$16.2 million higher than 1976 and represents 101.5 percent of the state's 1977 dollar goal of \$117,800,000. Fourth quarter E and H sales in North Carolina of \$36,559,349 were 37.5 percent above the fourth quarter of 1976 according to figures released by Volunteer State Chairman Bland W. Worley.

Nationally 1977 sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds amounted to

\$7,954 million, or \$400 million over 1976. Holdings of E and H Bonds rose \$4.7 billion during 1977, for a new high of \$76.6 billion by the end of the year.

"We are delighted that 1977 sales were so outstanding," said Mrs. Azie Taylor Morton, United States Treasurer and National Director, U.S. Savings Bonds Division. "The help of our volunteer supporters is a major reason for these results."

Richard B. Sellars, National Chairman of the Savings Bonds Volunteer State Chairman's Council and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Johnson & Johnson, pointed out that a total of more than 650,000 volunteers promote the bond program. "Savings Bonds are one of the many good things about America, and one of the best ways for Americans to save money," said Sellars. "Surveys show that more than 25 million families — one household in every three — now own U.S. Savings Bonds, and we hope to increase this number during 1978."

Voter registration closes April 3

The Perquimans County Board of Elections reminds the public that only a few days are left for those interested in filing as a candidate for office in the May 2 primary election. The Board office will close for filing at noon on Monday, Feb. 6.

Voters are reminded that if they have moved to another precinct, in order to be eligible to vote May 2,

they should contact the Elections office and make that change of precinct by Monday, April 3.

People who have never registered to vote may do so on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Agricultural Building at 104 Dobbs St., Hertford. Books will also close for registration on April 3.

Support course

Bankers in North Carolina are continuing their award-winning service to agriculture through the sponsorship for the 26th year of the annual two-week Short Course in Modern Farming at North Carolina State University set for Jan. 30-Feb. 10.

Scholarships for 2,729 young North Carolinians involved in agriculture have been provided by the hometown banks of this state since the Short Course began in 1953.

This week, the County Key Banker for Perquimans County, R.L. Stevenson, announced that banks in this area will send a young farmer to Raleigh for the Short Course. All expenses will be paid by the Bank of North Carolina and Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Attending the Short Course from this county is Bill Berry.

Stevenson was appointed County Key Banker by John A. Forlines of Granite Falls, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association. Stevenson is Executive Vice President of Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Hertford.



ATTENDING SHORT COURSE IN RALEIGH — Bill Berry (second from right) of Hertford is attending the Short Course in Modern Farming being held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Shown with him are (l. to r.) Richard Baker, Perquimans County Extension Chairman; Roy S. Chappell of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, and Wayne Ashley of Bank of North Carolina. The local banking firms are paying expenses for the trip as they have done in the past. (Staff photo by Yvonne Baker)



FLARE-UP AT FIRE SITE — Hertford Volunteer Firemen were called back to the site of the Winslow Oil Company fire Tuesday morning, exactly three weeks after they battled

the original fire for 51 hours. The call was made at 9:08 and reported as a flare-up. Firemen had it under control with trucks returning to the

station in about 20 minutes. No official report to the cause of the flare-up was reported. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)



GRANT NOTICE — Shown presenting official notice to Bill Cox of a grant for the water-based recreational facility in Hertford are Larry Chilton, planner with the Albemarle

Regional Planning & Development Commission (ARPCD) at right and George Sherrill at left with the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. The

grant, amounting to \$47,400, was made by the Coastal Plains Regional Commission. (Staff photo by Yvonne Baker)

For recreation site:

Funding is approved

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

HERTFORD — Official notice has been received here of approval of a \$47,400 grant application for development of the water-based recreation park to be located on Grubb Street. The grant, received from the Coastal Plains Regional Commission, bring the total of federal and state funds for the project up to \$138,400.

In February 1977, the Town of Hertford joined forces with personnel from the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District and the Resource Conservation Development (RC&D) Commission to start plans for the recreation

park project to be located at the site of the old veneer mill.

Bill Cox, Mayor and Town Manager of Hertford, explained progress since that time. "During this period, the site has been acquired with the town sharing costs with the Soil and Water Conservation District. Now the preliminary drawings have been completed. Dredging and bulk-heading permits have been acquired and funding has been approved."

The total projected cost for the facility is estimated at \$180,000. Early in the project, the Soil Conservation District and RC&D committed \$91,000 to the project. Cox pointed out that 50 percent of the needed funding was acquired through these two agencies.

The project plan, first considered about one year ago, has remained basically the same according to Cox.

Current activity at the site is the removal of railroad track running through it. Cox said construction is to begin soon and officials hope to have the site in "usable condition" by early summer.

Cox further explained that the time lapse between initiating the project and actual construction is normal and allows for the necessary procedures such as planning, bid opening, bid letting, etc.

The park site, now owned by the Town of Hertford, involves a little less than five acres.



MARSHALL E. CADDY



WALTER L. LEIGH



REV. JOHN H. LONDON JR.

Candidates file for offices

Marshall E. Caddy
Candidate for County
Commissioner

Walter L. Leigh
Candidate for Board of Education

John H. London
Candidate for County
Commissioner

Marshall E. Caddy of Rt. 3, Hertford filed Jan. 24 as a Democratic candidate for a seat on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners as a representative of New Hope Township.

Caddy makes the third candidate seeking this seat. He will face George Hall and Lovic E. McElroy.

Caddy is a farmer and life-long resident of Perquimans County. He attended Perquimans County High School and North Carolina State University through the Agricultural Institute.

Caddy is a past president and past member of the Board of Directors of the Durants Neck Ruritan Club. He is also a Master Mason and a member of Perquimans Lodge 106 in Hertford.

He is married to the former Shelia C. Williamson of Elizabeth. They have two children: Tina, age 7; and Hugh, age 1.

Caddy, who is seeking elective office for the first time, filed the following statement, "As a farmer dealing with many people throughout the county, I feel I have an understanding for their basic needs. I welcome the challenge to work with them to fulfill these needs, thereby making Perquimans County a better place in which to work and live."

Walter L. Leigh, 39, of Rt. 3, Hertford filed Tuesday morning with the Perquimans County Board of Elections as a candidate for the vacated seat of Ralph Harrell on the Perquimans County Board of Education. Leigh is the second candidate to file for the position, the first being Lloyd R. (Flutch) Dail.

A native of Perquimans County, Leigh was born in Durants Neck. He is presently employed with I-XL Furniture Company of Elizabeth City and is an ordained A.M.E. Zion minister.

His civic involvements include membership in the Scottish Rite Lodge #136 of Winfall, the Inter-County Water Board, and the Advisory Council to the Perquimans County Board of Education. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Perquimans Credit Union in Hertford.

Leigh is married to the former Fannie Smith of Woodville. They have two daughters: Sheila, age 15; and Fondella, age 12.

This is Leigh's second attempt at public office.

Concerning his decision to seek the seat, Leigh filed the following statement, "My reason for filing is I see a need in this county for more young minds to be put to work in our educational system for the future growth of our present day boys and girls."

Rev. John H. London Jr. of Hyde Park Ave., Hertford filed Monday for a seat on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. London is the second candidate to file for the seat currently held by R.S. Monds. The first to file was Welly White Jr.

A native of Alachua County, Fla., London has lived in Perquimans County nine years during which he has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church.

He has been active in the Perquimans County and State Democratic Elections, is a member of the Perquimans County A.B.C. Board, Department of Social Services Board, the Hertford Adjustments Board, and other civic programs.

He is married to Jacquine Baldwin of Norfolk, Va.

London said he is encouraging voter registration of citizens prior to the May primary and issued the following statement, "I plan to remain here as a citizen to help the people and to enjoy the growth of better businesses, higher educational programs, and a spiritual nurture of its youth."

This is the candidate's third attempt in seeking public office.