



NO CHANGES PLANNED -- These three students said they had no objection with the dress code which was topped last week. Juanita Scott, Kathy Bishop, and Ellen Maxwell, all felt the dress code "was good".

## Traffic Laws Clarified For Bikes With Motors

Apparently there has been much confusion concerning the motor vehicle laws pertaining to bicycles with helper motors, according to Sgt. Robert M. Walsh, traffic safety information officer for the Highway Patrol.

Listed below is the motor vehicle law, G.S. 20-50.1, which reads as follows:

"Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, all pedal bicycles with helper motors rated at one brake horsepower or less and incapable of exceeding 20 miles per hour shall be exempt from all title and registration requirements of Chapter 20, provided such bicycles so equipped shall not be operated upon any highway or public vehicular area of this State by any person under the age of sixteen (16) years."

One effect of this statute is to define these types of vehicles as bicycles rather than motorcycles, thereby exempting them, in most cases, from liability insurance requirements applicable to motor vehicles. In addition, operators and passengers would not be required to wear safety helmets.

All pedal bicycles with helper motors are exempted from all title registration requirements; therefore, would not be required to display a current approved inspection certificate under G.S. 20-183.2.

There is no exception, however, from the drivers license requirements for the driver of a bicycle with a helper motor, Walsh said.

It is the opinion of the State Highway Patrol, as well as that of William W. Melvin, Assistant Attorney General and the Drivers License Division, that the driver of pedal bicycles with helper motors must be licensed as an operator or a chauffeur by the Department of Motor Vehicles if these vehicles are operated upon any highway or public vehicular area of this State.

All bicycles when used at night are required by G.S. 20-129 (E) to be equipped with a lighted lamp on the front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a

distance of at least three (3) hundred feet in front of such bicycle, and shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror or lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least two (2) hundred feet to the rear of such bicycle.

Since there is little doubt that a bicycle with a helper motor is a motor vehicle, G.S. 20-160(B) would also apply, "No person shall drive any motor vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or temporary driveway."

Bicycles are defined as vehicles under G.S. 20-4 (49) and every rider of a bicycle upon a highway shall be subject to the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle except those which by their nature can have no application. Therefore driving on the right half of the highway, stopping at stop signs, and traffic lights, improper passing, etc., would apply to bicycle riders.

Requested, and remaining unchanged from this year; Jail, \$24,265, as requested, and increasing from \$24,080 this year;

Fire, \$24,257, as requested, up from this year's \$22,810; Inspection, \$11,500, as requested, (a new department expected to receive a federal grant to offset part of the total budgeted); Sanitation, \$77,368, as requested, up from \$73,000 this year;

Health, \$175,610, as requested, rising from \$114,444 this year; Medical examiner, \$3,700, unchanged from this year's budget;

Social Services, \$373,307, up from this year's \$265,324, with the county's share rising \$66,675; Civil preparedness, \$20,333, unchanged from the request and up from \$18,817 this year;

Extension services, \$27,615, unchanged from the request and reduced from this year's \$30,057 budget; Veterans Service, \$12,228, increased \$10 from the request and up from this year's \$11,587;

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### ---BUDGET---

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\$21,307; Library, \$17,750, as requested, increasing over this year's \$15,750; Soil conservation, \$4,325, as requested, remaining unchanged from this year;

County development, \$9,175, as requested, rising from this year's \$8,875; Non Departmental (increase in salaries, insurance on new building, sales tax new item), \$104,158, as requested, rising from \$78,461 this year;

Contingency, \$30,000, as requested, remaining unchanged; Jury commission, \$1,000, as requested, up from \$200 this year;

CETA Title I federal grants, (proposed for recreation director, county planner, and inspector) \$25,500, rising from this year's \$9,600; Title VI federal grants, (public service employment) \$40,000.

Lester said he felt certain the proposed budget will be cut before it is approved by the board of commissioners.

"It will have to be trimmed to get the tax rate down," he commented. Lester said salary increases may be cut, or the elections budget may be reduced because of the possibility of changes in the state elections laws.

"They'd love to trim Social Services, but I don't see how they can," he said, citing the recent increase in the AFDC program.

The tax rate adopted last year was .80 cents, but Lester refused to speculate how the new rate will be to that figure.

In addition to the general county taxes a levy will be set for eight rural fire districts. The levies have not been set, as Lester said he is still awaiting completed budgets from some of the departments.

Lester hinted some departments may be proposing sharp increases, but he had no detailed figures at this time.

The public budget hearing is set for June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the county courthouse.

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### ---DRESS CODE---

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"Nothing to ban clothing with a legend critical of yourself?" Glusman said.

"No," Autry answered.

Glusman later asked, "In your entire history as principal there has a student ever come to school with an obscene pictorial marking?"

Never, Autry agreed. Responding to questions, he said he had seen shirts with obscenities on them, but said he did not consider them to be common in the county.

Turning to the haircut policies, Glusman asked why a similar regulation was not in effect for female students.

"Well, it used to be you could tell the difference," Autry said. "I've never given it a thought."

Discipline was the heart of the dress code, Autry testified. "It was a way to teach young men to accept authority," he said.

"Would you agree that there are plenty of other ways to teach respect for authority rather than regulating hair," Glusman asked.

"Yes."

"Do you agree that you and your faculty are equal to the challenge?" Glusman said.

Autry agreed.

Taking the stand, Edwards gave a different definition of pictorial marking.

"It is a word or picture that is vulgar," he said.

"Why didn't you put that in your dress code," Glusman asked.

"I guess because hindsight is greater than foresight," Edwards said. Edwards told the court that the dress code was enforced by two teachers personally checking 22 classes, each, during third period every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"What else do you do every Monday, Wednesday and Friday?" Judge Bailey asked.

Edwards said the check took about 45 minutes.

"Wouldn't it be better to teach English during those 45 minutes," Bailey said.

"We do that too," Edwards answered.