

Powell Bill Fund Concerning Gas Will Be Given Hertford



Members of the Hertford Lion's Club recently congregated in Claude Brinn's backyard for the club's annual cookout. The group filled up on hamburgers and hot dogs while they looked out over the beautiful Perquimans River.



Hertford Boy Scout Troop 155, which is sponsored by the Lion's Club, attended the cookout. Scoutmaster W.L. Simmerson told the members about recent achievement made by the scouts. Afterwards, Troop 155 received their charter.



Claude Brinn and Joe Tunnell were cooks for the occasion. Tunnell takes time out for some pointers from Jimmy Byrum and son.



UNAUTHORIZED TRASH SITE — This dump, near Winfall is the catch all for some thoughtless people. Signs are posted "No Dumping" through the area. Why do people ignore the signs? (Marren Photo)

Cities and towns all over the state will soon share again in the state's gasoline tax, as Powell Bill figures are expected to be announced within the next few days.

Indications are that the total distributed to municipalities this year will be in excess of \$29 million, which is some two million dollars more than last year's appropriation, which was a record.

This will be the second year that the total distributed to municipalities this year will be in excess of \$29 million, which is some two million dollars more than last year's appropriation, which was a record.

This will be the second year that the action of the 1971 General Assembly in raising the money from municipalities was doubled giving them a full cent per gallon of the tax. They used to get only one-half cent per gallon.

The funds are distributed to urban centers on the basis of population, which counts 75 percent, and the street mileage not on the state system, which counts 25 percent.

Under the law, checks must be mailed to the municipalities prior to October 1.

This is the 22nd year that Powell Bill funds have been distributed by the state to its cities and towns.

The Powell Bill got its name from its sponsor, a legislator from Sampson County, who had the revenue sharing idea after World War II. The first payments were made in 1951.

Since that time, the amount has increased yearly and last year, with the doubling of the allocation, it really shot up. This year will be the best in history from the municipalities' viewpoint. The actual allocations for each community should be made public within a week.

Fishermen down near Oregon Inlet got something to tell, fish stories about the other day. First, there were some guys there in coats and ties. Then they got on a strange looking boat which came across the water and up on the sand.

It wasn't a case of too much sun, or too much juice, or a science fiction story. The guys in the suits were from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural and Economic Resources. The strange looking craft was a hovercraft. The Royal Navy was demonstrating a hovercraft for various governmental of-

ficials. The hovercraft was originally designed as a military vehicle. Now it's being adapted for civilian use.

In case you haven't heard of one of these monsters, it rides on a cushion of air over land or sea. It hovers like a helicopter, but is much closer to the ground or water.

The people from the Department of Transportation were considering it as an alternative to the ferries. Assistant Secretary for Planning John Cameron said, "If it cost the same as a ferry, we'd be considering it." Highway Administrator Billy Rose went a little further. "If it cost the same as a ferry, we wouldn't have any ferries," Rose said.

Cost is one factor. A hovercraft which carries 60 cars and about 150 passengers runs about \$10 million dollars. In 1969, North Carolina built 6 ferries for use at the Hatteras Inlet. These carry about 24 cars. They cost \$242,000 each.

With a hovercraft, however, there wouldn't be any dredging, or docks to construct. Cameron said the hovercraft could turn in its own dimension. He said that

the craft has little wake and does not disturb the water, since it rides over the water and not in it. He said that there was very little noise inside or outside.

The hovercraft is able to leap 4-foot walls with a single bound. One of the North Carolina riders said that the craft comes to a stop and settles like a "settin' hen".

The trip taken by the North Carolina folks was from Oregon Inlet to Morehead City. Speed was about 55 miles per hour. The craft is capable of speeds of about 80 miles per hour, but the sea should be smooth as glass for that time of speed. It can operate in seas up to 10 feet, but choppy water does give it a problem. This is a serious consideration for North Carolina, since some of the inlet and sound seas do tend to get choppy.

While the use of a hovercraft in North Carolina may be some time off, fishermen who were there can tell about the big one that swallowed up those men and then got away!

If you say the Highway Users Conference is made up of people who are interested in streets

and highways, then you wonder who doesn't belong. However, the Conference in North Carolina is composed of about 35 trade associations with an interest in highways.

The Conference members are

BICYCLE DEATHS
It's imperative that more be done in the field of bicycle safety, says The Travelers Insurance Companies. It reports bicycle deaths rose by one-third in 1972 over the preceding year.

DOWNWARD TREND

In 1972 there was a discouraging reversal of the downward trend in traffic fatalities of 1970 and 1971. Last year, more than 55,700 persons died in traffic mishaps, according to The Travelers Insurance Companies.

CAUSES DEATH

Bicycle accidents in 1972 caused 1,000 deaths and more than 102,000 injuries, according to statistics released by The Travelers Insurance Companies.

joining with the Governor's office and the Department of Transportation in sponsoring a breakfast for Highway Week. The key speaker will be Congressman Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell. The event is Monday, September 24 in Raleigh. Over a hundred conference members are expected.

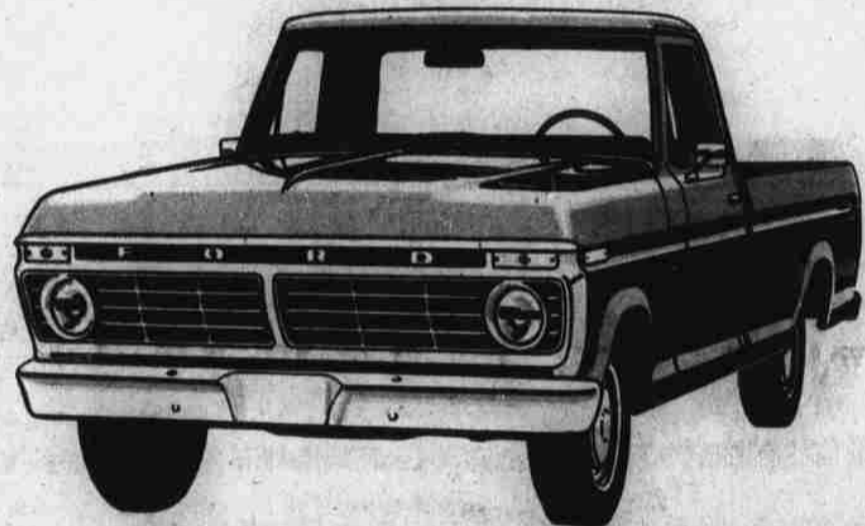
Highway Week is September 23-29 and the official slogan this year is "Better Highways, Better Living."

CALENDAR DEADLINE SATURDAY!

If no one has seen you about a community birthday calendar yet, please get in touch with a Marching Unit member. The deadline for sales is Saturday, September 29, 1973. The girls have been canvassing the county; however if you were out when they called, please contact: Brenda Mansfield, 426-5803; Joyce Winslow, 426-5668; Susan Rogerson, 426-7354; or Sharon Hurdle, 297-2279.

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SUNDAY AT EMPORIA

Mrs. C.W. Reed and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Litchfield of Morehead City, and Roy Reed of Covington, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Litchfield in Emporia, Va. on Sunday.

**RETURNS FROM
HOSPITAL**

Walter Edwards Jr. returned home Monday after undergoing surgery at the Cross and McCoy Hospital in Norfolk, Va.

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Auxiliary of William Paul Stallings Post 136 will meet tonight at the Legion Home at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.