

## Big job creator

The biggest creator of new jobs in this country is not the large industry that employs thousands. Nor is it the mom-and-pop store--although 80 percent of the nation's businesses employ 10 people or less, and most of them would fall into this traditional American category.

Most of the new jobs in

this country are created by small firms with less than 100 workers, the U. S. Small Business Administration says. And these firms often are engaged in some kind of high-technology enterprise.

This type of firm, together with the mom-and-pop stores and the millions of other small

business around the country, illustrates why "small business is everybody's business"--the theme of 1980 Small Business Week, which begins May 11th.

Jobs are added to the economy, the SBA points out, as small firms create new processes and produce new markets through innovations. Small businesses have accounted for half of all American innovation in this century, and innovation accounts for between 40 and 50 percent of all economic growth in this country.

From 1968 to 1976, the nation's 1,000 largest corporations created 75,000 new jobs. The nation's small businesses created 6 million.

Such innovation and job creation is unmatched by large corporations because the very same caution that enables a large corporation to manufacture its products efficiently tends to make the big concern resistant to new products and risks.

The significance and contributions of small business are gaining increasing attention in Washington, and at every level of government. In the decade of the 80s, we may expect major efforts to reform tax laws, lessen the burden of regulation, and boost the availability of investment capital so that small business can expand its role as the single greatest source of innovation and new jobs in our nation's economy.

## Driver's handbooks sent to libraries

RALEIGH--Tar Heel motorist soon will be able to obtain copies of the North Carolina driver's handbook at over 1100 libraries across the state.

The books are provided free of charge for motorists preparing for driver's license tests.

Elbert L. Peters Jr., commissioner of motor vehicles, said six copies of the handbook were mailed last week to public, technical college, specialized, senior high school, state government, university and college libraries.

"This distribution will insure that the handbooks will be available in most cases to the state's motorists," Peters said. "We feel it is another step in our efforts to improve the level of service we provide to North Carolina drivers."

The North Carolina Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicles Division has suggested that the libraries hold one copy in the reference section, retain one copy in the documents section and circulate the remainder.

Handbooks will continue to be available at the 110 driver's license examining stations throughout the state. The books are loaned to applicants prior to the test by examiners. They are to be returned at the time of testing to the examining station.



Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Elbert L. Peters Jr., left, presents a copy of the state driver's handbook to William O'Shea, president of the North Carolina Library Association. The North Carolina Department of Transportation

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## Choose Asparagus With These Traits

Spring brings the arrival of asparagus into the produce section of the grocery store.

Here are some tips from specialists with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service to help you get the best asparagus for your money.

Look for straight, fresh-looking asparagus stalks that are bright green, unstreaked by white markings and have compact, pointed tips.

Avoid those with tips that

are opened and spread out. Nicely rounded stalks are superior to flat ones, which can be tough and stringy, they add.

When you get asparagus home from the store, cut off an inch or so of the stem, wrap the bases in a damp paper towel and store in the coldest part of the refrigerator in a plastic bag. Asparagus will keep for several days, but is best when eaten as soon as possible after picking.



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