



THE GRAY SAYS

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HOOTS
ALL ABOUT AUTOS — The Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association has compiled a wealth of information about motor vehicles and their use in a statistical publication which they sent to libraries. The 96 pages of Motor Vehicle Facts and Figures '77 are crammed with fascinating bits of data.

To begin with, the overview presents these interesting and somewhat surprising facts:

The necessity of the automobile to today's lifestyle is reflected in the nearly 10 per cent of personal income individuals expand for ownership and use of cars. The chart shows that, nationwide, 23.4 per cent is spent for housing and household operations, 18 per cent for food and tobacco, 13.5 per cent for taxes and 10.9 per cent for medical and personal business. Next comes 9.5 per cent for automobiles - ahead of 7.7 per cent for clothing and 6.7 per cent for Savings with all other expenditures accounted for in the other 10.3 per cent.

Surprisingly, the figures on the use of trucks show that the largest proportion of them (41.2 per cent) are used for personal transportation with agriculture accounting for the next largest usage (21.6 per cent).

The truckers' emphasis on the high percentage of their road tax is borne out by the figures in this 1977 factbook. "Trucks are one-fifth of the total vehicles in the United States and pay more than a third of all Federal and State highway-user taxes."

Some of the optional features, which were once considered extras on motor vehicles have become almost universal in the 1976 models. Automatic transmissions were installed on 9 out of 10 passenger cars sold and in two-thirds of the trucks. Power steering was included in 90 per cent of them and power brakes in 80 per cent. Even more surprisingly, three-fourths of the cars contained air-conditioning.

North Carolina has almost 3½ million of the nation's 134 million drivers. Nationwide the ratio of female to male drivers is 45.8 to 54.2, but our state has an even higher percentage of female drivers: 46.9 to 53.1.

The national system of interstate and defense highways is 90 per cent completed with 1979 as the targeted completion date. More than 38,000 miles of the national system are in use. But there are 3.8 million miles of roads and streets in the United States, over 81 per cent of which are paved. Tax revenue from motor vehicles is an important source of state funds. In

North Carolina, almost 395 million dollars was collected in 1976 from motor vehicle users for the state and another 152 million in federal taxes.

SCREECHES
CARS VS PEOPLE — With a population of approximately 5 million people, North Carolina has a total of almost 4 million motor vehicles registered. The United States had a total of 106 million motor vehicles in 1975. The World motor vehicle population was close to 328 million in 1975.

North and Central America, with 11 per cent of the world's population, owned 45 per cent of the vehicles. In the United States this translates into 1.6 people per vehicle and 2.0 people per car. With one car for every two Americans, we could place every man, woman and child in cars and never have to use the back seats! By contrast, in China there are 21,621 people for every car.

Car-to-truck ratios around the world also show some startling differences. In the U.S. there are four cars for every truck. But in the two largest Communist countries, the U.S.S.R. and China, trucks outnumber cars. In China, trucks outnumber cars by 18 to 1.

There are many, many more facts about cars in this colorful book, well illustrated with bar-graphs and pie-charts. Ask for it at the library nearest to you (Shepard Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, Perquimans County Library in Hertford, Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia, or Washington County Library in Plymouth) if you care to pursue the subject.

Area Agency Is Assisting With Survey

The Area Agency on Aging (Albemarle Aging Unit) is assisting with the distribution of Gov. Jim Hunt's "N.C. Tomorrow" questionnaire survey.

During the period August 15-September 30, people throughout the entire state of North Carolina will be asked to voice their opinions regarding present and projected programs conducted by state government. The Area Agency is supportive of this activity and urges all residents of Region "R" to send their opinions to Gov. Hunt via the special questionnaire to be provided.

Information and referral coordinators from the Area Agency will distribute questionnaires throughout the various areas of Region "R"



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