

DUI Serious Problem

RALEIGH — N. C. Sec. of Human Resources Dr. Sarah T. Morrow claims that driving under the influence of alcohol is one of the most difficult public health problems facing our state and nation today. "Unfortunately there isn't an immunization against drinking drivers. There are also far more victims of this health problem in any given year than of contagious disease."

Dr. Morrow's remarks were made in a speech Saturday, at the Highway Safety Conference at Quail Roost Conference Center in Durham. The event was sponsored by the N. C. Medical Society, the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Division of Health Services.

Dr. Morrow told those in attendance that there is a high cost for our society in terms of Human lives, property and dollars. Motor vehicle accidents are the fifth leading cause of death in the nation. The most recent studies indicate that alcohol is involved in 50 per cent of all highway fatalities, and in two-thirds of all one-car accidents. A fact even more significant is that in the 15 - 24 age group, the number one cause of death is motor vehicle accidents involving drinking drivers.

Dr. Morrow emphasized that even though many steps need to be taken to reduce the DUI problem, she feels more public education about the risks when driving while drinking is one of the most vital - especially for young people.

She added that during the first two years the Department of Human Resources conducted DUI schools across North Carolina, of the 69,085 people referred to the schools for DUI arrests, over 20 per cent were between the ages of 16 and 20.

"Because of the very high number of young people involved in the DUI problem, I feel strongly that our state should mandate that every person taking driver's education have at least five hours of instruction on the effects of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs," Dr. Morrow said. "It is critical that our young drivers, particularly, have enough information to behave responsibly. Habits that are established early tend to be lifetime habits."

She added that there is a need for an active follow-up of the 11 per cent of those referred to DUI schools who do not complete the course. "DUI Schools are targeted to be early intervention programs. Specifically, they are designed to serve the first

offense convictions. We need, however, to design a system which also affects those who have been convicted of a second offense of drunk driving or who've been caught with a blood alcohol level of .20 or more. These individuals often have an alcohol problem, and need to be referred to a local alcohol treatment facility such as the local mental health center," Dr. Morrow told the group.

She also feels that insurance companies should do a better job of informing the public about the very high financial penalties for DUI. She gave an example of a 17-year old male living in Raleigh who drives his father's 1981 Chevrolet Impala. With a clean record, his car insurance was \$484 a year. After one DUI conviction, his car insurance jumped to \$1,555 a year. "Basically one count of driving under the influence increases automobile insurance by 467 per cent," she added.

Homemakers Week Declared

WHEREAS, North Carolina is indebted to members of the North Carolina Extension Homemakers Association, Inc., whose outstanding contributions to the development of homes and vitality and whose skills and leadership continue to expand its greatness; and

WHEREAS, Extension Homemakers continue their active involvement in communities across the state by seeking to identify the needs of families to marshal the available resources, and encourage family and community participation to achieve a richer quality of living; and

WHEREAS, observance of National Extension Homemakers Week is a nationwide tribute to homemakers and the support they offer to individuals and families, it is fitting that North Carolinians recognize these women for their contributions to the well-being and progress of our state and our citizens; now

THEREFORE, I, James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2 - 8, 1982, as

EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS WEEK

in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.

By the Governor:
James B. Hunt, Jr.

Trustees Attend Conference

Trustees of Chowan Hospital heard about "Trustees' Responsibilities and Liabilities" this past weekend at a conference in Pinehurst, N.C.

Jess Harrell, Bill Whichard, Jimmy Hare, Pete Thompson, Harry Lee Winslow, Emily Byrum, Daisy Bembry, Byron Kehayes, and Lester Simpson, Hospital Trustees, and Marvin A. Bryan, Hospital Director, attended the conference. CHHS, which has managed Chowan Hospital, under the authority of the Board, since July 1977, was the sponsor of the conference.

Speaking to the group were Eric W. Springer, an attorney nationally known as a lecturer and writer in the field of health and hospital law; David G.

Rep. James Files For Re-Election

Representative Vernon James has filed for re-election to the North Carolina General Assembly. Representative James has served in the State House position for ten years and feels that he can continue serving the people of North Carolina and especially the 1st District by virtue of his experience and the seniority he has attained. Seniority is very effective in getting important legislation passed and James ranks 5th in seniority among 120 representatives.

James has been outstanding in his leadership and especially in regard to agricultural matters. He is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee which has 31 members and is the third largest committee in the House of Representatives. He is a member of the House Appropriations Committee. He is chairman of the Farm Operations Commission. He serves as vice-chairman of the Agricultural and Rural Development Committee for the Conference of Southern Legislators and on their Transportation Committee. The Southern Legislative Conference covers 16 southeastern states and is a division of the National Conference of State Legislators.

Representative James has served the people of the 1st District in a selfless and untiring manner and pledges to continue to work diligently to afford them the best representation possible.

The first opera was Daffoe, with libretto by Ottavio Rinuccini and music by Jacopo Peri. It was originally performed at the Palazzo Corsi in Florence early in 1597, although the exact date is unknown.

Warren, professor of health administration at Duke University; and Richard P. Moses, a trustee of the Tuomey Hospital in Sumter, S.C., who is also active in hospital trustee activities on the state and national levels.

This conference is sponsored annually by CHHS to assist governing board members of CHHS-managed hospitals in their continuing education.

CHHS, with corporate headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., provides services to some 300 hospitals in the Southeast, including management for 22 health care facilities.

Reconstruction Plans Are Made

CHIMNEY ROCK, N.C. — In the ordinary winter quiet of this small mountain resort area just 25 miles southeast of Asheville, a lot of activity was stirring at Chimney Rock Park, the 1000 acre scenic attraction located here. Ever since the Park's Sky Lounge, the gift shop and snack bar atop the 26-story elevator to Chimney Rock was destroyed by fire last Labor Day weekend, plans were being made for its reconstruction. Since the Lounge, originally built in 1949, was located on a cliff 258 feet above the parking area below, everyone knew this would be no easy task. Lucius B. Morese, III, president and owner of Chimney Rock Park, gave Jan Wiegman, an Asheville architect, and his firm the challenging assignment of designing a new Lounge in keeping with the spectacular natural beauty of Hickory Nut George.

As soon as the elevator was operating, and a thorough clean-up and investigation of the slab was completed, Price-Ray Constructors of Asheville went to work on the design plans. They prepared the concrete slab, and built the rough sewn pine trusses that would eventually become the frame of the building.

Since the 30 person elevator or hiking trails around Chimney Rock, the giant observation monolith whereby the Park gets its name, are the only access to the small concrete slab where the Lounge was located, the services of St. Louis Helicopter Airways were commissioned to airlift the 40-50 tons of major building materials which included setting 9 individual trusses in place, each weighing 1800-2000 lbs., so that they could be secured by the constructors. Approximately 41 trips were made to complete this unique 7 hour project which gave the building its structural shape.

As the construction proceeds, the Park is open for hiking and picnicing. All trails are open, weather permitting, to Chimney Rock and Hickory Nut Falls, one of the highest falls in eastern America.

All other facilities in the Park are also being upgraded to better accommodate the additional influx of tourists expected to visit the area this summer due to the nearby World's Fair.

Completion of the Sky Lounge is scheduled for the middle of May.

Chimney Rock Park is located on U.S. 64-74 at Chimney Rock, N.C.

Bandon Notebook

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out, enjoy the good food and fellowship and listen to an interesting speaker.

Bandon's Board of Deacons will meet at 9:30 A.M. Saturday in Fellowship Hall. It is requested that all Deacons make a special effort to be present.

The POA's New Board will hold its monthly meeting Saturday in the Arrowhead Beach Clubhouse at 1 P.M. All property owners are invited to see the new Board in action and to offer constructive suggestions.



SAVE THE LIGHTHOUSE WEEK — Jerry Boucher, manager of Winn - Dixie in Edenton, makes his contributions to Save the Lighthouse by buying a bumper sticker from Lisa Goodman, who is selling them through Swain Elementary. Between them is a replica of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in Winn - Dixie, built from light bulbs with a blinking light on top. This week (May 1 - 7) is Save the Lighthouse Week, so make your contribution.

Mother's Day Service Set

"Aquila and Priscilla, a dynamic duo," will be the sermon this Sunday at First Presbyterian Church on Mother's Day or Christian Family Day. Worship is at 11 A.M. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 A.M. Nursery is available during worship following the

children's sermon.

Priscilla and Aquila were a married couple that helped Paul in his missionary journey's. They were religious, opened their home to strangers, traveled and worked together in their industry.



Approximately 69 percent of Americans read a newspaper at least once a day.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
A very unique opportunity is available to people across the United States who have suffered a heart attack. The Hyperlipidemia - Atherosclerosis Study is a nationwide investigation which aims to answer definitively one of the most compelling issues in medicine today, "Will the reduction of serum cholesterol retard or reverse the atherosclerotic process that causes heart attacks?"

We need you to help in our recruitment of possible participants by printing the enclosed press release again. With heart disease, America's number 1 killer, causing more than 750,000 deaths each year, this is indeed a subject concerning your readers.

Eligibility criteria for the study are stringent, making patient recruitment a massive task. It is an effort that needs constant exposure in the media. By printing our release, you have the means to make an invaluable contribution to the task at hand. As a federally funded program a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health) our support comes from tax dollars and therefore the public must have the opportunity to learn about this project. It is an important happening in heart research today.

The study covers traveling and lodging costs for both the participant and an interested family member. Patients learn significant information about their conditions, even by just coming in for the three day, out-patient screening (which does not obligate them to participate in the study).

Recruitment will continue until May of 1983. With time at a premium as we near the end of this phase of the study, we need to make our program available to as many eligible persons as

possible. Your help at this point is more valuable than ever.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (215) 645-3340. We hope you will allow us this opportunity to inform your readership of this vital work. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Janet H. Axelrod,
Media Representative

Bass Size Limit Increased

The Minimum-size limit for striped bass (rockfish) caught in inland fishing waters has increased from 12 inches to 16 inches. This will protect spawning stripers by allowing juvenile fish to spawn at least once before they may be kept.

Inland fishing waters are all inland waters except private ponds; and all waters connecting with or tributary to coastal sounds or the ocean extending inland from the dividing line between coastal fishing waters and inland fishing waters agreed upon by the Marine Fisheries Commission and the Wildlife Resources Commission are inland fishing waters. The regulation and licensing of fishing inland fishing waters is under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Regulations and laws administered by the Wildlife Resources Commission regarding fishing in inland fishing waters are enforced by wildlife enforcement officers. This regulation change does not apply to waters classified as joint or coastal.

For additional information, if needed, call the toll free number 1-800-662-7137.

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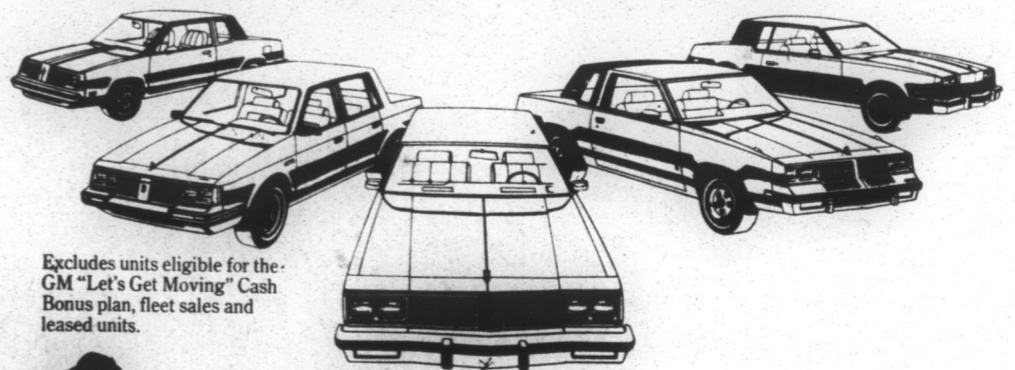
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