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## You May Be Eligible For \$5,000 Tax Exemption

If you are retired, sixty-five or over and have an income of less than \$3,500 you may be eligible for a tax exemption up to \$5,000 on your home.

Mrs. Jacqueline Ricks, supervisor, Program on Aging, reminds property owners to list taxes in January and to check with the tax lister on their eligibility for the tax reduction.

North Carolina law provides that if the retired persons income is less than \$3,500 annually then there is a \$5,000 property tax exemption on the appraised value of the real property owned and used as the principal place of residence by the taxpayer.

Basically a claimant must be the legal owner of the property and must occupy it as his or her residence. The claimant must be retired and 65 years of age or over and not regularly engaged in an income producing activity. The claimants disposable income and that of the spouse can not be greater than \$3,500. Disposable income is defined for North Carolina tax purposes to include income from social security benefits, disability and retirement benefits, military pay, interest on tax exempt securities and dividends, etc.

An application for exemption must be filed when listing property for taxation. The application must be supported by satisfactory evidence of the applicants eligibility. The deadline for supportive evidence of income is not until April 15th.

Some property owners last year, the first year of the new tax law, failed to take advantage of the tax exemption for fear of future legal effect on the property. Taking the exemption allowed by the state law will have no legal effect on the property. The sole purpose of the exemption is to gain tax relief for the elderly with limited incomes.

If you are eligible, then be sure to take this tax saving when listing 1973 taxes.

## WSCS Meetings Scheduled For January 8th

The General Meeting will be held on January 8th at 8 p.m. Mrs. Milton Mann will lead the annual "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" Program and the Wesleyan Service Guild will be hostesses at the social hour.

The Minnie Wilson Circle will meet on January 9th at 9:45 a.m. with Mrs. Marion Riddick.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry will host the Mary Towe Circle on January 10th at 3 p.m.

The Della Shamburger Circle will meet with Mrs. Edgar White on January 15th at 8 p.m.

On January 15th the Helen Bame Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. John Corprew, Jr. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

## Farmer Urged to Buy Soybean Seeds Early

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham today urged North Carolina farmers to buy their soybean seeds early this year.

Soybeans seeds harvested before the rains are proving to be of excellent quality, according to samples received in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture seed testing laboratory. Those yet to be harvested will likely be unsuitable for planting.

"Soybean seed quality in other states across the southern region is generally poor," Graham said. "The demand for good seeds is expected to grow. Already, some of the seeds in North Carolina have been contracted by seedsmen in other states. The market responds to demand and North Carolina farmers will remember that last year seeds were supplied to us in large volume from other southern states."

Commissioner Graham emphasized that soybean varieties are quite responsive in their maturity to Graham emphasized that soybean varieties are quite responsive in their maturity to different night lengths. Therefore, an exchange of seed supplies between North Carolina and states to the north and central soybean regions of the nation is not possible.

"No adjustment in minimum germination standards is anticipated," Graham continued. "And it behooves each grower to get his seeds while the supply and quality are good and prices are not greatly affected by demand from other states."

"Soybeans are an important segment of the industry of agriculture in North Carolina. I want our growers to have the advantage of our good seed before they are sold off to other states."

## Little Mint for Hertford



The Little Mint, located on Grubb Street, has just recently been completed. At this time we do not know if the opening date has been set, but from the looks of things it's not too far off.

## 1973 License Plates Now On Sale



The 1973 North Carolina license tags went on sale Tuesday and can be obtained at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Office. Mrs. Jean Harrison is agent for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Pictured above is Mrs. Harrison displaying the license for the new year. The deadline for displaying the new tags is February 15.

## Basketball Schedule

January 5	Weldon, home
January 9	Plymouth, away
January 12	Murfreesboro, home
January 16	Williamston, away
January 19	Scotland Neck, home
January 23	Edenton, away
January 26	Northampton, away
January 30	Gates, home
February 2	Weldon, away
February 6	Plymouth, home
February 9	Northwest, away

## Peoples Bank to Open Additional Office in E. City

Peoples Bank and Trust Company today announced it has filed an application with the State Banking Commission to open an additional branch office and night depository in Southgate Mall on Ehringhaus Street in Elizabeth City.

Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., Senior Vice President and Office Executive of the Elizabeth City Office said, "We look forward to expanding our service and providing this additional convenience to our customers."

Peoples Bank entered the Elizabeth City market when it merged with Industrial-Commercial Bank last August. As a result of the merger, a multiplicity of bank services, including trust and farm services from farm production loans to management of farms with absentee ownership, became available to citizens of the Elizabeth City area.

At the time of the merger, combined resources of the two banks were approximately \$144 million, based on figures for end of year 1971. At that time, the Industrial-Commercial Bank had resources of \$9,300,000.

Peoples Bank currently has 33 offices in 19 cities and lists its resources at more than \$159 million.

## Know Your Social Security

Starting in 1973, people who are working while getting social security benefits can earn more but never lose more than \$1 in benefits for each \$2 earned.

The more you earn, the higher your total income will be. Under the new social security law, social security payments will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned over \$2,100 in a year.

Previously, monthly payments were reduced by \$1 in benefits for every \$2 earned between \$1,680 and \$2,880 in a year—and by \$1 for every \$1 earned over \$2,880.

People 72 and over will continue to get their full social security benefits regardless of earnings. Under the new law, people under 72 can earn as much as \$2,100 in a year and get their full social security benefits. Different rules apply to people getting social security disability benefits if they work.

In addition, starting in 1973, full benefits can be paid for any month in which an employee's wages are not more than \$175—or he didn't perform substantial services in self-employment. Previously, the monthly limit was \$140.

Also, starting in 1973, only your earnings in the months before you reach 72 will be used to figure what benefits are due you for those months. Before, earnings in the entire year you reached 72 were counted in figuring benefits due you for months before you were 72.

## Perquimans District Court in Brief Session

Judge Wilton Walker presided over the brief session of Perquimans County District Court on Wednesday and heard the following cases:

John Henry Davis, charged with public drunk, received a 20 day jail sentence suspended for 12 months upon payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs. Judge Walker ordered the defendant not to possess or consume any alcoholic beverages during that period.

William A. Foreman was found not guilty of 3 charges of assault on a female.

No probable cause was found in the case of James Wilson, who was charged with breaking, entering, and larceny.

Willie Webb was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

Walter White, charged with assault, was given a 30 day sentence suspended for 12 months with these three conditions — 1. pay a fine of \$25.00 and costs — 2. be on good behavior for a period of 12 months and not violate any Federal or State Laws — 3. not commit an assault on Milton O'Neal for 12 months.

## AUXILIARY MEETS

The American Legion Auxiliary, William Paul Stallings Post 126, will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. Geneva Sawyer.

## Ambulance Attendants Training Course In Perq. & Chowan Co.

The Continuing Education Department of College of the Albemarle announced that a 24-hour Ambulance Attendants Training Course (E-03) will be held at the Rocky Hook Volunteer Rescue Building in Chowan County. It will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 9 and ending February 1 from 7 to 10 p.m.

This course is designed to develop understanding of and appreciation for the role of the ambulance attendant in the care and transportation of the sick and injured. Classroom discussions include principles related to administering emergency aid to victims in selected situations, to safe transportation of the sick and injured, and to safe operation of the ambulance. Student experiences include supervised practice in applying splints, in using resuscitation techniques, in applying dressing, and in positioning and transporting victims with a variety of conditions.

All Rescue Squads are invited to participate. The course is sanctioned by the North Carolina State Board of Health and is necessary for certification of ambulance attendants.

Instructors include Mr. Bill Royals, Mrs. Virginia Bunch, Dr. L. P. William, Sr., Dr. Richard Hardin and Dr. Bernie B. Baker.

In addition, Ambulance Attendant Training E-04 will be presented February 5 and 6 at the Perquimans County Agriculture Auditorium, Hertford, N.C., from 7 to 10 p.m. All Rescue Squads are invited to participate.

This course is used to upgrade Rescue Squads who have already had E-03 training. The course will focus on emergency procedures for external cardiac compression and treatment of burns. Instructor for this 6-hour course will be Dr. William F. Crutchley.

For further information call the Continuing Education Department at the College of The Albemarle, 335-0821, extension 233.

## Birthdays And Civic Meetings

JANUARY 7

Nelson Smith  
Jimmy Harrell  
Ruth Sutton

JANUARY 8

Paula Kaye Winslow  
Leah Harris  
Earl Riddick  
Billie Sloop  
Jack Hunter  
Greg Biggs  
Stanley Ward  
Calvin Banks  
Wesley Circle

JANUARY 9

Margaret Copeland  
Mike Jones  
Kenneth Ray Boyce  
Sarah Ann Goodwin  
Willard Copeland  
Colleen Perry  
Hertford Rotary Club 6:15  
Masonic Lodge 8:00

JANUARY 10

Mrs. Dorothy Owens  
Hazel B. White  
Mary Lindsey Beers

JANUARY 11

Leah Harrell  
Marion Harrell, Jr.  
Clyde White  
Hert. Gram PTA Exec.

JANUARY 12

Tommy Keel  
Weldon Byrum  
Barbara Morris  
Julian "Boogie" Nixon

JANUARY 13

Kathryn Williams  
Laurence Wray Chappell  
Charles Henry Ward  
Milton Long  
J. T. Lane, Jr.

## Designated Economic Development District



In a special ceremony held at the office of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission in Edenton, the agency was officially designated an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce. A certification signed by Secretary of Commerce Peter G. Peterson and Robert A. Podesta, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development was presented by James Campagna, Regional Planner for Economic Development Administration from Atlanta. Receiving the certificate was William B. Gardner, Chairman of the Board, ARPDC. The certificate states that ARPDC has met the qualifications of the Public Works Act of 1965 and is eligible for program assistance as provided by the Act.

## Eager Beaver 4-H Club Holds December Meeting

The December meeting of the Eager Beaver 4-H Club began with a visit to Trueblood Nursing Home on December 19, 1972. Club members showered nursing home residents with gifts and fruits. A final gift of joy was extended by the group with Christmas carols. Afterward, the club meeting reconvened at the home of club member Kathy Sawyer. Here, the regular meeting was called to order by President Debbie Lane. Officers for the coming year of '73 were elected and are as follows: President, Charles

Mims; Vice President, Beverly Eure; Secretary, Kathy Sawyer; Treas., Karen Finley; Reporter, Sherrie Williams and Recreation, Gay Eure. The Devotional was given by Kathy Sawyer from Luke 2:1-20 followed by prayer led by Barry Jones, Jr. Leader.

The meeting was dismissed by Charles Mims, newly elected President. Following the meeting, games and refreshments were provided by Kathy and Mrs. Sawyer, at which time members exchanged gifts.

## A Look Backward

By Virginia White Transeau

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HERTFORD MERCHANTS PLEASED WITH BUSINESS DURING 1934: "A good year," "Much better than any previous year for five years," "Fifty per cent better than the average since 1927," "A great improvement," such are the answers which sound the highly optimistic note which business men of Hertford give to the query, "What kind of a year has 1934 been in your business?" Every Hertford merchant gives a good report of the year which has just passed. And there isn't a single vacant store in the entire town.

Perquimans from the crop of 1934 prior to December 13.

LOCAL MAIL CARRIERS ATTEND DISTRICT MEET: Among the Perquimans County mail carriers who attended the semi-annual meeting of the Albemarle Rural Carriers Association held in Edenton on Tuesday were William C. Chappell, C. B. Parker, Herman Jenkins and Postmaster J. E. Morris.

W. M. MORGAN FURNITURE COMPANY SALE: Mr. Morgan's annual after Christmas sale included a Bed Room Suite for \$49.40, Living Room Suite for \$39.95, Dining Room Suite for \$84.85 and many more items with prices that can't come up to today's. The prices were at least 1/4 cheaper.

CHEVROLET DEALERS ADD TWO MEN TO SALES FORCE: L. N. Hollowell, the local Chevrolet dealer, says

4,574 BALES OF COTTON GINNED IN PERQUIMANS: According to W. M. Harrell, special agent of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, the census report shows that there were 4,574 bales of cotton ginned in

that last Saturday was one of the best he ever had. He sold six new cars on that day. Incidentally, the Hollowell

Chevrolet Company has employed two more salesmen on their force.



It was a damp, cloudy New Years Day but that didn't stop the sportsmen from getting out. As the day draws to an end the fishermen return home with their catch, which we hope was better than the weather (Lousy).