

Juveniles Get A Break

RALEIGH — A new law enacted by the General Assembly will reduce North Carolina's reliance on jails as an alternative to youthful offenders. Effective July 1, 1983, no juvenile can be legally detained in any jail in the state.

The Division of Youth Services of the N.C. Department of Human Resources has scheduled public hearings across the state to give interested persons an opportunity to voice their views on what alternatives to jails the state should provide for juvenile offenders.

According to W. Robert Atkinson, assistant director for Institutional Services, under present law, certain specially approved sections of some local jails are being used for the confinement of arrested juveniles. He said that during fiscal year 1980-81, over 1,400 youths were jailed in North Carolina.

"At the request of Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, a Detention Study Committee was appointed," Atkinson said. "It has been meeting since last December to develop plans and strategies aimed at ensuring the successful implementation of the new law. The committee has developed a set of tentative recommendations.

"Through the public hearings the committee intends to generate a constructive dialogue on this important issue that will lead to some workable final recommendations that will be presented to the Department of Human Resources."

Persons wishing to respond in writing to the committee's recommendations or who would like to be placed on the agenda for either of the public hearings are urged to contact W. Robert Atkinson, 401 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, N.C. 27603, 919 - 733 - 3011. There will also be an opportunity to be added to the agends on the day of each hearing. Remarks should be limited to three to five minutes in length.

Vepco Share Earnings Set

Virginia Electric and Power Company has announced earnings of 55.9 cents per share of common stock for the first quarter of 1982, an increase of 15.7 cents per share or 39.1 per cent compared to the first quarter of 1981. Earnings for the 12 months ending March 31, 1982, increased 3 cents per share to \$1.93 compared to the same period during 1091

T. Justin Moore Jr., chairman of the board of directors, announced the earnings results at Vepco's 73rd annual meeting of stockholders.

"Last year at this time I announced a new policy of considering dividend increases in the latter hold of the year," Moore said. "We did what we said we would and on October 16, 1981, the board of directors raided the annual dividend for common stock from \$1.40 per share to \$1.50.

"Again this year our policy will be to consider dividend increases in the latter part of the year. And again this year we hope and expect, barring unforeseen adversity, to increase the dividend before year's end."

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Total assets on March 31, 1982, were \$426,156,000 compared to \$411,619,000 on the same date in 1981. Total loans (net of unearned income) for the period ended March 31, 1982, were \$252,418,000 compared to \$246,518,000 for the same period in 1981. Total deposits were \$359,466,000 on March 31, 1982, compared to \$355,078,000 on March 31,

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