

# Teaching Is Partnership

Concrete, specific ideas for helping children do well in school are available in a new brochure for parents from the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), according to John Pettus, president of the Kings Mountain Unit of NCAE.

"We want every child to grow, to learn, to do the very best that he or she can possibly do," said Pettus. "But educators realize we can't do the job alone. It takes a partnership between parents and teachers."

The brochure for parents contains sections on cooperation between parents and teachers,

drugs and alcohol, a child's self-esteem, health and safety, science, the arts, reading and writing, study skills, and learning from the mass media.

Copies are available free of charge from NCAE members in public schools. Any parent who wants one only needs to ask his or her child's teacher.

"A child spends eight hours a day in school," continued Pettus. "That child spends the other two-thirds of the day in the home and community. The child comes to school less than half of the days in a year, even if the child has perfect attendance.

"So it's obvious that the school cannot do the whole job of educating a child alone when the school only has the child for one-sixth of the time each year. The home and community must help if we are to do a total job."

"Our brochure tells parents how to help their children and that will help educators as well," Pettus added.

NCAE is the largest professional association in the state. It has 42,000 members in the 144 school systems. NCAE is to educators what the American Medical Association is to doctors.

The goals of NCAE are the professional improvement of its members, the promotion and the protection of the welfare of its members, and the advancement of the cause of education in North Carolina, Pettus said.

NCAE and its parent organizations have a history reaching back to 1857 when the first professional association for educators was formed in Warrenton. NCAE was formed in 1970 when the formerly segregated N.C. Teachers Association and N.C. Education Association merged.

## PARENTS/TEACHERS

# Together We Teach Your Child



## Safety Program Underway

With the new school year now underway, Colonel John T. Jenkins, Highway Patrol Commander, today announced a program designed to improve safe travel for children commuting to and from school.

"The safety of these children is everyone's responsibility and we're hopeful that parents will assist us in implementing the program", Jenkins said. He pointed out the program will involve members of the Patrol's Traffic Safety Information Unit meeting with as many elementary school children as possible

and discussing pedestrian, bicycle and school bus safety. "Hopefully we'll be able to reach all students in grades 3 and 4 during the school year", Jenkins said.

According to Jenkins the program also provides for students to receive a letter for their parents requesting they discuss with their children the safety rules printed on the reverse side. "This is a different approach, but it's an effective way to request and receive the assistance of every parent," he said.

Jenkins pointed out that many

students will be walking or riding their bicycles to and from school, while approximately three-quarters of a million children will be transported by school bus.

Although the Patrol's program concerns the safety responsibilities of students and their parents, Jenkins called on all motorists to be especially alert between 7 and 9 a.m., and 2 til 4 p.m. "The priceless cargo of these buses and the safety and well-being of all children, warrants every possible consideration on the part of all drivers", Jenkins concluded.

**Bicycle Safety:** Every rider of a bicycle is subject to those laws that apply to the driver of a vehicle except those which by their nature can have no application. Some of these laws are:

1. Bicyclists must ride on the RIGHT SIDE of the road and as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge.
2. Bicyclists must ride in the proper direction on one-way streets.
3. Bicyclists must STOP at STOP SIGNS and traffic lights emitting a RED light.
4. Bicyclists must give proper turn signals: LEFT TURN: left hand and arm straight out, forefinger pointing. RIGHT TURN: left hand and arm pointed upward. STOP: left hand and arm pointed downward.
5. A bicycle should not be rid-

den at night unless it has a front light visible for 300 feet and a red light or reflector on the rear visible for 200 feet.

When a MO-PED (motorized bicycle that cannot exceed 20 mph) is ridden on a street or highway, the operation must be 16 years of age or older.

**Pedestrian Safety:**  
1. Where there is not sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing oncoming traffic.

2. Always cross at the corner or crosswalk and watch for turning cars from both left and right.

3. Never cross or enter the street from between parked cars.

4. Always WALK across the street—don't run.

**School Bus Safety** begins at home. Students should leave home every day at the same time, arriving at the bus stop with about five minutes to spare.

1. While waiting for the bus, they should line up single file, with little ones first, and stand away from the edge of the road.

2. When the bus arrives and has come to a COMPLETE STOP, they should use the hand rail and enter the bus one step at a time.

3. They should move quickly to a seat and remain seated. If they must stand, they should face sideways and hold onto two seat grips.

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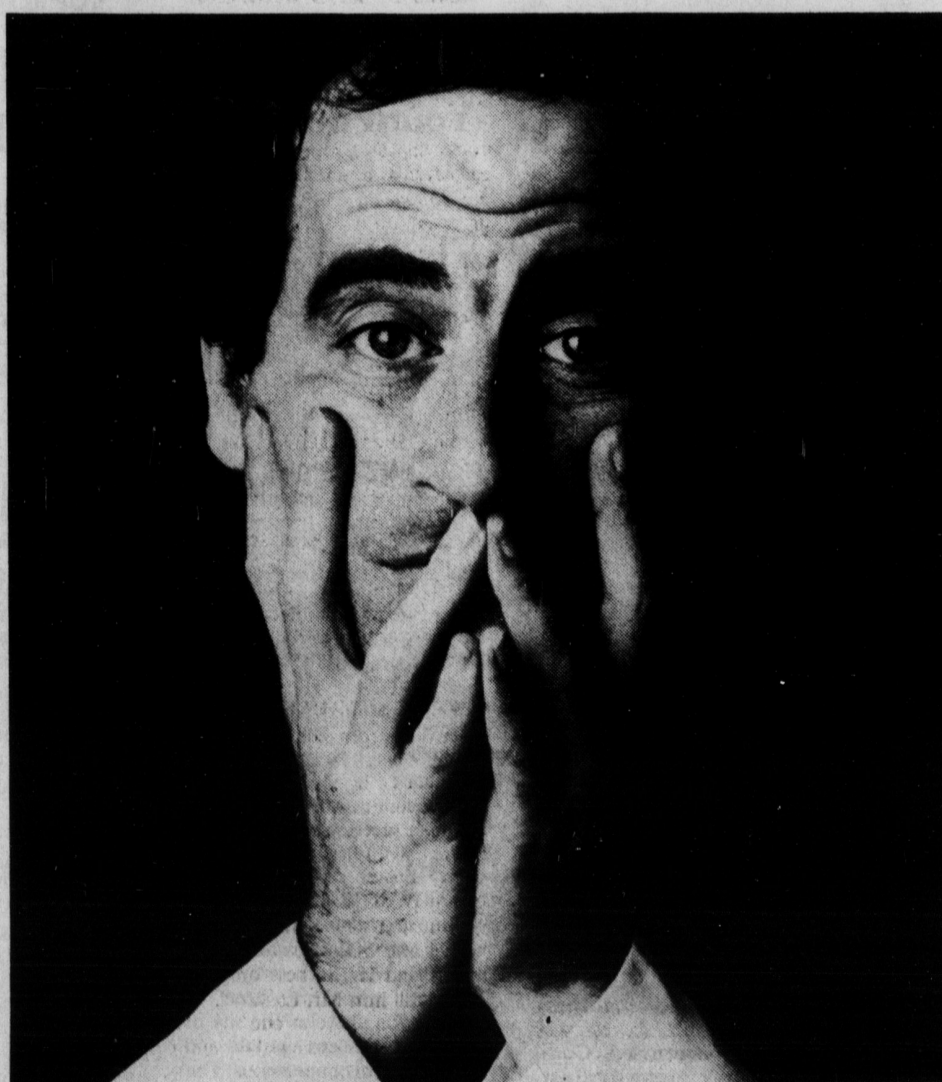
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