



Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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HOOTS
NEW BOARD—The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library serves Chowan County and in accordance with the state law has a board of trustees appointed by the county commissioners. The late and beloved Marion Downum served faithfully on the local library board as well as the Pettigrew Regional Library board and it was necessary to appoint a replacement for her position. Mrs. J. N. Slade, wife of an Edenton physician, received a four-year appointment from the county commissioners and was subsequently elected by the local board to the vacancy on the regional board.

In order to provide a full complement of six trustees, the commissioners made the following appointments: Mrs. Marguerite Burch for a period of four years and Mrs. Eliza Elliott and Mrs. Carolyn McMullan for a period of two years. Reappointed for six-year terms were the incumbent local and regional trustees, Mrs. Lina Mack and Tom H. Shepard. Each trustee has been provided with a handbook of duties prepared by the Institute of Government and we know they will conscientiously perform those duties. Congratulations, one and all.

SCREECHES
FILMS FOR SCHOOLS—In the past, the Adult Film Service of the N. C. State Library has been restricted to the use of certain groups. Specific-



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ly excluded was classroom use, for the very good reason that the Department of Public Instruction had its own film service. Now that restriction has been lifted and the policy of the State Library has been broadened to make their film library available to public as well as private school teachers. It has been increasingly difficult to book specific films because of the great demand on the small supply available and this will be intensified by this new concept of service.

Don't misunderstand me—I'm all for this increased usage of a very valuable resource, but I wish to prepare the users for possible frustration until the film library in Raleigh has had a chance to work out their new system. Since all films are mailed, cooperation by every user is essential to smooth booking. A delay by one user could mean real disappointment to the next requester on the list.

Sears Manager Issues Warning

A warning to customers who have purchased a belt massager which is potentially unsafe was issued today by Jim Phillips, manager of Sears, Roebuck and Company's Edenton store.

He identified the model as a multi-speed belt massager with a push button lighted switch. It can be further identified by a 449,29110 model number on a plate located on the underside of the motor housing.

Approximately 11,000 units of this model were sold between December, 1969, and October 4, when the merchandise was taken off sale. Phillips said that tests indicate the possibility that some of these belt massagers represent a potentially dangerous electrical shock hazard. In certain units, serious shock may result if someone touches the massager while touching a water pipe, radiator, faucet or other ground connection.

He emphasized that the model with a lighted switch is the only one being recalled and that there is no problem with any other model of massager.

He urged customers who have purchased a massager since 1969 to unplug the unit, verify its model number and to notify the nearest Sears store if the unit has the 449,29110 model number. He said the unit should not be reconnected until it has been inspected and modified. Sears will service the unit in a customer's home without charge.

He also said the massager was sold both in the catalog and in retail stores.

Freddie Morris Is Being Sought

The Selective Service System, Local Board No. 21, Chowan County, is trying to locate Freddie Erle Morris. This registrant previously lived at Route 3, Box 88, Edenton.

He failed to report for induction on October 18, and unless he reports to the local board immediately, he will be reported to the U. S. Attorney for prosecution.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this registrant should contact the local board office at once. The office is located on the second floor of the bus station building, 147 North Church Street, Hertford, telephone 426-7777.

School Bus Operation Is Big In Chowan System

Many of you have asked from time to time about why some school busses are orange and others yellow, how our busses are routed, and other questions related to transportation of pupils. The purpose of this column is to provide you with an overview of our transportation program and hopefully, by doing so, answer your questions about school transportation.

As you know getting our students to school these days is not as simple as telling them to be ready when the bus arrives and then driving them to the school door. It's a complicated business and one that requires knowledge of laws, bus mechanics and engineering, and human psychology among other things.

The person in the Edenton-Chowan Schools who is responsible for staying abreast of the latest developments in transportation and at the same time, insuring maximum efficiency of bus operation is Marvin Hobbs.

A prime example of the laws Mr. Hobbs must be knowledgeable about is the current move to have all the nation's school busses painted national school bus yellow. Required under Highway Safety Program Standards, the law authorizing this change became effective June 5, 1972. This legislation came about as a result of safety studies which ascertained that

busses painted yellow were more visible under adverse weather conditions. At present four of the 35 school busses in the Edenton-Chowan School System have been painted this color. Others will be converted from orange to yellow next summer.

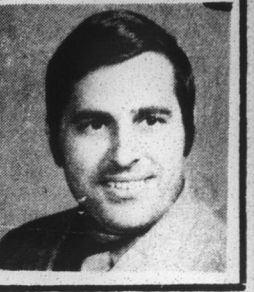
During the summer months as well as school year each bus must be thoroughly checked out to insure that it is in top running condition. Mr. Hobbs' efforts at keeping our busses in tip top condition have made our school bus transportation program a most economically efficient one.

Another factor involved in the operation of a school transportation system is the strategic planning of bus

routes. This involves timing of routes, determining length of routes, number of stops and the number of passengers. An average of 1,823 pupils in the Edenton-Chowan Schools ride school busses each day. The average round trip route is 28.1 miles. The massiveness in scope of transportation requires very careful analysis and study each year.

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