

NEW BERN HIGHLIGHTS

New Bern Jaycees Sponsor Meet The Candidate For Mayor Night

The New Bern Jaycees are sponsoring a "Meet The Candidate For Mayor Night", for the three candidates for Mayor of New Bern. The event will take place, Thursday, January 14, 1982, at 7:00 p. m. in the City Hall Courtroom. Of the three candidates invited, one has already accepted.

is to increase Voter turnout by reducing Voter apathy thru Public awareness.

The format of the evening will be an Open Forum question-session. Three reporters, (one from WCTI TV, one from "The Sun Journal" and one from WRNB Radio), will ask five presubmitted questions from each reporter. Each reporter will be allowed to ask up to five follow-up questions on the same or different subjects. The five presubmitted questions will be given to the candidates three days prior to January 14th. Time permitting, questions no longer than two minutes can be asked by the audience.

The New Bern Jaycees cordially invite the public to attend. Let's stamp out Apathy with Action.....

NEW BERN - CRAVEN CO.



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Rockets In New Bern?

YES! The New Bern YMCA and K&K Toys are launching a new and exciting program called the Space Pioneers Club. K&K Toys is the official sponsor of the program with the YMCA providing instruction and supervision for the program on and off the field.

These rockets zoom to altitudes of 1800 feet, but most will range from 400 to 1200 feet, depending upon the size. Throughout the United States, there have been over 175-million safe launchings, so the program is safe, according to Greg Hubbell, Director of the

YMCA. The club membership includes newsletters developed by members, free instruction, club patch, use

NOTICE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Craven County Planning Board is being held on Thursday, January 14, 1982 in the Board of Commissioner's Room of the Craven County Courthouse at 6:30 p. m. This meeting takes place of the December 24, 1981 Board meeting which was postponed due to the Christmas holidays.

Assertiveness Training

Has anyone ever cut in front of you in line? Do you have difficulty saying "no"? Are you able to express warm, positive feelings to someone? Find a new sense of freedom through Assertiveness Training being offered by the Neuse Mental Health Center beginning Monday, February 1, 1982. The sessions will run for 5 consecutive weeks from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. To pre-register, call the Neuse Mental Health Center at 633-4171 by January 25, 1982.

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New Housing Regulations

New Bern-William E. "Bill" Freeman, technical director for Weyerhaeuser's New Bern market pulp mill has accepted the position of technical services manager for the company's pulp division based in Tacoma, Washington. Replacing Freeman is Carroll Frye, who is now technical supervisor-special projects at the New Bern facility. Both Frye and Freeman are New Bern-Craven County residents.

Freeman is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in chemistry. He joined Weyerhaeuser in 1968 as a project chemist at the Plymouth, N. C. pulp and paper complex and moved to New Bern as technical director in 1974. He will assume his new duties in early February.

Frye has been with Weyerhaeuser since 1971, working at the New Bern facility since that time in a variety of chemical engineering positions. He is a native of Georgetown, S. C. and graduate of N. C. State University's pulp and paper technology program. Frye assumed his new duties on December 28, 1981.

Announcements of the changes were made by George Henson, mill manager for the New Bern facility.

Bill Freeman Carroll Frye

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has changed its regulations to make it possible for more people to get single-family home loans through USDA's Farmers Home Administration.

Larry W. Godwin, State Director of the North Carolina USDA rural credit agency, said the revised rules change the income eligibility criteria, permit funds for approved solar heating and make numerous changes to clarify and simplify operation of the agency's single-family housing programs.

The Farmers Home Administration has a wide range of housing programs, including mortgage loans for single-family homes, housing repair and rehabilitation loans, rural rental housing, farm labor housing, and self-help housing loans.

Before the new regulations were implemented, they were reviewed and revised extensively, Godwin said.

One of the major changes is the elimination of a single, nationwide income eligibility level. Previously, only families with incomes below \$15,600 were considered eligible for Farmers Home housing loans, except in Alaska and Hawaii.

Income ceilings now vary by economic areas and are based on a percentage of the area median income. Low income is defined as 80 percent of the area median income.

Applicants who qualify for moderate-income loans will pay interest rates prevailing when the loan is closed. The current interest rate charged by Farmers Home is 13.25 percent.

For those with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income level, the agency provides "interest credits," which reduce the amount of interest the borrower pays, sometimes to as low as one percent.

Using data developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Farmers Home Administration now sets income eligibility limits in more than 500 economic areas throughout the nation.

Income eligibility ranges from \$17,000 in some of the nation's poorer counties to \$23,500 in the more affluent areas, and up to \$33,000 in Alaska. The low-income levels at which applicants become eligible for "interest credits," range from \$11,500 to \$18,000.

In addition, the new regulations reduced the size of allowable living area in new homes to 1,200 square feet from 1,300 square feet.

North Carolina income eligibility ranges from \$20,500 to \$17,500. The low-income levels in North Carolina at which applicants become eligible for "interest credits," range from \$15,000 to \$12,000. Income limits in Craven County is \$19,000 with "interest credits" being available to families whose income does not exceed \$13,500.

The North Carolina agency operates a statewide program of housing, farm, and community facility loans through 84 county offices, 12 district offices, and a state headquarters in Raleigh, N. C. Loans are made without regard to race, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, or handicapped condition.

Persons interested in FmHA's loan programs may obtain additional information from the local county office. The address is: Farmers Home Administration, 711 DeGraffenreid Street, New Bern, N. C. 28560



"First In Flight" License Plate

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Secretary W. R. "Bill" Roberson, Jr. (right) presented Gov. Jim Hunt with the first "First in Flight" license plate in the Old House Chambers in the Capitol Building in Raleigh, Monday, January 11. Also present was R. W. Wilkins, Jr. (left), newly appointed Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Candidates File

The following people have filed for county offices:

Sheriff

Incumbent, C. W. "Pete" Bland
Joseph T. "Joe" Gray

Clerk of Superior Court

Incumbent Dorothy P. Pate
Incumbent Merlyn Williams

County Commissioner, District 1, Seat 1

Edward P. Armstrong, Jr., Dick Hubbard, Ella J. Bengel, James Chance

District 1, Seat 2

Incumbent Sidney R. French

District 2

Roger Forrest
Grover C. Lancaster, Jr.

District 3

Lonnie E. Pridgen, Jr.
Incumbent John B. Willis

District 4

Incumbent W. J. Wynne, Jr.

New Bern Craven County Board of Education

District 2
Incumbent Robert A. Gaskins

District 4, Seat 4

G. F. "Al" Aylward

District 7

Incumbent Norman Sears
Incumbent Alice G. Underhill
Douglas C. E. Loftin

District 6

Incumbent Samuel L. "Tom" Adams

Filing for state and county office runs through Feb. 1. Filing for legislative and congressional seats is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 15 through March 1.

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