

HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

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Fraternity President Named State Head



J. Vincent Townsend, Jr. of James-town, North Carolina has been named State Youth Chairman for The Arthritis Foundation. The appointment is announced by Mrs. Nick Galifianakis of Durham, Strike Out Arthritis Chairman for North Carolina. Townsend is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and president of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. He is majoring in business administration.

Townsend is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Townsend of 314 Nut Bush Circle in James-town and graduate of Grimesly High School in Greensboro. He is a member of the Methodist Church. For the past two summers he has served as director of Camp Wineso at the General Greene Council Scout Reservation. As youth chairman, Townsend will coordinate volunteer activities among college and high school groups for The Arthritis Foundation.

Mrs. Galifianakis, wife of Congressman Nick Galifianakis, stated, "I am delighted to announce the appointment of Vincent Townsend as State Youth Chairman for The Arthritis Foundation. Vince is president of the University of North Carolina chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. This outstanding group of young men has been most helpful in supporting the Foundation. As our youth chairman, Vince will seek the support of all Alpha Phi Omega chapters in North Carolina for our fund-raising and public education projects."

The Arthritis Foundation is the only national health agency devoted to the problem of arthritis which is the nation's number one crippling disease. Currently the North Carolina Chapter of The Arthritis Foundation is conducting a massive public education effort throughout the state. Mrs. Galifianakis offered a free booklet, "Today's Facts About Arthritis," to anyone writing her at P. O. Box 503, Durham, North Carolina 27702.

Riot Losses

NEW YORK—Civil disorders and riots in 1968 hit 361 cities in 37 states, and the District of Columbia, according to the Insurance Information Institute. The upheavals, chiefly occurring in early April following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., caused more than \$79 million in insured losses. The hardest-hit city was Washington, D. C., where losses totaled some \$24 million.

Economic Improvement Council Sponsors Of "Project Employable"

Varion Jones will counsel with them. Horace Reid, Senior Job Developer, will coordinate all such activities, and if it's additional training that is needed either for a particular or potential employee, or training needed by certain industry for their employees, then he will see that it is set up with the employer.

Reid comments that the disadvantaged have looked at civil service jobs as an area which they could not obtain, either because of lack of training or lack of connections. He wants to erase this stigma by letting them know that they can qualify without taking a test, and that if and when they are employed, the motivating factor will be to increase their education.

Bloodmobile Collects Fifty Pints Of Blood

Fifty pints of blood were collected at the visit of the Tide-water Bloodmobile in Hertford on Monday at the First Methodist Church, according to Mrs. Nathan Sawyer, Red Cross Blood Chairman. Quota for the visit was 88 pints. Mrs. Sawyer stated that sixty people presented themselves as prospective donors but ten were rejected due to different reasons. Although disappointed that the quota was not met, Mrs. Sawyer expressed her appreciation to those who did come to donate their blood.

She expressed her appreciation and thanks to the following people who helped her with this visit: Mrs. Gertrude Zachary,

Mrs. Maude Jones, Mrs. Luther Chesson, Mrs. Mary Alice Davis, Mrs. Mattie Matthews, Mrs. Mary White, Misses Georgia Winslow, Pam Sutton and Nancy Reed.

Veterans Administration

The Veterans Administration announced today a record number of veterans and servicemen are now in training programs under the newest GI Bill.

An even larger enrollment is expected next month when many schools begin their second semesters.

W. R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office, said that as of November 30, there were more than 736,000 participants in training programs of all types. This includes trainees in programs at the college level, below college level, and on-the-job training.

According to Phillips, November's enrollment figure represents an increase of 36 per cent over the same period last year when enrollees totaled 542,000. So far, 1,551,000 trainees have taken advantage of educational benefits provided under the latest GI Bill since it went into effect June 1, 1966.

A breakdown of trainees by categories includes 65,000 pursuing the one-job training, 239,000 in programs below college level, and 432,000 in programs at the college level.

The VA official added that the increased participation in training programs can be attributed in part to the agency's continuing "Total Outreach" program.

Under this program, veterans and servicemen are informed about benefits available to them, and are encouraged to apply.

VA contact representatives provide this service at military installations in Vietnam and the United States, as well as at VA hospitals, VA offices and Veterans Assistance Centers throughout the United States. In addition to these personal contacts, VA letters are sent to all recently discharged veterans.

American Legion Auxiliary Meeting Is Postponed

The American Legion Auxiliary of Unit 126 will not meet Thursday, January 1. The meeting has been postponed until Thursday, January 8, at the Legion Home at 8 p.m.

Questions and Answers on Taxes

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q - What is the surtax rate on 1969 income?

A - The income tax surcharge is 19 per cent for 1969. The surcharge was originally scheduled to expire June 30, 1969, but was extended by Congress to cover all of 1969.

Q - Several in our family chip in to support our father but no one of us contributes more than half. Can any of us claim him as a dependent?

A - If your combined contribution total over half of your father's support, than any one of you, but only one, who individually contributes more than 10 per cent may be entitled to claim the dependence exemption under a multiple support agreement.

Each of the others, who contributes more than 10 per cent, must file a written statement that he will not claim the exemption this year.

Mrs. Jean Harrison Displays 1970 License Plates



MRS. JEAN HARRISON, local license plate agent, is shown displaying the new reflectorized red and white plate that will go on sale throughout the state on January 2.

IRS Explains Revised Consolidated Tax Form

January will bring a surprise from the Internal Revenue Service to taxpayers. Each taxpayer will receive a brand new consolidated tax form 1040 in a booklet which will also contain various schedules which may be needed to file the return.

The card form 1040-A has been discarded. All taxpayers, regardless of income, will receive exactly the same tax form package, except that self-employed business men and farmers will have included in their package Schedule C and Schedule F, respectively, on which to report their business and farm income and expenses.

Taxpayers who formerly filed 1040-A will need only to file the one-sheet form 1040 which includes essentially the same information as the front and back of the discarded 1040-A, so there is actually very little difference in the single sheet form 1040 and the old form 1040-A, except in size and format.

Taxpayers whose allowable deductions exceed 10 percent of their adjusted gross income will benefit by itemizing their deductions. These taxpayers will need only to file the single sheet 1040 plus schedule A upon which to itemize their deductions. About 53 million taxpayers are expected to file only these two sheets as their tax returns.

Schedule B is to be used only by those taxpayers who have dividend and interest income to report.

Schedule D is to be used only by those taxpayers who sold or exchanged capital property such as stocks, bonds, personal assets, etc. during the year.

Schedule E is to be used only by those taxpayers who received supplemental or miscellaneous income such as pensions, rents and royalties, partnership, estate, trust, small business corporation income, etc. during the year.

Schedule R is to be used only by those taxpayer claiming retirement income credit.

A separate schedule T is to be used to compute the amount of tax due. This schedule is not to be filed with the return unless income tax credits are claimed, or self-employment tax is due, or tax is due from recomputing prior-year investment credit. Relatively few taxpayers fall in these categories.

The tax package also contains instructions on the back of each form and schedule explaining fully how to complete each particular form.

The booklet also contains tables of allowable gas and sales tax deductions which may be claimed as itemized deductions on Schedule A. J.E. Wall, District Director

Motorists Are Urged To Start New Year Right

In leaving the "Soaring Sixties" for what the traffic safety experts hope will be the "Sensible Seventies," the N. C. State Motor Club urges motorists to start the New Year off right by steering away from the 900 accidents that might bring death to up to 25 persons and injuries to 500 others on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long holiday weekend.

The state's holiday highway toll will be counted from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, through midnight Sunday, Jan. 4, a period of 102 hours. In a 30-hour period a year ago, when the holiday fell in the middle of the week, the count showed four killed and 196 injured in 350 accidents.

Leading driver violations causing the accidents were: speeding, 116; failed to yield right of way, 68; drove left of center, 67; failed to see if movement safe, 50; and under the influence of alcohol, 31.

"North Carolina started putting the brakes on its traffic toll this year," said Thomas B. Watkins, motor club president. "Let's really decelerate the deaths, injuries and accidents on our highways during 1970. We can do it if each of us makes and keeps a New Year's resolution to drive thoughtfully and attentively."

Farm Owners And Farm Machinery Course At COA

Farm owners and farm machinery operators can benefit greatly from a course to be given at no cost by the Adult Education Division of College of The Albemarle. Entitled Farm Equipment Maintenance and Repairs, the course will be taught by Don Craft of Ahoskie, a graduate of N.C. State in Agriculture Engineering and presently operating a farm equipment dealership in Ahoskie.

The seven week course will begin Jan. 6 and will meet each Tuesday night from 6-9 p.m. at Buddy Fletcher's Farm Shop located on the Weeksville Rd.

The course will deal with job attitudes when working with farm equipment, particularly tractors, combines and planters. Topics which will be covered range from the meaning and importance of preventative maintenance to the relationship of various tractor systems.

However, this is not a course to train mechanics to work on farm equipment. It is designed for the farmer or the equipment operator to take better care of his equipment and to get better service from it. For more information call the Adult Education Division, 338-0821.

Congress Date Set

House Speaker John W. McCormack (D-Mass) has announced the second session of the 91st Congress will begin Monday, January 19.

Hertford BPW Club Has Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jackson hosted a lovely Christmas party at their home on Friday Night, December 19th, when they entertained Hertford BPW Club members, their husbands and other invited guests.

As guests arrived, the ladies were presented a Christmas corsage and the men were presented a boutonniere, made by the hostess, Mrs. Jackson. They were then invited into the dining room where they were served Christmas punch from the beautifully decorated dining room table.

Miss Hulda Wood gave the invocation, after which all present enjoyed a covered dish supper, featuring ham and turkey, and prepared by the ladies present.

An evening of conversation and fellowship followed and, instead of exchanging gifts, a contribution was taken for a needy family.

Those present other than Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burbage, Mr. and Mrs. Dilbon Young, Mrs. Betty Swindell, Mrs. Dora Riddick, Mrs. Marie Elliott, Mrs. Mac Kanoy, Miss Hulda Wood and Miss Thelma Elliott, Also, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Riddick, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lane, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lane, Jr.

At the end of the evening, guests departed in the holiday mood of goodwill and peace in their hearts and with grateful appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson for such an enjoyable party.

Year-End Report Of N.C. Department of Agriculture

As usual, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has had a busy year serving the needs of North Carolina farmers and consumers, facing new problems and new opportunities in the various areas of its responsibilities.

Among the problems have been - Holding our own in the hog cholera eradication program, incidents or threats of this costly and dread disease have necessitated definitive action to prevent further spread. The Commissioner has issued emergency quarantine proclamations, later formally approved by the Board of Agriculture. We have paid out nearly \$300,000 in indemnities on hog cholera. We have cooperated fully with federal quarantines designed to work toward eradication.

- Pressures to ban DDT and restrict other persistent pesticides. The Board of Agriculture and the Commissioner have met this problem in a straight-forward manner and are moving to restrict registration and sale of DDT for most uses.

- After changes in federal regulations concerning the use of cyclamates in diet foods, the Board of Agriculture met in emergency session to change the state regulations to permit soft drink bottlers in the state to mix saccharin and sugar in beverages.

Other services of the Department have been felt by a wide spectrum of the state's population: - 4,393 lots of grain were inspected to determine the grade of 8 million bushels of grain.

- 140,000 head of feeder pigs have been sold through the 14 monthly graded quality feeder pig sales in the state at seven locations.

- Ten farmer cooperatives and seven promotional groups were formed with the assistance of the markets division.

- One full-time specialist is working with the foreign trade in promoting the export of North Carolina products. Commissioner Graham participated in an Ag-Business tour, North Carolina Products were shown at a Trade Fair in Cologne, Germany.

- The first nine-day N.C. State Fair was held and it showed a profit. The fairgrounds and arena were used 319 times, with an attendance of 360,000 persons, not including the State Fair.

- \$512,000 has been appropri-

ating a total of 78,160 separate analyses. They also tested 1620 samples of foods and meats, 1660 pesticide samples and 3300 samples of feed. The total number of tests run by the division was 101,300.

- The warehouse division guaranteed warehouse receipts for farm commodities valued at more than 14 million dollars.

- 16,304,771 pounds of meat were produced and processed in the state under state meat inspection in 206 plants. Many more will come under inspection when the new law goes into effect January 1, 1970. The new law was passed to meet federal regulations.

- 2,601 inspections were made by the structural pest control division to assure North Carolina Consumers that they get their money's worth from pest control operators. Fourteen persons were tried for violations of this law.

- Passage of the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act gave the department's weights and measures division increased work in inspecting prepackaged food and merchandise to insure compliance with this new act. Consumer complaints have increased and all complaints have been investigated. The new tax ated for a new diagnostic laboratory to be constructed in Raleigh.

- 250,000 visitors toured the North Carolina Museum of Natural History. Continuing improvements in the Museum have enhanced the attractiveness and added greatly to its effectiveness.

- 105,000 soil samples were tested by the soil testing division for rural and urban citizens of the state. Of these, 83.5 per cent were for farms; 9 per cent educational institutions; 2.7 per cent lawns and gardens; 2.7 per cent greenhouses; and 1.3 per cent golf courses.

- 150,333 tons of peanuts were graded.

- 9,883 fertilizer samples were tested by the state chemist, on gasoline has caused a new awareness of the accuracy of service station equipment. These complaints have also been investigated, with few violations being found.

- Many samples of milk were taken by the dairy division for determination of pesticide residue levels.

Six Week Driving Class For Extension Homemakers

Adult Driving Education Class for Extension Homemakers Club women and other interested adults-men and women- will begin Wednesday, January 14, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Perquimans County Office Building, was stated today by Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent. The class is scheduled to meet on Monday and Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. for six weeks. The first class will begin January 14.

The purpose of the class is to provide learning experience for Extension Homemakers Club women and other interested adults to learn how to operate an automobile in order to have more and better transportation.

If you are interested in learning how to drive, please contact Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent, P. O. Box 234, Hertford, N.C. 27944 or call 426-7597.