

### State Officials Agree Employees To Retain Benefits

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green and House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey released the following statement on September 2.

A special legislative committee appointed by the Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House reached an agreement today which will allow State employees and teachers to retain the same hospital and medical insurance coverage they now have.

The agreement, reached after lengthy negotiations with representatives of Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance Company, replaces a plan tentatively adopted by the special committee August 12.

The August 12 plan was based on a co-insurance program under which State employees and teachers would have had to pay a deductible on their basic coverage.

The new plan drops the deductible feature and continues the coverage as it presently exists - with one exception. The exception is that the new plan imposes a ceiling on the amount Blue Cross-Blue Shield will pay for physicians' services and for hospital rooms.

The ceiling will be the amount currently being paid to doctors and hospitals and this ceiling will remain in effect until the new contract expires July 1, 1982.

The special committee was created by the General Assembly earlier this year to deal with a demand by Blue Cross-Blue Shield for a 31 per cent increase in premiums for State employees and teachers, amounting to more than \$41-million in additional money.

The budget adopted by the General Assembly in July appropriated \$7.6-million to help meet the rate increase. To implement the full

coverage plan adopted today by the special committee will require an additional \$4.8-million. The Appropriations Committee will be asked to provide this additional \$4.8-million during the October session of the General Assembly.

### Study On Grief Planned By Presbyterians

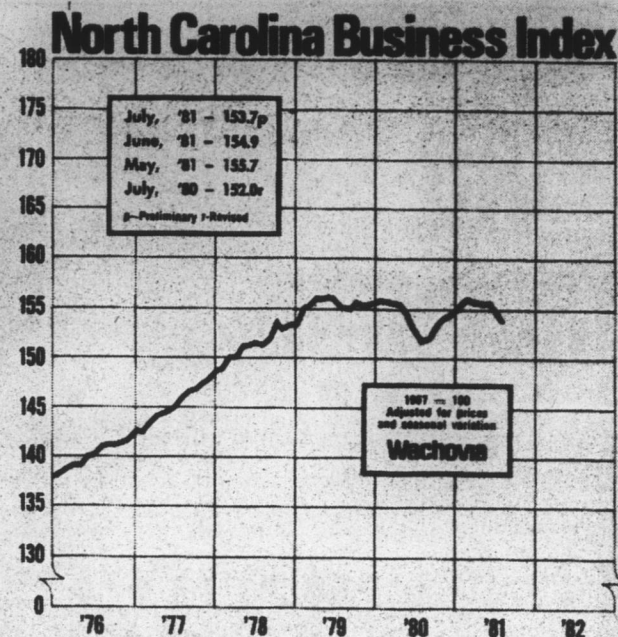
First Presbyterian Church in Edenton will begin their Fall Adult Classes this Sunday with two classes at 9:45 A.M. The public is invited.

A study of the Gospel of John, led by John Mitchener, III, will last for seven weeks; the second semester Gil Burroughs will lead.

For the second class, Marie Pierce has brought together a faculty from various resources, for a study of grief entitled "Good Grief". Rev. H. E. Mallinson, will lead off followed by Dr. Paul Laughlin, Caroline Martin of Newport News, a Hospice director, a local funeral director, a sermon tape by Dr. Swart LaNeave of Greenville, and so forth. The pastor will conclude the study. Terry Williams will direct the second semester study on Tuesdays.

On Tuesday nights at 7:30 P.M. the pastor will have a study of Presbyterianism entitled "Sinners Anonymous". The roots of the doctrine government and life style of Presbyterians from the Biblical data will be studied. The pastor will conduct the course the first semester.

John Mitchener, III, will conduct the second semester on Sunday mornings. The public is invited to any and all courses.



### Business Activity Is Down

The level of business activity in North Carolina declined in July, according to the Wachovia Business Index. The Index registered 153.7, down 0.8 per cent from the June level.

A broad-based employment decline in the non-manufacturing sector was the major factor in the decrease in the Index. Contract construction, trade and government employment were down approximately one per cent each, while services declined more than two per cent.

In the manufacturing sector, employment rose primarily due to increases in non-durable goods industries. Textiles and apparel employment were contributing factors, with growth of one per cent and 0.7 per cent respectively. Employment in durable goods industries remained stable for the month.

The average manufacturing workweek and price-adjusted average hourly earnings for manufacturing employees were virtually

unchanged in July.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina was 5.5 per cent in July, down 0.5 per cent from the June level. The national rate for July was 7.7 per cent, down 0.3 per cent from June. The unadjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina was 6.1 per cent in July.

Unit sales of cars through the first seven months of 1981 registered a 3.2 per cent increase over 1980. A significant increase in car sales for the month of July compared to July 1980 boosted the year-to-date totals. Truck sales showed some improvement, but remained below 1980 levels.

### Cpl. Williams Is Promoted

Marine Cpl. Edward R. Williams, son of Tommie Jones of Route 3, and Mildred L. Williams of Edenton Manor Apartments, both of Edenton, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A 1978 graduate of John A. Holmes High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July, 1978.

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## Non-Refrigerated Ice Cream Less Costly

By Bob Cairns  
A non-refrigerated liquid ice cream and ice milk mix has been developed by Dr. Arthur P. Hansen, a N. C. State University food scientist.

Hansen says the product could save millions of dollars in energy in shipping and storage costs, and open new markets for the sale of homemade ice cream as well.

The mix now being used to make commercial ice cream is kept under refrigeration from the time of manufacture until it is frozen. It must be in storage at 20 to 30 degrees

Fahrenheit until it reaches the consumer. "The cost of shipping the frozen product is reflected in the cost to the consumer," Hansen commented.

According to him the NCSU shelf-stable mix can be packaged, transported to a restaurant or grocery store in a less expensive non-refrigerated truck and stored for up to six months on the shelf right along with the pickles and ketchup.

"In the case of the large fast food chains, the use of a non-refrigerated ice cream and ice milk could amount to millions of dollars in savings in energy and

handling," he said. Hansen, a principal investigator at NCSU in the U.S. development of a non-refrigerated milk product (UHT or ultra high temperature milk), says the basic technology used to make that product was adapted to create the long-shelf-life ice cream mix.

"We flash heat the ice cream or ice milk mix (seven seconds) to 300 degrees by injecting steam which inactivates the bacterial spores," Hansen explained. "The sterile product is then sealed in foil-laminated paper containers for shipment."

The mix can be stored at room temperature. When used, it is blended with flavors, fruits, nuts or other ingredients in an ice cream

freezer. Flavors can be added during the production of the mix or later when the ice cream is being made, Hansen said.

If the non-refrigerated mix is accepted commercially, Hansen believes it will help rejuvenate America's love for homemade ice cream. Manufacturers of small freezing and blending units could easily develop a small electric ice cream maker suitable for home use, he said.

"The new shelf-stable mix could be frozen, popped in the machine after dinner, and within the hour a family could be enjoying a fresh, nutritious ice cream made right in their own home," Hansen said.

### Asthma Program Begun

The Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust Fund of Winston-Salem is helping to fund a statewide program for children with asthma according to W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., of Edenton president of the American Lung Association of North Carolina. A \$45,000 grant has been awarded to purchase special self-help materials. The funds will be paid annually over three years on the basis of \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$5,000.

The program being supported, known as SUPERSTUFF, involves the distribution of 12,000 packages of self-help materials to children and their families over a period of three years. It is estimated that 6,000 packages will be needed in 1981-82 and 4,000 and 2,000 in subsequent years.

The material is designed to increase the child's ability to cope with his or her condition and provides the means for replacing fear and misunderstanding of asthma with knowledge, self-awareness and self-

esteem. Included in the package is an 86-page workbook for the child and a parents' newsmagazine.

The Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust was created in 1946 after the death of Mrs. William W. Reynolds by a provision in her will leaving her residuary estate in trust for the purpose of improving health care to the people of North Carolina.

The trust awards approximately \$1.5-million annually in grants to non-profit organizations throughout the state. Its current program interest areas are access to primary health care, alternative delivery systems which offer improved health care and/or economy, and illness prevention - health promotion.

Hollowell noted that the project is consistent with the goals of the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust because of its innovative approach to assisting children with difficult asthma problems.

### North Carolina Department of Transportation

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Transportation Member, Marc Basnight, and division staff members will meet with the Chowan County Board of Commissioners in the Conference Room in the Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton at 2:00 P.M., Friday, September 18, 1981, for the purpose of discussing the county's 1981-82 Secondary Roads Improvement Program. A copy of the Proposed Secondary Improvement Program, together with a map, is posted in the Chowan County Courthouse. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

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