

## MOA Sponsors Workshop

ELIZABETH CITY—The Museum of the Albemarle will be sponsoring its second annual teachers' workshop, "Discovering Backyard History," from June 22-26. The workshop, funded through the Northeastern Historic Places Office, instructs the teacher on the use of historical and cultural resources available to them and their students. This program is structured to enhance the working relationship between schools and historic resources in the area.

This year's program will include visits to Somerset Place, the Newbold-White House, the Dismal

Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, and Historic Murrefreesboro. Other sessions will be taught at the Museum of the Albemarle and will include a variety of guest speakers. Don Lennon, Director of the Manuscript Collection, ECU, will speak on the use of documents in the classroom and Joe Webb, Region II Social Studies Coordinator, will talk on the creativity in the classroom.

Dorothy Redford, who helped to stage the reunion of descendants of black slaves at Somerset Place, will conduct a session on genealogy and use of private collections. Other sessions will be conducted on archaeology, architecture, cemetery history, using newspapers to teach history, the study of women's history, and the use of folklore and oral history in the classroom.

The successful completion of a similar course last year resulted in the production of three teaching-units, including one on textiles and one on the Algonkian Indians. The workshop has been filled for this year with teachers from seven counties.

### Awarded BS Degree

Avis Colleen Jordan of Tyner was among 249 graduating seniors who participated in Atlantic Christian College's 85th Annual Commencement held on May 3.

Commencement speaker was Robert B. Jordan II, lieutenant governor of North Carolina. Presiding was Dr. James B. Hemby Jr., president of the college.

Ms. Jordan was awarded a B.S. degree in medical technology.

## Food Pantry

By FRANK CASSELL  
On Monday, May 21, we celebrated Memorial Day. On this day, we honored all those who fought in the many wars and paid with their lives. The struggles were not in vain, since we are still a free country. Support for these people was a must.

There is another war being fought by many today. It is not a war with guns and bombs, but many who lose the fight pay with their lives. This war is waged by men, women and children. The fighters are black, white, red and yellow of skin. This war is the war on poverty and hunger. These two go hand in hand; one brings about the other. Many are veterans of this war; some are veterans of both wars.

The aging veterans of a military conflict who can no longer compete in this hurry up world for a job...the young veteran, married with children, who has no background for this computer-oriented time...the uneducated veteran who was taught how to defend his country but not how to compete for a paying position.

This war seems to have no end. As in a military conflict, there have to be many volunteers to help those who are fighting for their lives. The American people have always rallied around their fellow countrymen who are in trouble. Such is the case where hunger is involved. Would you like to help? Call us, please.

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### Zoo Elephants Are Featured

ASHEBORO—Elephants will be the center of attention during June as the North Carolina Zoological Park joins other zoos around the country in celebrating "Zoo and Aquarium Month."

Governor Jim Martin has proclaimed that North Carolina will join in this national event recognizing the educational value and popularity of zoos and aquariums. This year's theme is the role of zoos in wildlife conservation.

The N.C. Zoo will focus its programs on elephants because of their plight in the wild. The highlight of the celebration will be the weighing of the zoo's five African elephants with a chance for visitors to guess the weights and win prizes.

A simultaneous balloon launch by zoos nationwide will kick off the event on Monday, June 1, at 1 p.m. The balloons bear the Zoo and Aquarium Month logo and represent the four goals of these institutions—education, recreation, conservation and research. The ceremony at the state zoo will be held in the zoo plaza.

Officials of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Robert L. Fry, zoo director, and Russell H. Williams, executive director of the N.C. Zoological Society, will participate.

Many other special events are planned for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout June.

There is no extra charge for "Zoo and Aquarium Month" events. Zoo admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 2-15 and senior citizens. A tram which provides transportation between exhibits costs \$1 per person per day.

The N.C. Zoo is located six miles southeast of Asheboro off U.S. 220, U.S. 64 and N.C. 159. The zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and holidays. For information, call (919) 879-5606.

## Leave Proposal Draws Sharp Criticism

RALEIGH—The head of the state's largest business group has sharply criticized a "pro-family" bill recently introduced by the chair of the House Manufacturers and Labor Committee as "well-intended" policy that would, in reality, relegate women to part-time, non-benefitted jobs.

"North Carolina's small business owners overwhelmingly oppose legislation that would require them to hold jobs open for workers on extended parental leave," said Susan Valauri, director of the National Federation of Independent Business/North Carolina.

She cited a July 1986 NFIB survey of small-business owners that found four of every five (81 per cent) opposing mandatory leave proposals similar to House Bill 965, introduced in late April by Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy (D-Forsyth).

Only one in nine (11 per cent) of the 927 survey respondents favored the proposal. The remaining 8 per cent were undecided.

Kennedy's bill would require employers to grant workers up to 18 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a newborn child. Employers would have to pay all of the worker's benefits during that time, and return the worker to the same or comparable job at the end of the leave.

Valauri said many small firms can't afford to pay insurance for non-working employees or hold key positions open for months. "To escape such unrealistic requirements, they turn full-time positions into non-benefitted, part-time jobs," she said.

Valauri cited the experience of European countries as evidence that mandatory leave policies create more problems than benefits for workers as well as employers. "In every case, growth in full-time employment

for women has plunged sharply, and part-time employment rates have soared once parental leave is mandated," she said.

Valauri noted that the bill would apply only to employers with 15 or more workers, but said, "Even owners who would be exempt reject this bill as government meddling in employer/employee relations. They believe leave policies and other benefits should be negotiated between individual employers and their workers, not dictated from the statehouse."

She added that, once the idea of mandatory parental leave becomes law, "It's very easy to lower the exemption, first to 10 workers, then five. Our people view the so-called small-business exemption as just the foot in the door."

"We're asking the Legislature to look beyond the pro-family rhetoric and consider the very real problems this bill would create for working women, their families and small-business owners," Valauri added.

## Pin Ceremony Is Held For Pitt Nurses

Pinning ceremonies for 45 Pitt Community College nursing students were held Thursday, May 21, at Memorial Baptist Church in Greenville. These students will be awarded the Associate degree in Nursing at PCC's graduation exercises. Local residents who received their pins were Janice Sawyer and Peggy Walker of Edenton, Michelle Brinkley of Ahoskie and Janet Lee of Merry Hill.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was Audrey Williams, a 1985 graduate of Pitt Community College. She is presently on the staff of Pitt County Memorial Hospital as a clinical instructor in the operating room.

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## Radio Station Is Chosen

96 kix-WKJX of Elizabeth City has been named an official radio station for the fifth annual True Value Hardware Country Showdown, largest country music contest in the world.

Last year, the Showdown attracted more than 100,000 country performers nationwide, and this year it is offering more than \$100,000 cash, plus prizes, to winners at the regional and national finals.

96 kix-WKJX and local True Value stores will co-sponsor the contest for this area, and the winner gets to compete in the state finals. The state winner goes on to the regional and possibly even the national finals.

The state winner collects \$1,000 in cash and the regional winner gets an all-expense-paid trip to Nashville, Tenn. to perform in the national finals, which will be televised live - all over the United States - on The Nashville Network.

The grand prize is \$50,000 in cash, and a one-year recording contract.

Any country performer or group that has never had a national recording contract can enter. Entry forms are available at participating True Value Stores and other local businesses.

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