

Methodist Parsonage Home For West

Jobless Rate Higher Here

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William, Charles, Buckner, Nathaniel and Bettie.

Ella, during one of her visits to the nation's capital, met and subsequently married a former governor of Texas, Peter Hansborough Bell, then a representative in Congress. Although they lived a few years in San Antonio, they eventually returned to Ella's native Warrenton living in the home her father had built for her.

In 1869, William Eaton, Sr. died and was buried in the southeast corner of the home's yard which is now behind the educational building of the Methodist church.

In 1890, the Bells sold the home to W. P. Baughm of Washington and moved to neighboring Littleton. Both of the Bells died shortly thereafter and are buried there.

It was Baughm who divided his estate allowing the church to purchase two lots on which to build a new sanctuary.

After three years, the house was sold by Baughm to six local men who planned to convert it into a hotel, a fate that might have been realized had not one of their number, Charles C. Jackson, bought out his partners to make his family home there.

Jackson, who was well connected in Warren County, was a successful merchant.

The illness of Mrs. Jackson, who was a Gregory from Oxford, necessitated the addition of a wing on the southern end of the house for use as a bedroom.

In 1941, Jackson died leaving the property to his wife who left it to their only daughter, Jennie, the wife of Charles A. Tucker.

The upkeep of the expansive grounds and the home became such a problem that Tucker sold the house and yard, except for one corner where his office was, to Allen.

Because of the generosity of the Allens and the interest of Wesley Memorial's congregation in preservation, the home that for many years was known as the "showplace of Warrenton" is being maintained.

It is especially meaningful to many that it is preserved not as a museum but as a home.

"Although this is my third church, it's the first time I've lived next door to the church," West commented. "In a sense, you never really get away from your work as a minister wherever you live, and in a town this small, it's nice. People are very gracious about respecting the fact that this is the minister's home."

But West doesn't want church members or the community to feel the parsonage is unapproachable. In fact, this summer Warrentonians out for their evening stroll have noticed open doors and lights on throughout the house. It's West's way of reminding local residents that they are welcome at the parsonage.

For West, the present church, which was enlarged and renovated in part through a generous contribution by the Allens, and its parsonage are not only reminders of the past, but tools for ministry in the present.

June unemployment rates inched upward in Warren County, a report from the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina revealed this week.

Warren was one of 68 North Carolina counties in which the jobless rate increased moderately.

Warren's unemployment rate for June stood at 8.8 percent, compared with May's rate of 8.5 percent. The slight rise means that during June 570 of the county's 6,450-person labor force were without jobs.

Jobless rates in neighboring counties in June included Vance, 9.6 percent; Franklin, 8.9 percent; Halifax, 13.2 percent and Northampton, 12.1 percent.

Cut Flowers

The average American spends \$15 each year on cut flowers and potted plants.



Newly elected officers of the Region K Private Industry Council are Jerry Lee, chairperson; Barbara Bryant, second vice-chairperson; and Charles Worth, first vice-chairperson. The officers were elected at the council's first annual meeting last week in Middleburg.

Partnership Talked At Meeting

The Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA), its regional programs, and state and local planning goals were the focus of discussion at the first annual meeting of the Regional K Rural Private Industry Council (PIC) held recently in Middleburg.

Jerry Lee, PIC chairperson, convened the meeting. Special agenda items included talks from state representatives of the N. C. Office of the Rural Private Industry Council, Natural Resources and Community Development; Employment Security Commission, Institutionalized Offender's Project; and a filmstrip presentation of instructional developmental studies by HBT Media Systems, Inc.

Discussing the JTPA's nine-month transitional period and overall objectives of the Act, Warren Perry, Grants Planning and Policy Development manager with the Office of the Rural Private Industry Council in Raleigh, emphasized to the council the bottom line for industry; subsidized training targeted to employer needs, and short and long range tax credits serving as direct incentives for industry involvement.

Performance rates of local programs and the fiscal year 1985 comprehensive design of services were detailed by Jane Ball-Groom, COG planner. She stated that as a result of fiscal year 1984's first nine months, JTPA programs in the five counties of Region K have generated employment and/or education and training for over 300 persons through local programs such as on-the-job training, upgrade, individual referral, human resource development, youth limited work experience, and basic education for the handicapped.

During the 1984 program year, the council awarded over \$900,000 to local employment and training agencies in Region K to disburse JTPA services.

JTPA dollars allocated to the region for fiscal year 1985 and awarded by the Private Industry Council to regional operators will exceed one million dollars.

Program operators for this year are: Employment Security Commission, on-the-job training and individual referral; Vance-Granville Community College and Piedmont Technical College, human resource development, special training for the handi-

capped, INCO, and Person County vocational workshop; Franklin, Vance, Warren Opportunities, Inc., youth limited work experience; Board of Education in Franklin, Person, Vance and Warren County, dropout prevention centers; and Vance-Granville Community College, private sector sewing machine operator training.

Formed in 1983, the Region K Rural Private Industry Council is a five-county partnership of business leaders and representatives from education and community service organizations appointed by local elected officials as mandated under the JTPA legislation to provide regional policy, governorship, and effective employment and training activities to economically disadvantaged youth and adults in the five counties of Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren.

The Kerr Tar Council of Governments with J. D. Everett as executive director, is the lead regional organization for the Private Industry Council and serves as the technical/administrative planning arm in the implementation of JTPA delivery services.

In its election of officers, the PIC reaffirmed its partnership insuring future success of employment and training programs in the area. Elected officers are Jerry Lee, chairperson, Person County; Charles Worth, first vice chairperson, Warren County; and Barbara Bryant, second vice chairperson, Granville County. Other PIC members are C. E. Edmonds, Mae Rahman, Lee McCollum, James Anderson, James Mills, John Fogg, Sam Brummitt, Anora Williams, Joseph N. Alexander, Priscilla Hair, Dick Wetmore, Dr. William Rentz, Dr. Benjamin Currin, Gene Allen,

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