

point of view

BY BILL NIXON

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Having your child properly restrained while a passenger in your vehicle is not only the safest way to ride, it is now the law.

Effective January 1, both North Carolina and Virginia, and 18 other states plus the District of Columbia instituted laws making child restraints in vehicles mandatory.

At only 30 mph, a crash will cause an unsecured 20-pound child to become a 600-pound missile. If being held in a passenger's arm, chances are the child will be crushed between the adult and the car's padded dashboards offer little protection from crashes at moderate speeds.

While the restraint law has Carolina since July, no fines will be imposed for two years. In Virginia, the fine for violating the law is \$25, but enforcement of the law will be difficult because of a variety of exceptions to the law. Virginia's law requires only parents or guardians to restrain children, while North Carolina only requires the acrestrain their children. North sure, ma'am?" Carolina law also applies to children 2 years and younger, while in Virginia a child under under 40 pounds must be restrained. Vehicles not vehicles registeres out-ofstate are exempt in both

enforcement can be expected. that most drivers are in compliance with the law.

with the easy availability of voirsel acceptable restraints, for the barechildren, there is no reason lately? why they should continue to die because of a lack of proper equipment or care. For with the story of the insurance Security office at 3 months those parents who feel they salesman who was having a before you plan to retire. The can't afford restraints, there problem selling a policy to a telephone number is 338-2161.

sidering furnishing the equip- should die?" ment to low income parents

without the proper equip- while I'm alive." ment. If an individual can afford to own and operate a vehicle, he or she can afford a car seat. Proper restraint of children doesn't just make sense anymore, it's also the law. We hope it is enforced.

Here's a story you'll enjoy. When I was a small child my grandfather often took me with him on Saturdays to do the weekly shopping. On one of these outings, we walked by dashboard. Even today's a house with a fenced-in yard. The fence was covered with the most beautiful roses I had ever seen. I stopped to gaze at them and smell their glorious been been in force in North scent. Wonderstruck, I

> Then a voice came floating dear. Pick any one you like."

ever seen!"

I glanced first at my grandtual parents of the child to on the front porch. "Are you begins to get payments before

I quickly chose a full red rose. Thanking her, I told her depends on the actual number how lovely her whole yard of months before the 65th 4 years of age or weighing was and turned to go. She spoke again. "I grow the flowers for others to enjoy. I designed for seat belts or can't see them, you know. I'm 20 per cent reduction; age 63,

I was stunned. I knew this generous woman was special While actual enforcement even then. Later I realized of the law may prove to be dif- she had given me much more about the same amount of ficult, officials indicate rigid than a rose. To this day I try total benefits over the course to live her example—to give Police officials also report something to others so that they might be happy, delayed; however, the regardless of what you ty of yourself get from it.

e you given any roses

are programs offered by local farmer. "Look at it this way," social service to lend he said finally, "How would restraints. Virginia is con- your wife carry on if you

To which the farmer Even without assistance, no replied; "Well, I don't reckon clear thinking adult should at- that's any concern of mine tempt to transport a child so long as she behaves herself

Card Of Thanks

St. Anne's Catholic Church would like to express appreciation and gratitude to all who participated in the Carribean Cruise Raffle for the Church Restoration Fund.

Ms. Jean Donovan of St. Francis Parrish, Raleigh, N.C. was the winner.

The Social Security Report

Lee E. Wallio

A person who has worked declared my amazement. long enough in Social "Grandpa, aren't they the Security-covered employmost beautiful flowers you've ment may choose to retire as early as age 62.

However, early retirement out from the front porch of the means that the amount of the house. "You may have one, monthly checks will be permanently reduced.

Payments amounts are also father who nodded, then back reduced for a wife, husband, to an elderly woman rocking widow, or widower who age 65.

The amount of reduction birthday that the individual starts receiving checks.

Retirement at age 62 nets a at 13 per cent reduction; age 64, a 7 per cent reduction.

The average person who chooses to retire early will get of the years as he would receive if retirement were amount of each check will be smaller since they will be received over a longer period of time.

If you're thinking about In closing, I'll leave you retiring, call the Social

Artists, John A. Ruthven, Designs Ohio's First Duck Stamp

CHICAGO-Mallard, black tist, John A. Ruthven, whose organization. duck and teal are among the recent \$106,000 donation to numerous species of North Ducks Unlimited, Inc., will be

brush of renowned wildlife ar- national

Georgetown,

tist of the year in 1972. "I've A native Ohioan residing in painted wildlife most of my Ruthven life," Ruthven said during the American waterfowl that will translated into life-giving designed Ohio's first duck check presentation at DU's benefit from the talented wetland habitat by the inter- stamp in 1982 and was elected national headquarters, "and conservation as Ducks Unlimited's first ar- I'm delighted to be able to

contribute to an organization (0) that is so strongly dedicated in to securing a future for this GAT continent's waterfowl."

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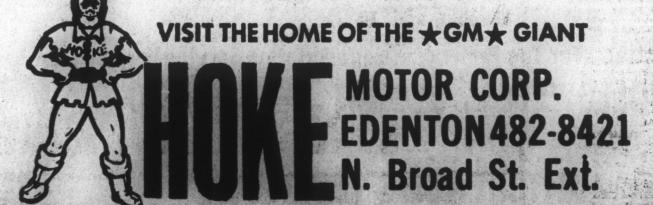
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