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NEW PLANNER - Lester Simpson, recently hired as county planner, goes over a map as he began his duties Sept. 2.

## Planner Studies Area, Eyes Long-term Goals

The county's first planning director began work last week from his office in the courthouse annex building and is already involved in going over long range plans and projects which he hopes can be acted on.

Lester Simpson, a relative newcomer to the county, has had 15 years of government service and spent seven years as a management analyst at the Camp Lejeune marine

base working on long term study and budget problems.

"What I am is a coordinator, I develop facts and information and present them", he said.

Simpson's primary responsibility will be to explore the various federal assistance grants available for development and compile the detailed plans and objectives which must be submitted.

"The money is here", Simpson explained, referring to grants and aid administered through various agencies, "if we come up with the plans, the format. You must have a specific plan before you can even apply for funds, and you must have very specific data to present".

Simpson will be working closely with the Region N council of governments and also the Department of Natural and Economic Resources and expects to spend much of his time attending meetings.

"I'll do a lot of the leg work", he laughed.

Simpson has already gone over the recreation plan for the county done in 1974 and expects to work with the full-time recreation director scheduled to be hired.

"That's one of our first priorities, getting more funds", he said. "And the Department of Natural and Economic Resources will be sending someone over to do a land use study and I'll be helping with that project".

Simpson has already attended a meeting with the eight member county planning board named in June and is assisting with the task of surveying emergency medical services.

"We will gather data on the ambulance service and try to determine what the best long range plan is for the county, to subsidize a private service, take it over completely, get federal assistance, just what our choices are", he said.

He expressed concern over a shortage of medical personnel. "We're lacking doctors, and one reason is because of the distance to hospitals. I know of a doctor who would have been interested in locating here, but he told me he couldn't because of the great distances traveling to hospitals. There are assistance programs for developing community hospitals, possibly I could become involved in this, too", he said.

With his own job made possible under a grant and guaranteed funding for only one year, Simpson hopes to accomplish as much as he can and see the position of planner established on a permanent basis.

"The job is quite significant, counties need someone who can objectively look at the needs and not be tied down with local problems. T.B. Lester (county manager) is over-burdened and he can't get around easily", he said.

"I'll be able to help out on several projects", he said.

# Rockfish News

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

No news from Tabernacle Church. The W.M.U. Groups met Monday morning and night as it was announced last week.

The usual services were held at Pittman Grove Church Sunday with very good attendance.

Among the former pastors of Parker Church who attended funeral services there for Joseph Edison Lovette Saturday afternoon were, the Rev. Berry Barbour and family and the Rev. Clay Morgan and family. The people of Wayside and Rockfish communities extend sympathy to Mrs. Lovette and children in the death of their husband and father who passed away last Friday night at Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Martin of Fayetteville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce.

Mrs. Alma Parker of Laurinburg spent last Saturday night and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Louise Watson and from there she went to Wayside, Sunday p.m.

Mrs. A.W. Wood was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wood of Raeford Sunday. Their sons, Allen of N.C. State University, Raleigh, and David of Elon College were at home for the weekend.

Glenn Lane who had surgery at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, was still a patient there at last account.

Mrs. Herbert Phillips and daughter, Irene, of Buie spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs.W.A. Fowler.

### SUNDAY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Henry Fowler and daughter Carol, Mrs. R.V. Tanner and Mrs. W.A. Fowlers guests, Mrs. Phillips and Miss Irene Phillips were dinner guests of Mrs. Fowler as they celebrated Carol Fowler's birthday Sunday. The honoree received many nice gifts and everyone, who knows her wishes for her, many, many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. R.V. Tanner and Mrs. Jessie Livingston were among those from this area who attended funeral services for Joseph E. Lovette at Parker Church last Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Wright and family last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Bundy of Raeford. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Tillman of Charlotte visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tillman and sons, Harold and David Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. C.S. Pickett and son Ricky of Fayetteville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tillman and sons Sunday afternoon.

Lacy Hair of Winston - Salem visited his mother Mrs. Will Hair for a short time last Saturday.

Mrs. Stacy Hobson is still a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital and she was not doing well at last account.

Mrs. P.C. English entered Moore Memorial Hospital for tests Monday. She was losing weight, at about one pound a day for no known cause.

Shane Sayer is in kindergarten at Grace Baptist Church, on highway 401, Fayetteville.

Guests of Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Patterson of Wallace. Mrs. Patterson is Mrs. Gibson's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rozier, Miss Lessie Martin and his cousin Joe Regan of Jacksonville, Fla. were guests of Mrs. Marshall Newton of Puppy Creek last Wednesday.

Mrs. Marshall Newton attended funeral services for Mrs. Alice Cain at the Lewis McNeill Funeral Home in St. Pauls and interment at Bladen Union Church cemetery last Tuesday.

Mrs. Demont Long is a patient at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, since Tuesday of last week and no time is set for her to come home yet.

Mrs. N.J. Ritters son - in - law, HenryEpps is at home now after having surgery at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. He is feeling like a teenager he's getting along so well.

Guests of Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson last Sunday were, Mrs. Sid Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Freeman and baby daughter, Stephanie, and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Freeman, of Fayetteville.

William Rex Currie spent Friday night with his grandfather, Alfred Berry and he and Melissa Berry went with their grandfather to take his son Archie back to Goldsboro Saturday.

Late Saturday evening Alfred Berry took his grandson William Rex Currie of Blue Springs home and spent a short time with his daughter, Mrs. Harold Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Bundy of Raeford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Berry and children Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Clara Everett and her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Holt spent Labor Day weekend in the mountains. They went Saturday and came back on Monday.

Mrs. Bertha Wood of Fayetteville, spent a few days recently, with her sister Miss Annie Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McColl visited her brother - in - law, Hunter Forbis of Lumber Bridge at Duke Sunday where he had been having x-rays and tests, about two weeks.

County Commissioner John A. Webb of Route 3, Raeford got home Monday after being a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital for two weeks.

Mrs. Gilbert Ray and Johnny Dix

went to Pilot Mountain last Saturday and up on the mountain as people are allowed to go. They got into a heavy hail storm too, that cooled the air.

Gene Ray and Miss Patsy Hollar of Fayetteville visited his mother, Mrs. Gilbert Ray Sunday.

Mrs. A.A. Ray said she had no news but she had picked enough green peas for several meals and it is good news to have green peas to pick in September.

Zan Monroe of Fayetteville, was a guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Floyd Monroe Sunday p.m.

Mrs. Johnny Allen and daughter, Teresa attended the Love - Burns wedding at the United Methodist Church in Red Springs Saturday at noon.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. R.H. Gibson, were Mrs. Harry Thornton and children Robert, Nancy and Kris of Fayetteville, Mrs. Jessie Livingston of Arabia, Mrs. R.V. Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Gibson, Mrs. Johnny Allen and Teresa.

Among the relatives who came from a distance for funeral services at Parker Church for Joe Lovette last Saturday p.m. were, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Hair of Greenville, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Bunton and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Pridgeon of Charlotte.

Mrs. Mary Shewbridge and her daughter Myra returned to their home in Florida last Sunday a.m. after a few days with her sister Mrs. Joe Lovette of Wayside.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith McInnis and Mrs. Jim Maxwell were dinner guests of Thomas McInnis and his mother Sunday.

**COMMENT**

If only we had the freedom of 1776 how different a lot of things would be. Maybe everything wouldn't get merged.

## Farm Items

W. S. Young & Freddie O'Neal  
County Agricultural Agents

Sweet potato harvest has begun on some farms. Growers should handle these potato roots properly. This is important in order to avoid rots and problems in the curing house and in the storage. The potato is alive, is thin skinned and cannot take bruises, heat or cold exposure. Time the digging operations so that all roots dug will be placed in the curing house that day. If an early frost is predicted, growers must pick up all potatoes.

Discolored areas or cankers on rose canes can be pruned out at any time during the year, the sooner the better. Fungicide applications should be continued as long as the plants continue to grow. If you stop, this allows the fungal foliar diseases to build up and produce abundant overwintering inoculum. Water your plants during the morning or early afternoon so the foliage can dry before night.

Nemacur (15% granular), a new nematicide has received EPA clearance for use on the following crops: Cotton, peanuts, soybeans, cabbage, brussel sprouts and turf. Bermuda, Centipede, bluegrass and kent grass can be treated. Tests in North Carolina have shown this material to be effective. Directions for use and safety precautions should be followed.

The fall is a good time to take nematode samples.

## Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

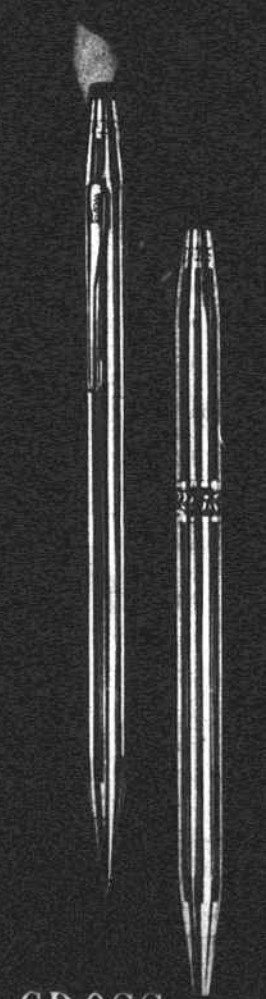
Q -- My husband is a totally and permanently service - disabled veteran. We have four children who during the next five years will attend college. Will each of them be eligible for VA's Dependents' Educational Assistance or is there a limit on the number who can receive such benefits?

A -- The Dependents' Educational Assistance program provides financial aid for the education of all children, wives and widows (husbands and widowers) of veterans who die or are permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service - connected disability. This assistance is also available for the education of children and wives of servicemen missing in action, captured or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign power.

Q -- May I receive a VA guaranteed farm or business loan?

A -- No. The Veterans Housing Act of 1974, effective Dec. 31, 1974, ended VA authority to guarantee such loans.

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