

## Red Cross Head



**William E. Baird**

William E. Baird was elected 1980-1981 chairman of the Polk County chapter of American Red Cross, at the chapter's annual meeting, July 24th at NCNB.

Mr. Baird retired in 1977 as public relations director for Conrail's New York City metropolitan region, based at Grand Central Terminal.

In May 1979, he moved to Tryon with his wife, Martha.

Mr. Baird was born in Egypt, the son of United Presbyterian missionaries. He graduated from Monmouth College, Ill. and launched his career in 1936 with ten years in various editorial positions on the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

He then served nine years with Ketchum, Inc., Pittsburgh-based fund raising and public relations counseling firm.

In 1955 he joined the Pennsylvania Railroad as public relations manager of its Pittsburgh region and served successively with Penn Central and Conrail. He moved to his New York post in 1973. He was an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America.

The 1980-1981 support slate includes: Kenneth L. Selby, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Nash, secretary; and Mrs. Donald (Shirley) Arledge, executive secretary at the Red Cross Depot headquarters.

Executive committee members elected were: William Baird, Fred M. Foy, Kenneth Selby, Leonard F. Bohner, James M. Kirk, and retiring chapter chairman Richard E. Weiss. Newly appointed 3-year directors are: Kenneth L. Selby, treasurer; William Baird, Walter Gray, Polk County Library director, assisting the fund drive chairper-

son on satellite village coverage and Mary Iron, wife of former chapter chairman Robert Irons.

Continuing two years appointees include: Dever Little, industrial blood affairs; Larry Pexton, assisting Kenneth Selby; Roy Berry; Mrs. F. F. Stetekluh, Bloodmobile volunteers; George Helmstetter, Landrum blood project; Leonard F. Bohner, blood development and Asheville regional liaison; James Kirk fund-drive co-chairperson; and Mrs. Ruth Woods.

One year electives are: Brewster Cornwell, Mrs. Edward W. Russell, fund drive chairperson; Marc Parsons and Richard Weiss public affairs; Tom Miller, special Centennial project; Mrs. George (Sidney) Blaine, blood donor recruitment at St. Luke's hospital; Mrs. Thomas Nash and William Edgerton.

Robert L. Kohlbry will continue as a director and share responsibilities with Tom Miller on special Centennial project; Kay Williams continues as fund drive industrial chairperson; Fred Foy disaster services; and Mrs. Herbert C. Rhodes are incumbent directors.

Roy Parker will continue as industrial blood donor recruitment — aided by Dever Little; Guy Housh, Bloodmobile volunteers; Mrs. Richard (Marge) Weiss and Mrs. Russell (Jeanne) Gratner, Bloodmobile canteen; James E. Johnson, Bloodmobile posters.

Other Red Cross chapter activity chairpersons are: Marvin Arledge, first aid; Mrs. W. M. Livingston, nursing; Elizabeth Nash, services to military families; and Mrs. Frank Johnson, volunteer service to Oteen. — Reporter

Some 150 rivers, branches, creeks, and sloughs flow into Chesapeake Bay. From the mouth of the Susquehanna to the Virginia capes, the bay washes more than 5,000 miles of shoreline, points out National Geographic.

The Annual Rainbow March will be held at the Landrum Spring Baptist Church Sunday, July 27th at 4:00 p.m. It is for the benefit of the Woman's Day. Everyone is invited. Rev. C. L. Austin, pastor; Georgia W. Benson, sponsor. adv.

## Woodland Park



Shown here is the work crew of David Vining, Tim Corbett and John Vining posing on a bridge in Woodland Park. The bridge which goes over a small creek was built by the Polk County Jaycees. Shown in the background are some railroad tie steps leading to a trail.

### ESCHEAT FUND

By Jan Christensen, NCSU

If you have a dormant savings account, you might be contributing to the Escheat fund of North Carolina.

There's a state law that says an account can be closed and the money turned over to the state if the owner has failed to make a deposit or withdrawal within a certain time period — perhaps three to five years.

If the money is not claimed within seven years after it goes into the Escheat fund, it becomes the property of the state, says Dr. Thelma Hinson, extension family resource management specialist, North Carolina State University.

Dr. Joseph Stayman, Jr., a general and thoracic surgeon, has joined the St. Luke's Medical Staff and will be practicing as a consultant. — Pulse Beat

Dr. Mark Hicklin and Dr. Terry McGuinn, Family Practitioners, are practicing in the former TMA building in Tryon. — Pulse Beat

## THIS IS THE LAW

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CONSUMER CREDIT PURCHASES

A consumer buys a TV set on credit in North Carolina and sees a puzzling notice on the contract. This notice says that any holder of the contract is subject to the same claims and defenses which the consumer could assert against the merchant.

What does this mean?

Merchants often sell the consumer's contract to a bank, and the consumer then must make his monthly payments to the bank. It used to be that if the TV didn't work, the consumer still had to pay the bank.

But under the present law the notice has to appear on the contract.

The notice means that the consumer has the same rights against the bank as he has against the merchant. Depending on the circumstances, such rights might include the right to recover the portion of the purchase price already paid and the right to withhold any further payments.

However, the consumer's rights against the bank cannot exceed what he has already paid. Recovery for damages caused by the defective TV would have to come from the merchant or the manufacturer.