

Census Report Shows

School Bus Is Major Means Of Transportation For Students

The yellow school bus is the chief means of transportation to school for elementary and secondary school students, followed by walking and private automobiles, according to a report from the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. The report, based on a nationwide survey, is the first of its kind published by the Bureau to measure the distance, time, and mode of transportation of students.

School buses are needed to transport about 20 million or 40 per cent of the 49 million students to and from school. The report notes that by contrast, only 7 per cent of public school students were estimated to have been transported to school at public expense 50 years ago.

The growth in the use of school buses is most evident for elementary school students. Comparison of the new figures, gathered in October 1979, with those from a 1969 study shows an increase from 37 per cent to 43 per cent in the proportion of students in kindergarten through grade 6 transported by school bus. Among high school students in proportion traveling by school bus remained around 38 per cent.

The report also shows that in 1978 another 14 million students--one-third of elementary pupils and one-fifth of those in high school--walked to school, while nearly 12 million either drove or were taken in private cars, 1.6 million used public buses, and 715,000 either rode bikes

or used some other means of transport.

Generally, students live close to school. Nearly one-third of all students live within a mile and about one-half take less than 15 minutes to make the trip. Only 12 per cent lived 10 miles or farther and about 7 per cent spent 45 minutes or more getting to school. College students living at home spent a median of 23 minutes and traveled a median of 9 miles getting to classes; one-third of them lived within 5 miles of campus but 11 per cent had to commute 25 miles or more.

Other highlights from the report are as follows: -The automobile was used by 80 per cent of the 6.6 million college students living at home and 72 per cent of the

nearly 2 million vocational school students living at home and commuting to classes.

-One-third of white high school students drove or were driven to school compared with one-ninth of black high school students.

-Black children made up 15 per cent of the elementary school population in 1978 but comprised 35 per cent of all elementary students riding public buses to school, 20 per cent of those walking, and 13 per cent of those who rode a school bus.

-Children who attended private schools were less likely to live near their school or have school bus transportation than were public school students.

As in all surveys, the data in this report are subject to

sampling variability and errors of response, including underreporting and non-reporting. A detailed explanation appears in the report.

Copies of the report, "Travel to School": October 1978, Series P-20, No. 342, are available for \$1.75 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



ST. LUKE BAPTIST

Gospel harmony will surely be heard at the Angelic Four Gospel Singers Concert. The beautiful singing of this group can be heard at the St. Luke Baptist Church, 1109 Roddey Ave. Nov. 4 at 6:30. The Angelic Four Gospel Singers have travelled over the United States and appeared with other professional gospel groups. The group consist of three brothers, Andre, Darryl and Durward Murrill and one sister, Annetta Murrill. Their mother, Mrs. Janie Murrill, accompanies the group on piano or organ. The family lives in Wilmington, N.C. St. Luke Baptist Church pastor, Dr. L.D. Parker and congregation cordially invite you to experience the captivating Angelic Four Gospel Singers.



FASHION SHOW FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

The Black Decisions Society of Women will hold a "Fashion Extravaganza and Disco" for Sickle Cell Anemia on Sunday, Nov. 25. Diane Boyd's Models with featured guest model Debbie Johnson will appear at the Sheraton Inn in Charlotte from 8 P.M. - 1 A.M. The donation will be \$5.00. Organized in 1976, the nine employees of Southern Bell Telephone Company who call themselves the Black Decisions have contributed to the Empty Stocking Fund, WGIV Mountains of Food, Toys for Tots, and Avery's Rest Home. The membership is as follows: Betty Mackey, Jackie Crawford, Brenda Carr, Rosa Crawford, Brenda Frazier, Delores Rickett, Theloshia Peay, Jackie Archie, and Pauline Cronwell. Members are presently selling ads for the souvenir booklet. Contributors will receive a one-year tax exempt membership card to the Sickle Cell Association and their names will be added to the patron list. To become a patron call Betty Mackey at 537-8624 or 377-6633.

Sectional Bridge Tournament Set

The "Metrolina" Duplicate Bridge Club will hold its Charlotte Sectional Bridge Tournament November 9-12 at the Holiday Inn North.

Located at 3815 North Tryon St., motel accommodations are available for \$22 for a single occupancy and \$31 for a double.

The schedule of events will get underway Friday, Nov. 9 with the Benefits Open Pairs at 8:30.

Saturday's activities will include the Sectional Men's and Women's Pairs at 9, the Sectional Mixed Pairs at 1 and 7, along with side games starting every 15 minutes after the main event.

Grade A MOD RR teams will play at noon and 8 on Sunday with dinner served between sessions.

Tournament activities will conclude Monday with the Grade A Swiss Teams competing at 9 and 1. Box lunches **Family Fun Day Set**

will be served between sessions.

Prizes are trophies or green stamps for the first and second place winners of the Pair Games except the Benefit. First place awards will be given for each section of Round Robin Teams and Swiss Teams.

The fee is \$4.00 for each section of Saturday's games. All other are \$3.50 per session.

Registration will be held before each event.

Annual P&C

Beauty Pageant

Set For Tuesday

Attractive-looking women and girls will vie for top honors in the Annual Parks and Recreation Beauty Pageant to be held Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at Park Center Auditorium. Contestants representing the fifteen recreation centers will compete for four titles.

Little Miss Parks and Recreation is for girls ages 5-8. The Junior Miss Parks and Recreation is for 9-15 year olds. The Miss Parks and Recreation is for women ages 16-25 and the Ms. Senior Parks and Recreation for 55+ women.

Semi-finals will be held at Amay James Recreation Center located at 2425 Lester Street on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

Interested participants should call their nearest Recreation Center to enter community level competition.

For Greenville Center

The Neighborhood Center Department will sponsor a "Family Fun and Resource Day" at Greenville Center, 1330 Spring Street, on Saturday, November 3. This event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

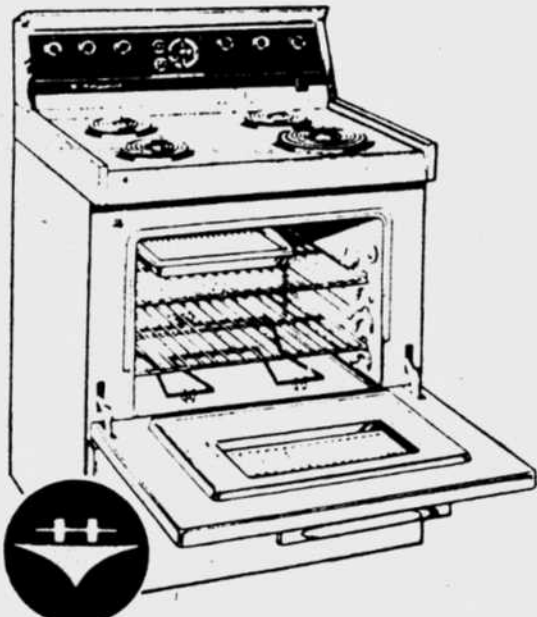
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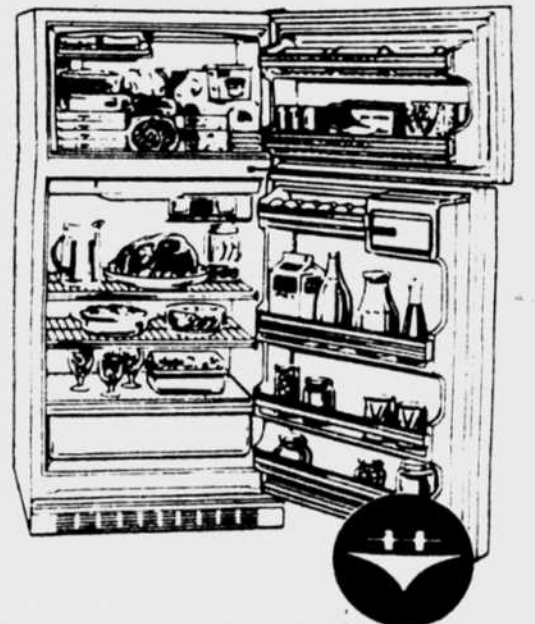
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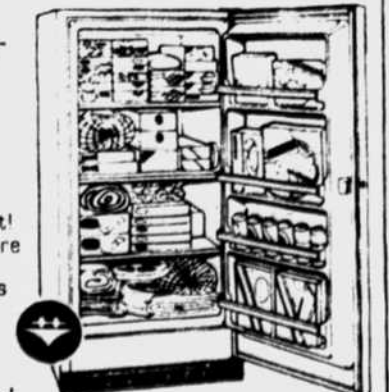
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