

### Peoples Bank Declares Dividend

The board of directors of Peoples Banks and Trust Company voted today to declare a quarterly dividend of 19 cents per share on the bank's common stock. Directors voted an additional year-end dividend of 8 cents per share of common stock.

The dividend will be payable December 31, 1972 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 15, 1972.

William H. Stanley, President of Peoples Bank, in his announcement said, "The increase in dividends paid during 1972 is in compliance with current wage and price controls."

### Health Leaders Of Area Named

George M. Stockbridge of Durham, executive secretary of the Health Planning Council for Central North Carolina and a veteran of ten years in health planning, a told members of the Albemarle Comprehensive Health Planning Council that this board with its broad representation is in a position to take the leadership role in assuring the best of health to the citizens of this area.

The Council, composed of health professionals and consumers from all of the Albemarle's ten counties, heard Mr. Stockbridge emphasize the importance of broad-based planning in the health field. With the health industry quickly approaching the status of the nation's number-one employer, it becomes crucial that this service industry marshal its vast resources towards meeting the true need of the nation's citizens. He said that the Council is in a position to identify these needs in the Albemarle and work towards achieving this goal.

Citizens who feel that their health needs are not presently being met are encouraged to make their feelings known to their representatives on the Council. The chairman of the Council is Thomas M. Surratt and the director is Herbert A. Chalek. The members and the counties they represent are: Camden: Mr. Clay Ferebee, Mr. Macon Johnson, Mrs. Vivian Jones; Chowan: Mr.

Frank Coston, Jr., Dr. A.F. Downum, Jr., Dr. Allen L. Hornthal, Mr. John A. Mitchener, III, Mr. C.A. Phillips, Mr. Thomas M. Surratt; Currituck: Mr. R.H. Ferrell, Mr. Jerry Hardesty, Mrs. Marion-Walston; Dare: Mrs. Naomi Hester, Dr. John Sledge, P.A. Tillett; Gates: Mrs. Shadrach Brooker, Mr. Sherwood Eason, Mrs. Mary G. Cowper, Mr. George Norman; Hyde: Mr. Gene Ballance, Mr. Leon G. Ballance, Mr. C.E. Boone; Pasquotank: Mr. Howard Campbell, Mr. Charles Franklin, Mrs. Jean Lassiter, Mr. Alfonso Nixon, Dr. Jerry Pickrel, Mr. Floyd Spellman, Mrs. Jean Wilson, Mr. W.C. Witherspoon; Perquimans: Mrs. Willie G. Harvey, Mr. Lester Simpson; Tyrrell: Mr. William Bateman, Mr. Cadwell Bowser, Mr. Lem Cahoon; Washington: Mrs. Ann F. Alexander, Dr. Ernest Ferguson, Rev. William Keyes, Mr. T. Reynold Spruill.

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