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Cadet William D. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Turner, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, and an Appalachian State University student, attended the basic Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) camp here at Ft. Knox. Cadets received six weeks of practical military training designed to prepare them for advanced ROTC courses when they return to school in the fall.

'Ma Bell' Adding Equipment, **Promises Better Service**

J. C. Johnson, district commercial manager for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, announced that a \$95,000 project is now underway to expand the company's central office local dial equipment in

Raeford. The program will provide facilities not only to serve new subscribers in this area, but also to permit higher grades of service for existing subscribers

"Recently," Johnson said, "the

growth of Raeford has accelerated the demand for telephone service. As a result, the maximum capacity of present equipment has nearly been reached."

In the past 10 years telephones in service here have increased from 2,000 to more than 5,488.

"The expansion project here was engineered to enable the company to meet future growth requirements," Johnson noted.

Accent On Agriculture

For years, the Soviet Union has touted the merits of collective farming - putting down the merits of free enterprise and freedom at the market place. At one time, the Communist regime tried to stamp out all private farming, but the collective farm peasants clung tenaciously to the one - acre household gardens they tilled in their spare time.

They labored on them diligently. What What they did not use for themselves, they sold at market prices in nearby cities. The initiative was excellent and the motivator was "profit" - a dirty word to the Communists.

Now these little green plots have

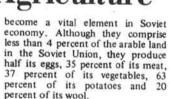
General Fund Up

August 1975 net General Fund collections amounted to \$154.1 million, an increase of \$3.1 million over last year, according to state revenue officials.

For the first two months of the current fiscal year, net General Fund collections were \$266.3 million compared with \$258.6 million for the first two months of the 1974-75 fiscal year.

August net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$27.1 million compared with \$24.8 million collected in August 1974. Gasoline Tax receipts amounted to \$24.3 million compared with \$23.9 million collected in August 1974.

Net Highway Fund collections for the first two months of the current fiscal year were \$55.4 million as compared with \$51.0 million collected during the first two months of the 1974-75 fiscal year. Gasoline Tax collections for this two month period were \$49.6 million as compared with \$46.9 million collected last year.



So now comes word from Moscow extolling the virtues of these tiny, private enterprise gardens. The Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, has called for a major drive to produce small - scale garden and farm implements that would raise the production and ease the burdens of those who till the country's private plots.

Beginning this year, all collective farm peasants will be issued so-called "internal passports." These vital documents have been denied to peasants as part of a policy to keep them down on their farms. Once the peasants hold passports, it will be more difficult to prevent their migration to the city, and the government will have to make life more attractive on the farm.

While the productive little plots have proven the value of free enterprise and personal initiative in a country where it was once strongly opposed, American farmers are fighting to maintain what Russia has just discovered is vital to a healthy agriculture. With regularity, legislation is introduced which would shackle our farmers with government restrictions and regulations that serve to discourage production and destroy incentive.

Most of our population is free to seek fulfillment of their wants while a free, productive agriculture supplies their needs. They should hope that we don't digress too far from a proven system. Here in the U.S. farmers don't need a passport to migrate to the city.

Dividend Announced

For CP&L Stock

Carolina Power & Light Company's board of directors declared regular quarterly dividends on common, preferred and preference stock.

A quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share was declared on common stock payable November 1 to shareholders of record as of October 10.

Dividends at the prescribed rate were also declared on all shares of preferred stock: \$1.25 per share on \$5 preferred stock; \$1.05 per share on the \$4.20 series of preferred; \$1.36 on the \$5.44 series; \$2.2750 on the \$9.10 series; \$1.9875 on the \$7.95 series; \$1.93 on the \$7.72 series; and \$2.12 on the \$8.48 series.

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was hospitalized, and the application was in his briefcase and got forgotten", Presson said.

'As I understand it, I would characterize it as a legitimate appeal, the person had had a heart attack, I believe, or some very serious illness. An affidavit was submitted that this person was ill at the time of the deadline for the application", Presson continued. Presson said he was unable to

locate all correspondence, including the affidavit, concerning the appeal sent to Washington, and said his office may not have copies since they had no active file for this year for Hoke.

"An official did come up here for a meeting, I think his name was Oxendine", Presson said. However, Presson, said he is not certain the affidavit was brought by Oxendine.

Assistant school superintendent J. D. McAllister, who is responsible for sending all federal projects applications, was out of town Tuesday and Superintendent G. Raz Autry was contacted.

"We just messed up", Autry said, referring to the late mailing, "I'll have to take responsibility for it as superintendent

Autry said his records show the application was mailed Feb. 26, and he denied that McAllister was ill or hospitalized, "John McAllister is not mefficient, he's a very thorough man", Aurty declared. "We're not going to let this happen again".

Autry acknowledged he himself signed the application Feb. 24, but said he did not know at that time that was the last day for mailing.

"You're supposed to read it in the federal register? Who reads the federal register?", Autry said. Autry confirmed Earl Oxendine,

Upchurch school principal, went to Washington to meet with the federal officials at Autry's request, but Autry expressed surprise at Presson's account of the illness given as a reason for the late filing.

"I'm sure he (Presson) is not referring to any official here who went up there with that. I wouldn't condone that", Autry said. Autry said when the notice of

rejection was recieved here he contacted the Office of Education in Washington.

"I called a Mr. Antell and told him, 'this thing was mailed before the deadline, is there any thing we can do'? and he said 'No, nothing you can do'. I immediately called Mr. Bell, commissioner of Indian affairs. He advised us to write a statement and explain it was postmarked before the deadline. I sent it to Mr. Antell'

'He (Antell) called me and re-affirmed what he had told me, that there was nothing that could be done. I told it was my job to get as much pressure as I could to get them to extend it. I called Congressman Rose and his office checked and did what they could", Autry said.

"Earl (Oxendine) was trying to help, he is an Indian and also on the state board of education. I authorized the trip. He was in Florida on his Easter vacation and I called him and asked him to go to Washington", Autry said.

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A wide range of projects to assist Indian children were funded under Indian children were funded under the previous grants, including trips, purchase of library materials, musical instruments, shoes and clothing, along with payments for some medical expenses, such as eyeglasses and dental work. Some of the grant was used for attendance counselors as part of an effort to keep Indian children in school, Autry said. Danford Dial, who was working as

a full-time Indian counselor, was re-assigned to his old job of English teacher because of the loss of funds.

Autry said the Indian parent committee which draws up the proposal for the expenditures each year was "understanding" about the situation.

We had \$12,000 left over from last year, the Bureau of Indian Affairs agreed to let us use it for whatever the committee wanted They want to operate their bus and their attendance counselor", he said.

Autry was critical of the federal requirements and pointed out that last year the deadline for this application was March 15.

With the apparent closeness the federal government is going to on these grants, I have to check it very closely", Autry said. "We just flat goofed up". he

repeated.

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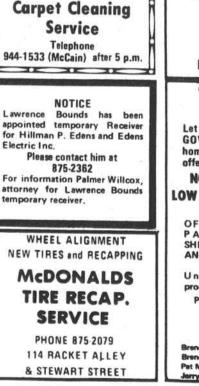
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