

Alternative Schools Under Deadline

RALEIGH — "With the help of local communities and the enthusiastic cooperation of county commissioners, our Community Based Alternatives Program is meeting the July deadline for developing alternative programs for this state's status offenders," said Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources.

Included in the program is an Alternative School operated by Edenton-Chowan Schools. It is headed by Mrs. Clara Boswell and is located in Swain Elementary School. Three years ago, the N.C. General Assembly passed a law requiring that status offenders — young people charged with crimes that an adult would not be charged with such as truancy or running away from home — be placed in community based alternatives programs rather than

placed in one of the state's five training schools.

"An initial lack of funding prohibited us from developing the necessary community resources to meet the needs of these young people, and the 1977 General Assembly extended the date for the implementation of the program for one year," continued Dr. Morrow.

"They also appropriated \$1-million to provide counties with financial assistance to establish these programs. For the past year, our Community Based Alternatives Program has been working very hard with local communities to help them develop programs for our status offenders," she stated. Their accomplishments include:

96 counties are participating in community based alternatives programs and Gaston County will be on board in

the next fiscal year; 92 Interagency Task Forces have been appointed within the counties. These groups, for the most part, advise county commissioners on the needs of the community and help set priorities;

88 counties are currently receiving funds and 134 program agreements have been approved;

Within the first 12 months of operation, approximately 9,000 youths will have been served by these approved programs;

38 school related programs serve 5,123 youths. The programs range from in-school suspension to sending them to separate school facilities;

13 emergency shelter care programs serve 1,050. These programs are alternatives to jail or detention;

37 residential placement programs serve 588. These are special foster care or group homes;

46 other non-residential programs serve 2,178. There are 10 volunteer programs; 4 adventure camping programs; 6 National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM) programs; 5 recreation programs; and 18 counseling and referral programs;

More than 87 per cent of the \$1-million in aid to counties appropriated by the General Assembly has been committed.

On an average, approximately 1,000 of this state's young people are committed to training schools every year. The Division of Youth Services estimates that about 25 per cent of these students are there for status offenses.



VISIT MARINE RESOURCES CENTER — White Oak Elementary School second graders are seen at the "touch, see and feel" table at the Marine Resources Center in Manteo. They were able to observe other sea animals in large aquariums which thrilled all the students, as one said: "I felt like I was under water watching them."

Peanut Trade Increases

Southeastern Section — Demand for Southeastern grown peanuts was fairly good during the week ending May 25. Trading was moderate at slightly higher prices. Several shipments were delayed by a shortage of available trucks. Planting neared completion in Georgia and was about 3/4 complete in Alabama. Stands were in fair to good condition. Prices paid per pound for Southeastern Runner Type peanuts sold on an FOB shipping point basis were for old crop, May-June shipment Jumbo 38 1/2 to 39 cents; Medium 35; U.S. Splits 35; New Crop Sept-Dec shipment Jumbo 36 to 36 1/4; Medium 34 1/2 to 34 3/4; and U.S. Splits 32 to 32 1/2.

Virginia-North Carolina Section — Demand for Virginia and North Carolina grown peanuts was fairly good during the week ending May 25. Trading was moderate as prices remained about unchanged. Shipments were delayed by a shortage of available trucks. Warm weather finally arrived and farmers made the most of it. By weeks end an estimated 75 to 80 per cent of the crop had been planted. Prices paid per pound for Virginia type peanuts sold on an FOB shipping basis were for Old Crop May-June shipment Unshelled Jumbo 41 1/2 cents; Fancy 40; Shelled Number One 33 1/2 to 34; Number Two with 70 per cent Splits 33 1/2 to 34; U.S. Splits 35; New Crop Oct-Dec

shipment unshelled Jumbo 37 1/2 Fancy 34 1/2 to 35; Shelled number two with 70 per cent Splits 29. Sales of other grades were too few to quote.

Southwestern Section — Demand for Southwestern grown peanuts was fairly good during the week ending May 25. Trading was slow due to limited offerings. Prices were unchanged. Planting was almost complete in Southern Texas; less than one-third complete in Central Texas. Planting in Oklahoma was active. No rainfall was received in Texas since May 21. Growers used irrigation before planting wherever possible. New Mexico Valencia planting was in full swing with good progress reported. Prices paid per pound for Southwestern grown peanuts were for Old Crop prompt shipment shelled Spanish Type Number One 43 to 43 1/2 cents; U.S. Splits 35; Runner Type U.S. Splits 35; Unshelled Valencias hand-picked 36; New Crop Oct-Dec shipment shelled Spanish Type Jumbo 39 1/4 to 39 1/2; Number One 38 1/2. Sales of other grades were too few to quote.

Gov. Hunt Speaks For Roads

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Hunt told a news briefing here that, "I want to make it clear that the Department of Transportation and the governor are prepared to do whatever it takes to get these roads back into shape and make them passable again."

"Travelling around the state recently, I have had an opportunity to observe the extent of the winter damage to our roads and highways. The first priority of our highway program must be to make our roads passable. I have discussed this matter with Sec. of Transportation Tom Bradshaw, and we will immediately begin making more money available for much-needed road repairs."

"Nobody knows exactly how much work needs to be done or how much it will cost, but we have the flexibility to provide whatever is needed, by

transferring construction money to this purpose and by tapping our maintenance reserves.

"We will use \$5.3-million from our maintenance reserves for this purpose. The Board of Transportation has already approved this expenditure."

"In addition, as Director of the Budget, I can transfer up to 10 per cent from our construction appropriations to repair and maintenance. That would amount to \$10.7-million."

"If more money is needed, and it probably will be, it can be transferred from construction, with the approval of this Advisory Budget Commission. We are prepared to do that."

"I should also point out that other money has been made available to help with this problem. Earlier this year, the Department of Transportation made the

first allocation, of \$30-million, from our highway bond money for secondary roads. Much of that money will go for strengthening and to put roads in all-weather condition."

"In addition, after July 1, another allocation of \$24-million is scheduled for secondary roads from the state's gasoline tax revenues. This, too, will help with these needed improvements."

Bradshaw, who participated in the news briefing with the governor, emphasized that "...now, with continued good weather, after a long rainy season, our field forces are now making noticeable restoration efforts throughout our state-wide highway system."

He added that, "Our Board of Transportation members and I have been in continuing close contact with the governor, and are pleased to have his full support, in this crucial matter of highway conditions and plans for restoring our highway system."

Rights For Handicapped

Citizens of Chowan County will have an opportunity to learn more about the rights of handicapped persons at a workshop June 2-3 at the Holiday Inn in New Bern. "The purpose of the workshop is to bring professionals and consumers together to share information on how to make the law work for the handicapped," said Marian Grant, chairperson of the Advocacy Council for the Mentally Ill and Developmentally Disabled, which is sponsoring a series of such workshops in June. "Special attention will be given to educational rights of han-

dicapped children and youth."

Topics to be discussed at the workshop include legal rights and citizen involvement, right-to-education legislation, due process rights and problem solving.

Workshop sessions will be led by representatives from the following agencies: Advocacy Council for the Mentally Ill and Developmentally Disabled, Developmental Disabilities Training Institute, N.C. Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the N.C. Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

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Joyner Killed In Crash

ELIZABETH CITY — Funeral services were held May 23 at Corinth Baptist Church, Farmville, Va., for Millard Gordon Joyner, 32, 6D Forest Park. Rev. Robert Poole and Rev. George H. Cooke officiated. Burial followed in Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church Cemetery at Tyner. Mr. Joyner died Sunday afternoon as a result of an auto accident.

A native of Virginia, he was the son of Willie Gordon and Jane Morris Joyner, Route 1, Tyner; and the husband of Brenda Hollowell Joyner.

In addition to his parents and wife, surviving are two sons: Stacey Gordon Joyner and Jason Edward Joyner, both of the home.

Mr. Joyner was a member of Corinth Baptist Church, and Masonic Lodge No. 41, AF & AM, and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was employed as a television technician with Sears-

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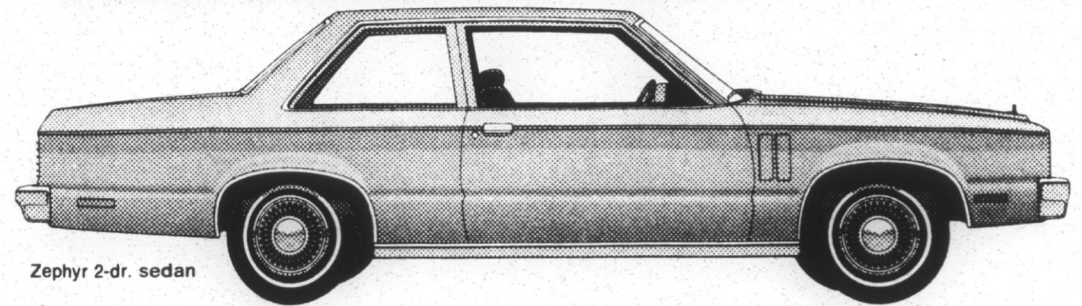


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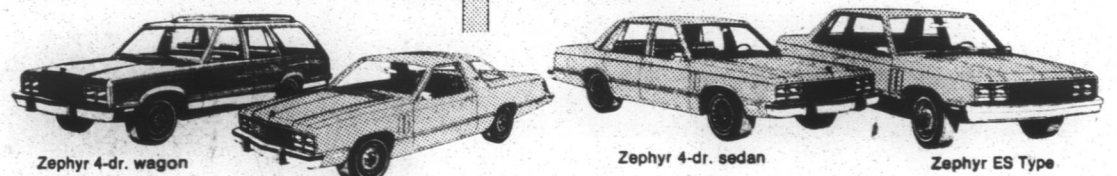
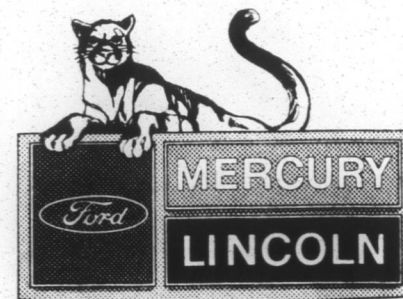


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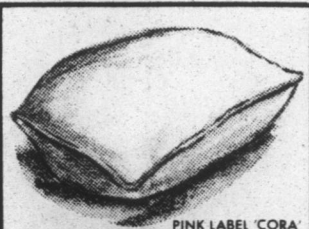
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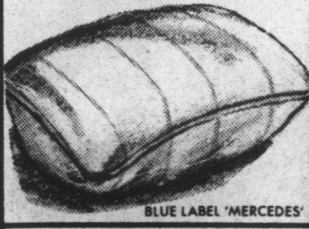
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