

# Telephone

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"Secondly, we are making our rates uniform company-wide. Rates in some parts of the company's operating territory differed because these areas were served by companies which were merged with Carolina Telephone. Elimination of these differences will permit us to operate more efficiently at an ultimate savings to our customers."

Rates for all services to all customers will not go up, however, Williamson said. Rates for some services will go up, some will go down, and some will remain the same.

"Overall, Carolina Telephone is reducing basic local service rates at total of \$1.6 million annually. This is an effort to continue to hold down the cost of local services though the new deregulatory trend is toward higher local rates."

Also at this time, zone charges are eliminated, so that a customer pays no rate differential for distance in mileage from the switching center.

All Carolina Telephone customers, residential and business, are affected by the rate change.

Carolina Telephone now serves some 542,000 customers in all or part of North Carolina's 100 counties.

## Agency puts handicapped to work

**by MIKE McLAUGHLIN**  
For a person with a mental or physical handicap, just gaining enough self-sufficiency to pay his own way can be a real achievement.

Such achievement may well enhance a battered sense of self-pride. That's where the N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services comes in. Utilizing area resources, the agency attempts to train society's would-be dependents so that they can do for themselves.

Two representatives of the Elizabeth City district office, Daryl Culpepper, a job placement specialist, and Bill Parker, a rehabilitation counselor, talked about their agency last Tuesday night at a

Hertford Rotary Club meeting.

Parker warned against harmful stereotypes. "The most dangerous thing in the world is to generalize about handicapped people," he said. "Don't rule somebody out because somebody says well, 'Hey, he's retarded.' There are a lot of things about a person that don't show up on a test," Parker said.

The objective of vocational rehabilitation is to train a person to perform a function, and place him in a job performing that function.

Handicaps must be verifiable, and a genuine obstacle to job performance. The eligible client might be an alcoholic or perhaps a person with a severe physical handicap.

The program begins with an extensive evaluation process to determine the "cans and can'ts" of the individual.

Training to develop particular job skills follows, and even the community colleges or the university system may be utilized for some individuals.

The goal is to have the client receive at least minimum wage, but the agency is able to certify pay a below minimum wage in certain cases, Parker said.

Like many government agencies, vocational rehabilitation is expected to lose some positions under the Reagan budget, but Parker said he hoped that case service monies would not be affected.

He urged Rotarians and community members to notify the agency of potential clients or jobs for rehabilitated workers.

Most of the rehabilitation services the agency offers are free to all, but some programs that utilize resources outside the agency itself carry financial eligibility requirements.

Often, the employer must show some flexibility in finding a place for the rehabilitated worker. Parker said that with only slight modification, a job sometimes becomes "doable" for the handicapped person.

He asserted that when possible, "a reasonable accommodation" should be made so that handicapped people can go to work.

## Six column set

# Newspaper plans format changes

In an effort to bring our subscribers and advertisers the most modern and readable layout possible, the PERQUIMANS WEEKLY will be published in a six-column format throughout, beginning with the May 7 edition.

Our front page and editorial page have utilized the six column format for some time, and the rest of the paper has remained in an eight column format.

We consider the six column format to be more attractive,

and experts deem it more readable.

Advertising rates will be adjusted to compensate for the loss in inches due to the wider columns, but the change does not represent a price increase.

The same size ad will

require fewer column inches of space, thus compensating for higher cost per inch.

The number of inches required to fulfill contract requirements will be appropriately adjusted downward.

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**Says**


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It stresses painless exercise and sensible food choice to achieve surprising levels of bodily performance, endurance and health. This booklet is written to help you "shape up" to your potential for the long run, whether measured in miles or in years through emphasis of a total lifestyle.

I recommend you send for "Shaping Up" for a clear statement of basics.



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## DOT seeks input on roads

A public meeting that will help the state Board of Transportation reassess and reorder highway construction priorities as a result of severely limited financial resources will be held in Elizabeth City on Tuesday, April 28.

The meeting is one in a series scheduled in each of the state's highway divisions to begin the process of updating the 1980-86 Transportation Improvement Program.

The TIP is the department's basic highway construction planning document. It was last updated in October 1979 following a similar series of public meetings.

This year's meeting for counties in Highway Division 1 will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Agriculture Building on McPherson Street in Elizabeth City. Transportation Board members Marc Basnight of Manteo and T.G. Joyner of Garysburg will preside. Speakers will be registered between 1 and 2 p.m.

Counties in the division are Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

The meetings this year will be held against the backdrop of a highway funding crisis

which Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw said could have a "severe impact" on the TIP.

Sharp increases in the costs of highway work due to inflation and declining state highway revenues attributed mostly to more fuel-efficient vehicles are the main causes of the funding crisis.

"With this very severe problem facing us, we strongly urge the public to help us make a very careful review of the projects already in the 1980-86 TIP," Bradshaw said. "We want the people of the state to share with us their opinions on what our priorities ought to be in view of our funding crisis."

The secretary added, "We believe the TIP is a positive approach to scheduling highway projects and other types of transportation improvements involving aviation, public transportation, rail and bicycles. We need the public's help to keep our program viable and responsive to the transportation needs of North Carolina."

The findings of the blue ribbon study commission headed by former Gov. Dan K. Moore will be reviewed at Elizabeth City and the other meetings. "We will also bring people up to date on the status of projects in their particular area and provide them a summary of our projected revenues and the costs of construction."

### Actually

An article appearing in the last edition of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY erroneously stated that the Albemarle Area Apprenticeship Program was funded through the Department of Transportation.

The program is actually funded through the Department of Labor, which also subcontracted instructors for the classroom portion of training.

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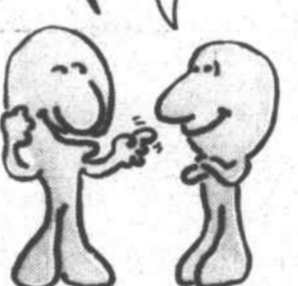
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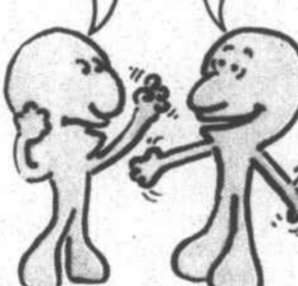
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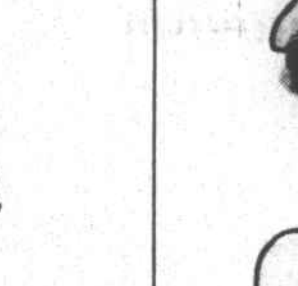
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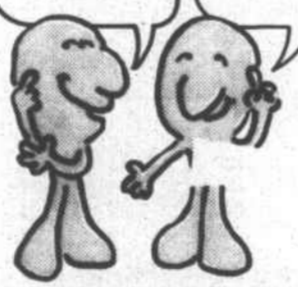
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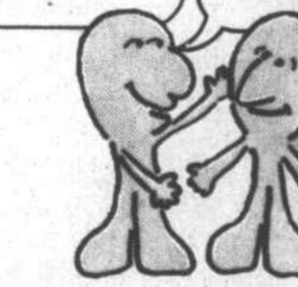
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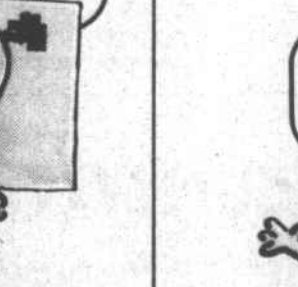
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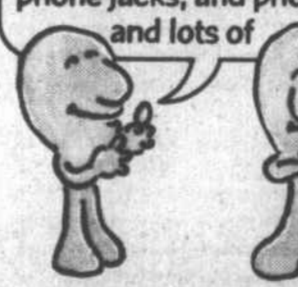
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