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## Norfolk Southern Railway

### Applies For Mobile Agency

Norfolk Southern Railway has notified the public that it will apply to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for the authority to implement a mobile agency concept operating out of Elizabeth City no later than Sept. 20.

The mobile agency would serve the agency stations of Camden, Edenton, Hertford and Shawboro along with a list of non-agency stations, which include Chapanoke and Winfall.

A telephone conversation with J.E. Sims, railway supervisor, revealed that the reason for this request is that it would result in better service. Sims stated that this mobile agency concept has been tried in other N.C. cities as well as in Va. and has proven beneficial.

This mobile agency concept would consist of a

field agent with a radio equipped car as well as a base telephone. The field agent would contact railway customers, and according to Sims, would better be able to handle shipments coming in and going out.

Implementation of this concept would result in two major changes for agency stations such as Hertford. First, agency services would be provided from a station wagon or other motor vehicle and there would no longer be an agent of the railway on duty in the agency stations. And second, the building would no longer be open to the public.

Anyone desiring to protest the implementation of this concept should advise the North Carolina Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 991, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.



**CONVENIENT** — Mrs. Joyce Riddick operates the new stamp machine at the Hertford Post Office which is located beside customer boxes. Postmaster Henry Stokes welcomed the new machine since customers will be able to buy stamps after hours. The machine automatically puts forth regular 10 cents and air mail stamps. (Newbern Photo)

## Resignation Is Accepted

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. met on August 29 and accepted the resignation of Mr. Wilbur G. Pierce as Executive Director. Mr. Pierce will return to the Edenton-Chowan Public School System as Director of Federal Programs. Pierce has been Executive Director since 1972. Mr. Fentress T. Morris, Former Assistant Director, was appointed to fill the Executive Director Position.

The notice of a \$87,500 grant effective July 1, 1974 was approved to enable the agency to continue the Administration and Services currently provided by its program for a three month period.

The Board also was presented an Emergency Foods Program Report.

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. was awarded two grant

actions totaling \$40,000 for a period of four months commencing June 1 - Sept. 30, for the purpose of increasing community, local, and state participation in on-going food programs and to increase food resources which will aid in the alleviation of hunger and malnutrition which exists among the poor in Region "R". Major activities were set up to accomplish this objective.

In an effort to increase participation in Food assistance programs operative within Region "R", PACE Interns and staff are being utilized. Special emphasis has been placed on Federal Food Stamp Programs. EIC, Inc.'s Staff, PACE Interns, and the Nutrition Coordinator are working closely with the Departments of Social Services in Tyrrell, Hyde, and Chowan Counties

to assist with outreach services in increasing food stamps participation. Also, staff will identify and refer program participants to other existing food programs.

The EFMS Program is attempting to promote food production on an individual family basis whereby a variety of fruit and vegetables produced will afford these low-income families a balanced and nutritious diet, both summer and winter, whereas these fresh foods were not previously available to them. Presently, some 727 of the projected 732 are participating in the gardening project. These families receive seed, plants, pesticides, fertilizer, lime, gardening equipment and services of soil preparation as these items and services were deemed necessary. Education and technical assistance on proper gardening techniques was rendered participants by Farm Agents and PACE Interns. Several of these families participated in the Albemarle Area Fruit and Vegetable Garden produce Contest which was held in July.

Gardening participants were also taught to preserve fruits and vegetables to assist them in the conservation of foods. Canning jars, freezer bags, lids and domes, pressure canners, water baths, and other supplies were issued these families as deemed necessary.

The program thus far has worked out quite successfully and families have already begun planting their fall gardens.



**WORKING WITH THE SCHOOLS** — Ken Stalls (right), newly appointed Director of Occupational Education for Perquimans, Chowan and Gates County Schools goes over program plans with Perquimans School Superintendent C.C. Walters. (Newbern Photo)

## Working With Schools In Three Counties

By KATHY NEWBERN  
Ken Stalls has been working with Perquimans County administrators this week in the area of occupational education. As of July, Stalls has been appointed Director of Occupational Education for Perquimans, Chowan and Gates County Schools.

His job consists of assisting local school officials and teachers in planning, initiating and evaluating occupational programs in the public schools. Stalls also reports on the results of these programs, such as their effectiveness. In this new position, Stalls has the responsibility of interpreting state guidelines for program funding. He can also help plan and initiate special projects on a short term basis.

In the three county schools, Stalls tries to determine which courses are offered and those that

should be offered in order to parallel the needs of the community.

The things which are included in Stalls' position were once handled by local teachers, principals, superintendents and their staffs. But now that there has been increased funding for occupational education, local school personnel have found that the job involves too much time.

At present, Stalls concentrates his work in occupational education in grades 9-12, but the long range plan is to include the program does not encourage students to select any certain occupation, but rather exposes them to enough things that they can become selective.

Stalls is well qualified for his new position. For six years, he taught occupational courses at John A. Holmes High School for four years and principal at

Chowan High School for three years.

In his new position, Stalls is responsible directly to the three superintendents of the schools he works with. He feels this is best and said, "Superintendent Walters knows what is best for this school system and that is what we try to do."

Concerning occupational education at Perquimans High, Stalls said, "Considering the size of the school, I think they have an excellent program with a lot to offer. Mr. Byrum has really done a good job."

### BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is scheduled for this Monday night.

All members are urged to attend. The September meeting is the one that sets the Chamber up for the coming year.

## Albemarle EMC Members To Meet

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be held on Saturday, September 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Perquimans County High School auditorium.

The major items of business at the meeting will be the election of six directors, three of whom will serve two-year terms and two of whom will serve three-year terms.

All persons nominated for election were so nominated by an eight-man Nominating Committee composed of members of the electric cooperative.

Two directors will be elected from Camden County. Those nominated are James A. Whitehurst, South Mills; W.E. Meiggs, Camden; Gordon E. Sawyer, Camden; and Glen Carey, South Mills. One director will be nominated from Chowan County among Joseph A. Byrum, Tyner; Milton Jordan, Tyner; and W.J. Privott, Tyner.

One director from Pasquotank County will be elected. Nominated are Walter R. Lowry, Jr., Rt. 4, Elizabeth City, and L.A. Harris, Jr., Rt. 4, Elizabeth

City. From Perquimans County Floyd Mathews, Sr., Rt. 4, Hertford, and Ben Chambers, Rt. 3, Hertford, were nominated to fill one seat.

For the at-large seat on the Board covering all the counties served by the EMC, the following names are placed in nomination: John N. Bunch, Jr., Rt. 2, Edenton; J.M. Fleetwood, Jr., Rt. 2, Edenton; Ernest James, Rt. 4, Elizabeth City; and W.F. Williams, Jr., South Mills.

Other business at the meeting will include reports from officers and the manager.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the first 75 members to register will receive a silver dollar. Every member who registers will receive a gift, and there will be 50 lucky attendance prizes for those in attendance.

Entertainment at the meeting will include local talent from the EMC's service area. Those persons or groups scheduled to entertain include: "The Blue Lights," Bill Bowden, Daren Bridgman, Cindy Hendren, Ellis Hinton,

Danny and Linda Meads, Darryl Stallings, Darrell Stevenson and The Tar Heel Squares with Earl Steele.

Albemarle EMC serves some 5100 consumer-members in parts of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties. The EMC was chartered in 1945 and first energized its lines in the fall of 1946 to rural people who had no electric service.

Present directors and officers include: President, James A. Whitehurst; Vice-President, Joseph A. Wiggins; Secretary-Treasurer, Floyd Mathews; John N. Bunch, Jr., Joseph A. Byrum, Archie T. Lane, W. Earl Meiggs and Tommie F. Temple.

President Whitehurst urges all members of the cooperative to attend the annual meeting.

## Talent Contest

The Holiday Inn West, I-85, Charlotte, North Carolina, will be hosting the Little Miss North Carolina Talent Contest on October 11.

Contestants will be competing in any of five categories-Dancing, Vocal, Baton, Instrumental and Variety. Judging will be based on artistic ability—75 per cent; and pose, personality, and appearance—25 per cent. Contestants must be five years old by January 1, 1975 and no older than twelve as of July 1, 1975.

Trophies will be awarded winners in each category, as well as overall winners selected at the evening pageant. Any young lady meeting the requirements who is a resident of the state may enter the competition.

Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed envelope to the Official Certification and Public Relations Office, Little Miss North Carolina Contest, P.O. Box 11721, Nashville, Tennessee 37211.



**NEW POSITION** — Bill Ingram of Hertford, state ABC officer in this area for the past fourteen months, will be leaving soon to take on the new position of Supervisor of District 10.

## ABC Officer Is Promoted

Bill Ingram, state ABC officer which has been assigned to serve the tri-county area of Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan for the past 14 months will soon be leaving the area.

Ingram has been appointed Supervisor of District 10 with headquarters in Asheville. District 10 is comprised of eighteen mountain counties in North Carolina.

In his new position, Ingram will be coordinating all law enforcement ac-

tivities in his district. Concerning his work in this area, Ingram expressed appreciation for the cooperation from local agencies and stated that it has been rewarding to have been assigned to an area that is so rich in history.

Ingram, a combat veteran of Korea and Vietnam, will continue his education at Western Carolina University in Cullowee. This will be his third year of college and he plans to concentrate his studies in law enforcement.



**WHITE HOUSE ON FRONT ST.** — As progress continues on the courthouse annex, these stately columns were added recently. Not knowing better, one would almost think the structure stood at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington. Or does Hertford's Front St. have its own White House? (Newbern Photo)



**COME AND GET IT** — These courthouse annex workers take advantage of a rest period with some good 'ole watermelon. They seem to be getting it while the getting's good. (Staff Photo by Kathy Newbern)