

Survey Says North Carolinians Want Education, Help For Seniors

North Carolinians want the state to place continued emphasis on reading and basic skills in the public schools and on programs to improve the quality of life for older adults.

Citizens do not want any new state programs which would result in increased costs to taxpayers.

These are among the ideas and opinions voiced during a series of citizen hearings conducted by the state Goals and Policy Board this fall and scheduled by over 1,600 North Carolinians.

According to Arthur Cassell of Greensboro, vice chairman of the Goals and Policy Board, citizens also indicated during the hearings that they strongly favor development of a long-range, comprehensive plan for controlling hazardous wastes in the state and favor measures to further reduce North Carolina's rate of infant mortality. "The viewpoints voiced at these seven hearings also indicated favor with alternatives to imprisonment such as repayment and community service, but only for first offenders," said Cassell.

The citizens voiced opposition to any proposals which included the words "committee" or "study," "especially where additional appropriations would have been required," Cassell added.

The hearings were held from Sept. 18 through Oct. 10 in Raleigh, Roper, Jacksonville, Charlotte, High Point, Wilkesboro and Cullowhee.

In addition, the board mailed out copies of a booklet call-

ed "Topics for Discussion" which outlined the board's proposed recommendations in areas such as welfare, alternatives to imprisonment, health care, voter participation, and hazardous wastes control. Cassell said that approximately 600 citizens returned the booklets with their written comments on the proposed recommendations.

"We were extremely pleased with the quality of participation from citizens in all areas of the state," Cassell said. "Not only did they respond to our proposed recommendations, but they presented several new ideas and issues."

"For instance, we found out that a burning concern of many North Carolinians at the present time is housing. A and handicapped or very low

income — particularly substandard housing," Cassell reported.

"With this in mind," he added, "the state Goals and Policy Board will probably choose to make housing a major topic of discussion for 1980."

Cassell also noted that

citizens had suggested several areas that need to be considered under the umbrella of the state's Balanced Growth Policy, including preservation of the environment, conservation of citizens advocated the state taking a more active role in areas such as rent abuse, housing for the elderly,

tion of energy, preservation of farm land, and better management of our land resources.

The Goals and Policy Board will meet Jan. 9 in Greensboro to make final decisions on

recommendations to be included in an annual report to Gov. Jim Hunt, who serves as chairman of the board.

Copies of the report will be available to the public in February.



ANGLEA GODWIN, an employee of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicles Division in Raleigh, prepares to mail 1980 vehicle registration renewal notices. The Motor Vehicles Division mailed over 4.5 million renewal cards last week to the state's vehicle owners. Sales of 1980 validation stickers and license plates begin Jan. 2. The 1980 stickers or tags must be displayed no later than midnight Feb. 15.

Registration

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Peters said it will take 10 days to two weeks for owners to receive a card after notification to the division.

He said many cards which cannot be delivered by the postal service will be forwarded to local license plate agencies. "Owners may be able to pick up their cards at the local agency," he said.

Instructions on how to purchase the stickers or tags through the mail or in person at local agencies are contained in an informational folder which accompanies the renewal cards. In both instances, Peters said, owners should remember to certify their insurance coverage by signing the card and make necessary address corrections on both sections of the card.

The motor vehicles commissioner said validation stickers will be used to renew the registration of the following types of vehicles: private passenger automobiles, 4,000-pound truck, motorcycles, trailers and rental or leased automobiles. All other vehicles will receive license plates.

The 1980 validation sticker will be black and white. It should be placed in the upper right hand corner of the owner's current license plate on top of the 1979 sticker. "Care should be taken to place the validation sticker on your license plate according to the instructions," Peters said. "Once in place, the stickers cannot be satisfactorily removed."

The license plate agency for Madison County is run by Vernon Ramsey on the Marshall Bypass. The mailing address is P.O. Box 464, Marshall, and the phone number is 649-2330. His place of business is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Wednesdays and

Saturdays, when the hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

Federal Investigators Ask Shutdown Of Erwin Plant

Federal investigators have recommended lifting the license of a Tennessee nuclear fuel plant after they were unable to account for at least 20 pounds of highly enriched uranium missing at the plant, government sources said Sunday.

Officials at the Nuclear Fuel Services plant in Erwin, Tenn., told the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in mid-September that a quantity of highly enriched uranium large enough to make at least one atomic bomb could not be accounted for in its August inventory.

NRC investigators quickly began to examine the plant's accounting system. But NRC sources said Sunday although the inventory gap has been narrowed there is still no explanation for at least 20 pounds of uranium being missing.

"There is no evidence of theft or diversion. We just don't know where it is in the system," one agency source said. He asked not to be identified by name.

The sources said that at a closed NRC commission

meeting Dec. 14 the agency's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards recommended that the license for the Erwin plant be revoked.

The uranium processing plant is one of 11 commercial operations in the United States licensed to handle amounts of uranium and plutonium large enough to produce an atomic bomb.

The facility, owned by the Nuclear Fuel Services Corp., a subsidiary of the Getty Oil Co., processes uranium for the Navy's reactors.

There has been increasing concern both in and outside the NRC during the past year about accounting practices at such plants.

The Erwin plant has been criticized in the past as failing to meet government requirements for keeping track of uranium. During the past 10 years, it has been ordered closed for re-inventory at least a half dozen times because of uranium accounting problems.

NRC regulations require that a plant be closed for a new inventory if at least 20 pounds of uranium cannot be accounted for.

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YOUTH PREVAILS
 SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Youth was served in a 10,000-meter race here in November. An unknown 15-year-old, Vickie Cook, won the event, the Legs-YWCA race, in 35 minutes and seven seconds.

In back of the young winner were such seasoned runners as Bev Shingles, 39, the winner of the Los Angeles Women's Marathon the previous week, and Miki Gorman, 44, who on one occasion was the first woman to finish in the Boston Marathon.

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Truckers To Secure Loads

Truckers are requested to properly secure their cargo before traveling on the state's highways. State Highway Patrol Commander John T. Jenkins has asked troopers to diligently enforce load security laws because his office has received numerous complaints of near accidents caused by objects falling from trucks.

According to Jenkins, "reports have come in of gravel falling from passing trucks and cracking windshields, a particularly dangerous situation." He reminded drivers that trucks hauling rock, gravel, stone, or similar substances are required to be loaded or secured so as to prevent the load from dropping, shifting, leaking,

LIST YOUR TAXES NOW.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS are urged to list their taxes on days specified below in schedule or come to **COURTHOUSE** at Marshall, since there will be no fulltime listers in each township, as in previous years.

Two girls from TAX SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE will be listing taxes throughout the county according to schedule below.

If you miss listing in your township during the days specified below you can come to Courthouse any time during the month of January on week days from 8:30 AM to 4:00PM.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS WILL BE CHECKED AGAINST STATE REGISTRATION CARDS. ALL TAXES MUST BE LISTED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1980 TO AVOID 10% LATE LISTING PENALTY.

1-1 MARSHALL
 Madison County Courthouse
 Monday-Saturday
 Weekdays 9:00 to 4:00
 Saturdays 9:00 to 3:00

1-2 SANDY MUSH AND LITTLE PINE
 Lois Davis Store
 Saturday - January 5 and
 January 30 Wednesday
 Clarence Roberts Store Bldg.
 Tuesday - January 29
 Time: Weekdays 9:00 to 4:00
 Saturdays 9:00 to 3:00

2 LAUREL
 Reuben Gosnell's Store (Sodom), Friday,
 January 4
 Fred's Gulf (Little Laurel), Tuesday
 January 15,
 Cantrell's Grocery - (Spillcorn) Wednesday,
 January 16
 Clarence Cutshall's Store - (Shelton Laurel)
 Friday, January 25 & Thursday, January 31
 Time: 9:00 to 4:00

3-1MARS HILL
 Mars Hill City Hall
 Monday, January 7,
 Wednesday, January 9 and
 Saturday January 12
 Time: Weekdays 9:00 to 4:00
 Saturdays 9:00 to 3:00

3-2 GRAPEVINE
 Coates Store, Tuesday, January 8 and
 Tuesday, January 15
 Shook's Grocery, Thursday, January 10
 Time: 9:00 to 4:00

Madison County
 North Carolina

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED PERSONS:
 MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 1980:

G. S. 105-277.1 excludes from property taxes the first seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in assessed value of certain property owned by North Carolina residents aged 65 or older or totally and permanently disabled whose disposable income does not exceed nine thousand dollars (\$9,000). The exclusion covers real property occupied by the owner as his or her permanent residence and/or household personal property used by the owner in connection with his or her permanent residence. Disposable income includes all moneys received other than gifts or inheritances received from a spouse, lineal ancestors, or lineal descendants.

APPLICATION

- (1) Is the property listed on this abstract your permanent residence or household personal property used in connection with your permanent residence? Yes No
- (2) What is your date of birth? _____
- (3) Husbands Income _____ Wives Income _____

If this application is based upon total and permanent disability, attach a certificate that certifies that you are totally and permanently disabled from a physician licensed as a medical doctor in North Carolina or a governmental agency authorized to make such determination.

Ernest Snelson
TAX SUPERVISOR