

21 Candidates File For Office

The date of the 1982 Primary and School Board election has not as yet been set. When a plan for reapportioning the United States Congressional Districts and the N.C. Legislative Districts is finally approved, the date of the election will be set. The earliest possible date is now June 1. The Board of Elections will publish the revised schedule as soon as word is received from Raleigh. County candidates who filed before noon on Monday appear in the box below.

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**Candidates for 1982 Primary
and School Board**

OFFICE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Chairman County Commissioners	Alton Robinson O.W. Deyton	Ben Lee Ray
Members County Commissioners	David Hall Clay Miller Kenneth Hicks Frank Fox	Bobby Ray Edd Young
Clerk Of Court	Johnny L. Deyton	Arnold Higgins
Sheriff	Martin (Jr) Wilson	Dan Wayne Ray Kermit Banks
Coroner		
BOARD OF EDUCATION		
B. Frank Deyton Maurice Penland Billy Joe Young Charles B. Gillespie Jr. William (Bill) Swartz Leroy Bishop Steve Boone		
<i>Non-Partisan</i>		

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PICTURED, the former Toe River Ranch & Campground, which was deeded to Yancey County on Christmas day, has several recreational buildings on its 20.53 acres which TVA planners toured Thursday.

TVA Tours Site Of New County Park

Mr. Tom Berg and other TVA Recreation Specialists toured the former Toe River Ranch & Campground Thursday with Alton Robinson, Yancey County Commission Chairman.

The county received the 20.53 acre parcel of riverfront property on Christmas day as a gift, and the commissioners asked the help of TVA authorities in planning the most efficient and economic use of the land as a county recreation park.

The visit by TVA was the first step in their plans to develop a comprehensive program and make recommendations to the county commissioners, according to Mr. Berg.

TVA is also working with the county on the purchase and development of other sites along the Toe River to be used as public access sites for launching canoes, rafts and small boats, increasing the county's recreational offerings.



Hunter Announces For NC House Seat

Robert C. (Bob) Hunter of Marion today announced that he intends to file as a candidate in the Democratic Primary for re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives for the 41st



ROBERT HUNTER

District comprised of McDowell and Yancey Counties. He was elected in 1980 to serve a two year term.

Mr. Hunter stated that the deadline for filing for the North Carolina House of

Hendon's Representative To Visit

A representative from Congressman Bill Hendon's District Office will be in Burnsville Thursday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse.

Representatives from Hendon's office are meeting with constituents in each county of the 11th Congressional District to hear their views and comments as well as any problems they may be having involving the Federal Government.

Demo Precinct Meeting Set

There will be a Democratic Precinct Meeting of South Toe Township on February 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the South Toe School. All Democrats are invited.

Representatives has been delayed to February 15, 1982 to March 1, 1982 due to redistricting. He indicated he has had a lot of friends and supporters ask if he were going to file for re-election. He stated that he will file for re-election for the 41st District House seat when the registration period for that office opens.

Mr. Hunter resides in Marion with his wife, the former Nancy Hinson of Belmont, North Carolina, and has one daughter, Megan, who is 8 years old.

He attended law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a member of the law firm of Story, Hunter & Evans. He serves on the following House Committees: Election Laws, Finance, Legislative Redistricting, Local Government II, Judiciary III, Rules and Operation of the House, and Transportation.

Because of Representative Hunter's interest in improving our property tax revaluation methods, Speaker Liston Ramsey appointed him to serve on the Property Tax Study Commission. He also serves on the North Carolina Courts Commission, the Governor's Commission on Sentences and the Criminal Justice Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference which work to reduce crime and improve our system of justice.

Representative Hunter sponsored legislation to benefit the customers of utilities companies and a bill to allow local law enforcement officers to assist state law enforcement officers when requested.

He introduced a bill which resulted in the successful appropriation of funds to the Yancey County Board of Education to keep one full time secretary in each of its public schools.

Representative Hunter said that he has tried to do everything that he could for all the people of McDowell and Yancey Counties in order that we may have the best possible services that we can reasonably afford while keeping our taxes low and maintaining a balanced budget in our State.

ESC Offices

Closing Delayed

Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the Employment Security Commission (ESC) said that the action by the commission Friday has delayed closings of approximately 48 offices and reduced employee layoffs from 400 to 200 from now until March 31, 1982.

This is a stop-gap measure which will have a one-time non-recurring use of the Special Administration Fund in the amount of \$1.9 million; and unless Congress restores the federally mandated cuts retroactive to October 1, 1981, or communities provide financial support for offices, closings will have to occur.

Chairman Jernigan and commission members indicate that from now until the next commission meeting February 11, 1982, every effort will be made to communicate

with communities offering assistance, and the commission will be formulating and defining the assistance needed.

Our Congressional delegation is continuing to be made aware of the impact which will result from mandated federal cuts and a resolution from the commission is being forwarded to them which requires their assistance through the restoration of the funds which have been cut. The communities represented at the commission meeting today are continuing to solicit the help of Congress in addressing this problem.

This is a positive action by the commission in conjunction with the Governor's support to avoid losing essential services to our communities, employers, and the unemployed

at a time when North Carolina needs these services most because of the declining economy.



Benefits Extended

Based on information received from our Central Office in Raleigh, staff in Employment Security Offices in North Carolina will start taking Extended Benefit claims the first week in February. Persons eligible must have exhausted regular unemployment benefits and have opened a claim after February 1, 1981.

All persons who wish to file for extended benefits in Yancey County are encouraged to report on Wednesday, February 3, 1982 to Room 3, Yancey County Courthouse between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Businesses Invited To Energy Workshop

In a business and energy survey conducted by the Mitchell County Energy Program just before Christmas there was a great deal of interest expressed about 'how to save money on my energy bill.'

Almost all of the 46 businesses surveyed wanted to know more about the different ways to save by improving their building for cold weather, hot water efficiency and better operation of their product development.

Surprisingly, only five of those businesses knew they were billed on a peak demand charge!—A charge which can be substantially reduced with peak load management techniques correctly used.

On February 4, 1982 the Mitchell County Industrial-Commercial Energy Workshop

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Public Hearing Slated On Tobacco Program Proposals

John J. Cooper, North Carolina State Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, encourages all

flue-cured tobacco farmers to attend the public hearing on tobacco to be held at the Kerr Scott Pavilion at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 1982.

Senator Jesse Helms, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Congressman Charlie Rose, Chairman, House Agriculture Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts; and Kentucky Senator Walter "Dee" Huddleston are sponsoring the meeting.

The purpose of the hearing is to assist the Congress in evaluating proposals which would make adjustments in the tobacco program. The

recently-enacted farm bill provides that the tobacco program shall be operated at no cost to the Government.

Senator Helms said, "This hearing is our first step in addressing legislative adjustments in the tobacco program. We hope to fine tune and strengthen the program so

that tobacco farmers and those whose livelihoods depend upon tobacco can be assured of continuation of the program in the future. We have a rather difficult task ahead, and I hope we can deal with those issues in a sound, timely, and bi-partisan manner so that farmers can get about the business of producing the world's best tobacco at a profit and do so without further uncertainty."

Local one percent Sales and Use Tax collections for the month of December in area counties were reported as follows: Mitchell County collected \$36,915.63 in December, 1981; Avery County collected the sum of \$33,201.70 and Yancey County, the sum of \$29,727.19 for the same period. Madison County collected \$24,745.63 in December, 1981.

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Oral testimony will be taken from federal and state elected officials, representatives of organizations, individuals who request permission to testify in advance and individuals from the floor, in that order, and as time permits.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this most important tobacco meeting at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh starting at 10:00 a.m. on February 12.

Yancey Library Has Heat Problems

The Yancey County Public Library has been experiencing heat problems due to a faulty heating system which only 20th Century Heating Company (who installed the system) can service although the county has had others attempt to correct the malfunctioning parts.

The necessary heating system parts are on the way (says 20th Century Heating Company) and until they arrive and are installed, the Yancey Public Library is on an "abnormal schedule".

Hours: 2 to 5 daily (unless frightfully cold); No Saturday hours; Evening hours depend on how cold the day has been. Please call 682-2600 before coming.

The Library staff regrets this interruption in the Library's hours of service, but we ask for your cooperation and patience. No overdue fines are being charged for the month of January and will not be charged until the Library is on a normal schedule. Patrons who have requested inter-library loan books and films will be notified for checking out such items.

Any questions concerning the Library's schedule and books, please call between the hours of 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Patrons are reminded that the Library's book-drop is open 24 hours for their convenience.