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Teachers Ineligible For Unemployment Summer Benefits

Teachers under continuing contract to public schools who are not working this summer will be ineligible for unemployment payments.

North Carolina's unemployment insurance law rules ineligible all employees who are under "written or implied" continuing contracts with secondary schools during the 1975-76 school year, the Employment Security Commission announced Friday.

The ESC ruling clarifies teacher entitlement to benefits which became an issue when Congress passed the Special Unemployment Assistance act, a bill providing funds to states to pay benefits to jobless workers who did not have coverage under regular unemployment insurance laws.

SUA provided "coverage" but it did not define "eligibility." Since it is a federal program, the Employment Security

Commission sought Labor Department guidelines on teacher entitlement.

But federal officials reported that interpretations must be made according to existing state laws.

Requiring claimants to be "unemployed, able and available for work, and actively seeking work," the UI law, therefore, rules ineligible school employees possessing continuing contracts.

The agency said over half the states have ruled teachers ineligible for SUA funds.

If teachers had been ruled eligible, many would have drawn \$90 a week between school terms.

School workers and teachers who do not have continuing contracts will be entitled to unemployment payments if they meet the requirements of the law.

The Commission released its decision Friday because the school year is nearly over. The opinion was reached after a search of the General Statutes by ESC attorneys when it became evident that no federal guidelines would be issued.

The ruling supports current legislation before the General Assembly and in Congress which would disqualify teachers and certain other contracted employees of the public school system from receiving payments.

The possibility of legal action to overturn the above Employment Security Commission ruling that most teachers are not eligible for unemployment insurance is being explored, Dean B. Westmoreland,

president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, said today.

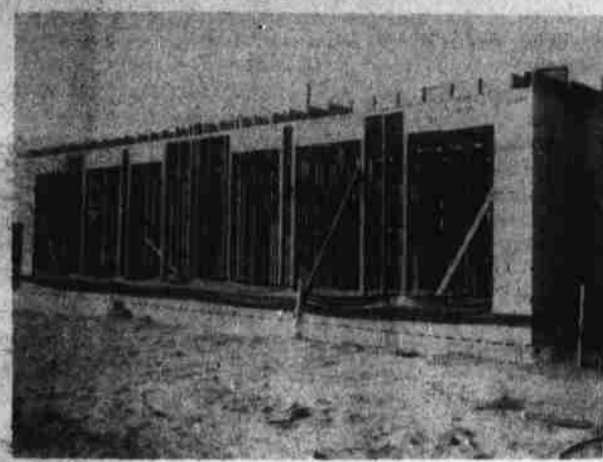
NCAE Executive Secretary Dr. A.C. Dawson said NCAE members are also being asked to contact Senators Jesse Helms and Robert Morgan to obtain their support in defeating the measure passed by the House of Representatives which would exclude teachers from coverage under the federal Special Unemployment Assistance Act.

He added that NCAE officials are opposing in the North Carolina General Assembly legislation which would formalize the adverse ruling by the State Employment Security Commission. That legislation would exclude from coverage any person who has a continuing contract, written or implied.

Westmoreland said it is unfair to single out teachers for exclusion from the special federal legislation. He said a North Carolina teacher earning \$8,000 for 10 months of employment is "certainly in need during the two summer months and is just as unemployed as any other person who cannot find work."

He noted that he has taken with many teachers who are actively seeking summer employment, "and they tell me that their chances for success are remote."

Westmoreland said many of these teachers are "greatly concerned about mortgage payments, car payments, and other personal expenses which must be met twelve months a year, not just the ten when schools are in session."



BEFORE—This picture was taken October 31 of last year and shows construction work beginning on the new Wynne Fork Court housing project.



AND AFTER—This picture, taken Tuesday, shows the progress that has been made at the new low income housing site. Apartments will be ready for occupancy in mid-June.

Low Income Housing Units Near Completion

It is announced by Henry C. Stokes Jr., chairman of the Hertford Housing Authority that the new low income public housing units are nearing completion and the projected date of occupancy is mid-June.

The thirty-four new units are located on a ten-acre site on the corner of Wynne Fork Road and U.S. 17 by-pass. The housing unit site will be known as Wynne Fork Court. Two one-story buildings provide four one-bedroom apartments; and seven two-story buildings accommodate two, three,

and four-bedroom units. Also included on the site is a one-story Community Building.

Developer for the project was Landin, Ltd. of Greensboro, N.C. The president is Carl W. Johnson.

The forty-four units of the first project of the Hertford Housing Authority was ready for occupancy March 15, 1966 and the occupancy of the housing units has been very stable with very little turnover in tenant occupancy. This

project meets a definite need for housing in the area and the local authority is looking forward to the completion and occupancy of the additional thirty-four units. It will mean that families of low income will be afforded the opportunity of renting a decent, safe and sanitary home and pay rent in accordance to income.

There are maximum income limits and the family who is eligible pays no more than twenty-five per cent of its total family income for rent and utility

allowance. The new units will be all-electric.

The apartments will be managed and supervised by the Hertford Housing Authority. The Authority will screen and select the families. Each family occupying an apartment will be required to keep it clean, mow the yard, and keep the apartment in good order and repair.

Applications for admission may be made at the Housing Authority office, 104 White Street, Hertford. The Housing Authority phone number is 426-5663.

Fire Fighters Participate In Weekend School

Elwood Incoe, Deputy Commissioner of Insurance with the North Carolina Department of Insurance presented 21 certificates to individual fire fighters at the completion of a weekend school held in Edenton on May 10 & 11. This Annual Ramp Service Test School was promoted and sponsored by the Albemarle Firemen's Association. The Edenton Fire Department served as host for this school.

This Region "R" school, the first of its kind ever held in North Carolina, trained firemen-operators in the various phases of fire apparatus pump operation and carried out tests required for annual certification of pumpers in rated departments.

The following men receiving certification were D. Henry Hughes, Tom Noblitt, and Al Blount of Camden, Charles Hassell and Marvin Hassell of Roper, Bertram Byrum, Chuck Westbrook, Lynn Perry, and Luther Parks of Edenton, Frank White and Leon Evans of Center Hill-Cross Roads, Jarvis

Copeland and Beecher Chappell of Belvidere-Chappell Hill, William C. Jones and Harold Noblitt of South Mills, John Gregory of Weeksville, Francis Nixon and Charles Skinner of Hertford, Ray Sprull of Creswell, John Bost of Columbia, and A.C. Hall of Wake Forest.

Other firemen attending that were unable to attend all 12 hours of training were Junius Britton of Edenton, Marvin Hunter of Hertford, Francis Danaher and Calvin Swain of Weeksville, Billy Phelps of Lake Phelps, J.C. Williams and Thomas Sanderson of Swan Quarter. Assisting with instruction was Tom Goodman, a retired fireman in Edenton.

The 12 hour course was conducted by Elwood Incoe, Phil Rely, and Tom Lander with the Fire-Rescue Training Division of the N.C. Department of Insurance. Mr. Incoe stated, "this was one of the finest schools held in eastern North Carolina, recently," and expressed his appreciation to the men attending and giving of their time on this week-end of training.

Local Student's Art On Display In State Capital

The "Superintendents' Choice" Art Exhibit, comprised of student art from all over North Carolina is on display in the Capitol building in Raleigh through May 30.

School superintendent C.C. Walters of Perquimans County Schools has chosen as his entry a work of art created by Cindy Hendren a student at Perquimans High School. Cindy is a student in Brenda Hollowell's art class. Her art work selected

to be exhibited was a paper mosaic of a tropical bird. According to James R. Hall, director of the Department of Public Instruction's Division of Cultural Arts, the sponsoring agency, each entry was chosen by a school superintendent as representative of the best student art in that school unit.

The capitol building is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Harrington Is Honored

State Senator J.J. (Monk) Harrington was one of five people honored recently by the North Carolina State University chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture.

Senator Harrington was given a Certificate of Merit by the society for his contributions to peanut and tobacco mechanization. The presentation was made in Raleigh by Dr. F.J. Hassler, head of NCSU's Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

The other four recipients of Certificates of Merit for 1975 were NCSU faculty members.

The citation to Harrington, who is president of Harrington Manufacturing Company of Lewiston, read in part:

"With courage, foresight and dedication, he invested the company's resources in the development of prototype machines and processes long before the labor situation became sufficiently adverse to create a profitable market for his products. These developments were distinct contributions in view of the fact that large full-line equipment manufacturers will not take such risks for specialized crops of regional interests..."

Senator Harrington has served in the General Assembly for 12 years. He represents the First District.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following summary article was prepared by the Perquimans County Citizens Advisory Committee regarding land use planning goals and objectives. It is presented to the citizens of Perquimans County, as an aid in understanding the Coastal Area Management Act and its implications.

North Carolina has 320 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline and 3,400 miles of inland coastal shoreline. As more and more people come to the coastal area to purchase property, build second homes or businesses and depend on the existing resources of the area, pressures begin to build up. Pressures on the land, water and public facilities can become overbearing and lead to a crumbling of the beauty and economic strengths of the area. Poor development leads to polluted waters, washed-out and overcrowded beaches, and shorelines. When this happens, the area becomes a nuisance rather than a treasure. The Act is aimed at two major benefits to coastal residents. First, is land use planning for careful development, and second, is the management of all the important natural resources on which we depend.

A land use plan is a plan that contains all the important facts about the county. The plan also

contains the full range of opinions on growth and progress expressed by the citizens of the county. These opinions will form a statement of goals and objectives that will be written into the land use plan for constant reference in the future when decisions must be made about specific development projects.

These opinions are now being gathered by the Citizen Advisory Committee. At the same time, professional land use planners are preparing maps and charts that will show the different classifications of land. These classifications include land that is primarily urban, land that is expected to become urban within ten years, land that is agricultural, land where small rural communities are located, and land that should be conserved because of its fragile nature, historical or public ownership. Since these plans are for the orderly

development of all the land and water resources in the county, every citizen should express his or her opinion to the Citizens Advisory Committee. The questionnaire that you received was sent to you for that purpose.

The plan that will be developed for Perquimans County will be the guide to the management of our natural resources. Since these natural resources are important to our economy and lifestyle, the Coastal Area Management Act addresses itself to the proper use and management of these resources. Once they are used up or destroyed, they are gone forever. For several years we have had to obtain permits before altering or developing many of the water-related areas of the county. After Interim, or temporary, Areas of Environmental Concern are designated, developers will be required to supply written notice to the Coastal

Resources Commission sixty days before any land disturbing activity begins. When permanent areas are designated next year, any land disturbing activity will need a permit. It is hoped a "one-stop" permit system will be set up to avoid numerous agency rulings on planned development.

Citizens are urged to contact any member of the Advisory Committee and give them opinions on how Perquimans County should or should not grow. Members of the committee are: Jesse P. Perry, Wayne Ashley, Bobby Jones, Clinton Winslow, Donald Madre, Julian White, Shelton Morgan, and Paul Smith, Jr.

Others who can be contacted concerning planning goals and objectives include the Perquimans County Commissioners, County Planning Board or T. Eric Haste Jr. of the Coastal Resources Commission.

Civil War Roster

The State Department of Cultural Resources announces the publication of Volume V of North Carolina Troops, 1861-1965: A Roster, containing rosters of the Eleventh through the Fifteenth Regiments N.C. Troops (Infantry). The

volume contains the names and service records of more than 9,000 Civil War soldiers. Included in the volume is a roster of Company F, Eleventh Regiment N.C. Troops, which was raised in part in Perquimans County in

February, 1862. The volume contains 678 pages and is indexed. Copies are available at \$20 each from the Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, 27611.



A TOUCH OF HARRINGTON — Music by Beethoven as well as several other greats came to Perquimans High School last Thursday when the North Carolina Symphony visited the county for the first time. During a concert



presented to the auditorium at 9:30 a.m., John Goaling conducted the orchestra in a variety of selections and explained to the students how the overall mood of a piece is produced pointing out the various sections of a



symphony. Although the music was much different than the rock favored by most teenagers and despised by some parents, the high school audience proved very appreciative of the musical visit. The Perquimans concert



was one of nearly 200 to be presented this year in schools, churches and civic auditoriums throughout North Carolina and Virginia. The North Carolina Symphony has been in existence since 1932. (Newbern photos)