



EBONITES FASHION SHOW

The Association of Ebonites at Winthrop College held a fashion show in conjunction with the annual Halloween Happening recently. The Halloween Happening is a fund-raising activity for clubs and organizations at Winthrop. Pictured, left to right, are students models Juanita Foster, Jackie Foster, Nancy Lindsay and Barbara Perry, all of Rock Hill, S.C.

Tax Collector Stone Advises:

Pay Your Taxes Before Christmas

"Pay your property taxes before Christmas" is the advice that City-County Tax Collector J.A. Stone has for citizens of Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

"If you mail your payment before Christmas, it will be done and you won't have to worry about it again until next year," Stone says. "That should make Christmas a happier time for everybody!"

The deadline for paying 1976 property taxes without interest is Friday, December 31. State law requires that tax payments must be in the Tax Collector's Office by that date,

not simply postmarked December 31st, in order for the property owner to avoid paying interest.

Beginning January 1, 1977, interest equal to two percent of the tax bill will be placed on all unpaid taxes, and 3/4 percent interest will be added every month thereafter until payment is made.

The mailing address for the Tax Collector's Office is P.O. Box 10897, Charlotte, N.C. 28234. Citizens are urged to mail their payments. Be sure to enclose your "Tax Payment Card" when you send your payment.

Parking is available in the County Parking Garage for those persons who find it necessary to come to the Tax Collector's Office. The parking fee is 50 cents, payable in

exact change as you leave the garage. The access driveway into the garage is on East Fourth Street, between South McDowell Street and South Alexander Street.

Friendship College Sets Parent's Day

The Annual Parent's Day Program will be held on November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Friendship College Gymnasium in Rock Hill, S.C. The speaker for this event will be Mrs. Henrietta Massey, alumna, Rock Hill Public Schools. The theme of this year's program - "Parents' Our First, Our Last, Our Everything."

During this year's program the National Alumni Association will present nearly a dozen parents with Certificates of Recognition for those who have had three or more children to attend and graduate from Friendship.

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Post Office Sets Xmas Mailing Deadlines

The Postal Service this week advanced its suggested Christmas mailing deadlines for domestic parcels and letter mail to December 3 and 10, respectively, in anticipation of an exceptionally high mail volume.

Citing the impact of greatly increased mail volumes generated by the 15-state United Parcel Service strike in the East and South, and its residual effect on other parts of the country, the Postal Service said it is compelled to ask the public to mail even earlier than normal.

The Service said that because of the dedication of its employees, many of whom have been working long hours, it has had little trouble handling the increased mail volume since the parcel strike began in mid-September. It expressed confidence it will continue to be able to cope with the increase, with the cooperation of the public and major mailers.

Parcel volume has already more than doubled in the strike area and is up significantly nationwide, and letter mail is also on the rise, the Postal Service said. It said most of the increase, to date, has been from large volume

business mailers, who pre-sort their mail and deposit at scheduled, non-peak hours in plants prepared to handle it. For example, the Service said it is working closely with shippers of perishable goods to handle millions of gift packages normally moved by other shippers.

As Christmas nears, however, more and more of the mail will be from the general public, deposited at neighborhood post offices, branches and stations, on top of the already unprecedented business mail volume, the Postal Service said.

As a result, the Service said, while priority will be given to letter mail, many postal facilities normally dedicated to

letter mail may have to be used to prevent an unmanageable backlog of parcels.

Therefore, the Postal Service said, it strongly urges the public to deposit their parcels by December 3 and their letters and greeting cards by December 10 to assure delivery by Christmas.

It asked that customers mail as early as possible, use proper packaging materials and techniques, and properly address and ZIP Code their mail.

The previous suggested mailing dates had been December 10 for domestic parcels and December 17 for letter mail.

Suggested mailing dates for international mail are unchanged. However, customers were strongly urged by the Postal Service to deposit overseas packages and greetings immediately, and to send them by airmail if they want to assure delivery by Christmas.

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Charlotte

On Sunday, November 8, 1976, unionized employees of City Coach Lines, Inc. (the management firm for the Charlotte Transit System) went on strike. The strike occurred after weeks of negotiations between City Coach Lines management and a representative committee of union members.

The City wishes to express its support of City Coach Lines in reaching a timely and equitable settlement with the transit union. We realize, however, that the strike has created inconveniences for local bus riders.

Most transit patrons have found temporary means of transportation. But there are some riders with critical travel needs. Individuals and organizations can help meet these needs and lessen the impact of the transit strike. Here are some suggestions.

As a Transit Rider

Plan trips. Do as many things as you can in one outing. Postpone unnecessary travel.

Shop by telephone. Many products and services are available by telephone. Home delivery is often provided.

Carpool. Check with friends, neighbors or relatives. See if someone is going your way.

Contact churches, community groups, civic organizations or the City's Transit Planning Office at 374-3234 for assistance with critical problems such as medical appointments, prescription drugs and food.

As a Concerned Citizen

Be a good neighbor. Help inconvenienced bus riders whenever possible.

Form carpools.

Volunteer your services to community organizations.

As an Employer

Identify and contact employees who ride the bus.

Organize carpools.

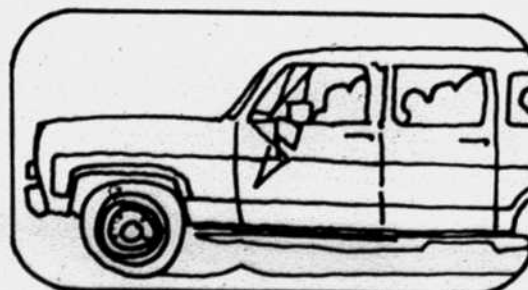
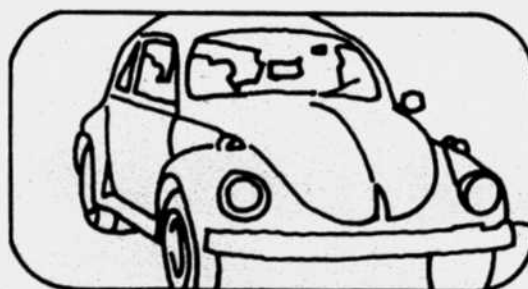
Offer temporary transportation for your employees.

As a Church, Service Organization, or Neighborhood Association

Organize volunteer transportation services.

Contact persons in your area to see if you can help.

Help deliver food, prescription drugs and essential items to bus riders.



Volunteer efforts such as these can help meet most of the travel requirements during the bus strike. City and County government will continue to work to identify special needs and coordinate alternative ways of getting about.

People helping people. That's how Charlotte is going to get through this bus strike. We've already made a good start, let's keep it up.

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