

NORTH CAROLINA

Around the State...

"Heart Quiz" available

Does treatment for high blood pressure reduce the chance of having a stroke? Can rheumatic fever be prevented? Knowing the answers to these questions could very well save your life or the life of someone you love.

"Heart Quiz" tests your knowledge of these and many other common cardiovascular questions concerning signs and symptoms of heart and blood vessel disease.

The booklet points out common misconceptions about cardiovascular disease such as heart murmurs being a sure sign of heart problems. Another common misconception is that high blood pressure can be detected by the way a person feels. The majority of people with high blood pressure can be detected by the way a person feels. The majority of people with high blood pressure have no specific warning symptoms. The answers to the quiz reassure

readers by pointing out that many congenital birth defects can be cured with surgery, and that a blood clot blocking an artery does not automatically mean that the person will be an invalid for the rest of his/her life. Many patients with coronary thrombosis recover and return to their previous employment and lead healthy lives.

For your free copy of the "Heart Quiz" write to the North Carolina Affiliate of the American Heart Association, One Heart Circle, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. It's a quiz you can't afford to flunk, but even if you pass the heart quiz, there's still more you need to know about your heart. So get in touch with your local Heart Association to find out how you can help in the fight against North Carolina and the nation's number one killer--cardiovascular disease.

IRS cracks down on taxpayers

GREENSBORO — The Internal Revenue Service is cracking down on taxpayers who misuse the Federal Tax Deposit (FTD) system. Beginning in July and after, taxpayers making tax deposit payments directly to the IRS will be subject to a penalty.

Federal tax deposit must be made through a depository for proper processing. Those taxpayers delivering their payments to an IRS office will be provided an "over-the-counter"

coupon requesting that taxpayers deposit taxes at the Federal depository. Those taxpayers who insist on leaving the payment at the IRS office will be informed that they will be subject to an FTD penalty.

Notices reflecting penalties assessed will be issued first in November, 1984 for the third quarter Form 941. Subsequent notices will be issued quarterly thereafter.

McCarty wins GOP Post

RALEIGH — Dr. Barry McCarty of Elizabeth City was elected Saturday, June 23, at a caucus of North Carolina delegates to the Republican National Convention to North Carolina's seat on the influential Committee on Permanent Rules and Organization.

McCarty, 31, is Chairman of the Pasquotank County Republican Party and a candidate for the North Carolina State Senate from the First Senatorial District. He is also vice president of the American Academy of Parliamentarians and served as convention chairman of the 1984

state Republican convention. McCarty won the seat at the caucus by a clear majority in a three way race over former U.S. Congressman Gene Johnston, chairman of the state Regan-Bush Committee, and Pete Partridge, Chairman of the Eighth Congressional District Republican Party.

The Committee on Permanent Rules and Organization will meet prior to the 1984 Republican National Convention and consider recommendations for changes in the party's structure and governing instruments over the next four years.

Child restraint law in effect

RALEIGH — The Child Restraint Systems Law warning period ended midnight June 30 and violators henceforth may be subject to a fine of \$10.

The warning provision in the law which has been in effect since July 1, 1982, has been quite effective. Voluntary usage rates for children under two years of age have increased from 30 percent prior to the effective date of the law to 46 percent during the first year.

Some safety officials, however, are hopeful the current usage rate of 50 percent will increase substantially when violators are subject to a fine beginning July 1.

According to Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Heman R. Clark, the law only covers children under

two years of age riding with their parents in the family vehicle.

"The child restraint law is a good law," Clark said. "It's saving lives and the cost is minimal. Even loaner/rental programs are available whereby child seats may be obtained for a nominal fee by parents who prefer to rent or cannot financially afford to purchase one."

Clark encouraged parents to avoid the embarrassment, inconvenience and cost of a possible court appearance by voluntarily complying with the Child Restraint Law.

"Their decision to place their child in a safety seat may be the most important one of their life," Clark concluded.

FCC orders mixed blessing for phone use

(Editor's note: This is a continuing series of articles to help customers understand the changes taking place in the deregulated telephone industry and how these changes are affecting your telephone service.)

Telephone users got good news and bad news last month.

The good news for consumers is that, effective May 25, AT&T reduced its interstate (between states) long-distance rates by 6.1 percent. The long-distance rate reduction applies across the board to Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) and regular long-distance directory assistance calls, which previously were free.

At the same time, local phone companies began imposing a monthly line charge of up to \$6 per line for businesses with more than one telephone line, as part of the Federal Communications

Commission's "access charge" plan went into effect. (Carolina Telephone's monthly line charge is \$4.75 per line for multiline customers.)

The changes, ordered by the FCC, are designed to foster competition in the long-distance market.

Until now, the telephone industry has used long-distance companies to compete on an equal basis, the FCC decided to shift more of the cost of local service to those who use the service, through the access charge plan.

Under the plan, customers would pay a monthly line charge to share more of the lines and related facilities which connect them to the telephone companies' switching equipment. While the FCC did not impose an access charge for residential and single-line business customers, such a charge is scheduled to go into effect in mid-1985.

Under the directory assistance plan included in the FCC's recent order, customers will be charged 50 cents for each interstate directory assistance call they make. However, each customer account will be allowed two free interstate directory assistance calls each month, provided two interstate long-distance calls are billed to the account during the

same billing period.

Customers can request two numbers per directory assistance call for one 50-cent charge. If the number is non-published or cannot be located, the 50-cent charge will still apply.

If customers make interstate directory assistance requests from public telephones, the 50-cent charge will be collected before the number is provided. Again, even if the number is non-published or cannot be located, the 50 cents will not be refunded.

AT&T said the charges are needed to cover its cost for access to the local telephone network, when customers' directory assistance calls are switched to AT&T's long-distance operators.

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