



Newly inducted members and old members of the Norlina High School Beta Club include, front row, (left to right), Mary Lou Traylor, Freda Hight, Debra Seward, Oita Cheston, Shawn Cheston, parliamentarian; Patricia Hicks, secretary; Maxine Campbell, president; Alton Fleming, vice-president; Rosa

Durham, reporter; Debra White, Wendy Curtis and Glenda Stultz. Second row, Danylu Palmer, Charles Ellington, Donna Stegall, Gary Holtzman, Pat Brantley, Debbie Hicks, Tommie Craft, Lynn Tucker and Mrs. Vilma J. Gatling, advisor.

Maxine Campbell New NHS Beta President

Maxine Campbell was installed president of the Norlina High School Beta club at the 41st annual Installation Ceremony held in the Norlina Gymnasium on Friday, April 8, at 9:30 a. m.

Other officers installed for the 1977-78 school year were: Alton Fleming, vice-president; Patricia Hicks, secretary; Shawn Cheston, parliamentarian and Rosa Durham, reporter. Patricia Hicks, President of the club, spoke to the assembly about desirable conduct for students.

New members inducted during the candlelight ceremony were Shawn Cheston, Wendy Curtis, Rosa Durham, Chuck Ellington, Alton Fleming, Debbie Hicks, Freda Hight,

Donna Stegall, Glenda Stultz and Debra White. Mrs. Vilma J. Gatling and Miss Mildred Meredith are co-sponsors of the club.

Odd Man Out

Divide a deck of cards in half. Have someone pick a card from one half and put it in the other half. Shuffle the half with the "secret" card. Fan the cards out and pick out the "secret" one.



You can learn how to do many tricks like this by reading the secrets on Dixie Magic Tricks Cups for Kids. The secret of this one was that the odd cards, Ace, 3, 5, 7, 9, Jack and King were put together before starting, and the even cards were together. Don't mix them when dividing the deck and the secret card will be the even one in the odd half or the odd one in the even half.

CORRECTION

Using information supplied The Warren Record, a front page picture of Connie Hyman of South Warren High School in a special edition of April 1, was listed as Sympathy Clark of North Warren. We regret the error.

Huge Flow Found

Using a new radar system, scientists have found evidence of a lava flow the size of the state of Oklahoma on the planet Venus.

Taxable Sick Pay Prompts Comments From Congressman

By REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN
WASHINGTON, D. C.— As the April 15 deadline for filing Federal income tax returns arrives, many people devote much of their time and energy to getting in under the wire. A lot of taxpayers, I imagine, filed their returns early—in order to get the ordeal out of the way, or to speed up the process of getting a refund, if one is expected.

But this tax filing season has been of particular worry and concern to at least one very important segment of our people—those who, because of work-related illness or physical disability, have been looking at a possible sharp increase in taxable income—and in the amount of actual taxes paid—because of sick pay being counted as taxable.

Prior to this year, sick pay was largely excluded from gross income figures. Sick pay included amounts received by employees under so-called "wage continuation plans"

when personal injury or illness made it necessary for the wage and salary earner to be absent from work. Persons receiving a disability pension, for example, often used the sick pay exclusion—money received in this manner did not have to be figured into taxable income.

When the massive and far-ranging Tax Reform Act of 1976 was enacted last fall, as the Congress was adjourning for the year, it was provided that the sick pay exclusion be ended. But, regrettably, the date of its demise was made retroactive to January 1, 1976. In other words, many people who had been receiving compensation which legally would be excluded from their 1976 taxes were suddenly faced with the prospect of having to pay an unexpected tax on that portion of their income.

Needless to say, many people—for example, the disabled, the sick, or the infirm—will be hard put this spring to come up with one

large lump sum to pay the added tax — an additional tax which really had no way of being contemplated during the year. And as a result, these taxpayers had no way to adjust their withholding rates accordingly.

Beyond question, arguments can be made both ways on the merits or the drawbacks of a sick pay exclusion plan. But to me, it just was not fair and equitable to require so many people — a lot of whom were retired senior citizens living on fixed incomes — to be suddenly forced to pay a tax which they did not know would be levied. The timing of the change — the taking away of the deduction — presented a real and genuine hardship to many citizens.

Consequently, the House has passed a bill which puts the effective date of the change at January 1, 1977. The change would not come into play until next year's tax returns. Unfortunately, this bill was held up in the Senate before the Easter recess and therefore won't go into effect before April 15th. Hopefully, the Senate will approve it soon thereafter. If so, those who have to pay now could file amended returns.

In any event, it is my understanding that the House Ways and Means Committee — the Committee charged with considering all tax legislation — may look into changing the law and keeping the exclusion in future years. But that, of course, remains to be seen.

It is highly important — essential — that taxpayers be given opportunities to take their personal financial affairs into account and arrange them accordingly — to plan for emergencies, for example.

As I mentioned earlier, the 1976 withdrawal of the exclusion hits worst at those who suffered illness or injury on the job, and others living on fixed incomes. All of our people need to have confidence in our tax laws. Most people, I think, substantially agree with the notion that each of us must pay his or her fair share of the tax load. But, I think most people reject, rightfully and justifiably, the idea that those least able to pay, due to disability — either on a temporary, or on a more permanent basis — should be made to undergo a heavier share of the burden than is just — especially suddenly and unexpectedly.

Trying to insure an equitable and responsible tax system which provides essential funds for efficient and worthwhile purposes should always be the watchword of legislators — those charged with being the stewards and guardians of the public purse. At the same time, I think it would be fair and proper to extend the sick pay exclusion for at least a year.

Leo Club Activity Reported At Meet

The Warrenton Lions Club entertained the Leo Club at its regular meeting Monday night at the Lions Den.

John Capps, president of the Leo Club, was in charge of the program and reported on various activities of the Leo Club during the year.

Lion Jimmie Roberts, president of the club, said yesterday that some 16 members of the Leo Club, Lions Youth Club from Warren County, would spend the weekend at Camp Dogwood on a camping trip.

Word Received Of Boating Death

WILMINGTON — John Tunstall Welch, Sr., 65, of Westfield, died March 14, as the result of a boating accident.

Mr. Welch was born in Warrenton on May 25, 1911, and was the son of the late John C. and Betty Tharrington Welch. He was retired from the N. C. State Health Department.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Burns Welch of the home; a daughter, Ms. Eleanor Elizabeth Welch of Durham; two sons, Dr. John T. Welch, Jr., of Akron, Ohio, and Robert B. Welch of South Boston, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. Lizzie W. Ayscue and Mrs. J. T. Coker, Sr., both of Henderson, Mrs. Annie Lee Hardee of Green-

ville, Mrs. Sue Myrick of Nashville, and Mrs. Louise Hilburn of Council; a brother, Thomas B. Welch of Henderson and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. last Monday in the Acme Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William P. Brown officiating. Interment was in the Weyman Methodist Church Cemetery near Riegelwood. Masonic rites were accorded by Waccamaw Lodge 596, A.F. & A.M.

Plaque Marks Site

A plaque marks the spot in Baltimore where the first ice cream plant was established in 1851.

Henderson, North Carolina

<p>292-6959 CINEMA HENDERSON MALL</p> <p>LAST DAY Peter Sellers as the world's most bumbling detective! "THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN" (PG) Starts FRIDAY! Tatum O'Neal, Burt Reynolds and Ryan O'Neal for 2 times the fun and laughs! "NICKELODEON" (PG) COMING: George Segal & Jane Fonda "FUN WITH DICK AND JANE" (PG)</p>	<p>438-4617 EMBASSY HENDERSON MALL</p> <p>NOW—ENTIRE WEEK! Anabel isn't herself today, neither is her mother! This morning they become each other! Jodie Foster, Barbara Harris and John Astin in Walt Disney's great new comedy switch! "FREAKY FRIDAY!" (G) Late Show FRI & SAT Peter Cushing "THE CURSE OF FRANKENSTEIN" (R)</p>
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