

# Gastonia Women Named To Governor's Council On Children And Youth

Sen. Helen R. Marvin and Linda M. Roberts of Gastonia have been named as members of the Governor's Advocacy Council on Children and Youth. They will take the oath of office at the meeting of the council ending tonight in Raleigh.

Ms. Roberts, appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt, is a 1962 graduate of UNC-G, has taught in public and private schools in Gaston County and has been active in school activities and scouting for girls and boys. She has served

on the N. C. Human Relations Council and is presently a member of the Gaston County Council on the Status of Women.

Sen. Marvin was appointed to the council by President of the Senate, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green. She is chairperson of the N. C. Council on the Status of Women and of the Gaston College Department of Social Sciences. A member of the N. C. Health Coordinating Council and the Gaston County Educational Committee on Exceptional Children, she

expresses special interest in emotional problems, child abuse, public schools and delinquency treatment facilities.

Created by the General Assembly in 1971, the council acts as an advocate for children and youth within state and local governments and with private agencies serving them.

"It is the responsibility of the council to study the needs of children and the issues affecting them and to recommend appropriate

actions to the governor, agencies," said council General Assembly and state chairperson Ruby Milgrom.

## NCAE Opposes Public Funds For Dyslexia School

The North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) has joined a lawsuit attempting to block the expenditure of public funds in Gaston County on a private school, according to NCAE President Linda Rader.

After a vote of its Board of Directors, NCAE has filed a friend of the court brief in support of James F. Hughey against the Gaston County Commissioners. Attorney James Fuller filed the brief in Wake County Superior Court.

Hughey is appealing a ruling by Superior Court Judge Sam J. Ervin III that an appropriation of \$48,068 by the Gaston County Commissioners to the private Dyslexia School of North Carolina was for a legitimate public purpose.

funds should not be diverted from public schools to private schools. That has been NCAE's position for many years, she said.

NCAE and Hughey contend that the money should be spent to provide a program in the public schools for children suffering from dyslexia.

Judge Ervin has ruled that

the public schools in Gaston County are not meeting the needs of children with dyslexia. Testimony in Superior Court indicated that the Dyslexia School is a non-profit school which takes only children with dyslexia, a disorder of the central nervous system that affects learning abilities.

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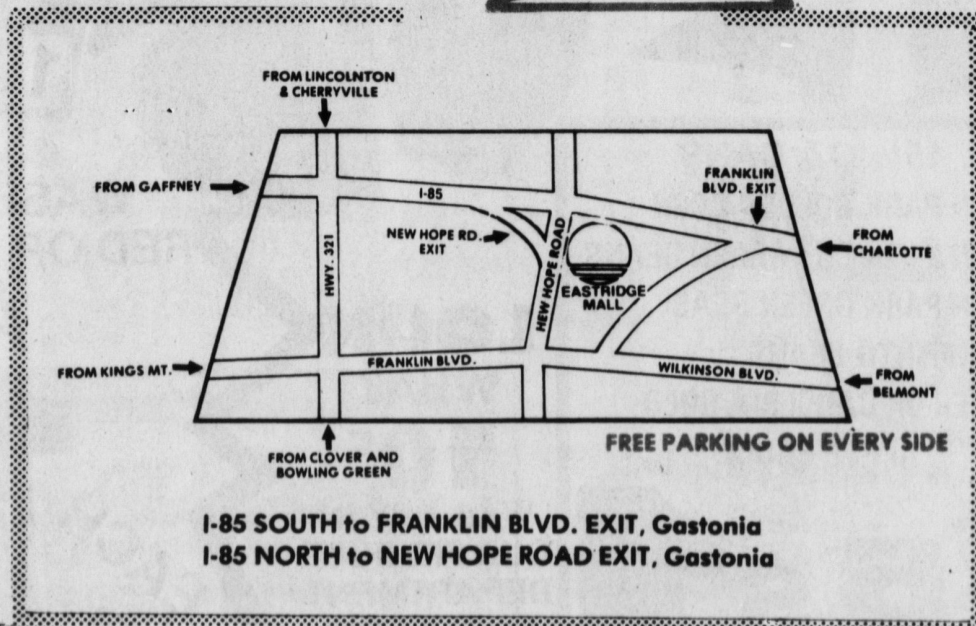
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