

## Increase Proposed

RALEIGH — The N. C. Rate Bureau has proposed an average increase of 10 per cent in the overall rate level for personal car insurance.

The bureau proposed January 1, 1982, as the effective date for the new rates which are subject to approval by the state insurance commissioner.

Personal automobile insurance rate increases are restricted by law to a percentage that is governed by increases in the U. S. Consumer Price Index.

The bureau's filing will apply to all policies written voluntarily and the statutorily defined "clean risks" placed in the N. C. Reinsurance Facility. The facility filed new rates which will average 25.8 per cent higher than current rates. These are not subject to the statutory cap and can be charged to all facility policies except "clean risks" as defined by statute.

Statistical data on paid claims, other expenses and trends indicated the need for an overall average increase of 18 per cent, said Thomas S. Carpenter, chairman of the rate bureau.

The bureau requested an average 3.4 per cent increase in the rate level for auto liability insurance and an average 19.7 per cent increase in the rate level for the collision and comprehensive insurance coverages.

"In the four years a statutory cap has been in effect, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has risen 50 per cent while personal auto insurance rates have been kept by law to an increase of 26 per cent," said Carpenter, who is general manager of Aetna Life & Casualty.

"Medical care, car repairs and maintenance, as measured by the CPI, have climbed 44 per cent each during the same period," he continued. "The CPI car repair and maintenance index actually understates the increase in the kind of repairs that are involved in

insurance claims. Crash repair costs have climbed even more, but the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics doesn't measure those costs."

"Even with inflation moderating, by the time our rates can be implemented all of these indexes will have increased several additional percentage points," he said.

All companies selling personal auto insurance in North Carolina are required by law to be members of the N. C. Rate Bureau and to provide the operating data from which the bureau formulates standard rates for use by all companies.

## Apostles' Lives To Be Studied

The Last Supper by Leonardo DaVinci is one of the most inspiring paintings of all time. This Sunday at the 11 o'clock worship at First Presbyterian Church, members of the congregation, who during the Summer Sunday School taught the life and times of the 12 apostles, will give a brief statement of that Apostle they presented. The leaders will sit at the table as DaVinci depicted the Last Supper occurring.

Those participating will be Peggy Leeper with Bartholomew; Tony Dail with James the son of Alphaeus; Joe Beeler with Andrew; Peter Mitchener with Peter, Marie Pierce with Judas Iscariot; John Mitchener, III with John, Kit Varner with Thomas, H. E. Mallinson with James son of Zebedee; Eleanor Tscheiller with Philip; Sandy Mallinson with Matthew; Terry Williams with Thaddeus and John Jennings with Simon the Zealot.

At the Summer Sunday School for this Sunday Tony Dail and Sandy Mallinson will present one of the least known Apostles - James the son of Alphaeus, called the Less or minor. The class begins at 9:45 A. M. Children and adults study in the class together.



**SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM** — Shown above are some of the swimmers who participated in a summer program. The project was sponsored by the Chowan Chapter, American Red Cross and Mrs. Elizabeth Zarbock as instructor.

## Kids Complete Classes

The Chowan County Chapter, American Red Cross, has submitted records to the Division Office in Norfolk for the summer swimming classes held at the Coach House Inn pool in late July and August.

Fifty-two Edenton youngsters were enrolled in three sections of beginning swimming. Of these, 15 mastered skills to receive American Red Cross cards and patches. These 15 are Jimmy Bass, Lisa Berryman, Angelia Blackledge, Kevin Byrum, Jennifer Castelloe, Chan Collins, Jonathan Erwin, Leslie Erwin, Karen Forehand, Lisa Goodman, Raymond Layton, Peter John Mitchener, Caroline Singh, Sandra Singh, and Sarah Singh.

The swimmers who

completed beginner requirements were invited to swim for advanced Beginner. Three of these were awarded cards and patches as advanced swimmers. These were Chan Collins, Leslie Erwin and Lisa Goodman. Hopefully, next summer the program will be enlarged so that many more youngsters may be enrolled in a wider range of classes.

The American Red Cross as well as swimmers and their parents are appreciative to Mr. Patel for the use of the pool at Coach House Inn.

Any wimmer who does not have a card should pick up his/her card and/or patch at the front desk at Atlantic Credit Corp on South Broad Street office. Those who could not complete all parts

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## Letter To The Chowan Herald Editor

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Amburn:

I have just had a letter from my dear friend, Cornelia Privott (Mrs. Wood Privott, 125 Blount Street, Edenton) with the sad news of the tragic death of your twenty-year old son in a fire in July. Cornelia sent the write-up from The Chowan Herald. She also included a memorial donation for your son to our Compassionate Friends chapter, a group for bereaved parents. She of course wanted me to write to you and tell you of this remembrance. Please know that I care about your devastating loss of your beloved son, Luke. Like you, we lost our son, Sonny, at the same age in a tragic accident in 1973.

We have fond memories of Edenton. We moved there in 1954 when Sonny was a year old. My husband was stationed at the Marine Corps Base, and we lived in the smallest house at the Fish Hatchery. Our 2½ years there were marvelous ones - a highlight in a thirty year military career. We were members of the Methodist Church while Earl Richardson was minister, and I worked (along with Marginette Lassiter) with the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Our children, Carolyn and Sonny, were in Sunday School there.

We organized The Compassionate Friends here in Tuscaloosa in April, 1980, and it has been a great help to us. For those who want to share in this manner, we have found this group an enormous aid as we do our grief work. There are now 250 chapters over the U. S.; the only one I see in North Carolina from records is at Hickory (Catawba Valley Chapter, 1743 30th St., N. E.

Hickory, N. C. 28601...Mrs. Jean Blanchard (Tel. 356-8569) I'll send you a TCF brochure from our national headquarters; if you don't know about our group, possibly you would like additional information. I don't see a chapter listed at this time in Tidewater, Virginia; there are chapters

in Falls Church, Quantico, and Tazewell; there is a Washington, D. C. chapter.

Please know that my husband and I care about your great loss of your son and about suffering that it brings. I'm sure you feel as we do the gratitude of his life for twenty years and all the memories that those

years bring. One line from William Faulkner always come to mind:

"Between grief or nothing, I will take grief." Certainly we can share in the knowledge that the twenty years were worth whatever pain that entails.

Warm regards,  
Helen Robinson  
(Mrs. Doyton, Jr.)

## DOT Workshops Are Slated

RALEIGH — The 9th annual series of Traffic Records Workshops, sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will begin September 15 in Asheville at the Great Smokies Hilton.

The workshops are designed primarily for those law enforcement agencies involved with traffic records.

Topics to be discussed this year include the recently passed Restraint Law which is mandatory and will become effective July 1, 1982. This discussion will

include types of approved child restraints, enforcement and education of the new law.

During the one-day workshop, officers will also hear about financial responsibility, changes in laws that pertain to motorists, the effects of liquor-by-the-drink, and how the Division of Motor Vehicles uses traffic records to increase safety on our highways.

In the past nine years, over 1000 officers from across the state have taken advantage of the schools.

Funding for the workshops comes from

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## New Organist Being Sought

Mrs. Robert Harrell has been organist at First Presbyterian Church, Edenton for the last 2½ years.

She will be leaving her work here to join her husband at the Bandon Chapel where he is the Pastor. At the Worship this Sunday, Mrs. Harrell will receive special appreciation from the congregation.

John Mitchener, III, heads a committee who is seeking a new organist.

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