

Letters From Our Readers:

Editor's Mailbag



Speaking Out On Proposed Bills

TO THE EDITOR:

The North Carolina General Assembly is considering two bills supported by the insurance industry which would drastically change the present system of insurance rate making in this state to the disadvantage of the people.

HB 658 and SB 150 would end our present system of prior approval of insurance rates by an elected Insurance Commissioner. Instead, insurance companies would be turned loose on the people of North Carolina to set their own rates. The practical effect of these bills would be to make the elected Insurance Commissioner powerless to regulate insurance rates in the public's interest.

If these bills are passed there will be a raid on the peoples' pocketbooks. Rates for automobile liability insurance alone will increase \$54 million dollars. Rates for other lines of insurance can increase by several hundred million dollars within the next year.

Both bills would effectively ruin two important laws:
1. the Reinsurance Facility Law which abolished the discriminatory Assigned Risk Plan, and
2. the law abolishing age and sex discrimination with a good safe driver plan.

The insurance industry has the largest single group of paid lobbyists in the General Assembly. They are working night and day to enact SB 150 and HB 658. A large number of insurance agents are on both the House and Senate Insurance Committees. These bills could reach the floor of the General Assembly within the week.

I need your help to fight these bills. Write, call and telegraph your elected representatives. Let them know that you want your elected Insurance Commissioner to approve rates before they go into effect.

The citizens of North Carolina will have to pick up this multi-million dollar tab if these bad bills become law.

JOHN INGRAM
Insurance Commissioner

Taking A Look Backward

JUNE 1939
By VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

PRESIDENT OKAYS BATHING BEACH PROJECT WITH FEDERAL APPROPRIATION OF \$5,132: The Perquimans Weekly has been advised that the WPA last Friday notified Representative Lindsey Warren that the President had approved a WPA project for bathing facilities on the Perquimans River at Hertford including construction of bath houses, pier and pavilion and removal of stumps from the river bottom with a Federal allotment of \$5,132. According to Fred Chalk, supervisor of WPA ac-

tivities in Perquimans County, work will begin on the bathing pier early in July, and when the project is finished, which will require about four months, a roomy, open-air pavilion will rest on the far end of the long pier which will extend 273 feet out into the Perquimans River from the foot of Grubb Street.

RECEIVE A. B. DEGREES AT EAST CAROLINA TEACHERS COLLEGE: Mary Felton, Lucille Long and Joyce Harrell of Hertford, Margaret Guy Overton of Elizabeth City, Madeline Eure of Roduco, Madeline Byrum of Sunbury, and Mary Lilly of Gatesville received A.B. degrees from East Carolina

Teachers College at Greenville on Monday.

HOUSE PARTY AT NAGS HEAD: Miss Anne Felton will entertain a number of her friends at a house party at her Nags Head cottage for a week, beginning Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. J.O. Felton and Mrs. V.N. Darden, will chaperone the party. Miss Felton's guests will include Misses Ruth Hollowell, Ruth Winslow, Florence Darden, Marguerite Ward, Nita Newbold, Anna Penelope Tucker, Katherine Leigh, and Bill Cox, George Fields, Clarke Stokes, Harrell Johnson, Watt Winslow, Zach White, Zack Harris, Jarvis Ward, Paul Tucker, Hollowell Cox Nixon, Fred

Shoofar of Charlotte, and C.H. Howard Jr. of St. Paul's.

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RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Myrtle Norman of Hertford has returned home from Chowan Hospital where she was a patient following an automobile accident.

WEEKEND VISITORS

Miss Paula Adams and Vernon Adams Jr. spent the Memorial Day weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Doris McKnight.

Health News & Views
WOODARD'S PHARMACY
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Don't let Joe hike it alone!

Lose weight and walk a Marathon doing it? Really, a friend of mine, W. Joe Davis, sends word that he is walking from Washington to Belhaven July 4th, and he invites any determined individual who dares to walk this sweltering, hot July 4th 26 miles with him.

201st birthday, and he doesn't want to walk alone!

So, don't let my friend walk alone. Get the particulars from W. Joe Davis, Box 5185, Raleigh, NC 27607 (Ph 919 / 832-5796, or 266-9749). He needs a few hiking pals!

Joe says he's walking for health, fun, and recognition of this nation's



Your Pharmacist
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"IT'S MUSIC" — To the delight of parents, teachers, friends and others, the sixth grade students at Hertford Grammar School presented "It's Music" on June 2. The musical, com-

posed by John Wilson, presented the history of America in song. Pictured above, the students sing "Good Old American Music."



SINGING OUT — Lisa Boyce and Richard Skinner, sixth graders at Hertford Grammar School, explain that "It Can Lift You Up" — music, that is. (Newbern photos)

Adult Driver Course Offered

Perquimans County and area residents who are over 18 years of age and have never acquired their N.C. driver's license will have a chance to prepare themselves for driving, according to Clayton Morrisette, director of Continuing Education at College of the Albemarle. The college will offer a course in "Adult Driver Education" in Hertford, beginning on Tuesday, June 14.

Morrisette said attending classes will not assure the students of becoming licensed drivers, but it will provide the basic knowledge and the practical skills needed to take the man-

datory North Carolina driver's examination.

Classes will be taught each Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Perquimans County Office Building by Carl Harris. Harris explained that the course will consist of 36 hours of classroom work, 12 hours of driving observation, and six hours of driving a vehicle under actual traffic conditions.

A \$17 fee will be charged for the course. Registrants are asked to have their Social Security numbers available when enrolling during the first two class meetings.

HOSPITAL VISIT

Mrs. Margie Gregory from Chesapeake, Va., Mrs. Louise Stallings and Mrs. Lorraine Casper from Belvidere, visited their sister, Mrs. Betty Lou Riddick at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill last Thursday. Mrs. Riddick has now returned home.

Dairy Month

Milk is one of the major sources of high quality protein at a low cost. In fact, three 8-oz. glasses of milk each day provides 57 per cent of an individual's protein needs. Milk is the main source of calcium which is vital for growing and maintaining healthy bones and teeth. The National Academy of Sciences recommends at least three 8-oz. glasses of milk for children, four for teenagers, and two or more for adults each day.

According to Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent, milk and dairy products are one of the four basic food groups that are so important to a family's health needs.

The facts are presented here in recognition of June as Dairy Month.



Milk Measures Up!

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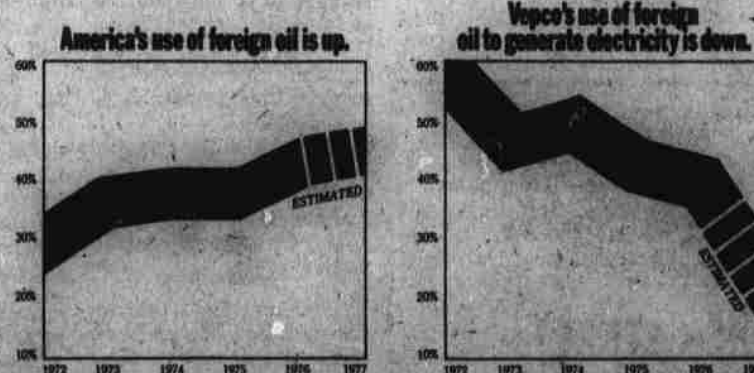
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