

State Highway Patrol to crack down on drunk drivers

A new effort by the State Highway Patrol to cut down on speeding and drunk drivers on North Carolina highways was announced recently by State Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton.

In the announcement, made in Raleigh, Carlton pointed out that more people have been killed on state highways since January of this year as compared to the same period in 1977.

"Since approximately forty percent of all traffic fatalities are related to speeding and twenty-five percent are related to drivers known to be under the influence of alcohol, it is obvious that we must step up our traffic law enforcement in these areas," Carlton said.

Carlton described a seven-point program to reduce speed and drunk driving. The program includes the following enforcement activities which will affect every North Carolinian:

UNMARKED PATROL CARS

Troopers will be patrolling in unmarked Pontiacs, Chevrolets, Fords, Dodges and Buicks. The old days of motorists just looking for that too familiar plain-colored Plymouth with solid black tires are over.

INCREASED WORKING HOURS FOR PATROLMEN

An \$818,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program has been granted to the Highway Patrol as an incentive to work on their days off. This will put an additional 375 patrolmen each week patrolling the state's highways looking specifically for speeders and drinking drivers.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS

Because patrol communications stations operate on different frequencies throughout the state, the patrol has purchased five hundred new 12-channel radios. This will enable patrol officers to better communicate with the men under their supervision.

ACTION AGAINST ALL VIOLATORS

Members of the Highway Patrol have been instructed to stop every vehicle on the highway which is exceeding the speed limit by any amount and to take appropriate action based on the offense. Drivers giving the slightest appearance of driving under the influence of alcohol will be stopped every time.

STRICT ACTION AGAINST DRIVERS OF STATE-OWNED CARS

Secretary Carlton is

recommending to the State Personnel Commission that any state employee found guilty of violating a motor vehicle law on a state vehicle be given an oral warning for the first offense, a written warning for the second and that he be dismissed for any subsequent violations. He is also recommending that any state employee committing a serious motor vehicle offense while operating a state vehicle, such as speeding in excess of 75 mph, careless and reckless driving or driving under the influence, be dismissed for a first conviction.

MULTI-STATE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

North Carolina is presently working with 4 other states through which Interstate 95 passes in planning a cooperative enforcement effort which will be called Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). This program, endorsed by President Carter, will emphasize voluntary compliance with the national speed limit, high visibility of Patrol during holiday weekends, stricter enforcement of traffic laws in all states, more efficient movement of traffic, and more harmonious interstate cooperation in traffic

enforcement efforts between states.

INCREASED EMPHASIS ON VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

Voluntary compliance on the part of citizens is the most effective way to save lives as well as the least expensive and least inconvenient for motorists. Traffic information services and frequent reminders of the Patrol's commitment to strict law enforcement will be increased.

Carlton called on motorists, North Carolinians and visitors, to comply with the speed limit and to cease driving after consuming alcohol.

"Let there be no mistake about it," Carlton said.

"This is a serious program, not a cosmetic attempt to satisfy bureaucratic requirements. When 65 percent of the 1,500 highway deaths occur as a result of speeding or driving under the influence, we can no longer afford to think that violation of a motor vehicle law is any less serious than violation of any other criminal law."

Carlton added, "It is a crime to speed. It is a crime to drive under the influence, and this must be part of our total crime control program. No other crimes cost so many lives."

Checklist for yard sale planning

The growing popularity of yard sales in the South brings up a question often overlooked when planning a spring yard sale: are you properly insured?

A ruinous lawsuit could dispose of much more than unwanted items discovered in spring cleaning if the homeowner conducting the sale does not have the proper liability insurance coverage, the Insurance Information Institute points out.

It is unwise for the prospective yard merchant to assume that his homeowners policy will cover all losses and liability claims arising from any activity on his property. The facts surrounding the sale determine whether or not the homeowners policy provides liability coverage, according to the Institute.

In cases involving an occasional yard sale in which the policyholder sells his own property, the yard salesman generally can rely upon his homeowners policy for liability coverage since the policy extends liability coverage to situations which are related to normal, non-business residential activities. The occasional yard sale is usually considered an

activity related to home life and not to a business pursuit.

If the yard sale became a regular, profit-making activity, however, the homeowners policy would not apply. The individual in that case should purchase the necessary general liability insurance to cover a business pursuit. People who regularly make and sell craft items, for example, probably would not be covered under the homeowners policy.

Neighborhood yard sales may not be covered if the homeowner receives a substantial sum from the sale. If, however, the activity is for the benefit of a charity, and if the person conducting the sale receives no income, then the event may still be covered by the homeowners policy.

If a homeowner plans to host a profit-making sale for a particular organization, the best suggestion is to inquire about the liability coverage of the sponsoring organization. A church organization is likely to be covered under a policy held by the church while other groups may not have such a policy.

The liability coverage found in the homeowners policy does not apply at a flea market in which people rent a booth or lot on someone else's property to sell their wares. The Institute recommends that the liability coverage of the owner of the flea market be checked.

A good tip for anyone

planning any type of yard sale, the Institute suggests, is to consult his or her insurance agent about insurance coverage. It's also a good idea to check with local authorities about licensing and tax laws.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 8, 1978 in the Hertford Municipal Building, Grubb St. at 8 p.m. to obtain citizen participation in the small cities community development block grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This hearing will be conducted by the mayor or his representative to obtain views and proposals by citizens for the completion of the community development small cities application prior to its submission.

The first public hearing, previously advertised was to receive citizen input on funding concerns; at this second public hearing, a proposal for the use of these funds will be submitted and discussed.

The total amount of small cities funds available to the Town of Hertford is unknown, but limited. The funds must be applied for, in brief, eligible projects for funding (unless restricted by current state law) include:

- Acquisition of property; which is blighted, appropriate for rehabilitation, conservation or preservation; needed for the provision of eligible public works facilities and improvements; or to be used for public purposes.
 - Costs associated with the disposition of real property through Community Development activities.
 - Public facilities and improvements including senior centers, parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities, centers for handicapped, neighborhood facilities, solid waste facilities, fire protection facilities and equipment, parking facilities, public utilities, street improvements, water and sewer facilities, foundation and platforms for air rights sites, pedestrian malls and walkways.
 - Clearance, demolition and removal of buildings.
 - Public services (crime prevention, childcare, employment, etc.) for the low and moderate income areas.
 - Projects to remove architectural circulation or mobility restrictions for elderly or handicapped.
 - Rehabilitation and preservation activities for public and private residences (including individual loans and grants to property owners), code enforcement and historic preservation.
 - Economic development activities directed toward eliminating physical and economic distress of low and moderate income persons.
 - Planning, administration, and management costs related to Community Development activities, including developing the comprehensive Community Development Plan.
 - Completion of Urban Renewal Projects.
 - Relocation and loss of rental income payments due to displacement by program activities.
 - Payment of non-federal share of Federal grant-in-aid programs, providing the activity is eligible under the Community Development Program.
 - Interim assistance where immediate public action is necessary to alleviate a harmful condition (emergency repair of streets, utilities, etc.)
 - Activities by private non-profit entities, local development corporations for assisting new and minority small businesses or economic development or revitalization.
- However, maximum feasible priority must be given to eligible projects or activities which will benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or the elimination of slums or blight.

W.D. COX
Mayor of Hertford
April 27, May 4

ESEA news

Mrs. Susan Winslow will have a program at Perquimans Central Grammar School, on May 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Everyone is invited to attend.

In the news

Mrs. Phillip Jackson is spending some time in Alexandria, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cone.

Miss Susan Rogerson, student at ECU-Greenville, spent the weekend with her mother Mrs. LaClaire Rogerson.

Alton Sawyer of Virginia Beach, Va. was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Thach on Sunday.

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PAID POLITICAL AD

Farmer sign up is encouraged

RALEIGH — Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham today urged grain producers to contact their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) at once for Federal farm assistance information. May 1 is the sign up deadline.

"Even though the emergency farm bill was defeated, there is financial assistance for farmers under existing legislation and recently announced in-

itiatives that can bring eligible corn farmers payments up to \$100 and acre on land taken out of production," the commissioner said.

The May 1 deadline is also important for farmers to be eligible for disaster relief and deficiency payments for 1978.

The initiatives were announced the last week in March and offer feed grain producers who participate in the set-aside program incentive payments for taking

out acreage in addition to the 10 percent set-aside required in the current program. According to the USDA announcement participants will be eligible for payment for diverting 10 percent of the feed grain acreage remaining after set-aside compliance.

This program, according to ASCS, is subject to the same maintenance conditions as the required 10 percent set-aside for those participating. The farmer is

then paid 20 cents per bushel of corn and 12 cents per bushel for barley and grain sorghum on his established yield times the planted acres.

There is another provision aimed at alleviating forage shortage and reducing 1978 wheat. This allows farmers to graze out or otherwise hay a substantial portion of the current wheat crop. The grazed or hayed acreage is charged to the Normal Crop Acreage for the farm.

Graduates from special training

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Staff Sgt. Richard H. Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harrell, of Rt. 1,

Hertford recently graduated from the Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, S.C. During the course,

students received instruction in subjects such as drill and ceremonies, physical training, human relations, and drug abuse.

The training qualifies them to be drill sergeants in one of the Army training centers where basic and advanced individual training are taught.

Alexander entered the Army in October 1970.

The sergeant is a 1970 graduate of Garner (N.C.) High School.

His wife, Lamoun, was with him at the fort during the course.

REMOVE DISCOLORATION

Harmless discolorations in aluminum can be removed by boiling a solution of vinegar or cream of tartar in the pan for 10 to 15 minutes. Add two tablespoons of either ingredient to a quart of water.

Nominees needed

North Carolina citizens are being asked to submit nominations for recipients of the N.C. Awards, to be presented by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. this fall.

The annual awards are presented in four categories — the arts, literature, science and public service — and are considered the highest awards given by the state.

Nominations will be considered by a five-member citizens' committee, which will recommend recipients to the Governor and to Sara W. Hodgkins, secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Nominations should be

sent to Larry Wheeler, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27611.

The deadline for nominations is May 15.

Bridge clubs meet

Mrs. Katherine Ward was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday night at her home on Front St. Those playing were Mrs. Eldon Winslow, Mrs. Johnny Broughton, Mrs. C.E. Johnson, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, Mrs. T.B. Sumner, Mrs. Claude Brinn, Miss Louise Chalk, and Miss Thelma Elliott.

Mrs. Johnson won the high score prize.

Mrs. C.R. Holmes entertained her bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Front St. Those playing were Mrs. John Coston, Mrs. G.W. Barbee, Mrs. W.D. Doster, Mrs. H.C. Stokes, Mrs. T.L. Jessup, Mrs. Jack Kanoy, Miss Ruby White and the hostess.

Mrs. Stokes was high score winner.

Mrs. J.B. Futrell was hostess to her bridge club on Thursday afternoon at her home on Front St. Those playing were Mrs. G.E. Holmes, Mrs. J.H. Newbold, Mrs. C.A. Wadsworth and Mrs. S.M. Davidson.

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