

Holshouser Lauded For Efforts In Rural Health

The N. C. Committee on Rural Development paid tribute Friday to Gov. Jim Holshouser for his "vision and commitment in the area of rural health care."

In a ceremony at the Governor's Office, Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., of Raleigh, chairman of the statewide organization, presented Holshouser with a plaque "to document our (the committee's) appreciation and thanks for your efforts" to make quality primary health care available to residents of rural areas of North Carolina suffering from a severe shortage of doctors.

A comprehensive program to solve the problem was begun with a special message delivered by the Governor to the 1973

General Assembly. The program included the establishment of the Office of Rural Health Services in the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, the creation and support of Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) through the University of North Carolina and enlargement of the State's Emergency Medical Services Program.

The Committee on Rural Development includes North Carolina heads of U. S. Department of Agriculture agencies, representatives of the state's two land-grant universities (N. C. State and N. C. A & T), the state presidents of the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club, heads of state agencies concerned with

various aspects of rural development and representatives from the councils of Government for the Lead Regional Organizations throughout the state.

In remarks at today's ceremony, Dr. Hyatt, associate dean of N. C. State University and director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, noted that a Task Force on Rural Health was one of three task forces appointed by the Rural Development Committee in 1973.

This 50-member task force, he said, "has been fortunate these past three and a half years to function under a governor who has shown vision and commitment in the area of rural health care. Gov. Holshouser had dramatically illustrated his commitment to action in the area of rural health care through human service programs in several state offices."

Since the Office of Rural Health Services was opened less than three years ago, Dr. Hyatt noted, rural health centers have been started in 17 communities without a physician and over 30 doctors have been placed in other communities. It is estimated, he said, that over 120,000 rural North Carolinians will have improved access to primary health care this year as a result of these efforts.

Through the AHEC program, he said, health science students and residents received their training throughout the State. "Another goal of the nine area Health Education Centers," Dr. Hyatt pointed out, "is to provide quality continuing education for all health providers no matter where they live."

Expansion of the Emergency Medical Services program means that local communities now have access to sophisticated Emergency Medical Training Equipment and technical assistance, Hyatt added. He said the Office of Emergency Medical Services has trained over

9,000 emergency medical technicians and conveyed over \$1 million to health planning regions for the upgrading of their emergency medical systems.

Gov. Holshouser, said Hyatt, "has also shown an interest in mental health. Under his initiative, two mental health centers were established in the mountains with Appalachian Regional Commission funds."

Hyatt noted that the Rural Health Task Force has actively promoted and supported the development of rural health clinics, has surveyed county health program needs as conceived by county rural development panels, developed a model for county health resource directories and has conducted six rural health workshops around the state.

"Most importantly," he said, "the climate of interest and concern with the problems of rural people created by Governor Holshouser has given the impetus for wide-ranging communication among members of health-related agencies in the state."

To claim the credit, a federal tax return must be filed, either the 1040A or 1040 form. The filer need not have paid tax last year to qualify. However, he must have maintained a household for the entire year for at least one dependent child under 19 years of age, or the child must have been a full-time student. He must have made under \$8,000 in salary or earned income and if he is married, must file a joint return.

Historic Property Funds Available

Property owners in Edenton's Historic District and Chowan County owners of National Historic Register Properties may qualify for federal matching funds of up to 50 per cent to stabilize, rehabilitate, or restore their property. The purchase of property in a National Historic District may also be funded in amounts of up to 50 per cent of the total purchase price.

To participate in the program the property owner must submit an application through the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History. The matching funds received by each participating state from the federal government is directly proportional to the total amount applied for by qualifying property owners in each state.

Lou Hafermehl, director of Historic Edenton, Inc., said "properties in clear and present danger of destruction or serious impairment are likely to be the first to receive matching funds under this program. But for the property owner located in the historic district, or whose home is listed as a National Historic Landmark or on the National Register, it would certainly be worthwhile to make application for matching funds."

The application form is brief and simple and can be picked up at the Barker House Visitor Center in Edenton or by writing Frederick A. Masseno, Grants Administrator, Room 305, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, N. C., 27611.

"Submitting an application for one of these Historic Preservation Grants is not a guarantee of financial aid," stressed Hafermehl, "nor does it constitute a commitment on the part of the homeowner. But the only way to qualify is to fill out an application."

IRS Pleased With Response

GREENSBORO — The earned income credit, a new provision in this year's federal tax law for certain low income taxpayers, has been claimed by a little more than half of North Carolina citizens thought to be qualified.

Robert A. LeBaube, Internal Revenue Service District Director in North Carolina, said, "Through March 19 we have received about 55,000 returns claiming the credit and are pleased that response has been this good." The Director added that about \$37-million has been estimated for an anticipated 100,000 Tar Heel residents who meet the requirements for the earned income credit.

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The maximum credit is \$400; basically, the credit is 10 per cent of earned income up to \$4,000. It is scaled down gradually for incomes over \$4,000 and zeroes out at \$8,000.

Questions regarding qualifications and how to file may be directed to IRS over the toll-free phone 1-800-822-800 or at any IRS office in the state.

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Lewis, Shirley W., Lot 6 Bk 303	\$17.61
Martin, Arthur A., Lot 28 Bk 104	\$7.57
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ATTEND JAYCEE MEETING—Woody Copeland of Edenton, a candidate for president of N. C. Jaycees, is pictured here with Mayor Roy L. Harrell, left, and Robert W. Moore, chamber of commerce executive, at last weekend's regional meeting in Ronaake Rapids. Some 65 people from Edenton attended. (Story on page 6C.)

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