

## Public Parade

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missing is access.

The annex is located across Lane Street from the main building. And there is no mad rush among members of the General Assembly for space in the new structure. The reason is the lack of adequate access.

The Advisory Budget Commission succumbed in 1979 to bad press when plans surfaced for a tunnel to connect the two buildings. Now it appears that the Legislative Services Commission's plan for a "\$300,000 to \$400,000" bridge might suffer the same fate.

Our least favorite morning daily of general circulation along the Public Parade has rolled out the cartoons and poisoned editorial ammunition, aimed more at emotions than sound reasoning. Any plan to connect the two buildings should be debated on the merits of the public interest - not merely the convenience of the legislators and staff, much less keeping textbooks from school children.

The fact that the General Assembly is in session several times a year, not a few months each biennium, makes it practically mandatory that there be some pedestrian passageway other than a crosswalk. And it would have been less expensive to have had it included three years ago when the tunnel was first proposed.

Furthermore, the dust has not settled from the latest sojourn of legislators in Raleigh and we number among those who are already sick and tired of hearing and reading about the bad deal handed teachers and state employees. Everyone likes to have pay raises come on regular beat, but it won't be in the best interest of those involved if the past is continuously paraded in the forefront.

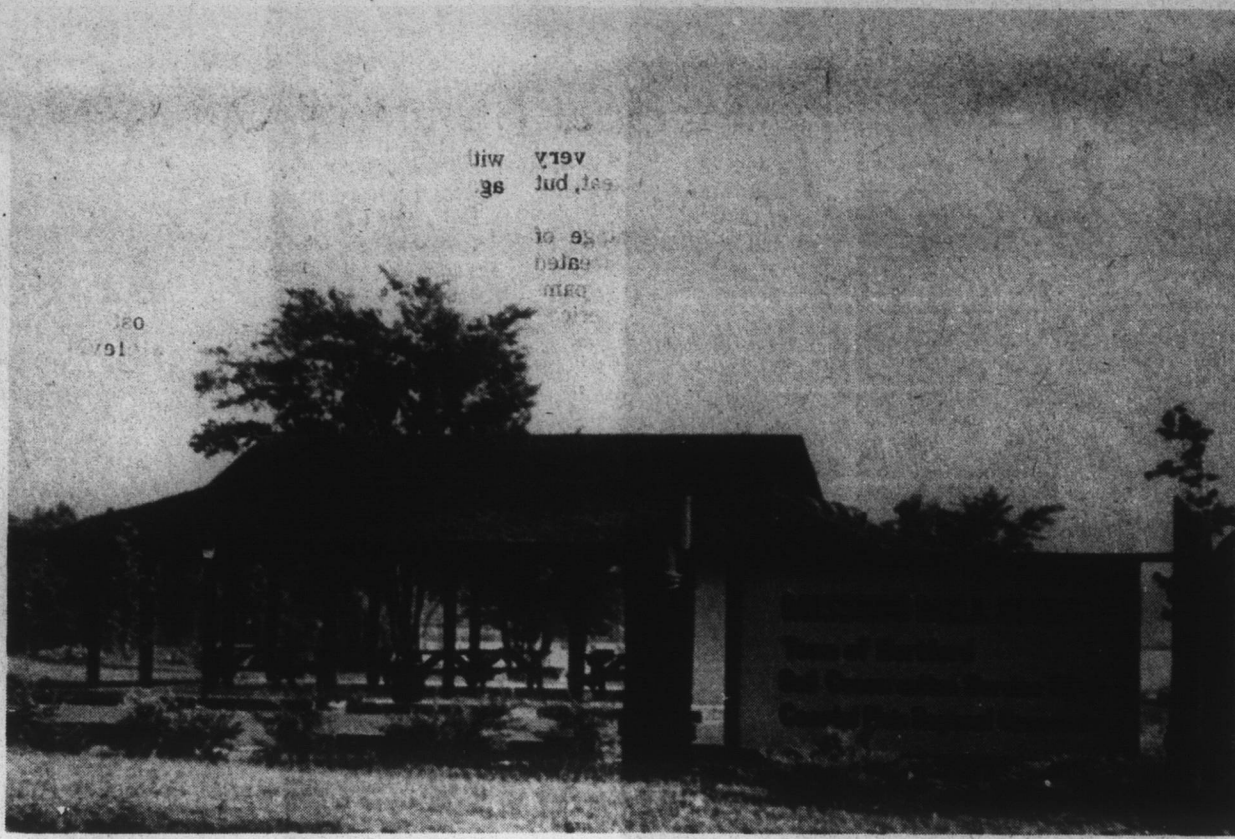
The tunnel connecting the Legislative Building and the new annex was in order in 1979. It may not have looked right to the gliberal press then, but it certainly would look better than a bridge now, or umbrellas, as has been suggested.

It has been charged that an attitude exists hereabouts that if something isn't good for the Isle of Pasquotank it isn't good for Northeastern North Carolina. That is hogwash! So is the notion that if something doesn't suit the N&O lawmakers should shy away from it.

## Construction

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per cent of the total allowable costs to assist in financing approved local water projects. Grants are based on priority ratings, and on the total funds available each quarter during the fiscal year. To date, state grants of approximately \$175-million have been awarded for water projects totaling more than \$825-million.

Funds for grants set aside under the Clean Water Bond Act are expected to run out at the end of September. There are no funds remaining in the allocations that were allotted for exclusive use by local governments. Applications are now undergoing processing for the final quarterly review period under the present act. The next announcement for grant awards will be made in early October.



MISSING MILL PARK—The \$161,350 Missing Mill Park was officially opened June 25 in Hertford, N.C. The project was particularly funded by the Soil Conservation Service through its Resource Conservation and Development Program.

## Crowd Turns Out For Park Dedication

Floyd Mathews, Perquimans Supervisor, reports that a good crowd turned out for the dedication of the New Missing Mill Park in Hertford on June 25.

Hertford Mayor, Bill Cox, welcomed the gathering and expressed his appreciation to all those that contributed in making the waterside municipal park a reality. He specifically singled out the Soil Conservation Service for their contribution, which was almost half the money for the project as well as their work with the local units of government. The Mayor, himself, has been a strong supporter of the project and has followed it through since it was

first discussed by the town's government in 1976.

On hand to deliver the main address for the occasion was Congressman, Walter B. Jones, D-1st District. Jones referred to the Park as a place where children could romp and play and a place where elderly people could safely go and enjoy the outdoors. He praised the local officials for turning the old mill site, that had become an eyesore, into a beautiful place. Also on hand to lend support to the festivities was State Senator, Melvin Daniels, and Representative, Charles Evans.

According to Mathews, local people must be able to show that

these type projects are needed and feasible, whether it is school drainage in Hyde County or a park such as this one in Hertford. The \$161,350 project was particularly funded by the Soil Conservation Service through its Resource Conservation and Development Program. This program is set up to help local people develop and protect their resources.

## Mitchener's

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with their three children, the oldest Peter John, in a swank museum - like home on W. Queen Street.

Shortly after his arrival to the arrival to the states, she visited him on a three - month Visa. After the expiration of the pass she had to become quarantined or get married to remain in the States. She chose the latter.

Mitchener tells of his wife's first encounter with his father: "On the way home she asked me what my parents were like. I told her my father liked to tease. We arrived home early in the morning. We didn't want to awaken anyone so we quietly unpacked the luggage from the car. Shortly thereafter there was a thumping upstairs sounding like a herd of elephants. My father stood at the top of the stairs and said to Ginette, 'In case you don't know who I am, I'm John's father.' They carried on for a few minutes, my wife telling him that she had heard of him and recognized him as being so. Then my father looked her in the eye and asked, 'Do you speak English.' In return she replied, 'yes, but only on Tuesdays.'"

Being a fluent French speaker, she wanted to obtain a degree in the subject. However, an instructor at Elizabeth City State University told his potential student that she knew more of the language than did himself. She later received a degree in English.

More long - lasting family business are welcomed in the community. Of the many shops in the historic town of Edenton, a minimal amount of the owners are native Edentonians. Many of our gifted gain an education and flee to the big cities - the land of opportunities, they say.

As in the case of the Mitcheners, let this small town become an asset instead of a liability.

"Small towns are a great way of life," Mitchener says.

## Felton Given Fine of \$150

William Herman Felton, assault on a police officer, 9 months suspended 2 years, \$150 fine and cost of court, ordered to attend the Albemarle Mental Health clinic. Appealed.

M.R. Nixon, worthless check, 30 days suspended 2 years, \$25 fine and cost of court, restitution of \$35.71 to S&R. Didn't comply with sentence and was committed.

Ivey Basnight, assault, 30 days suspended 2 years, \$50 fine and cost of court. Appealed.

Persuasion is what you hear from those who want you to accept their plans.



ATTENDED 4-H ELECTRIC CONGRESS - Chowan County 4-H members, second from left to right, Garry Copeland and Colleen Jordan, both of Route 1, Tyner, were delegates to the State 4-H Electric Congress at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 12-14. Larry Johnson, a 4-H leader from 105 Robin Lane, Edenton, left, and Brady Martin, Virginia Electric and Power Company commercial services representative, accompanied the delegates. The 4-H'ers were selected for achievement in their electric projects. Virginia Electric and Power Company sponsored their trip. The Congress was conducted by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

## Chaffin Presides Over Court

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and cost of court. Appealed. Ford was found not guilty of assault.

Adam Cofield, communicate a threat, dismissed by the prosecutor.

Edward McKenely Hill, assault

on a female, 9 months suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, ordered not to assault prosecuting witness for 2 years.

Johnny Ray Privott, obtain advance under promise to work, not guilty.

Alfred (NMN) Holley, assault with a deadly weapon, 9 months suspended 2 years, \$150 fine and cost of court, ordered to pay \$60 to the benefit of Chowan Hospital.

Junious (NMN) Blount, threatening telephone calls, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, ordered to attend Albemarle Mental Health clinic.

Freddie (NMN) Miles, unauthorized use of conveyance, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$50 fine and cost of court, \$250 restitution to Jersel Norman. Didn't comply with sentence and was committed.

Donald Eugene Dorsey, unauthorized use of conveyance, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$50 fine and cost of court, \$250 restitution to Jersel Norman. Didn't comply with sentence and was committed.

## Commission Gives Approval For Settlement Agreement

A private investigation of allegations that the Virginia Electric and Power Company's operation and maintenance of its fossil-fired units may have resulted in unnecessarily high rates for its wholesale customers would be terminated under a settlement agreement approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The commission has given conditional approval to the settlement agreement. If the agreement is also approved by the other involved parties, the two-year old investigation as well as several other rate and complaint proceedings involving Veeco would be resolved.

Parties to the settlement include Veeco, Electricities of North Carolina, representing all of Veeco's wholesale municipal customers, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Prince William Electric Cooperative, N.C. Electric Membership Corporation

and Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, collectively representing all of Veeco's Rural Electric Cooperative customers, and Bear Island Paper Company.

The proposed agreement between Veeco and its wholesale customers would reduce a \$37.9 million rate increase to \$32.2 million. It would also dispose of a rate proceeding which prompted the investigation. Additionally, two pending complaints against Veeco would be terminated as part of the settlement.

Commission staff had concurred with an earlier settlement offer except for a provision that would terminate the investigation proceedings.

Staff had argued that approval of the settlement "would allow the investigation to be emasculated..." and result in a waste of a tremendous amount of time and effort that Veeco may have incurred unreasonable fuel costs between 1975 and 1980 which were passed on to customers within the jurisdiction" of the commission.

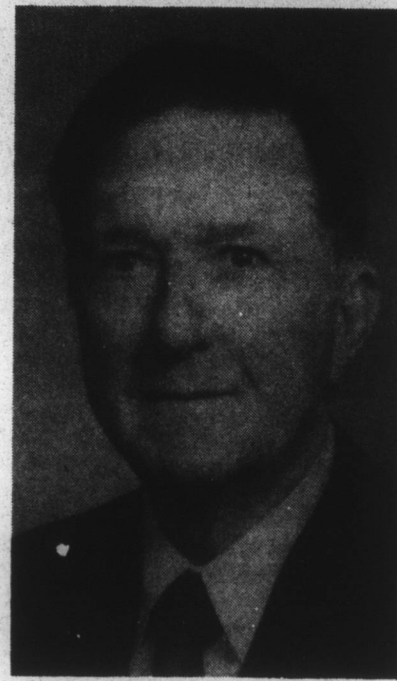
The commission has stated that it "has an obligation independent of the parties, in the public interest, to examine the justness and reasonableness of rates and charges." Therefore, the commission has modified the settlement proposal to include the following provisions:

Veeco will report to the commission every six months for three years on its progress in controlling costs and managing prudently its fossil fuel operations.

A special audit committee of commission staff will be established to review the periodic reports.

Veeco's semi-annual reports will be considered in each Veeco rate proceeding for three years.

In addition, the commission will "reward" Veeco through a negotiated sliding rate of return tied to generating unit performance.



Murray J. Small

## Small Announces His Resignation

Murray J. Small, administrator at Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids for 11 years, announced his resignation through a written letter on June 28. The resignation is effective Sept. 6, and is gravely accepted by many who have worked with him.

"Mr. Small has served the hospital and the citizens of our area well for more than 11 years," said M.L. Boinest, Jr., president of the hospital Board of Directors. "His loyalty and dedication to superior health care in our area will be sorely missed."

Small, a native of Chowan County, "has served the hospital exceptionally well as its administrator since the day the doors were first opened," said Donald Hall, publisher of the Daily Herald, Roanoke Rapids. He is a tough - minded man, and has always had the courage to make the kind of hard decisions that had to be made," he added.

Small was active in many activities in the Halifax community, having served on the Area L. Emergency Medical Services Council, Eastern Carolina Emergency Medical Systems, Inc., the board of directors for the Health Education Foundation of Eastern N.C., Mental Health Center and the Halifax County Home Health Agency.

According to Boinest, Small has said he plans to continue living in Roanoke Rapids and will be available part - time as a consultant in the health care field.

"It has been a real pleasure to serve as your administrator for the past 11 years," Small said. "I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and support that I have received from the Board of Directors, the medical staff and the fine employers of Halifax Memorial Hospital."

"I extend my very best wishes for continued success to all of their efforts to better serve the citizens of this area."

Small is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Claude Small, Sr. He has two brothers currently living in Chowan County, Claude Small, Jr., and Leonard Small, Sr. Formerly of Edenton, one sister, Mrs. Marie S. Hamilton, currently resides in Onley, Va.



W. Joseph Privott Jr.

## Privott Named To New Post

Monsanto Company's Nutrition Chemicals Division has named W. Joseph Privott, Jr., commercial director for feed ingredients. He will head Monsanto's animal feed supplements and preservatives business.

A native of Edenton, Dr. Privott resides with his wife and children in Chesterfield, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Privott of Tyner, N.C., and his wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Harrell of Rocky Hock, N.C.

Since joining Monsanto in 1964, Dr. Privott has held a variety of chemical engineering, research, product development, commercial development and marketing positions. He was most recently director of product management for Monsanto Textiles Company.

Dr. Privott received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in chemical engineering from North Carolina State University.

Monsanto's Nutrition Chemicals Division produces Alimet and MHA feed supplements, Santocquin antioxidant, and Aflaban preservative.

If arguments were postponed until all participants got the facts, life would be simpler and intelligence would replace emotion.

Life should not be all work. Everybody is entitled to some recreation and amusement whether everybody gets it or not.

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