

# County Commissioners Meet

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resignation is effective in February, sought the Boards support of presenting an evaluation program of the Extension Services. Board members agreed to this request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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Helps appraisers, submitted a proposed tax schedule of commercial properties. No action was taken.

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## Cpl. Elliott Participates In "Coldex 81"

Marine Lance Cpl. Robert L. Elliott, son of Wallace and Mae B. Elliott, Route 1, Tyner, is participating in exercise "Coldex 81" in northern Norway.

He is a member of Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, based at Camp Lejeune. His battery is part of the support element of the 36th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU). The 36th MAU is embarked aboard ships specially designed to transport combat troops. "Coldex 81" is a NATO training exercise designed to test and evaluate cold weather operations, equipment and training. Norwegian and United Kingdom armed forces are also participating in the 15-day exercise.

A 1979 graduate of Chowan High School, Elliott joined the Marine Corps in July, 1979. His wife, Phyllis, is the daughter of Kermit and Jearlene Elliott, Route 1, also of Tyner.



**KEETER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE** — Joe S. Keeter, center, of Charlotte, is sworn in as a license and theft inspector with the N. C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT)'s Motor Vehicle Division. Administering the oath of office in Raleigh is Secretary of State Thad Eure. Observing the ceremony is Elbert L. Peters, Jr., commissioner of motor vehicles.

## Keeter Assumes Duties

RALEIGH — Joe S. Keeter of Charlotte has assumed new duties as a license and theft inspector with the Division of Motor Vehicles of the N. C. Department of Transportation.

Stationed in Charlotte, his new duties include enforcement of all motor

vehicle laws, investigation of automobile thefts and administering the state's safety inspection program.

A 1974 graduate of East Carolina University, Keeter has worked in the license and theft section since 1975.

The Chowan County native is married to the former Linda Mullis.

## Training Event Slated

Members of First Presbyterian Church, Edenton, will be going to Farmville this Sunday afternoon, March 15, to participate in a Leadership Training Event called ZING conducted by the Presbytery of Albemarle.

Some 44 churches in Northeastern North Carolina will be sending youth and adults, men and women. Officers and teachers share in this learning experience.

This Sunday Rev. H. E. Mallinson, will be bringing the message, "Learning to Live Simply," from Luke 10.

Invitations are being extended to the community to meet and hear Grace

## Staff Sgt. Leary In Exercise

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simulated attack on the United States. The service member is among the more than 100,000 U. S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Canadian personnel taking part in SAC's largest, no-notice, 20-day training exercise.

Global Shield 81 is designed to test the command's capability to carry out emergency war orders to support U. S. policy if deterrence fails. This exercise has been constructed to measure SAC's response to a set of preplanned events leading up to a simulated attack on the United States, the spokesman explained.

As part of Global Shield, some SAC aircraft deploy to civilian and military airfields selected specifically for the exercise. Additionally, B-52s and FB-111s fly low-level training routes approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. The routes were preselected to help measure the simulated bombing, navigation and electronic counter -- measure skills of SAC aircrews.

Halsell, author of "Journey to Jerusalem". She will be at the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday, March 24 at 7 P.M. for dessert and coffee with her talk scheduled at 7:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Of her book, Mrs. Faisal Alhegelan, wife of the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the U.S., remarked, "Personally, it is very touching that someone from so far away could feel so deeply what we, as Arabs, have felt for such a long time."

Rabbi Elmer Berger, President of American Jewish Alternatives, stated "This book tells us more about what needs to be done than all the studious pronouncements from the White House, Cairo, or Tel Aviv."

Halsell's book is dedicated "to those who seek peace."

# Raleigh Roundup: Not Much Good News For Assembly Members

By Mildred Huskins

RALEIGH — There was not much good news for members of the General Assembly during the past week. And if you take a look at the recent issues of your daily newspaper you can soon determine why the light at the end of the economic tunnel seems a long way off. For example, one issue of a newspaper this week noted: "Subcommittees study cuts ..."; "Hunt Raps Surcharge Decision"; "Highway Program Pending"; "President's Honeymoon with Congress wearing thin ..."; County Manager preparing the budget "Austerity is focus ..."

To make matters worse, the electronic voting system in the house went on the blink Friday with a long list of roll call bills on the calendar. Some of the senior members felt like they had returned to the "dark ages" and, as Sam Burrow, reading clerk, began calling the roll of 120 names, one was heard to remark, "that sure takes you back, doesn't it?"

Maybe a little good came out of the malfunction since new members of the body had never experienced a rollcall vote and heard their names called from the podium for the first time.

The short rollcall was also a new experience for them. This is used when time is of the essence. After a long rollcall has been used on at least one measure and, if there is no objection, the Speaker puts the question and the reading clerk begins the roll by calling the first few names appearing in alphabetical order and the members shout their vote. Any member who would like for the journal to show his vote may request that it be recorded. This method was often used in the "old days" before electronic voting equipment was added in the two chambers.

Speaker Liston Ramsey announced that the "machinery" was out of order and it was either have a rollcall or adjourn. There was no objection because, it was a known fact that every bill removed from the current calendar would necessarily be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day which would be Monday night. So, the Friday calendar was cleared.

Rep. Howard Chapin of Beaufort had no trouble with his local bill. He was asked to explain his bill when it was called and was bright to the delight of his colleagues. This was an

annexation bill which failed to generate debate, which was most unusual in this session so far.

"This is just a little old bill for a little old town which wants to annex 300 feet around its borders," he said. The bill affected the oldest town in North Carolina, Bath.

Dr. Albert Edwards, House Chaplain, is inclined to include a bit of advice for the members in his opening prayers. He seems especially interested in the family members which are left back home while the lawmakers are at work for the state. Thursday he praised the Lord for having "made us to be loved and to love ..." He remembered that it was impossible for all people to love us but reminded that "most of us are rich indeed with a mate that loves us, children that love us, a cat that loves us and a neighbor's dog who cares." Friday he continued his thoughts for those who wait at home. "Remember, Lord, these who have lived it up here this week but help them not to leave life and vitality here but live it up with at home with family and friends ..."

The electronic voting mechanism was acting cranky

Thursday afternoon and voting tallies were showing up differently on the two boards. The board on the east side of the house chamber was especially crazy and seated just over that panel in the gallery was a group of Rowan County voters on hand to support Rep. Brad Ligon's bill to limit lobbyist spending.

After one vote the western panel showed 112 members had voted yes and none had voted no while the eastern board was recording 112 votes in the affirmative and 80 in the negative. "Somebody's cheating," noted the Speaker as he attempted to record the results. Another vote was taken with the same results and a visitor in the gallery looked over at the eastern panel and commented: "You see what a bunch of Republicans can do to mess things up." Of course, it was all in fun.

Rep. Marie Colton of Buncombe was handling a local bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Robert S. Swain to abolish the Asheville Boxing Commission and let remaining revenue go to award a prize for a "tough" man contest. This caused a ripple of giggles among her colleagues and one

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