

School Bus Safety Begins With Students

Duplin County's 138 public school buses will be back on local roads next Monday. According to Allen Wood, Duplin transportation supervisor, school bus safety should be a priority for the entire family.

"The children have the most important part in school bus safety," Allen Wood, Duplin transportation supervisor said. "And, we want to encourage parents to teach their children to know and obey the laws for riding school buses." Each trip the Duplin School buses made during the 1982-83 school year transported about 6,442 students, Wood said. Throughout the school year the buses travelled 1,234,882 miles total with only four minor bus-related accidents.

"Each school has a letter or a handbook of bus rules which is usually given on registration day to the students riding buses," Wood said. "We hope the children will read these regulations and follow their driver's instruction. The transportation department promotes and emphasizes all drivers report

discipline problems to their principals."

According to Wood, each driver must have six months' driving experience before receiving a bus license. Drivers are screened through their high school administrative personnel and must complete two days of class work and two days of road work before taking the final written test for a bus license. Before a new driver is assigned a bus, Wood said, he or she will ride with other bus drivers. Each driver is paid \$3.68 per hour.

"I feel good about our last year's accident record," Wood said. "The bus drivers did a good job, but they will need the support of their passengers' parents to enforce school bus regulations again this year." Wood pointed out a few of the most important rules for school bus safety. Children should leave home early enough to arrive at their bus stop on time. Wait for the bus in a safe place — well off the roadway. Enter the bus in an orderly manner and take a seat immediately. Follow the instructions of the school bus

driver or bus patrol. Remain in a seat while the bus is in motion. Keep all heads and arms inside the bus at all times. Keep aisles clear at all times. Remain quiet and orderly. Be courteous to the

school bus driver and fellow passengers and be alert to traffic when leaving the bus. Wood pointed out discipline problems can result in temporary suspension from riding the school bus.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED - Mr. and Mrs. James Durwood Strickland of Warsaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Lynn, to Joseph Ray Johnson of Raleigh. He is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Bowden Johnson of Warsaw. An October 2 wedding is planned at the Warsaw United Methodist Church.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED - Brewster B. Turner of Potters Hill announces the engagement of his daughter, Norma Sue, to Vance Eugene (Harry) Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Smith of Route 5, Kinston. Sue is also the daughter of the late Mildred Hall Turner. An October 8 wedding is planned at the Potters Hill Advent Christian Church.

Century III Leaders Program Offers Scholarships

High school seniors with exceptional leadership skills can compete for more than \$200,000 in scholarships this fall in the national Century III Leaders program.

Applications, which must be completed by Oct. 21, may be obtained through local high school principals' offices starting in mid-September.

Sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, which represents more than 34,000 secondary school administrators, the Century III Leaders program is designed to encourage today's young people to think not only about the challenges they will face as adults but also how those challenges should be handled.

Students are judged on their leadership abilities, school and community involvement and awareness of current events.

To enter the competition, high school seniors must obtain an application from their principal when classes resume this fall. All high schools are mailed entry kits

early in September; however, general information is available now by writing Century III Leaders, Box 33008, Washington, D.C. 20033. After completing the application and preparing a "Projection for Innovative Leadership" on a particular challenge facing the nation in its third century, each applicant will take a current events exam.

The selection process begins at the local high school level in each state and the District of Columbia. School winners advance to the state level where the top contenders are interviewed by a selection committee and two winners and two runners-up are named in each state. The winners each get \$1,500 scholarships and all-expense-paid trips to the national conference March 2-5, 1983 in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, where additional scholarships are awarded, including a \$10,000 top prize. Runners-up at the state level each receive \$500 scholarships.

While in Williamsburg, Century III Leaders hear

noted national speakers and participate in seminars and discussion groups. They also develop recommendations on specific problems which are forwarded to the White House.

All state finalists and runners-up become members of the Century III Leaders Alumni program. In addition to receiving a newsletter, alumni may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 beginning in their senior year of college for post-graduate studies or to support research in a public service agency. As many as six alumni grants are awarded each year.

Funding for Century III Leaders is provided by Shell Companies Foundation. Shell has supported the program since 1976 when it was called "Bicentennial Seniors."

Duplin And Sampson Scout Finance Campaign

Boy, do we need Scouting! Scouting reaches into the lives of America's youth through fun-filled educational activities. Scouting's program affects boys 8-14 and young adults to college age. The result is a positive influence on character, citizenship and personal fitness, according to Paul R. Petras, district executive of Sampson and Duplin Counties.

Last year more than 1,500 murders, 200,000 burglaries, 38,000 robberies and 76,000 violent crimes and 82,000 cases of drug abuse — 1½ million crimes — were committed by teenage boys. Today teenagers account for 31 percent of all violent crimes.

Boy, do we need Scouting. It takes people to provide

the support necessary to keep Scouting strong, helping youth. Become a sustaining member. Make a contribution today.

Each year the Tuscarora Council, BSA, conducts a Sustaining Membership Drive. This year the annual drive will be held in August, September and October.

In the various communities of Duplin and Sampson Counties, a Scouter, a Lion Club member, a Rotary Club member, or a Friend of Scouting will be calling on you. For the BSA to combat the above-mentioned statistics, Scouting needs your help. The support of the people of Duplin and Sampson have been generous in the past and the Scouts look forward to your support in their 1983 efforts.

Passive Solar Seminar

The N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and Neuse Area Development Association home economics committee are sponsoring a Passive Solar Seminar at the Lenoir County Agricultural Center on Highway 55 South, Kinston, on Thursday, Sept. 8. The first seminar will be conducted from 2-4 p.m. and a repeat seminar from 7-9 p.m.

This seminar is for anyone interested in learning more about the different aspects of solar energy in the home. Those attending will have an opportunity enroll in two mini-sessions. The four sessions to choose from include: solar greenhouses, solar window boxes, landscaping

the solar home, and living with sun space. All mini-sessions and the general session will be conducted by persons outstanding in the field of solar energy. All interested should register by Aug. 19.

For further information, contact Mae Spicer, Duplin home economics extension agent at 296-1996. There is no charge for the seminar.

Girl Scout Leaders Needed

Duplin County Girl Scouts need additional volunteers and leaders. Girl Scout program affords girls the opportunity to explore and learn about themselves, the community and the world as they provide valuable and needed service projects in our area.

If you have valuable talents, a little time of the desire to help, contact Christine DeWitt, Duplin County Service Unit chairman at 293-3457.

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Grimes Celebrate 50th Anniversary

On July 10, Rev. and Mrs. Samuel A. Grimes of Turkey were honored at a reception celebrating their 50th anniversary. It was given by their children, Mrs. Robert J. Herring of Albertson and Deane Grimes of Fayetteville.

They were married July 8, 1933. The fellowship hall of Turkey was decorated with blooming plants, greenery and arrangements of fresh flowers.

Upon arrival the guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodnight of Willard, who presided at the register, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, their children and

grandchildren.

Cake was served by Pat Stroud of Kenansville. After the couple cut the first slice of a two-tiered cake decorated in gold and green, made by Hilda Grace Smith, Mrs. Alton Jones of Willard served punch. Other refreshments included mints, nuts, pimento cheese sandwiches and mixed treats.

Assisting were Kay Benson of Kenansville and Dottie Broome of Great Falls, S.C. Also assisting with the gifts was Mrs. Vera Price of Seven Springs, sister of Rev. Grimes.

Approximately 150 came to help celebrate this special occasion.

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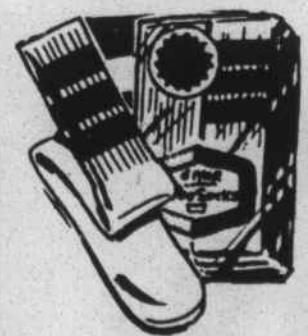


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