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Annual testing results received:

## Schools to schedule parent conferences

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Parents who have children in grades 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 in the Perquimans County School system will be asked to meet with teachers May 29 through June 5 in order to receive information on their child's scores

on the recent Statewide Annual Testing Program.

That announcement came this week from Paul Ward, Coordinator for Testing in the local system.

The test scores have been received for students in those grades and school personnel expressed a desire to meet individually with parents in

order to explain the scores.

Individual parent conferences will be set up by the teachers and will be limited to 15 minutes each. Additional time is available with each teacher if requested.

In addition to participation in the Annual Testing Program, local ad-

ministrators also included local testing for students in those grades not tested under the state program. Therefore students in grades 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10 were given local comparable tests. These results, according to Ward, will not be available by the end of the school year. Therefore

conferences with parents who have children in these grades will be scheduled as soon as possible at the beginning of the next school year.

In order for school personnel to be better equipped for interpretation of the testing scores, a workshop was conducted May 19 at the County Office Building by Ms. Velma Smith,

Regional Reading Coordinator. Those participating included the central office personnel, all school principals, and one teacher from each school. Following the workshop, those involved then passed on the information to other school personnel.

## Positions announced as result of phone merger

ELIZABETH CITY — As a result of its recent affiliation with the United Telephone System, the Board of Directors of Norfolk Telephone Company met here recently to elect officers. It was announced that J.C. Cluen, president of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and head of the United Telephone System's Carolina Group, had been elected to the Board of Directors.

L.S. Blades III, who was reelected president of Norfolk Carolina, announced the election of other officers as follows: vice president Jennings B. Teal of Tarboro; secretary and treasurer W.C. Meekins Jr. of Elizabeth City; assistant secretary and assistant treasurer Warren K. White of Tarboro; and T.F. Daniels of Elizabeth City; and controller R.M. Byrum of Elizabeth City.

Chas. Camden Blades will retain his title of senior vice president, and on August 1, 1978, he will become in-

active with the company and become senior vice president emeritus.

C.R. Wilson, vice president — budget and planning, and S.G. Scott Jr., vice president — general administration, will retain their titles until their retirement August 1, 1978.

To conform with the organizational structure prevalent in the United Telephone System, the management of Norfolk Carolina and the Carolina Group has established the following departments and appointed these department heads: accounting, R.M. Byrum, controller; commercial, T.F. Daniels, commercial and marketing manager; engineering, H.B. Houtz, engineering manager; treasury, W.C. Meekins Jr., secretary and treasurer; data, Cheryl Warren, data group supervisor; personnel, S.T. Barrow, personnel manager; public relations,

M.C. Meekins, community relations manager; plant, S.O. Alexander, plant manager; traffic, L.A. Daniels Jr., traffic manager.

A.W.C. Hemphill will transfer to the Engineering Department of Carolina Telephone in Tarboro.

Transferring from Carolina Telephone to Norfolk Carolina will be the following employees: L.A. Daniels Jr., traffic manager, traffic department; W.B. Bobbitt, staff supervisor, commercial department; R.A. Allsbrook, communications consultant, commercial department; W.H. Joyner, associate engineer, engineering department; R.C. Autry, PBX foreman, plant department — stationed in Manteo; D.D. Mills, service center foreman, plant department — stationed in Elizabeth City.

Norfolk Carolina, which serves more than 55,000 telephones in northeastern North Carolina and

southeastern Virginia, will become a subsidiary of United Telecommunications, Inc., and will be operated in conjunction with Carolina Telephone as a part of United's Carolina Group. The two companies have adjacent service territories. Carolina Telephone headquartered in Tarboro, is the largest company in the United Telephone System, serving more than 750,000 telephones in eastern North Carolina.

With the acquisition of Norfolk Carolina, the United Telephone System now serves 3.9 million telephones and more than 3,000 communities in 20 states. In addition to the nation's third-largest telephone system, United Telecom operates North Supply Company, a major distributor of telecommunications equipment and supplies, and United Computing Systems, a leader in the computer services industry.

## Road closed

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials closed a portion of Great Hope Church Road (secondary road 1113) in Perquimans County on Monday, May 22 to through traffic.

The temporary closing will allow NCDOT maintenance crews to replace a bridge over a tributary of

Goodwin Creek, four miles west of Hertford.

Work to replace the bridge is scheduled to be completed by Friday, June 30.

Traffic during the construction period will be detoured on Center Hill Road (secondary road 1110) and Great Hope Church Road (secondary road 1113).

## Postal rates going up

Hertford Postmaster Henry Stokes reminds local residents of the increase in U.S. postal rates. The new rates will become effective at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

The rate for first-class letters will be 15 cents for the first ounce or fraction of an ounce and 13 cents for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, not to exceed 12 ounces.

Post cards will increase to 10 cents per piece.

There will also be changes in third-class mail. A 20 cents fee will be charged up to two ounces; from two to four ounces will cost 40 cents; four to six ounces will cost 53 cents; six to eight ounces will cost 66 cents; and the rates continue upwards.

There will be rate changes in all of the following areas. More specific

information is available by contacting the post office: first, second, and third-class mail; fourth-class including parcel post, special fourth-class, library rate, and bound printed matter; Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL); special delivery, registered mail, certified mail, insured mail, return receipts, special handling, COS, restricted delivery, certificates of mailing, money orders, lockbox and calling service fees, dead letter fees, permit imprint fee, zip code mailing list fee, and stamped envelopes.

Postmaster Stokes urges the public to contact the Hertford Post Office for additional information or to obtain rates in one of the specific areas listed above.

## ARPDC audit shows improvement

Adult reports for 1977 were the main topic of the ARPDC meeting held May 18 in Columbia. Thirteen member government were represented.

According to W. Speight Burrus, Van Landingham & Associates, P.A., the audit of ARPDC programs for 1977 has revealed no discrepancies in financial operation of the commis-

sion. In fact, according to Burrus, there has been considerable improvement in the Commission's accounting systems since 1976.

Burrus made a number of recommendations to the Commission concerning its operation, such as maintenance of current documentation of in-kind contributions, program break-out on employee time

sheets, and initiation of an indirect cost accounting system.

The Commission approved its Fiscal Year 1979 budget by unanimous vote.

Eddie McDuffie, Gates County Manager, requested and received by unanimous vote a resolution from the Commission opposing any attempt to close the rail line serving Gates County. A public hearing will

be conducted by the Interstate Commerce Commission on June 6 concerning this matter.

Pam Whitley, Clearinghouse Coordinator, reported that the Regional Clearinghouse Committee reviewed 27 projects prior to the Commission meeting. One project, a criminal justice program application from the Economic Improvement Council, was discussed. Upon the prior recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee, the Commission voted to table action on the project until comments are received from Albemarle Law and Order.

## Vaccinations are urged due to reported measles in county

The Perquimans County Health Department is seeking help from the public.

There have been several cases of measles reported in this county

recently and the health department is requesting the following come in for a vaccination on any Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.:

Children 12 months and older who have never been vaccinated;

Children who have received the vaccination before 12 months old and should be revaccinated;

Those who have never been vaccinated;



CAMPAIGN TRAIL — Gini Lynn (left) and B.B., daughters of John Ingram, candidate in the May 30 primary run-off for U.S. Senate, were in Hertford last Tuesday campaigning for their father. Above, they are shown as they visit with Hertford Mayor Bill Cox.

In the interest of fair play, it should be noted that Tony Copeland, a former resident, was also in town recently campaigning for Luther Hodges Jr., also a Democratic candidate in that May 30 run-off election. (Staff photo by Paige Eure)

## Safe driving urged for upcoming holiday

CHARLOTTE — The N.C. State Motor Club, estimating 14 people could lose their lives in traffic accidents over the long Memorial Day Weekend, urges motorists to drive with care during the holiday period. The state will count its toll over a 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Friday, May 26 until midnight Monday, May 29.

Last year, 10 fatalities were recorded for a similar period of time on Tar Heel highways while 19 died

in 1976, motor vehicle records indicate.

Traffic deaths during holiday periods and the rate of fatalities is higher and the statewide motor club believes that it's campaign to inform and alert drivers to the increased hazards of holiday traffic an make the traveling public more alert and safety conscious and can cause an awareness of potential dangers on the highways.

So far this year 476 persons have lost their lives in traffic accidents.

"The basic rule of defensive driving is never more important than on long holiday weekends," Mrs. Ruth Threath, president of the statewide motor club noted. Mrs. Threath suggested that motorists watch out for the other driver. "Anticipating that he may make the wrong move could save you some pain and anguish."

"Lower speed has a pronounced effect upon highway accidents and we hope our travelers will continue to respect the law and use good judgment while driving."

RAFFLE DRAWING — Dottie Cayton of Rt. 3, Hertford was winner in a drawing for 50 gallons of gasoline from George's Tri-Way sponsored by the Perquimans High Health Careers Club for the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Above, Dena Jo White, draws the winning number. She is shown with the top raffle sellers (from left) Ann Rogerson, club president and second highest seller with 34 tickets; Deborah Rountree, top seller with 47 tickets; and Cathy Newberry, third highest seller with 24 tickets. The club raised a total of \$290 for the cause. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)



# Don't forget to vote May 30 — primary run-off