

NEW BERN HIGHLIGHTS YMCA Membership Workers

The New Bern-Craven County YMCA successfully completed the two "Coaching" rallies held at the Ramada Inn, May 18 and 19, with approximately 60 people in attendance. Although this was only approximately half of all the workers in the Campaign, Mr. Gregory W. Hubbell, Executive Director of the YMCA, feels they were enthusiastic and ready to start campaigning for memberships this week. The purpose of the Coaching Rallies was to tell workers more about the programs of the YMCA this past year and what new programs people can expect next year. Also future plans for the YMCA's new building location were discussed.

Mr. Hubbell expressed the importance of the Membership Drive right now for several reasons. With a drive for large numbers of people, there will be a greater impact on the community and people will realize the YMCA intends to be here for good. It is also a good time to tell people about the programs and good that the YMCA can do in the community. The numbers of members will also dictate how fast the YMCA will move in building a pool and additional facilities.

Mr. Hubbell emphasized that this is not the time for people to sit back and wait for their neighbors to join before they do. Everyone should try to lead rather than follow.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1982, the YMCA kicked-off the Membership Campaign with a breakfast meeting at 7:30 a. m. at the Ramada Inn.

People not presently on a team of workers still have time to do so by calling 638-8799.

Last Chance To Enroll

In an effort to train citizens for a rape companion program, the Craven County Council on Women, Inc. is holding a six session training program. This program will prepare volunteers to provide support for victims of sexual assault. Tonight, June 3 is your final chance to enroll as a volunteer.

The program is being held each Thursday at 5:30 p. m. at the AHEC Building next to Craven County Hospital. All area citizens interested in providing assistance to victims of rape or sexual assault are encouraged to participate in this free training program.

Since 1975 reported rape cases are up 53 percent in North Carolina and 46 percent in the U. S. In 1977 a rapist had a 51 percent chance of being arrested if the rape was reported to the police and about a 33 percent chance of being prosecuted and about a 16 percent chance of being found guilty.

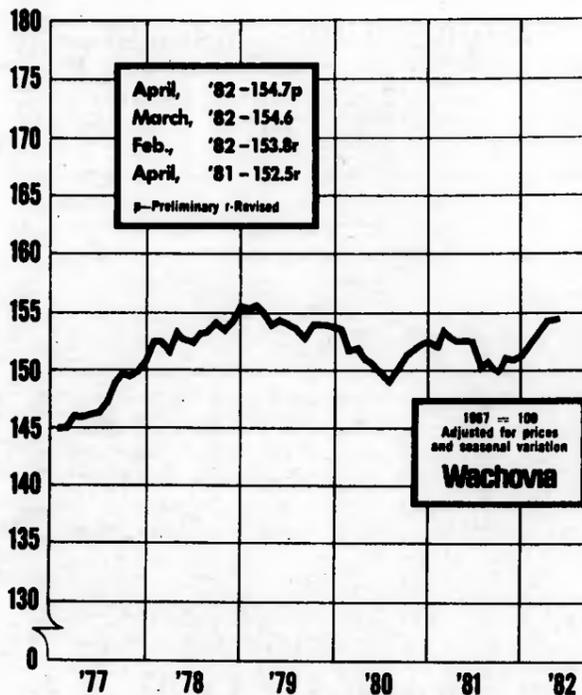
Ms. Kathy Watson is the coordinator for the group. You may get information concerning the program by dialing 638-5995. Vanceboro area residents remember this is no longer a long distance call.

Elected

John G. Medlin, Jr., chief executive officer of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the International Monetary Conference (IMC). The election and installation of officers was held Thursday at the conclusion of the 1982 IMC meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The IMC, which was organized in 1954, provides a forum for discussion of significant international banking, economic, monetary and fiscal issues. It includes 54 major United States banks and 60 banks from 21 other nations.

Vanceboro and New Bern area Residents call
638-8566 for Fire and Rescue Service



Wachovia Business Index

The level of business activity in North Carolina remained level in April, according to the Wachovia Business Index. The Index registered 154.7, up 0.1 percent from the March level.

Non-agricultural employment was unchanged from the previous month, while price adjusted average hourly earnings for manufacturing employees rose 0.4 percent. The average manufacturing workweek and the number of people unemployed declined from March.

A 0.6 percent increase in manufacturing employment was due to gains in non-durable goods industries. Textile employment grew a healthy 2.7 percent, accompanied by a 0.5 percent increase in apparel employment. In durable goods industries, employment gains in furniture and lumber were countered by declines in other sectors.

In the non-manufacturing sector, employment in services remained flat while trade employment increased slightly. Contract construction employment was down 2.1 percent and government employment declined 0.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina was 8.7 percent in April, down 0.8 percent from March. The national rate for April was 9.4 percent, up 0.4 percent from March. The unadjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina dropped to 8.2 percent in April.

Unit sales of cars and trucks through April were 21.5 percent and 2.7 percent respectively below year ago levels.

The North Carolina Business Index measures the level of economic activity in North Carolina on a monthly basis. Using 1967 as the base of 100, it reflects indicators of employment, production and spending in the state's economy. All figures are adjusted by Wachovia-calculated figures for expected seasonal fluctuations.



Plymouth Fiber Hits Million Safe Manhours

The Plymouth Fiber Group has just achieved a million safe manhours without a single lost-time injury, it has been announced by Paul J. Schmitt, mill manager.

The pulp, paper and paperboard group has more than 1,700 employees, and operations continue around the clock.

The group was recently awarded the National Safety Council's highest recognition, the Award of Honor, for its outstanding 1981 safety record.

George Willis Retires At New Bern Pulp

George Willis, purchasing supervisor for the New Bern Pulp Mill, has elected to retire from the company.

Daryl Thompson is assuming all purchasing and storeroom responsibilities at the New Bern Pulp Mill.

Plymouth Fine Paper Modifies System To Cut Operating Costs

The paper division of the Plymouth Fiber Group recently has made modifications and improvements in its white water system that substantially reduce costs.

The system modifications, planned and completed by Weyerhaeuser maintenance and production personnel, will reduce costs at a minimum of more than \$500,000 a year.

The system improvements allow the Fine Paper division to recover from seven to 25 more tons of bleached pulp fiber per day and will reduce water usage about 1.5 million gallons a day.

Pulp, which is about 99 percent water when it reaches the paper forming end of a paper machine, consists of suspended wood fibers and additives that improve the quality of the paper.

The water, "white water", is rapidly drained away from the bleached pulp allowing the fibers to criss-cross, mat together and form paper stock.

The paper stock is then sent through the press section of the paper machine where more water is removed, and then over a series of vacuum and dryer rolls to further reduce paper moisture content.

The white water system recycles the water used in this papermaking process.

Art Exhibition

An exhibition of contemporary figure painting "Personages" by Jack Berkman of Wilmington, N.C. June 7 - July 6, 1982, Craven Community Arts Council, 220 B. Pollock Street, New Bern, N.C. 28560.

The Craven Community Arts Council is proud to announce its first major art exhibition in its new facility located in the basement of the Davis-Jarvis House. Mr. Berkman was educated at the Corcoran School of Art, George Washington University, the University of New Mexico and was the recipient of a Tiffany Foundation Art Scholarship. He is listed in Who's Who in American Art, Who's Who in South and Southwest and Who's Who in World Jewry. He has won numerous awards.

The exhibition, "Personages", is a serious exhibition of contemporary figure painting, with the characterizations ranging from musicians to survivors of the holocaust. The moods range from the tragic and moody to satire and humor. Several of the heads are traditional in treatment, while others are painted within the framework of abstract shapes and colors.

Mr. Berkman lectures and holds workshops in this area of the country.

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