

# Appeal halts cutting auto insurance rates

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An appeal filed by the N.C. Rate Bureau and the N.C. Reinsurance Facility, two insurance industry advocates, has halted a plan by Insurance Commissioner John Ingram to lower automobile insurance rates for certain groups of drivers.

The 106-page appeal filed on Nov. 27 with the state Court of Appeals will not be reviewed for at least a year, according to a Court of Appeals official. Ingram's proposal, which would have gone into effect Jan. 1, cannot be enacted until the appeal is decided.

"We would like to see the present law changed," said Byron Tatum, deputy commissioner of the N.C. Department of Insurance. Tatum said the companies can continue to charge the higher rates despite Ingram's order under present state law.

"We are trying to get the law appealed," Tatum said. "It was enacted on Sept. 1, 1977 because we hadn't given a rate increase for four years."

Ingram's order would lower car insurance rates for drivers with less than two years' experience. The present liability surcharge would have been reduced from \$74 to \$37.

"We don't feel that Mr. Ingram's proposals are appropriate," said John Watkins, assistant manager of the N.C. Rate Bureau, the agency which represents the insurance industry on rate policy. "Our main opposition is from an economic standpoint, but there are also changes in his plan that would not be practical or possible."

Watkins was especially critical of Ingram's proposal to bring the industry's point system for traffic violations in line with the state Motor Vehicles Division's system. Presently, surcharges are calculated on a separate insurance point system.

"We've got a good point system now,"

said Paul Mize, general manager for the Rate Bureau. "There is no way the two systems could be brought together."

Tatum, however, said Ingram's plan would result in fewer complications. "Under the Division of Motor Vehicles' system, a person charged with drunk driving has his license taken away but is not assigned any points. What we want to do is assign 12 points to the driver."

Under either system, drivers convicted of traffic violations would have to pay higher premiums. But under Ingram's proposal, drivers with repeated violations would pay more, while those with limited violations would pay less.

Other provisions under Ingram's order included an increase from 20 to 25 percent in the liability insurance discount for farmers and a 5 percent increase in the discount for families with more than one car, from 15 to 20 percent.

The appeal is the latest skirmish in Ingram's continuing battle with the insurance industry over proposed increases. In October, he rejected a plan by the industry that called for a 5.6 percent overall increase in premium payments. In April he opposed the industry's 6 percent hike.

Industry officials have complained they have to keep up with the rising costs due to inflation. North Carolina insurance rates are among the lowest in the nation, according to insurance department officials.

Ingram was in Charlotte, Asheville and Greenville this week speaking at legislative committee hearings. He told the committees that the law allowing the industry to implement rate hikes despite his orders should be repealed.

"Mr. Ingram said that there has been \$85 million in increases since the law took effect last year," said Kenn Brown, director of consumer services for the Department of Insurance. "A number of people spoke out against the law, including Ernest Messer, a member of the General Assembly." Brown said.

# News in Brief

## Chatham won't sell land without hearing

RALEIGH (AP)—Chatham County commissioners have adopted a resolution stating that they won't sell any county land to the state for disposal of PCB-contaminated soil unless a public hearing is held first.

Earl D. Thompson, commission chairperson, said both county residents and state officials misinterpreted a Nov. 20 resolution by the board proposing to sell a six-acre site of the Chatham County landfill to the state for disposal of PCBs. He said residents thought the earlier resolution was commitment by the board, and "it wasn't intended that way."

## Oil strike hurts Iran's economy

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A spreading strike by oil workers trying to oust Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi cut Iran's oil output almost in half Tuesday, threatening the economic base of the shah's embattled government.

Exiled opponents of the shah claimed, meanwhile, that anti-government Iranians had taken control of the Persian Gulf port city of Bushehr after new violence Monday night, but the report could not be confirmed here.

## Webster fires agents for surveillance

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI Director William H. Webster said Tuesday he will fire two FBI agents for their part in conducting allegedly illegal surveillance against the radical Weather Underground in the early 1970s, but will take no action against 59 others.

In addition to firing two agents, the director announced he will demote one agent and suspend one for 30 days. All four had supervisory responsibility, Webster said.

## Prices to jump at the pump

NEW YORK (AP)—Motorists will be paying a couple of cents more for a gallon of gasoline within a week because of the current tight supply of the fuel, industry analysts predicted Tuesday.

The increase is expected to last as long as there is tightness in supply. The oil companies estimate that the tight supply will last about a month, but some experts say it will be longer. The oil companies and the Energy Department say there is no gas shortage.

## Israel asks collaborator's extradition

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Israel will ask for the extradition of convicted Nazi collaborator Pieter Menten, freed from prison when a Dutch court dropped war-crimes charges against him, the Israeli Embassy said Tuesday.

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passing in the state Senate are not good, the amendment's supporters say they are not discouraged, Miriam Slikin, North Carolina coordinator of the National Organization of Women's ERA Caravan, said she hopes Gov. Hunt will be able to persuade some senators to change their no votes.

"I've watched the legislature before and when the governor has got something he really wants, he's got some levers he can push," Slikin said. "Don't be surprised if some of the legislators change their vote from no to yes."

Slikin said she thinks Gov. Hunt will push for ratification of ERA to avoid making it an issue in the 1980 gubernatorial campaign.

"If ERA doesn't pass in 1979, I think anyone who runs for governor in 1980 will make a major issue out of it," she said. "I don't think anyone wants that to happen."

But if the amendment does fail in 1979, Slikin said she will not give up. Congress gave new life to ERA by extending the ratification deadline to 1982. The North Carolina legislature would have time for at least one more vote.

"If it doesn't pass in 1979, I'll just have to step up my efforts," Slikin said. "I've been traveling all over the state showing films to educate people about what the amendment really means."

"I've seen how startled people are when they see the actual wording. They say 'Gee, is that all?'"

"I just keep thinking about what they told us when we tried to get Congress to extend the deadline," she said. "They told us it couldn't be done but we did it anyway."

# minorities

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minority recruitment. Renwick said he hoped the tutorials sponsored by the department would "get some of the students over the hump."

The Minority Programs Committee, organized last spring, is one of nine standing committees of the chemistry department, and its chairperson is Maurice M. Bursey. Other committee members are professors Isenhour, Slayton A. Evans Jr. and Lee G. Pedersen and students Thomas Hunter and Shirley Thompson.

# Classifieds

## Announcements

IF YOU ARE going to Killington with the UNC Ski Club, you must come to the meeting tonight at 7:00 in Room 215 of the Union. Important details will be discussed. It is not too late to sign up if you are there tonight.

HILLMUSIC GIFT IDEAS: solid spruce-top guitars from \$175, old Gibson & Vega guitars from \$195, new Washburns from \$240, banjos from \$65, mandolins from \$40. Fiddles, bows, dulcimers, pennywhistles. New shipment of Old-Time & Irish records. 1/2 price on guitar strings. 113 N. Columbia Street, above Soundhaus. Closed Mondays.

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YOU CAN STILL sign up! Ski Killington, Vt. with the UNC Ski Club. Only \$145.50! Dec. 31 Jan. 6. Never skied? Come learn! Bill Verch 942-6079.

ATTENTION: ALL YEARLY Meal Planners can pick up their 2nd semester cards starting Sun., Jan. 7 at Chase. Spring Meal Plans are now on sale!

UNC SKI CLUB skis Beech and Sugar! Jan. 12 & 13 Friday night, Saturday lift tickets, party and lodging included. Only \$25! Bill 942-6079. Rav 933-2496.

## Lost & Found

LOST: I lost a wool touring type hat in Carroll Hall Friday. Please return if found, it has sentimental value attached. 933-4962, or 1048-James. Please call!

LOST—SET OF 12 to 15 keys with red, green, blue and yellow plastic color codes, leather thong on ring. Reward. Phone 929-1795.

LOST: pair of women's glasses. Multi-colored, grayish frames. Non-tinted lenses. Lost a couple of weeks ago outside Mangum. If found please turn in to Union desk. Thanks, Marie.

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SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE for rent for second semester. For details call David at 942-8179.

## Help Wanted

SHIPPING & RECEIVING PERSON—Inventory control, deliveries, UPS & trucker shipments, valid NC drivers license. Experience preferred. Call for appt. 969-5091.

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## For Sale

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FOR SALE: 1974 Chevy Vega. AC. Auto, AM/FM radio, stereo 8-track player, good condition. Asking \$625. Call Kim, 493-2010, after 8:00.

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HELP! Must sell Ehringhaus room contract IMMEDIATELY. Call Mark at 933-3168.

EHRINGHAUS FEMALE CONTRACT for sale. Must sell if interested, please call Patti at 933-3140.

GRANVILLE CONTRACTS (2) for sale for Spring Semester. Girls' Dorm. Will sell as single or double. Call 933-1752.

FOR SALE 10 SPEED Mistral bike. Call 942-3909 after 6 pm.

JVC TUNER—bought for \$155, sell for \$115. 8 months old, less than 12 hrs playing time. I never use it. Peter Cohan, 929-4750.

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