

Bicycles, or "swift walkers," were first imported to the U.S. in 1819. The New York City Common Council

passed a law that year preventing their use in public places and on sidewalks.

County Schools Participate In Dental Contest

L.S. Guy, superintendent of Duplin County schools, announced that Duplin County public schools will participate in the dental health contest to be held during February. The theme for the contest is "Let's Get Dental."

Guy stated, "Parents of school age children in Duplin County are being saved many dollars and our children are being saved much pain by preventing dental decay."

The schools have been involved in a dental health program which consists of weekly fluoride mouth-rinses and school water fluoridation. The project began in 1975 under the direction of Grace Newton, public health dental hygienist. The school water fluoridation is maintained by personnel from the N.C. Dental Health Section in Greenville, by the maintenance personnel of the school system under the direction of J.L. Rhodes, and by a specially selected person at each school.

Since the program began, there has been a 38 percent reduction in dental caries. The inspection report in 1974-75 indicates 55 percent of the students inspected were referred to dentists. In 1982-83, only 22 percent of the students inspected needed referrals.

"Teachers are trained to administer the fluoridation, and do so one day each week. The students are also taught such habits as brushing, flossing, etc. All the aspects to have good, clean healthy teeth," Guy added.

Dental health officials have visited Duplin County from other countries. Contest sponsors are the N.C. Dental Society, dental health section of the Division of Health Services, N.C. Department of Human Resources,

and the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

According to Dr. Bill Kelly, state chairman, 1984 Children's Dental Health Month committee, principals, have been asked to decide if their schools will participate in the contest.

"Awards will be determined based on the number of points a school earns by completing activities during the weeks of Feb. 6-17," Dr. Kelly said. "Points will be awarded for activities such as having a dental display in the school library, holding a non-sweet snack day, conducting PTA programs related to dental health, etc."

Dr. Kelly stated, "Classroom teachers may add to their school's point total by scheduling dental health activities such as swishing with fluoride mouthrinse or asking a dentist to visit and talk to students."

Principals may add points to overall scores by actively participating. Superintendents and administrators may also give a boost to the winning schools' scores, by completing suggested activities.

First prize for the winning schools (large and small school categories) will be state trophies and cash awards of \$500. District winners will receive cash awards and permanent plaques. The cash awards and trophies will be presented by the N.C. Dental Society and its local affiliates.

"We're asking individual dentists and local dental societies to urge schools in their areas to participate and, whenever possible, offer their assistance with contest activities," Dr. Kelly said. "We want our young people to be constantly aware of the importance of good dental health care."

Two Face Drug Charges

Two men, charged with trafficking in marijuana, conspiracy and carrying concealed weapons, remained in Duplin County jail in Kenansville under \$100,000 bond each.

Mark Yankowisk, 24, 5639 Carson Drive, Fayetteville, and Everett Angelo Smith, 29, Route 3, Cameron, were arrested in the parking lot of a Warsaw fast-food store about 9 p.m. Monday of last week.

Warsaw Police Chief R.P. Wood

said two men attempted to sell marijuana to undercover agents in the parking lot. He said Duplin County sheriff's deputies, State Bureau of Investigation officers and Warsaw police had the area under surveillance.

The warrant charged that between 100 and 2,000 pounds of marijuana was involved.

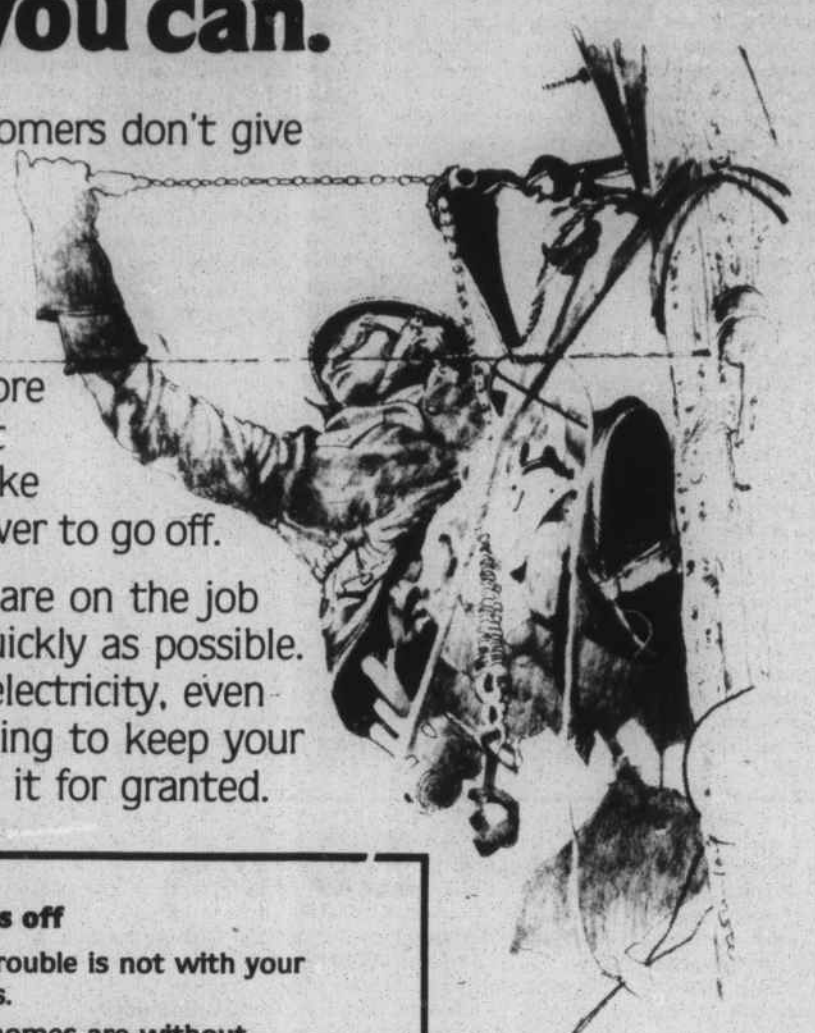
Officers found \$29,000 in \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills on the suspects, the chief said. No marijuana was found, he added.

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