

N.C. Safety Commission Hopes To Reduce Highway Deaths

RALEIGH--Last year in North Carolina over 1,000 people were killed and over 10,000 were seriously injured in traffic accident.

Today in Raleigh, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Commission held its first meeting to find ways to reduce deaths and injuries and make North Carolina's roads safer.

State Secretary of Transportation James E. Harrington welcomed the commission members and administered the oaths of office.

Harrington emphasized the commitment of Governor Martin and the North Carolina Department of Transportation to reducing

deaths on the state's highway.

"Governor Martin is personally committed to reducing the tragic waste of human life on our highways. His commitment is expressed through the direction he has given the Highway Safety Program, and through your appointment to this commission," Harrington told the commissioners.

William C. Deal Jr., director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP), briefed the commission on current highway safety programs.

The commission, which will meet quarterly at various locations across the state, will be responsible for

establishing statewide highway safety goals and objectives and advising the governor on ways to promote highway safety.

Members of the Governor's Highway Safety Commission are: Sheriff A.J. Peterson, Robbinsville; Rudolph Jones, Benson; Senator Laurence Cobb, Charlotte; Representative Theresa Esposito, Winston-Salem; William Graham, Winston-Salem; Palmer Huffstetter, Cherryville; Sheriff Albert Jackson, Hendersonville; William E. Cox, Denver; Larry Linney, Winston-Salem; Lele Tison, Chapel Hill; Dr. George Johnson Jr., Chapel Hill; E.T. Vanhoy, Shelby; Lt. Col. O.R. McKinney, Raleigh; Elbert Peters Jr., Raleigh; Ruth Ann Calder, Charlotte; James D. Brown, Mars Hill; Lynn West, Plymouth; and M.E. Lassiter, Severn.

National Park Concludes Summer Evening Programs

Kings Mountain National Military Park will conclude its summer evening programs this weekend, August 3.

On Saturday at 7:30 p.m. the Carolina Raptor Rehabilitation Center will present a program on Raptors: Birds of Prey.

The Raptor Center is dedicated to the preservation of raptors which includes such birds as hawks, eagles, and owls. The presentation will include such topics as the natural history of raptors, the status of current raptor populations, their benefit to man, and the functions as well as the future plans of the rehabilitation center.

The program will allow one to get a close view of several live birds. Those who are in-

terested should meet at the National Park Visitor Center.

Weather permitting, musket and rifle demonstrations will be presented on the hour from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday and from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Sunday.

Other on-going activities include: An 18 minute film, **Kings Mountain: Turning Point in the South**, a museum exhibit area, 1.5 mile Battlefield Trail, 16 mile system of Hiking Trails, and 10 mile system of Horse Trails.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all programs. There are no admission fees for any of these programs.

For further information contact Chris Revels at (803) 936-7921.

Yard Sale To Benefit Air Patrol

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Shelby Man Appointed To Mental Health Group

Raleigh--Lieutenant Governor Bob Jordan has appointed Carlos N. Young of Shelby and Maxine O'Kelly of Burlington to the North Carolina Commission for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Young is a past president of the NC Mental Health Association and on the board of the National Mental Health Association. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and has been involved in a number of civic and church activities.

"I am pleased Carlos has agreed to serve another term

on the Mental Health Study Commission. He is very familiar with the issues and very concerned about individuals affected by the problems of mental illness, mental retardation, alcohol and drug abuse," Lieutenant Governor Jordan said.

O'Kelly is past president of the Alamance County Mental Health Association, past president of Case Management for Developmental Disabilities, and former chairman of the Alamance County Youth Services Board. She is assistant superintendent of Student Support Services/Public Relations for Burlington City Schools.

The Mental Health Commission studies state mental health laws and programs and makes recommendations on those.

DRIVER TRAINING
There will be a bus driver's training class on August 27 and 29 from 8:30 until 3:30 at Barnes Auditorium.

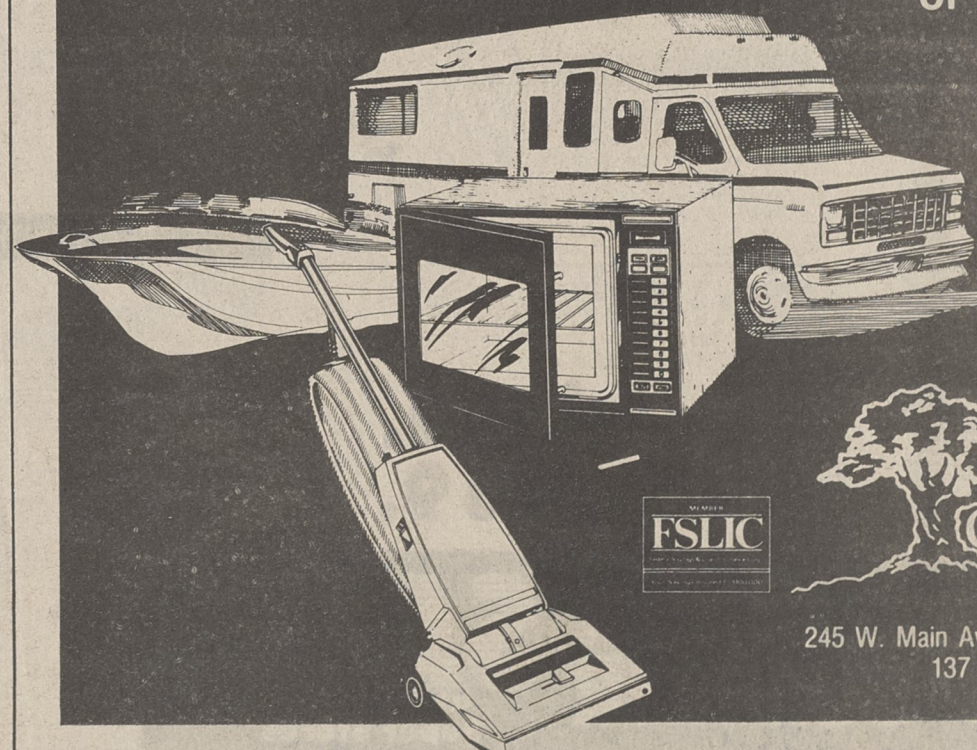


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