

Grant Approved For Regional Bus Services

The U.S. Department of Transportation has approved a \$77,115 grant for planning and marketing a regional bus service in Wake, Durham and Orange counties.

The N.C. Board of Transportation authorized submittal of an application on behalf of Raleigh Transportation Service at its June 10 meeting.

To receive funding from the federal government, RTS had to receive the support of a public agency—in this case the State of North Carolina.

Eventually, the service provided by RTS will connect Raleigh, Durham, Cary, Research Triangle Park, Raleigh-Durham Airport and Chapel Hill. Currently, only limited transportation service linking the major destinations in the region is available through intercity bus services provided by Greyhound and Trailways. Funds provided by the USDOT grant will permit the development of expanded service.

Operational planning and marketing funded by the grant represents the first phase of the two-phase program. The second phase will be the initiation of the additional bus service and extensive marketing of the service.

The grant funds announced last week will be used over a six-month period. Phase two of the program will extend over a 24- to 36-month period.

RTS will not be subsidized by the state. It will seek to cover operating costs through its fare collections.

State and local planners will be working with RTS to help develop routes and schedules for this transportation service.

Transportation Secretary Jim Harrington said that the work that will take place under the grant is consistent with Gov. Jim Martin's efforts to develop a comprehensive transportation program for the state. "The governor realizes that intercity services like the ones this grant will develop will play a vital role in meeting our transportation needs. As North Carolina's cities and towns continue to grow the alternatives provided by public transportation will gain importance. This grant combined with the many other elements of our Transportation Improvement Program will help to strengthen North Carolina as it prepares to meet the challenge of future development."

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TALENTED TEENS—The 18th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Contest was held at the Arlo Crown Theatre in Chicago, Illinois. The 1988 winners are: (left to right) 1st runner-up Miss. Maryland, 16-year-old Jada Pinkett; 2nd runner-up Miss. New York, 14-year-old Anjua Warfield; Miss. 1988 Talented Teens International, 14-year-old Kiya Winston a gymnast from New Jersey; 4th runner up Miss. Massachusetts, 16-year-old Vanessa Ford; 3rd runner-up Miss. Missouri, 16-year-old Phylis Davis. If you are between the ages of 13 and 17 with a performing talent, you may be eligible to enter the 1989 contest which will be held at the Apollo Theatre in New York City. For more information write: Hal Jackson Productions, 1230 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10128.

International Festival Offers Delicious Foods

RICHMOND, Va.—Natural Light and Brown Distributing Co., Inc., the local Anheuser-Busch wholesaler, will sponsor the 18th annual "Richmond's Delicious Weekend International Food Festival '88" on Sept. 9-11 at the Richmond Centre.

The three-day festival—last year named one of the top 20 events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society—will honor Korean-Americans. Groups representing such nationalities as Chinese, Cuban, Greek, Indian, Swiss, French, Pakistani and many others will offer "tastes" of their native cuisine. Entertainment will include German bands, High Jumping Ukrainian Hopakas, Cloggers and Indian Dancers.

According to W.R. Hutchinson, festival executive director, more than 30,000 people are expected to attend this year.

"The variety of activities—children's matinee, gourmet theater and beer and wine tastings—ensure the event's broad appeal," said Hutchinson. "People from Maine to Florida travel to Richmond just for this festival."

The festival benefits the United Way agencies which fund the Boys and Girls Clubs of Richmond, the

Salvation Army and American Red Cross. Festival proceeds will also benefit heritage and ethnic groups including the French Association and Cambodian Association of Virginia as well as local churches.

"The Richmond International Festival provides both a fun weekend of cultural exchange and a financial boost to United Way agencies and local heritage, ethnic and church groups," said Donna McCown, Brown Distributing marketing manager. "Brown Distributing invites everyone to come and enjoy the food, entertainment, shopping and exhibitions the festival offers."

Pvt. Ivan L. O'Neal, son of Margaret Johnson of 102 N. Bend Drive, Knightdale, and Henry Thompson of 3221 Cyanne Circle, Raleigh, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1987 graduate of Broughton High School, Raleigh.

Betty Crocker Offers Tips On Good Cooking

Q. Which cakes can you freeze and which ones can you leave at room temperature?

J.C. Payson, Ariz.
A. Refrigerate cakes topped with cream cheese or whipped cream frosting and those with a custard fill-

ing or topping. Other cakes can be stored two or three days at room temperature. After that they become dry. For longer cake storage, wrap unfrosted, unfilled cakes carefully and freeze.

Q. What causes bread to be crumbly?

J.V. Danville, Pa.
A. Too much flour is the usual cause of crumbly bread. Aim to have dough as soft as possible while still holding its shape.

Q. What will prevent a runny cream filling in my custard pie?

B.H. Mt. Vernon, Ind.

A. Boil mixture for a full minute, timing carefully. Too little cooking prevents starch from reaching its full thickening power. Overcooking breaks down the starch. Add acid-type flavorings, such as lemon juice,

after mixture has thickened. Acid can inhibit thickening.

Do you have a question? Write Dear Betty Crocker, Box 1113, Dept. Betty, Minneapolis, Minn. 55440.

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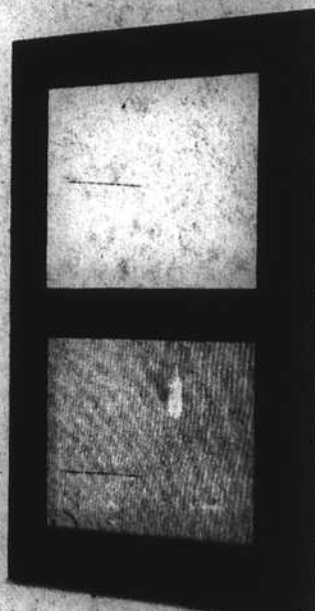


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