



Insurance Rate Reduction Ordered

Insurance Commissioner John Ingram has ordered a 13 per cent rate reduction in auto liability insurance rates effective May 1.

Ingram said the reduction will "save the people of North Carolina an average of over \$2½-million a month" or "more than \$30-million a year."

The rate reduction, he said, is the result of extensive hearings held over a period of several months.

Ingram said that North Carolina was fortunate to obtain the services of Phillip K. Stern, one of the nation's leading experts in auto rate making, who testified at the hearings.

When Stern reviewed the filing made by the N. C. Rate Administrative Office, he found "grave omissions" and testified that "it seems to me that the rate office simply takes last year's work and repeats it."

Stern said that the rate office had failed to recognize a decrease in the frequency of claims, was using an outdated method of projecting losses, and testified that a 13 per cent reduction in rates was more than justified.

Ingram said that "the people know that claims have decreased and rates should be reduced. Now a reading actuary in the U. S. has offered hard evidence that rates should be reduced 13 per cent in North Carolina."

Ingram said that the "energy crisis" rate reduction he ordered March a year ago would have resulted in similar

savings. The rate office appealed that order to the Court of Appeals. A three-judge panel heard the case, and two judges voted to reverse the order but the chief judge voted to sustain the commissioner's order, therefore there was an automatic right of appeal for the rate reduction for the people to the Supreme Court. The case is still pending before the Supreme Court.

Food Store Chain Anniversary Sale

Winn-Dixie, the South's largest food chain, is planning a two-week gala sales promotion to celebrate their Golden 50th Anniversary.

The celebration will run from March 31 through April 12 and will feature money-saving bargains throughout their stores. This is Winn-Dixie's way of saying "thank you" to the many local customers who have made their growth possible.

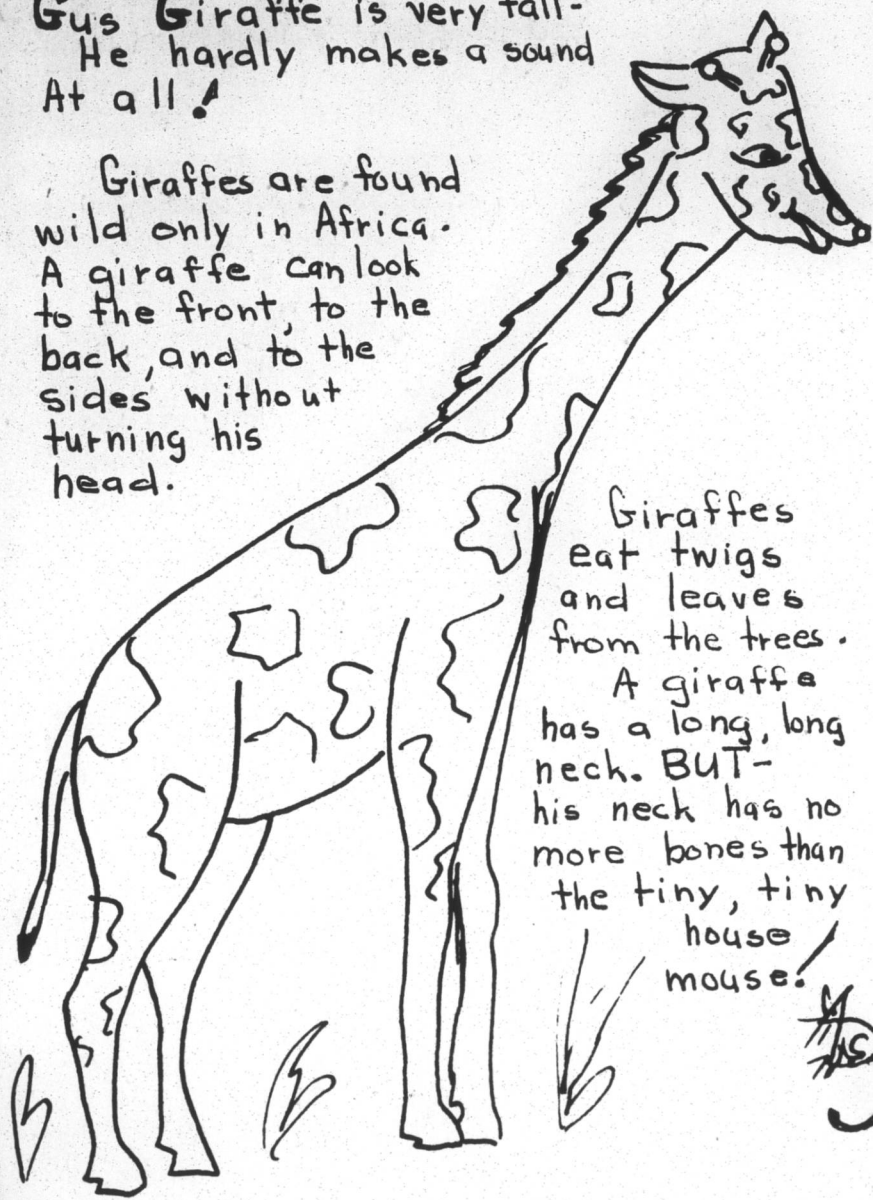
The food chain began in 1925 with one store in Miami, Fla., owned and operated by W. M. Davis and his four sons. "Papa" Davis died in 1934, but the four Davis boys continued their father's philosophy by offering customers quality products at economical prices.

This simple but effective philosophy must have worked because Winn-Dixie has now grown to 1,000 stores throughout the Southeast, and serves millions of Southern food shoppers each week.

Young Reader's Corner

Gus Giraffe is very tall -
He hardly makes a sound
At all!

Giraffes are found
wild only in Africa.
A giraffe can look
to the front, to the
back, and to the
sides without
turning his
head.



Giraffes
eat twigs
and leaves
from the trees.
A giraffe
has a long, long
neck. BUT -
his neck has no
more bones than
the tiny, tiny
house
mouse!

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Baxley Elected To NCSU Student Senate

RALEIGH—N. C. State University students have elected 28 representatives to serve in the Student Senate for the 1975-76 academic year.

The legislators were elected to represent the schools in

which they are enrolled.

The Senate is responsible for adopting student laws and regulations and acts as a liaison body between the students and the faculty and administration.

Among those elected was

Jonathan Edward Baxley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Russell Baxley of Edenton. Baxley represents the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Drama Club Play Stated

By JANET BUNCH

The Holmes Drama Department has begun work on their annual spring play: "The Solid Gold Cadillac", by Howard Teichman and George S. Kaufman, under the direction of Sandra Boyce.

This two-act comedy centers around a middle aged woman, Mrs. Partridge, played by Mitzi Jordan, and four corporation directors, played by Chuck Smith, Mark Burroughs, Grif Bond, and Andy Maglione, who try to gain control of the company by means of shrewd tactics.

Plan to come and see how Mrs. Partridge outsmarts these men and earns control of the company.

Production of the play will be at 8 o'clock, May 1 and 2 at the Holmes Auditorium.

COUNSELOR TO VISIT
Hazel Tayloe, Job Corps counselor in this area, will be at the Economic Resource Center in Edenton during the morning of April 9 to interview possible enrollees.



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