

## Of local interest

### Low income phone customers save money

TARBORO—Some low income telephone customers may save money on their phone bills if they qualify for a new subscriber line charge waiver program now being offered throughout the state.

Under this program, which began July 1, telephone customers who qualify will not be required to pay the \$2.60 monthly subscriber line charge, and they also will have their monthly rate for local service reduced by \$2.60, bringing the total reductions to \$5.20 a month.

The subscriber line charge is a monthly fee ordered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which all telephone customers pay for local telephone network facilities.

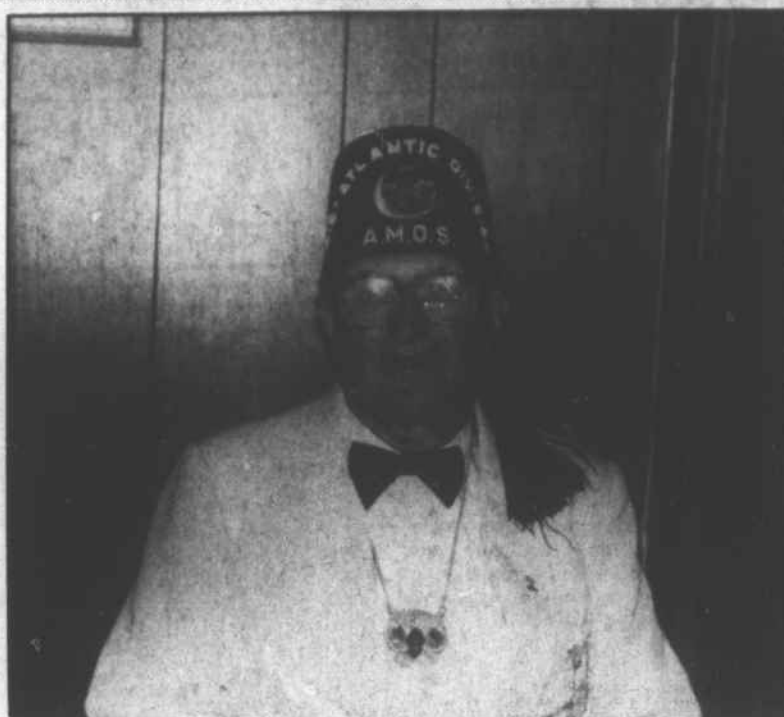
To qualify for the program, customers must be recipients of aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits, and telephone service must be listed in their name. Persons now registered with the State Department of Human Resources as a recipient of AFDC will receive an application for the telephone fee waiver and instructions for

filing the application. Recipients of SSI should contact their local Social Security office for a verification form.

The subscriber line charge waiver program was established by the FCC to assist low-income telephone customers who may have difficulty paying more for local telephone service as a result of subscriber line charges. Under the program, if state regulators will waive 100 percent of the \$2.60 charge, the FCC will match this waiver.

Money to fund the rate reductions will come from interstate revenue sources and a tax credit on local telephone companies' state income tax returns.

The program was being offered on a one-year trial basis by Carolina Telephone, Southern Bell and Continental Telephone in three of North Carolina's counties. In December 1986, the North Carolina Utilities Commission ordered that the subscriber line charge waiver be expanded statewide, effective July 1, 1987.



Mr. Carl T. Mumm

### Mumm installed as Supreme Monarchos

At the spring session of the Mid-Atlantic Division of the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans (A.M.O.S.), held in Princeton, New Jersey on June 27, 1987, Carl T. Mumm of Hertford, North Carolina was installed as the Divisional Supreme Monarchos of the organization. This Division includes the states of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. During his term of office, Mr.

Mumm will be visiting the eleven Sanctuaries in the four-state area. Funds accumulated by the Sanctuaries are used for the support of the mentally retarded in the four-state area. The A.M.O.S. is known as the playground of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Mumm is a charter member of El Zues Sanatorium No. 126 of Virginia. He is President of the Mumm Insurance Agency, Inc. of Hertford.

### Vaccine costs reduced

RALEIGH—"North Carolina has taken the national lead in ensuring the health and well-being of its children," Governor James G. Martin said today.

The Governor made this comment in announcing that Lederle, a major pharmaceutical company, has reduced its price to North Carolina for DTP (diphtheria; tetanus and pertussis) vaccine, making the cost to this state the lowest in the country.

"We're extremely pleased about this price reduction," Governor said. "It will result in a state savings this year of between \$1.25 million and \$1.5 million."

He explained that Lederle reduced its price to this state from \$115.35 per 15 dose vial of vaccine to \$39.60 as a direct result of recent amendments to the N.C. Childhood Vaccine-Related Injury Compensation Program. This program was initiated by the Martin Administration and enacted into law in 1986 by the N.C. General Assembly with the strong support of the state's pediatricians. The compensation program provides health care and monetary awards to children who suffer severe reactions to required doses of vaccine.

"North Carolina's compensation program, which is the first of its kind in the nation, made it possible for Lederle to eliminate the product liability portion of the DTP Vaccine cost,"

Governor Martin said. "They were then able to pass the savings on to us."

Compensation is provided in services from the N.C. Department of Human Resources and up to \$300,000 to cover other medical expenses, pain and suffering, lost wages and attorneys' fees. No civil action may be filed against vaccine manufacturers or health care providers under the provision of this law except when the state feels negligence caused the injury. In addition, the law makes a version of vaccine outside the state a felony.

The Governor noted that earlier this year, Lederle also reduced its price for DTP vaccine to private physicians from \$133.75 per 15-dose vial to \$55.05 for an estimated savings for over one half million dollars.

North Carolina's immunization law requires that every child in the state be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, rubella and polio.

According to statistics from the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Health Services, approximately 350,000 doses of DTP are administered to children in this state each year.

Approximately 60 percent of the DTP vaccine is administered free through local health departments serving 100 counties in North Carolina.

### Local obituaries

#### JOYCE W. JOHNSON

SILER CITY—Mrs. Joyce Winslow Johnson, 68, died Wednesday, July 1, 1987.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the Rives Chapel Baptist Church. Burial was in the Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Julian Johnson; four sons, Irvin Lee Johnson of Benson, Obed B. Johnson and Melville R. Johnson, both of Pittsboro and Robert Julian Johnson, Jr. of Spartanburg, S.C.; three daughters, Mrs. Joyce Elaine Yacuzzo of High Point, Mrs. Judy Kobylarek of Port Huron, Mich. and Mrs. Diane Price of Siler City; a sister, Mrs. Tommy (Maude W.) Ellis of Hertford; a brother, Obed Tom Winslow, Jr. of Siler City; and 18 grandchildren.

Information was provided as a courtesy of Swindell Funeral Home.

#### LEE CHRISTENSON

WATERTOWN, S.D.—Lee Christenson, 61, of Watertown, S.D., died suddenly Saturday, July 4, 1987, in an electrocution accident.

A native of South Dakota he owned and operated a furniture store.

Survivors include his wife, Marge Christenson; five children; two brothers, Harland R. (Chris) Christenson of Winfall and Carroll Christenson of Lead, S.D.; and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown, with burial in a local cemetery.

Information was provided as a courtesy of Swindell Funeral Home.

#### MINNIE R.L. WHITEHURST

HERTFORD—Minnie Russell Lane Whitehurst, 79, of Route 4, Hertford died July 5 at 7:58 p.m. in Albemarle Hospital.

A funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Twiford's Memorial Chapel by the Rev. Larry Duffer. Burial was in New Hollywood Cemetery. Twiford's Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Whitehurst was a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County, living in the Woodville section of the county. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church and retired in 1972 as the owner-operator of Lanes Nursing Home in Woodville.

Whitehurst was the daughter of the late Rothie and Katie Garrett Russell. She was the wife of William R. "Bill" Whitehurst of the home.

Other survivors include two sons,

### Trip set

The Perquimans County Recreation Department and Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Tidewater Dinner Theatre to see the performance of the comedy, "The Foreigner", on Sunday, July 26.

The bus will leave Hertford around 3:45 p.m. They will enjoy dinner and the show and should return back to Hertford around 10:30-11:00 p.m.

There will be a small charge of \$8 per person. This trip is made possible through funds from the North Carolina Arts Council.

For reservations or for more information contact Patti White, 426-5404 or 426-5695. Deadline is July 20, 1987.

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