

Wednesday Viewing

11/28/79

State's 144 School Systems

Transporting 744,000 Kids

The 144 school systems in North Carolina is providing transportation to and from school for over 744,000 youngsters again this fall. The largest fleet of school buses (11,910) in the county will travel over half a million miles every day but the pressure is going to be on local units to conserve as much as possible in the face of a probable shortage of funds to purchase the necessary gasoline.

The State Board of Education was told recently that in 1978-79, the school bus system in the state consumed more than 18 million gallons of gasoline. Transportation Division Director William Tillet was told to expect a 20 percent reduction in gasoline allocations for the 1979-80 school year. The allocation for the coming school year, with the 20 percent reduction, is 14,480,000 gallons. But, as Tillet points out, the reduction isn't the real problem.

On July 1, 1978, the state, which supplies all the gasoline and operating funds for the 144 school units, was paying just over 42 cents per gallon. On August 1, 1979 the cost of a gallon of gasoline was almost 65 cents per gallon, a 50 percent increase. However, by July 1, 1980, the Division speculates the cost of gasoline will have been hiked to 92 cents per gallon. What all that means is that there isn't enough money in the budget to purchase the gasoline, even with a 20 percent reduction in consumption. The state can't contract for the entire amount at the same time because there are no storage areas large enough. Gasoline is purchased almost weekly and the cost is whatever the market allows at that time.

The Transportation Division

budget is over \$47,680.00 for the year 1979-80 school year. Seventy percent of that is for mechanics and drivers. The rest is for operating and servicing the school buses and service vehicles. The budget item for gasoline totals \$8,469,961.00, about the same as last year. If the state received the same 18 million gallons it received a year ago, it would need \$6.50 million more to pay for it. With the 20 percent reduction, it still is \$3.6 million short. What it means is that late next winter or early next spring,

the State Board will have to find enough money to purchase the gasoline necessary to operate the school buses through the end of the fiscal year.

To help reduce the amount of need, The Board adopted conservation rules and regulations that local units are going to be required to follow. The regulations require careful scrutiny in making out bus routes and the assignment of pupils; eliminating duplicated routes; reducing the number of stops by setting a minimum of two-tenths of a mile between stops; reducing idling time at bus stops by setting a maximum time to wait for passengers; eliminating warm up time, filling gasoline tanks partially instead of full to cut down on thefts; and sufficient maintenance to insure maximum gasoline economy.

One state official says that beginning the school year with the knowledge there isn't enough money to cover gasoline costs will aid conservation but reducing costs by \$3.5 million with the ever increasing cost of gasoline may be out of the question.

7:30 P.M.

- 3 2 - P.M. Magazine
- 6 - All in the Family
- 7 10 - Guinness Game
- 9 4 - Newlywed Game
- 12 - Carol Burnett and Friends
- 18 11 - Gomer Pyle

8:00 P.M.

3 2 7 10 - Young Maverick (PREMIERE) Ben and a young lady wind up in the fight game thanks to her long-lost cousin. Starring Charles Frank, Susan Blanchard and John Dehner. Guest starring James Garner. (60 min.)

6 - MOVIE: 'Indiscreet' A famous European actress has a romance with a rich American diplomat who claims to be married whenever he finds a woman to whom he's attracted. Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, Cecil Parker. 1958

7 - MOVIE: 'The Legend of the Great Northwest'

9 4 - Eight Is Enough The Bradfords are overjoyed at the discovery of Susan's pregnancy. (60 min.)

12 - NBA Basketball: Washington at Philadelphia The Washington Bullets play the Philadelphia 76'ers at the Spectrum.

18 11 - MOVIE: 'The Girl Who Came Gift Wrapped' A young lady is delivered as a birthday present

to a wealthy magazine publisher. Karen Valentine, Richard Long, Louise Sorel. 1974

36 8 - Real People Tonight's features are a collector of Tarzan memorabilia, Amos the cookie man, goat races, a toilet-trained cat and bathtub races. (60 min.)

42 5 - Great Performances: The Human Voice Liv Ullman stars in a one-woman theater piece about a woman's last desperate telephone conversation with the lover who has left her to marry someone else. (60 min.)

58 13 - Connections: Countdown This episode recounts the birth of television and scrutinizes the major role it plays in our lives. (60 min.)

9:00 P.M.

3 2 7 10 - The Unbroken Circle 'A Tribute to Mother Maybelle Carter.' This is a celebration of the world of country music and a salute to one of its pioneers, with Kris Kristofferson as host. Guest stars include Lynn Anderson, the Carter Family, Johnny Cash, and Ray Charles. (60 min.)

9 4 - Charlie's Angels The Angels go back to college and use themselves as bait for white slavers. Guest starring Jo Ann Pflug. (60 min.)

36 8 - Diff'rent Strokes Morgan

joins the Alders for a surprise visit to the Drummond family. (60 min.)

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7 - MOVIE: 'Slow Dancing in the Big City' A New York reporter becomes involved with a ballerina stricken with a crippling disease. Paul Sorvino, Anne Pitchburn. 1977

18 11 - Have Gun Will Travel

10:00 P.M.

3 2 7 10 - Kenny Rogers & The American Cowboy Kenny Rogers performs in concert with guest stars Mac Davis and The Charlie Daniels Band, and looks at the life and music of real cowboys. (60 min.)

8 - Upstairs, Downstairs

9 4 - Vegas Dan is hired to clear a feminist who is charged of murdering the three top gangsters of Vegas. Guest starring Shelley Winters. (60 min.)

12 - It Takes a Thief

18 11 - Bonanza

36 8 - Best of Saturday Night Live Tonight's programs guests include Richard Pryor. (60 min.)

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11:00 P.M.

3 2 7 10 9 4 36 8 - News

6 - Last of the Wild

7 - MOVIE: 'The Last Embrace'

A secret agent finds his life in danger. Roy Scheider. 1979

12 - Benny Hill Show

18 11 - Gong Show

42 5 58 13 - Dick Cavett Today's guest is Maria Tallchief.

11:30 P.M.

3 2 7 10 - Black Sheep Squadron Pappy and his men are ordered to undertake a suicidal mission. (R) (60 min.)

6 - MOVIE: 'Bells of St. Mary's' A priest and a nun, through their warm understanding, rebuild a failing parochial school after enticing a skinflint to donate the land and a new building. Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman, Henry Travers. 1945.

9 4 - The Love Boat A retired sea captain makes life miserable for his son the captain; a man is trapped in his cabin by a German shepherd; and two men are part of a naughty game played by three eager young ladies. Guest starring Phil Silvers, Judy Canova, Gary Burghoff, David Landsberg and Vince Baggett. (R) (60 min.)

12 - Second City

18 11 - P.T.L. Club

36 8 - Tonight Show Johnny's guests include Calvin Trillin. (90 min.)

42 5 - Sign Off

58 13 - Captioned ABC News

12:00 A.M.

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12:30 A.M.

3 2 7 10 - Hawaii Five-O McGarrett investigates a stolen airline ticket racket. (R) (60 min.)

9 4 - Baretta Baretta goes undercover on the docks to solve a series of mysterious slayings. Guest starring Susan Tyrell, John Kerry and Steve Desmond. (R) (60 min.)

1:00 A.M.

36 8 - Tomorrow

2:00 A.M.

6 - MOVIE: 'Once Before I Die' A young U.S. Cavalry major and his fiancée are caught in the surprise attack by the Japanese in the Philippines. John Derek, Ursula Andress, Richard Jaeckel. 1966

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