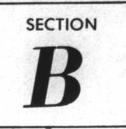
If It's Good For Transylvania County, The Times Will Fight For It.

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York Rite Bodies, the Elks Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion.

He has just completed a year as treasurer and member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

The office of the tax

collector has a low budget, Mr. Fullbright said. During

the past year, the office ex-

pense, not counting salaries,

was \$2,217.56. Their most

expensive item by far is postage, he said, with nearly

two thousand going for that.

The total amount of 1973

taxes collected - 1974 taxes

are now being paid - was

\$1,471,847.71. That amounted

to 98.09 per cent of the levy, 'which is probably one of the

best in the state, due to our

fine economy." That left a

balance of \$28,734.89 still due

During that year, the office

The office is open Monday

through Friday from 8:30 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Mr. Fullbright and

Mrs. Mull are there to help

"Anybody paying

delinquent taxes, I'll come

here at night and meet them."

anyone who drops by

also collected \$22,190.14 in

from 1973.

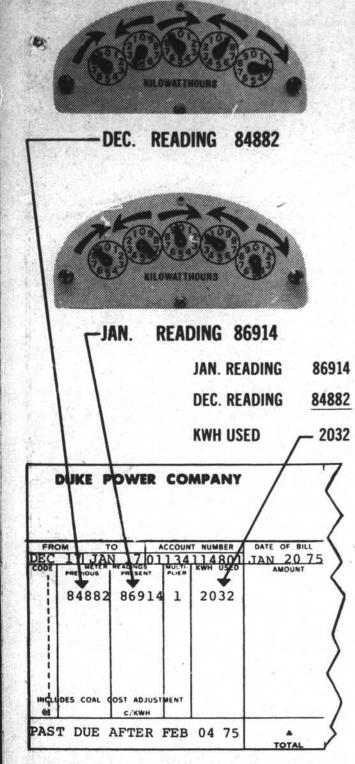
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Your Government At Work



Learn To Read **Electric Meter**

meter.

If you don't already know plained Mr. Turner," is the how, Duke Power Company amount of electricity it takes says it would like for you to to burn a 100-watt bulb for 10 learn how to read your electric hours, or your electric frypan for one hour.

George Turner, manager of Mr. Turner added that Duke

Tax Collector Meets More Folks Than Other Officials member of Scottish Rite and

Red Fullbright Has Job To Do

BY **DOROTHY OSBORNE Times Staff Writer**

Almost everybody in the county knows Vernon Perry Fullbright. But they probably know him as "Red."

These days, his hair has faded a little, both in color and amount. But his friendly personality 2032 has not changed.

> Since 1968, he has been collecting city and county taxes from everybody in the county. Since more than half the residents pay at the office instead of by mail, he has contact with thousands of Transylvanians.

And for about 30 years before that, he sold stamps. wrote money orders, weighed packages and handed mail to thousands of residents who frequented the Brevard Post Office.

These days, Red Fullbright holds forth in the county court house in the first office on the left, inside the front door.

ATTIRE Dozens of people stop by his office, asking for information or directions to another office. Dozens more stop in just to pass the time of day - or to admire his always colorful outfits.

One day recently, Mr. Fullbright, dressed in a wine colored shirt, matching checked trousers, and boots, talked about his position as r and

county," he said. His staff includes, in addition to himself, Mrs. Betty Mull, deputy collector.

"We mailed out statements Sept. 1 for 1974. The tax supervisor makes up the statements. We do the collection."

During the period from September through December, taxes are paid at face value. In January, two per cent interest is added to the taxes, and for each month thereafter that the taxes are deliquent, an additional threefourths of one per cent is added to the bill.

Final notices are mailed the first of April. Then in May, a list of property owners who have not paid their taxes is made and advertised in the local paper, stating that the property will be sold the first Monday in June, and the county takes a lien on the property.

A lot of research is necessary on the tax liens, he said. "You got to make sure it's correct.'

North Carolina Memorial

Chairman John Strickland,

has had the broadest par-

ticipation from the State's 280

Jaycee chapters of any

project to date. "We are

especially grateful for the

tremendous support we have

gotten from both the public

Last year, the N. C. Jaycees

set a goal of raising \$200,000

for the burn center over a

four-year period. Last year's

jelly sales netted \$125,000.

This year, Jaycees ordered

200,000 jars to be sold at \$1.00 a

during this second year of the

iar.

drive.

cky Mount.

and the media," he added.



Red Fullbright Removes Check From Envelope

put it, the Republicans had

GREGARIOUS

"I think meeting these people is the most fun," he said. "We do not have many problems. I go on the assumption that the tax payers are paying me for this job. And you deserve to be treated like somebody, right?"

Some customers fail to bring their tax statements as requested.

'Some come in griping and growling," Mrs. Mull said. "Before they leave they're smiling and telling us to have a good day."

Some of the old timers complain a little bit, Mr. Fullbright said. "They'll say, 'I used to pay \$30. Now I have

The Fullbrights have no children. They are members of First Baptist Church. Mrs. Fullbright is as well known as her husband. Hundreds of Transylvania women are customers of the Beauty Nook, which she owns with Ruth Sams.

Mr. Fullbright is a mason, a Mr. Fullbright promised.



On January 23, Brevard College hosted a luncheon on cheon were Hugh Randall, guidance; N. Buncombe Highthe campus for the superin- superintendent of the Hentendents, principals and dersonville City Schools; John Roberson High-Charles guidance counselors from the Eversman, director of Koontz, principal, Mrs.

Also speaking at the lun- Landers, Miss Kay Lancaster, Ralph Blake, guidance; at Brevard Dorothy Dunn, Mrs. Mary Ann Topp, Robert Dotson. guidance.

He defeated the Democratic incumbent Lawrence Hipp in 1968, and was unopposed in 1972. In January, 1973, he and his wife, Edna, and some other Republicans went to Raleigh to the inauguration ball for Governor James E. Holshouser. As Mr. Fullbright

Duke's Brevard operations, said that all of the company's plaining in simplified detail 1,107,000 customers are being how to read your meter. They encouraged to check their are available at any Duke electricity consumption by retail office. reading their own meter.

"We have found that a customer gets a better understanding of just how much electricity it takes to operate his home," said Mr. Turner. "if he takes a daily reading for a few days, once a week, or on the monthly reading date listed on his bill."

Mr. Turner added that while the monthly meter-reading date may vary a day or so from month to month, due to weather or other unavoidable circumstances, the customer can still come quite close to recording his monthly consumption by adopting a 30-day meter-reading schedule.

The Duke official said that the electric meter is a simple but extremely accurate, precisely constructed instrument, and makes electricity one of the most carefully measured commodities you buy.

Some meters have four dials, some five, but each is ead in similar fashion. The dials are read from right to left and recorded the same way, Mr. Turner added. If the pointer is between two numbers, write down the naller number as the first umber you are reading (see lustration). Proceed to read cross the dial, right to left, cording the smaller number ne pointer has past.

That will give hou the umber of kilowatthours that ave passed through your meter. The next time you read our meter you will take that reading and subtract your first reading from it. That result is the number of thours you have used

"A kilowatthour," ex- A limited-access elevator

Power has a booklet exhis office.

agency for the taxes in the

Mr. Fullbright is happy with his lot in life, and his feeling of

"We are the collecting contentment shows in his expression.

to pay \$130.' But they pay." He told about one couple who came in to pay their taxes - a couple who were newcomers to the county.

The man, Mr. Fullbright said, balked at paying the tax on his dog. Then he complained bitterly that "That's the way everybody has treated me."

Gus Tulloss, president of the "I told him that I did not N. C. Jaycees, says of the have anything to do with his coming here," Mr. Fullbright announcement: "On behalf of the N. C. Jaycees, I would like said, chuckling. to express appreciation to The

> Mr. Fullbright, a native of Rosman, has lived in Transylvania County all his life, except for three years in the Navy during World War II.

He graduated from Brevard High School on a Friday night, and started working for the Transylvania Tanning Company on Saturday. He stayed with the company through July, playing second base on their baseball team.

On Aug. 1, 1928, he began working with the Post Office, remaining, except for his Navy years, until 1965.

For many of those years, he was assistant postmaster, and during the Eisenhower presidential term, he was named acting postmaster. He held that position six years and three months, without ever becoming postmaster. "That was my Watergate," he said, explaining that the Democratic Congress would not confirm a Republican as postmaster.

According to Chairman Following his retirement, he Strickland, it appears that all this jelly will be sold. In any case, Tulloss anticipates that worked for three years at Goodwill Motors, then for a brief time at Glen Cannon the four-year goal will be met Country Club.

"I was reluctant about running for anything. I wasn't doing anything. I had left the Tulloss is secretary of the Tulloss Tractor Co., Inc. in country club. So I decided to

school systems of Tran sylvania, Buncombe, and Henderson counties, and Hendersonville and Asheville.

The luncheon was to familiarize and update these local educators on the type and quality of education which Brevard College has to offer to the students of Western North Carolina.

It was stressed with these educators by Dr. Robert A. Davis, president of Brevard College, that Brevard is dedicated to a way of life that instills within the student a greater desire to become a more responsible and creative member of society.

development College; Dr. Branson Thurston, dean of the college; and Robert McLendon, director of admissions.

Other local educators attending the meeting were Transvlvania County : Harry Corbin, superintendent; L.C. Case, ass't superintendent; Mrs. Thelma Bryson, Rosman High guidance; Landon Deal, principal and C.C. Hardin, guidance, Brevard High.

Buncombe County: Fred Martin, superintendent; Reynolds High, R.L. Dalton, principal, Mrs. Audrey Hall Mrs. Judy Stell, and guidance; Erwin High-Mrs. Marion Williams Mrs. Carol

Henderson County: Sammy Reese and Le Zollinger, Ass't superintendents; Tom Ledbetter, principal of E. Henderson High; D.E. McIntyr, principal and Miss Mary Ruth Heil, guidance of W. Henderson High. Hendersonville: Hugh

Randall, superintendent; Tom Wilson, principal, and Jack Johnson, guidance of Hendersonville High.

Accompanying the Buncombe group was Mrs. Mary Jane Hollyday, vice president of the Brevard College Alumni Assn.



FROM BUNCOMBE - Attending a luncheon of education leaders from three counties Thursday at Brevard College were these alumni: from left, Fred Martin, superintendent of Buncombe County Schools; Mrs. Mary

Jane Hollyday of Asheville, vice president of the college's Alumni Assn.; Mrs. Audrey Hall, guidance counselor at Reynolds High School; and Dr. Robert A. Davis, college president.

Hospital's Board of Directors facilities while still isolating for naming the burn center burn patients from other The N. C. Jaycee Burn Center. areas in the hospital. I feel it is a fitting tribute to the efforts of our many Dr. A. Griswold Bevin, members throughout the associate professor in the State." **UNC Department of Surgery** and chief of the Division of Tulloss noted that this Plastic and Reconstructive project, headed up by the Surgery and Surgery of the Goldsboro Jaycees under the Hand at NCMH, has been direction of Jaycee Jelly Week

instrumental in the development of the burn center. He says of the decision to build the facility:

"The issue was not whether burn center should be built. The issue was whether we were going to take care of burn patients. If we are going to provide such care, we should have the finest facilities and the best staff possible."

the facility must have at least

six beds and at least 50

The N. C. Jaycee Burn Center to be built in Chapel Hill will be the fourth in the

Southeast. Others are located at Atlanta, Richmond, and

patients annually.

NCMH currently contains a burn unit. A burn center differs from a burn unit not only in size but in its special emphasis on research and teaching as well as patient care. By a national definition,

The center will contain 20 to 24 beds, including 18 single rooms. It will have complete ort services, including treatment rooms, oc-cupational and physical therapy areas, recovery room, adult lounge and atric play and classroo

Jelly (Sales) Soothing To Jaycee Burn Center

CHAPEL HILL - The Burn will connect the burn center the second-floor with Center to be built at The North operating suite which will Carolina Memorial Hospital in have special operating room Chapel Hill (NCMH) has been for burn patients. This design named The North Carolina has the advantage of using Jaycee Burn Center by the expanded operating room hospital's Board of Directors

The announcement, made by NCMH general director Dennis R. Barry, comes during Jaycee Jelly Week. January is National Jaycee Month and has been proclaimed N. C. Jaycee Month by Gov. James Holshouser.

in honor of the fund-raising

efforts of the State's Jaycees.

The decision received support from President William Friday, UNC-CH Chancellor Ferebee Taylor and Dr. Christopher Fordham, dean of the UNC School of Medicine. It also was appoved by the executive committee of the NCMH medical staff.

The burn center will occupy the fifth floor of the General Support Wing of NCMH. Construction of the wing is scheduled to begin in the latter part of this year and will be completed in about three

years.