

## Are Statewide

What do populous Guilford and Mecklenburg counties have in common with sparsely populated Tyrrell and Swain counties?

A shortage of doctors to serve rural people, according to a statewide survey.

Rural development panels in 93 counties took part in the survey, which indicates that North Carolina's biggest rural health problem is a shortage of medical

power shortage doesn't seem to be as acute," Hamilton added. "The need for more dentists seems to be especially prevalent in the mountains."

The survey was conducted by a task force on rural health established by the N. C. Rural Development Committee, which is composed of 16 state organizations that work with rural people. About half of North Carolina's five million people are classified as rural.

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## In Earnings

GREENVILLE. — The Liberty corporation today announced net earnings of \$10.9 million, equal to \$1.35 per share for the first nine months of 1973. This reflects a \$1.5 per cent increase over net earnings of \$9.4 million or \$1.33 per share reported last year.

Gross revenues for the period were \$88.7 million, compared with \$84.7 million recorded during the first nine months of 1972.

Liberty Life Insurance company, the major subsidiary, continued to experience record sales of insurance. A net gain of insurance in force of \$353.4 million was reported a 58.5 per cent increase over the net gain of \$233.0 million reported for the same period last year.

Cosmos Broadcasting corporation reported a 19.2 per cent increase in net earnings as compared to the same period last year. Earnings of W4SU-TV, purchased in January 1973, are included. Advertising revenue from local sales—a strong indicator of market strength—continued to increase while national and spot advertising declined slightly.

On July 31, the Liberty corporation announced that it had purchased more than 96 per cent of the guaranty common stock of Greater Arizona Savings and Loan association for \$13.5 million cash. The new subsidiary operates 12 savings and loan offices. This operation showed a profit for the two months ending

September 30, 1973. Liberty's net earnings for the third quarter results for 1972. Gross revenues rose from \$30.6 million to \$31.2 million.

All Liberty results are calculated on the basis of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and results for 1972 are restated to conform.

## Hoyle Senior At AF Academy

U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.—Cadet Joseph C. Hoyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hoyle, Rt. 2, Kings Mountain, N. C., is among the 824 cadets who have entered their senior year at the U. S. Air Force academy.

Cadet Hoyle will serve as a squadron training officer in his unit. He was selected for the position because of his leadership abilities and effectiveness ratings.

This past summer, he was among 16 selected academy cadets who served as squadron commander assistants, instructors and counselors in the Air Training Command basic military training program at Lackland AFB, Tex. The cadet remained with an entering group of Air Force recruits throughout their six weeks of training.

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Manuscripts should be typed, double spaced, one side of 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. The author's name title must be enclosed in a small script.

Author's name, address, telephone number, and manuscript title must be enclosed in a small, sealed envelope attached to the manuscript. A self-addressed stamped envelope should be included for return of manuscript.

Limited to one entry, contestants must send three copies of an original, unpublished story, 500 to 2,000 words, to Ms. Brenda Lawlor, 3814 Conway Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28209, by November 28, 1973. Entries received after November 28 will be disqualified. Non-members of Charlotte Writer's club must enclose a \$1.00 entry fee.

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