



New Great-Grandpa

Asa Griffin visited us on Chesapeake to brag a bit. This time it wasn't about watermelons.

In addition to his usual bits of information from along the Public Parade, Asa left a birth announcement. With it was a cigar heralding the arrival of Brandon Neal Griffin on September 28. The infant is Asa's great-grandson, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Neal Griffin.

Well, we long ago gave up cigars - along with other "evil" habits. But we will pass it on to Buff who still partakes.

It doesn't seem like anytime since Asa brought his grandson - Neal - along to help with the giant watermelons - as the photographer did his job. We hope we are all around to see the great-grandson do the same.

By the way, the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paul Griffin.

Congratulations to all sizes of Griffins.

Guest Editorial

Why has Governor James B. Hunt Jr. made such a radical shift in his position concerning Virginia Electric & Power Company? That question has been on the minds of many in northeastern North Carolina the past week or so following news accounts of the Governor's speech to Veeco officials and local industry hunters in Edenton.

We do not presume to know the full answer to the question. We do know Governor Hunt got bad advice from one of his cabinet members who in the past has not been much of a friend to the northeast. We also know the Governor's timing could hardly have been worse and he has created for himself a political problem from which he may never fully recover.

The Edenton meeting was engineered by Commerce Secretary Lauch Faircloth who, when he was chairman of the Highway Commission in the Bob Scott administration, virtually wrote the northeast off the books so far as new highways was concerned. We got more highways started during the Republican Holshouser administration than when Democrat Faircloth was minding the store.

Faircloth appears to have been encouraged to get Gov. Hunt to switch positions on Veeco mainly by Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank. Other members of the northeastern legislative delegation say the James family are sizeable Veeco stockholders. Whether true or not, it is a fact Rep. James has been the utility's chief spokesman among the delegation.

Vernon James is the same fellow who, on the next to the last day of the recent legislative session, buried in a House committee a resolution asking the Utility Review Committee to take a close look at Veeco. Rep. John Gillam was speaking for the resolution, which had already passed the Senate, when James used his seniority to get it referred to a committee, in effect killing House action.

The next day at a much publicized meeting of the new Northeastern Caucus with Gov. Hunt, James started the wheels turning toward the Edenton meeting and Gov. Hunt's unfortunate speech.

James' maneuver failed to keep Veeco from going under a Utility Review Committee examination. A resolution passed by one house in the General Assembly has as much effect as one passing both. Senators Harrington and Daniels had been the prime sponsors in the Senate.

Last week testimony before the Review Committee indicated a \$10 per 1,000 kilowatt hour disparity between Veeco and CP&L on September bills. The total difference is closer to \$30 per 1,000 kilowatts because Veeco's quoted rate did not include fuel charges and those for CP&L did. The difference is so much that Roanoke Electric in Rich Square is urging its members to sign a petition protesting the new rates.

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Band Parents Association

Peanut Festival Schedule Of Events

Friday, October 2, 1981

8:00 P.M. Edenton Aces vs. Perquimans County High School Pirates at Perquimans County High School

Saturday, October 3, 1981

10:00 A.M. Peanut Festival Parade (Starting At Water Street And Ending At Hicks Field)

11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Activities On The John A. Holmes High School Campus: White Elephant Sale; Crafts; Plant Sale; Clogging Demonstration; Art Show & Sale

11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. Virginia Beach Community Ballet - John A. Holmes Auditorium

11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. Barbecue Dinner Plates - \$2.50 (May Be Purchased And/or Picked Up At Boy Scout Hut On The Holmes High School Campus)

11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Bake Sale - Peanut Cooking & Sale On Holmes High School Campus

1:00 P.M. Field Competition - Battle Of The Bands - Hicks Field (Admission: Adults - \$2.00; Students - \$1.00)

3:00 P.M. Drawing Of Raffle Tickets For Groceries And Gasoline (Hicks Field)

8:00 P.M.-12 Midnight Peanut Festival Student Dance - National Guard Armory (Admission: Couple - \$2.00; Single - \$1.50)

9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. Peanut Festival Dance - American Legion Bldg. (Tickets On Sale In Advance Or At The Door - \$10.00 Per Couple; Set-Ups And Party Pick-Ups) Music Furnished By Jack Revels

Sunday, October 4, 1981

2:00 P.M. Sailboat Regatta - Cruising Division - Edenton Bay

3:30 P.M. Sailboat Regatta - Day Sailers - Edenton Bay

2:00 P.M. Concert In The Park - Colonial Park: John A. Holmes High School Band; Country & Western Music; Gospel Music; Albemarle Pops Orchestra

5:00 P.M. Ceremony Awarding Trophies For Sailboat Regatta At Edenton Marina

Peanut Festival, Oct. 3-4

The Edenton - Chowan Band Parents Association is making final preparations for the Sixth Annual Peanut Festival to be held in Edenton October 3-4, 1981. They promise a weekend filled with fun and excitement for the entire family and at the same time hope to raise more than \$12,000 for the local band program.

The festivities will begin on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with a gigantic Peanut Festival Parade, beginning at Water Street and proceeding up Broad Street to Hicks Field at John A. Holmes High School. There will be 16 area bands participating in the parade, along with floats and "Mr. Peanut."

At 11 A. M. the activities will move to the high school where there will be a sale of barbecue plates, clogging demonstrations,

Aces Defeat Pack Despite Penalties

The Edenton Aces upped their overall record to 3-1 with a 29-8 victory over the Washington Pam Pack in a penalty-plagued contest last Friday night. Edenton will visit Perquimans this Friday at 8 P. M. for a game with the rival Pirates.

The first points of the game came on a 56 yard TD pass from Edenton's strong armed quarterback Eddie Morris to Tom White in the second quarter. White kicked the extra point and Edenton led 7-0.

The Aces added on two more touchdowns in the third quarter. Defensive tackle Tim Rankins of Edenton scooped up a Washington fumble and ran the ball in from 38 yards out, with White again adding the extra point. Later in the same quarter, Bill Whichard scored for Edenton, plunging in from one yard out. Kenny Valentine scored on the two-point conversion, making it 22-0 in favor of the Aces.

Morris rifled a 30-yard TD pass to Valentine in the fourth quarter to complete Aces scoring, who now led 29-0.

With 16 seconds remaining in the game, Washington finally scored on a 21 yard run from Seth Edwards, with Steve Boyd adding the two-point conversion.

Penalties, of which Edenton had 15 for 128 yards, nullified two

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plant sale, crafts display and sale, art show and sale, white elephant sale, bake sale, and blood pressure clinic along with other activities. At 11:30 A. M. the Virginia Beach Community Ballet Company will perform in the John A. Holmes High School Auditorium. Also on display will be art works by students in grades K-6.

At 1 P. M. the band competition will begin at Hicks Field with the following bands participating: Manteo; Beddingfield of Wilson; Williamston; Churchland of Portsmouth, Va.; Oscar Smith of Chesapeake, Va.; Goldsboro; Currituck; Lynnhaven Junior High, Virginia Beach, Va.; Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va.; Washington; Perquimans County; Creswell; Bertie High; Plymouth, and Northhampton County. The John A. Holmes High School Band will perform but will not enter into competition.

There will be a teen dance Saturday night at the Armory from 8 to 12 P. M. Music will be furnished by James "Shotgun" Slade, assistant principal of South Edgecombe High School. Mr. Slade is known as the Master Blaster.

An adult Peanut Festival Dance will be held at the American Legion from 9 P. M. to 1 A. M. Music will be provided by Jack Revels.

On Sunday afternoon a sailboat regatta in Edenton Bay and a concert by the John A. Holmes High School Band at Colonial Park will kick off the day's activities.

This will be followed by a program of gospel music; country and western music; and a debut performance by the Albemarle Pops Orchestra. At 3:30 there will be a sailboat regatta for day sailors in Edenton Bay.

A ceremony at 5 P. M. to award trophies for winners in the sailboat regatta will be held at Edenton Marina. This will be the final activity of the Peanut Festival.

Concessions will be available at all events during the weekend.

Holiday Schedule Is Revealed

The holiday season will begin in Chowan County this year, with Edenton's Annual Christmas Parade on Sunday, November 29th at 2:30 P. M. The theme for this event will be "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

As was done last year the parade will be held on Sunday. There seems to be no doubt that this provides the best opportunity for the entire family to enjoy this outstanding event.

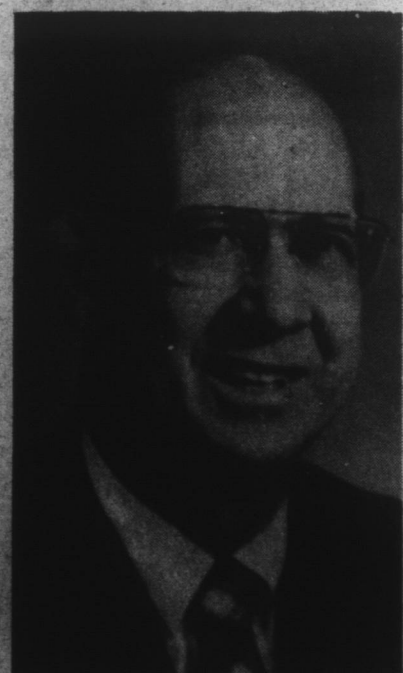
"As the pace of our everyday life increases it becomes even more important that we stop occasionally and reflect upon the importance of family and community togetherness. Your participation, by entering a marching unit or float will do a great deal to make this possible," says R. J. Hendee, Executive Vice President of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

Bryan New Hospital Administrator

Marvin A. Bryan has accepted the position of Administrator of Chowan Hospital, effective October 12, reports Jess Harrell, Chairman of the Board of Directors. The slot was recently vacated by David L. Henson, who accepted the post of Deputy Director of Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Bryan comes to Edenton from Alamance County Hospital in Burlington, N. C., a 141-bed acute care hospital, where he presently serves as Assistant Administrator. He is an employee of Carolinas Hospital and Health Services, Inc. (CHHS) which has provided management services for Chowan Hospital since July 1977.

Selection and installation of a mini-computer, working with construction and renovation programs, as well as specific duties dealing with the financial aspects of a building program, head the list of accomplishments



Marvin A. Bryan

Bryan has had responsibility for at Alamance.

A native of Burlington, Bryan earned his business degree from Elon College and his masters in hospital administration from Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri.

Professional and community involvements include membership in the American College of Hospital Administrators, the North Carolina Hospital Association, the Hospital Financial Management Association, the Alamance County Chapter of the American Red Cross, as well as work with the Alamance United Way.

Bryan and his wife, Vivian, have two sons and are active in the First Christian United Church of Christ in Burlington.

Tynch Receives Prison Sentence

The following cases were heard in Chowan Superior Court by Richard B. Allsbrook, the presiding Judge.

Leon Skinner, misdemeanor larceny, dismissed.

Douglas Hill, receiving stolen goods, dismissed.

Hazel Rountree, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury, not guilty by jury.

Carroll Edward Tynch, indecent liberties with a minor, five years in the State Dept. of Correction.

Clyde Leary, Jr., injury to real property and injury to personal property, dismissed.

Misdemeanor breaking and entering and carrying a concealed weapon, six months in the State Dept. of Correction.

Curtis Holley, uttering and forgery, dismissed.

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WELCOME BACK - Carlton Perry, right, welcomed Gene Sutton back to Chowan County for a short visit last week. Sutton played a key role in the establishment of the feeder pig cooperative on Paradise Road. At the time Sutton was with the U. S. Farmers Cooperative Service.

Bateman Elected To Third Term

N. C. Peanut Growers elected David T. Bateman of Chowan County to a third term as president of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association at their annual meeting on September 10.

Other officers elected were: J. Lewis Story, vice president, Hertford County; Ed Nixon, secretary, Perquimans County and John R. Grimes, treasurer, Edgecombe County.

Elected to the Executive Committee were: Edwin Parker of Bertie County; T. N. Dixon of Halifax County; Clyde Jenkins of Northampton County; Everette Byrd of Bladen County and L. Pell Hinton, Sr. of Gates County.

New members elected to the Board of Directors were: McNeil Ippock from Craven County, Finley Newbern from Currituck County, John Madre from Pasquotank County, Neil Lanier from Pender County, L. Wayne Howell from Perquimans County, Carl Branch from Robeson County, Harlin

FHA To Host Homecoming

The Future Homemakers of America of John A. Holmes High School are planning their annual Homecoming Parade October 9. Anyone interested in participating may contact Marcheta Sawyer at 482-8426 or 297-2630.

Electric Bills May Decline

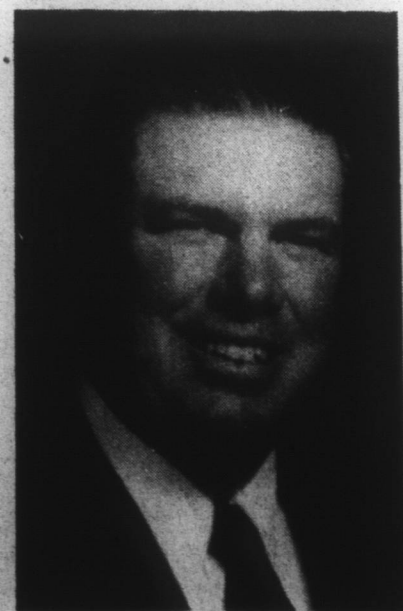
ROANOKE RAPIDS - Virginia Electric and Power Company's North Carolina retail customers may receive a slight decline in their electricity bills this winter, because of the company's increased use of coal and nuclear generation.

Veeco has requested that the N. C. Utilities Commission decrease customer's bills by about 1 per cent beginning in December.

A residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity each month will see a reduction of 69 cents from \$70.20 to \$69.51 in the months of December, January, February and March.

The reduction in fuel charges to customers reflects lower fuel costs during May, June, July, and August. Veeco reduced fuel costs by increasing the use of lower cost nuclear and coal generation and decreasing the use of expensive oil.

Veeco supplied customers with electricity during May through August using 43 per cent nuclear generation, up from 25 per cent in 1980, and 30 per cent coal generation, up from 25 per cent in 1980. Oil generation dropped to 8 per cent, down from 19 per cent last year. About 18 per cent of the electricity supplied was purchased from other utilities. These purchases were primarily of coal-fired electricity.



David T. Bateman