



UNITED FUND leaders Tuesday honored Rev. Harry W. Philips, minister of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, left, 1974 president; and Tom Penn, right, chairman of the 1974 drive which achieved 108 per cent of the quota. Both were presented plaques by 1975 President Jack Johnson.

Rosman Has Water Grant Of \$62,750

A grant totaling \$62,750 has been awarded to Rosman to aid in financing improvements to its water supply system, according to Human Resources Secretary David Flaherty.

Similar grants have been made on five other occasions to cities and towns throughout North Carolina. In all, \$48.6 million has been awarded for 242 grants since the program began in 1972. Construction costs for these 242 projects amount to about \$234 million.

Applications for the grants were approved in accordance with the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971. Voters approved the issuance of \$150 million in clean water bonds in a 1972 referendum, 70 million of which was awarded for water supply systems.

State grants provide only a portion of the total project cost. Most of the financing comes from local sources with some projects receiving federal assistance, though the amount of federal grant money has decreased during recent months.

Grant applications for water supply construction projects are now being received by the Division of Health Services for processing during the second semi-annual review period of this fiscal year. Grant awards for these are expected to be issued in July.

In making the announcement, Flaherty said these grants and those made in four previous application review periods over the past two and one half years, provide valuable assistance in assuring an adequate supply of safe water throughout the State.

IRS Offers To Assist Taxpayers

The Internal Revenue Service is offering information and assistance to taxpayers in preparing their returns for 1974, it is announced by Glenn Jones, public affairs officer.

The Asheville office is in The Plateau Building, 50 South French Broad Ave. 28801.

Taxpayers may also call toll-free to 1-800-822-8800 and obtain aid and information, Mr. Jones said.

Office hours at all I. R. S. units run from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Some offices will also be open on selected Saturdays and in the evenings. These days and hours will be announced, according to the public affairs man.

1974 Olin Earnings Hiked 82 Per Cent

Stamford, Conn. Jan. 16 — Olin Corporation reported today, on a preliminary basis, that 1974 earnings from continuing operations were approximately \$48,200,000, or \$4.10 a share.

This is an increase of 82 per cent from \$26,451,000 or \$2.25 a share the previous year.

The \$4.10 a share was after a change in 1974 to the last-in, first-out (LIFO) inventory valuation method. The earnings figure also reflected unusual charges and credits, the net effect of which was to reduce income from continuing operations by \$3,500,000 (after taxes) or 30 cents a share.

The unusual charges totaling \$18 million before taxes were \$8,400,000 in estimated expenses associated with a decision to modernize Winchester's sporting firearms and manufacturing facilities, and

\$9,600,000 for estimated losses in disposing of or discontinuing certain marginal or unprofitable operations.

The unusual credits of \$9,900,000 before taxes represented gains from the sale of certain facilities, principally the company's Polyester Film operation.

Also in 1974, approximately \$24,400,000 after taxes was credited to extraordinary income. This credit represented the difference between the reserves provided in 1972 as extraordinary charges, and present estimates of amounts needed.

The credit resulted from selling the last of Olin's Aluminum assets on a more favorable basis than expected, better than anticipated performance of one facility prior to its shutdown in 1974, and a change in business conditions that made the closing of another plant unnecessary.

Senator Cecil Hill Named To Committees

Lieutenant Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. has announced the appointment of Senator Cecil Hill to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, General Government, Public Safety and Regulations Group, Banking, Judiciary II, Local Government and State Government. The announcement came during swearing-in ceremonies for members of the 1975 General Assembly.

Senator Hill was also appointed vice chairman of the Committee on Judiciary II.

Following the ceremony, the Lieutenant Governor said that "Senator Hill is especially qualified to work on the committees assigned. He will bring a special level of understanding to each of those committees. I have great confidence that during this very important legislative session, Senator Hill will provide great service to his constituents and to all North Carolinians."

Senator Hill will serve on the assigned committees for the duration of the 1975-76 legislative term.

His new office is in Room 2115, Legislative Building, Raleigh, North Carolina and his office telephone number is

PARKWAY OFFICIAL

Superintendent Granville B. Liles has announced the assignment of Marshall A. Gingery to the position of management assistant of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville. Gingery, 36, has been with the National Park Service for 13 years.

(919) 829-4599. His residence telephone number is (919) 851-0107.

Jaycees' Jelly Sale Continues

This week, Jan. 19-25, has been designated "Jelly Week," and the Brevard Jaycees are joining North Carolina Jaycees in selling jelly to raise funds for a Jaycee project.

Jaycees Terry Scruggs, Phil Brinkley, and Carl Dixon have been named co-chairmen of the local jelly week drive.

The funds raised in the project can help provide a Burn Center for North Carolina, which will offer the burn victims in the state a facility for proper care and treatment.

"Most people don't even realize that we do not presently have a Burn Center in our state and we feel that this is a project that we can all support," Mr. Scruggs stated. "And on top of everything else the jelly we're selling is real tasty," he concluded.

Local Jaycees will canvass Brevard and the surrounding area to help raise funds for this project and their goal is to sell 1,200 jars at \$1 each.

The Jaycee Jelly will also be available at several local supermarkets and the Jaycees encourage those who are not called on at their homes to be sure to participate by buying the jelly from their favorite grocer.

Recreation Head Quits In Hassle With Bosses

N. C. Farm Take Sets Record

The calendar year 1974 brought record high cash receipts to N. C. farmers according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

Based on preliminary estimates, receipts totaled \$2,575 million, up eight per cent from the preceding year's \$2,380 million.

This increase is attributed to a record total in crop receipts as livestock receipts actually registered a decline.

Transylvania's County estimated farmer income for the year, according to Extension Chairman Jerry Purser, was \$2,430,630. This was more than \$200,000 above the \$2,213,176 received by the county's tillers of the soil in 1973.

Total state cash receipts from crop marketings climbed to a record \$1,675 million — 19 per cent greater than 1973's total of \$1,409 million. Receipts from livestock and livestock products, at \$900 million were down 7 per cent from the previous year's total of \$971 million.

Individual crop categories fared well during 1974. Tobacco receipts were a record high \$816.6 million, 14 per cent greater than the 1973 total of \$719.2 million. This is almost one-third of the total of all cash receipts received for N. C. farm products and almost half the receipts received for crop items.

Cash receipts from the sale of corn, at \$273.7 million were 62 per cent above the previous year's record \$168.6 million total. Cash receipts from 1974 marketings of cotton lint, at \$28.6 million, were slightly above 1973's \$28.5 million.

Soybeans brought a record \$254.0 million in receipts, a 22 per cent increase over 1973's \$208.9 million. Peanut receipts at \$70.8 million showed a 9 per cent decrease from the record \$77.8 million 1973 marketings. Vegetable marketings brought \$82.1 million and fruit and nuts \$28.0 million.

Of the six major classifications of livestock and livestock products, all except dairy products experienced a decline. Hog receipts at \$191.5 million were four per cent below 1973's record \$200.1 million. Cattle and calves receipts totaled \$80.1 million — \$15.4 million below the previous year. The receipts from dairy products totaled \$141.4 million compared with \$118.7 in 1973, up 19 per cent.

COPE Open To Public January 31

The home for COPE, the facility for social relearning of young people in trouble, will be open for public viewing on January 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. It has been announced by Don Morrison, chairman of the Transylvania Youth Services Board.

The board, appointed by the County Commissioners in July, 1973, has been working to get the building erected for more than a year, Mr. Morrison said.

The home, designed by Architect Bob Daniels is located on the corner of Johnson and Gaston Streets in Brevard.



HEAD REALTORS — New officers of the Brevard Board of Realtors shown being sworn into office Saturday night at the first annual meeting of the group, are, hands raised, from left: Chuck Bradley, secretary-treasurer; Steve Dense, president; and Bill Leonard, vice president. Giving the oath, left, is R. A. Stenson, Hendersonville, Realtors' district vice president.

Land-Of-Sky Dinner Set January 22

The Land-Of-Sky Regional Council will hold its first annual dinner meeting on Jan. 22, 1975, at the Hendersonville Country Club, with the social hour beginning at 6:30 and the dinner and business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The dinner will be highlighted by installation of officers for 1975 and a speech by Dr. Frank Groschelle, Region IV Director, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Atlanta.

New officers to be installed include: R. Curtis Ratcliff, chairman; William M. Ives, first vice chairman; James T. Ledford, second vice chairman; Richard A. Wood Jr., secretary; Ed Todd, treasurer; and Charles H. Campbell, at-large member.

Reports will be received from outgoing Chairman Charles H. Campbell and incoming Chairman R. Curtis Ratcliff. A short business meeting is planned.

Those invited to participate include local elected and appointed officials and their spouses and guests, legislators, and agency directors and board members who work closely with Council activities.

R. Curtis Ratcliff, chairman, states that, "The dinner was planned to acquaint local elected officials and agency personnel with Regional Council goals, objectives and activities.

COPE Open To Public January 31

C. W. Picklesimer, Jr., vice president and general manager of the Citizens Telephone Company, said that at the end of 1974 his firm was providing service to approximately 7,000 users of telephones, an increase of six per cent over the previous year.

More than 80 per cent of the residents and businesses in Transylvania County are now linked by phone, Mr. Picklesimer said.

Mr. Picklesimer said his

company's growth in 1974 played a significant part in another record-setting year

Rep. Taylor Seeking To Stimulate Housing

WASHINGTON — In an effort to stimulate the depressed housing industry, Rep. Roy A. Taylor Tuesday introduced legislation aimed at attracting more money into savings and loan institutions for home mortgages.

Taylor's bill would exclude from federal income tax up to \$500 in interest received by an individual depositor on funds placed in savings and loan institutions, banks, credit unions, or other institutions making home loans and up to \$1,000 for a couple filing jointly.

The legislation is similar to a bill considered by the House Ways and Means Committee during the closing days of the last Congress. The bill was approved by the committee but did not reach the House floor for a vote.

"Our economy is highly dependent on a healthy housing industry and my bill would give depositors a very real incentive to place their funds in those institutions which are in position to make home mortgages," said Taylor.

"Housing starts are down some 50 per cent and unemployment among construction workers has risen beyond 12 per cent. This recession in the housing industry has contributed to unemployment in the furniture and the textile industries both important to North Carolina," Rep. Taylor said.

The Congressman said he

agreed with the report of the Ways and Means Committee that "the reason for this decline in the housing industry is the unavailability of residential mortgages at reasonable rates."

"The people are clamoring for Congress to do something to get the economy going again and here is a bill which I feel will help accomplish that objective," Taylor said.

Committee Posts Go To Palmer

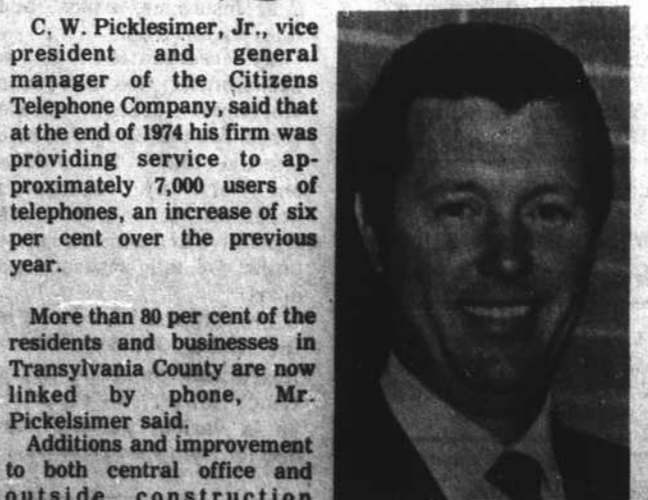
Lieutenant Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. has announced the appointment of Senator Joe Palmer to the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Finance, Law Enforcement and Crime Control, Public Utilities and Energy, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

The announcement came during the swearing-in ceremonies for members of the 1975 General Assembly.

Senator Palmer was also appointed vice chairman of the Committee on Wildlife.

Senator Palmer will serve on the assigned committees for the duration of the 1975-76 legislative term. He is in office 2114, and his address is P.O. Box 7135, North Carolina State Legislative Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

Transylvania County is in Senator Palmer's District.



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Craig Freas, Commission At Odds

Transylvania County's Recreation Director Craig Freas has tendered his resignation effective February 15 to the Board of Commissioners "in a difference of opinion on policy and philosophy of recreation."

Freas said that in talks with the commissioners, there had been mutual agreement that he should resign. He is currently considering two other job offers at the moment, he added.

At a called meeting, the Board of Parks and Recreation Friday night accepted his resignation, but expressed displeasure to Commission Chairman Bill Ives about not having been consulted prior to the request for Freas' resignation.

It was the Board of Parks and Recreation which hired Mr. Freas in the first place, it was pointed out by the members, and they told Mr. Ives that while they agree with the commissioners' decision to replace Mr. Freas, they dislike the way the matter was handled.

Mr. Ives said that Mr. Freas was a good recreation man, "but he isn't so good at taking orders. I found broken glass in one of our parks, for instance. A child could have been seriously cut by it. And I told him to have it cleaned up. But he didn't do it. It's a whole bunch of things like that."

The chairman said that he had given Mr. Freas "The very highest" recommendation for a new job. "It is a friendly parting of the ways."

Mr. Freas has been head of the county's Parks and Recreation Department since September of 1973. He was first hired in the county in April of 1972 as the assistant director of recreation.

His college major was in recreation, and Mr. Freas said this created some of the problem with commissioners, "who were not actually trained in recreation. We were just miles apart on recreation policy and philosophy."

Mr. Freas had directed the activities and construction at Silvermont, and has assisted in building recreation areas at a number of community centers throughout the county.

His differences with the commissioners apparently was a well-kept secret until the matter of his resignation on Friday.

"It certainly caught us flat-footed when we learned of it," one of the Parks and Recreation Board members told The Times.

"We didn't know of any problems between them."

Freas said that "I and the commissioners agreed that it would be for the best interests of all concerned to reorganize the county's Department of Recreation."

"I have enjoyed working here. People have shown me a lot of cooperation. And the commissioners have provided us with adequate money and staff. Our main problem has been differences between policy and philosophy as to how programs should work. I hope the county will continue to support this program and that it will grow better and bigger than it already is."

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