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\* The U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corps. has given preliminary approval for up to \$465 million in federal grants and subsidies for a plant in north-eastern North Carolina that will convert peat to methanol. The operator, Peat Methanol Associates, would extract some 676,500 tons of peat a year from bogs owned by First Colony Farms.

\* Carolina Power & Light Co. this month is making test burns of peat in its power plants. If the peat can be burned efficiently and can compete economically with coal, the electric utility may be in the market to buy huge quantities of it from Eastern North Carolina holdings.

\* Peat Fuels, Inc. in Hyde County is already operating a plant to produce peat briquettes for fuel purposes. In addition, peat is already being taken out of the ground in Washington and Tyrrell counties for experimental purposes.

Although state government has a Peat Mining Task Force to study the matter, it has hardly been vocal about concerns over possible damage to wetlands near the coast, to marine estuaries and shellfish breeding and to groundwater supplies. But Dr. Vincent Bellis of the Sierra Club and other environmentalists say that the long-term consequences of extensive peat removal are so little known that its reckless to simply dig it up now for commercial purposes.

At least three members of a legislative study committee want to extend the Coastal Area Management Act to regulate peat mining and large corporate farming in the coastal area. That issue clearly should be addressed by the Legislature. In the meantime, the state Department of Natural Resources owes the people some answers on peat.

For example, Peat Methanol Associates proposes to remove peat with a high moisture content and then to discharge up to 800,000 gallons of treated water per day into a canal. The state needs to say what, if any, the effects will be on ground-water tables in that locality and whether the danger of saltwater intrusion will be increased.

Large corporate farming and commercial interests that own the land covering the peat bogs are eager of course, to get on with the excavations. A number of state officials also appear to be happy at the prospect of putting the vast peat resources to productive use. But what bad environmental penalties can future generations expect? The state has yet to answer that question.

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### Leave That Man Alone

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green's hope of becoming governor of North Carolina possibly has been shattered and his personal life almost certainly has been turned into some kind of hell by the flinging about of unsupported and irresponsible charges.

So far this fall the lieutenant governor has been accused of complicity in arson in North Carolina and Tennessee, and of conspiracy in illegal tobacco sales.

In one arson case in Bertie County, the court was shown a videotaped conversation in which an arsonist was identified as Jimmy Green's "torch man." Green has not been charged legally in the case.

In another case, a U.S. attorney told a U.S. district court judge that the FBI and U.S. Department of Agriculture were investigating

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**CHRISTMAS IN THE IREDELL HOUSE CELEBRATED**—The State Historic Site was open again last Sunday to celebrate the coming of Christmas much as James Iredell would have done in colonial times. Pictured above is a member of the D.A.R. serving hot cider to the visitors who came.

## Traditional Christmas Celebrated In Iredell House

Christmas in The Iredell House was celebrated last Sunday, December 12th. This was the fourth year that the State Historic Site has celebrated the Christmas season with an open house.

The 18th century decorations that graced the home of James Iredell were created by John Smith, chairman of the Iredell Association, and a number of local women who assisted him in their construction.

Rosa Davenport, site manager of the historic site, expressed her gratitude when she said, "As site manager for the Iredell House, I would like to thank them for going through such pridelful efforts in decorating the Iredell House as it may have been when Judge Iredell spent his Christmases at the house."

Ms. Davenport also expressed regrets at the poor attendance that she felt was caused by the poor weather conditions that existed on the 12th.

"I regret that more people did not come and see the house," she said, "because, the decorations were so beautiful and every one had worked so hard on it for two days."

The Christmas decorations within the house were accented by the cooked ham, breads and tarts which were cooked by Walter Abbe and used along with the other decorations of the period.

Not all the food present was for decorations, as the extension homemakers clubs within the county baked cookies to be eaten by the people who visited the house. Additional refreshment could be found in the hot cider punch that Elizabeth Elmore made for the oc-

possible arson in a fire that destroyed a warehouse that had formerly been owned by Green. The attorney later said that he didn't mean to suggest that Green himself was being investigated.

Last week in Tennessee a defendant being sentenced for counterfeiting told a federal judge he had been involved with Green in illegal tobacco sales. The defendant had once been an employee of the lieutenant governor.

In none of these cases has Jimmy Green been formally charged.

It is hardly surprising that defendants under trial and sentencing would implicate a public figure—or anyone else, for that matter—if the implications seem to promise mercy.

But it is surprising and dismaying that a court would allow as evidence testimony totally unsupported by fact and extremely damaging to one not charged.

It is equally surprising and dismaying that a U.S. judge would ask questions in court eliciting unsubstantiated charges and that a U.S. attorney would, even by implication, involve in a trial one who has not been charged.

Up to now the accusations against Jimmy Green have the legal force of idle speculation. Unfortunately, they have a terrible force in other respects, the public's being willing all too often to regard accusation as conviction.

As a matter of simple fairness and decency, as well as simple justice, the courts, the attorneys and other officials involved ought to bring formal charges against Jimmy Green or leave him alone.

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casion. The refreshments were served to visitors by ladies from the D.A.R., dressed in traditional costumes.

Visitors were treated to the sounds of voices singing traditional Christmas carols around 5 P.M., as carolers from the Edenton Coral

Society raised their voices in song to assist in celebrating Christmas in the Iredell House.

Rosa Davenport wishes to thank all who helped to celebrate, along with the staff of the state historical site, Christmas in the Iredell House.



**MR. ASHLEY HONORED**—Murray Ashley is shown here with the captains of the various units of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad displaying the awards he received in recognition of his service. Shown in the picture are: Pete Belch, Captain of Unit 3; Harvey Williams, Captain of Unit 1; Murray Ashley; Russell Blanchard, Captain of Unit 2 and Doug Belch, assistant coordinator of Chowan County EMS.

## Rescue Squad Held Appreciation Dinner For Ashley

The Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad recently held an appreciation dinner for Murray Ashley, Chief of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

James Brabble, Assistant Chief served as the master of ceremonies and made the opening remarks at the dinner.

The keynote speaker at the dinner was Al Phillips, a Chowan County Commissioner. Mr. Phillips gave a brief history of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad and showed how Mr. Ashley has influenced the Rescue Squad.

The history recited by Mr. Phillips started at a time when the Rescue Squad only had a single wrecked ambulance which was donated to them by the Gates Rescue Squad and rebuilt by the local squad members. This was a time as it remained for many years that the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad ran on donations. Mr. Phillip's talk ended with a run down of the present condition of the squad which now has three buildings and

receives its operating budget from the county.

"Gil" Johnson roasted Mr. Ashley as he told stories of times gone by. After the roast Mr. E. G. Bond, Jr., Assistant Chief of the Stony Creek Rescue Squad and past member of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, gave Mr. Ashley a plaque indicating that Mr. Ashley's rescue number, five, was being retired from rescue service. He also presented Mr. Ashley with a jersey with the rescue number on it.

Pete Belch, captain of Unit 3 of

## Wastewater Facility To Be Built

The Town of Edenton has resolved to file for step II and step III grants to build its proposed wastewater treatment facility. The resolution comes after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its preliminary decision that there would be the building of the wastewater facility.

The facility, a land application system, will consist in the abandoning of the existing wastewater treatment plant and constructing two lagoons of 21½ acres each. The wastewater will be pumped through the existing sewage mains to the abandoned plants location;

## Appointed To Staff

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Ms. Anthony was born and raised in Edenton, graduated from D.F. Walker High School, and attended Bard College in Annadale-on-Hudson, New York. She has worked previously for Congressman Hamilton Fish and Congressman Mario Biaggi, both of New York. Her duties on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee will focus on matters dealing with oceanography, Law of the Sea, ocean dumping and coastal zone management.

Ms. Anthony is the daughter of Doris J. Owens and the granddaughter of Martha Harvey, both of Edenton.

from there the wastewater will be pumped through an additional 7,000 feet of main to the treatment and storage lagoons. The wastewater would then be sprayed onto 500 acres of land through an irrigation system.

The EPA, in its review of the plan, stated that, "The purpose of this project is to aid the Town of Edenton in implementing the most cost-effective and environmentally sound method of transporting and treating wastewater. A land application system of wastewater treatment is proposed due to the nutrient-sensitive classification of the Chowan River."

The EPA indicated, "...that the proposed action will be in compliance with all federal and state air pollution emission limitations and standards."

Step II and Step III grants provide monies for the design and construction of the proposed facility. The Town Council moved that the engineering firm of L.E. Wooten and Co. for designing the facility.

## Court Report

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Blaine Allen Weyant was found guilty of reckless driving. He was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$75 and cost of court.

Wayne Windell White was found guilty of injury to personal property. He was placed on probation for two years, fined \$100 and cost of court. White was also found guilty of larceny. He was sentenced to a minimum of seven months and a maximum of nine months with 2 years suspended had to pay restitution of \$485 and cost of court.

Phillip Edward Stearns was found guilty of reckless driving and failure to report an accident. He was sentenced to 60 days with one year suspended, fined \$100 and cost of court.

William Lewis Norvell, III, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle left of center line. He was fined \$35 and cost of court.

Deborah Kim Chappell was found guilty of unintentional death by vehicle. She was sentenced 90 days with one year suspended, fined \$250 and cost of court. She has appealed.

Willie Joseph Jones was found guilty of going 71 mph in a 55 zone. He was fined \$15 and cost of court.

Allan James Woodward was found guilty of going 66 mph in a 55 zone. His prayer for judgement was continued upon payment of cost of court.

Arthur William Jordan, Jr. was found guilty of attempting to take deer during closed season. He was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$50 and cost of court. He also had to turn his gun over to the sheriff and surrender his hunting license for the "82-83" season.

Melvin Alton Lee was found guilty of trespassing and resisting an officer. He was sentenced to six months with two years suspended, fined \$150 and had to pay the cost of court or both counts. He is also not to enter E.J.'s for a period of two years or to assault an officer for the same period of time. He has appealed.

Kelly Coon was found guilty of driving with no license and reckless driving. He was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$75 and cost of court.

Otis Napoleon Beasley was found guilty of reckless driving. He was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fine \$50 and cost of court.

Alphonza Moore, Jr., was found guilty of shoplifting. He was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$50, must stay off the premises of A&P for one year and cost of court.

Pauline Cannady Shaw was found guilty of shoplifting. She was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$50, must stay off the premises of Roses for one year and cost of court.

Frank Benjamin Miller, III was found guilty of driving under the influence and reckless driving after drinking. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$150, must attend Drug Alcohol School and cost of court. He has appealed.

Ronald Dean Faircloth was found guilty of affray (fighting). He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for one year, fined \$50 and cost of court.

## Announcement

The Merchants Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce has announced that most of the stores in Edenton will be open from December 17 through December 24 for the convenience of area shoppers. The committee has also reported that the stores will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

## Utility Companies Commended

RALEIGH—North Carolina Secretary of Human Resources Dr. Sarah T. Morrow today commended two of North Carolina's major utility companies, Duke Power and Carolina Power and Light, for starting weatherization programs to help the poor cut down on heating costs this winter.

"In these times of dwindling government funds to help meet the needs of our state's less fortunate citizens, there is a tremendous need for the private sector and volunteers to help fill the gap in human services," Dr. Morrow said. "Duke Power and the Carolina Power and Light have responded to this need by donating insulation materials and by helping recruit volunteers to install the materials."

Morrow said that Duke Power, which serves the piedmont and western parts of the state, has already begun a three-year weatherization program that will

help an estimated 129,000 of its low-income customers in North and South Carolina. The company will donate free insulating materials (plastic storm window covers, door weatherstripping and door sweeps, caulking, outlet and switch plate insulators) and will assist in the process of recruiting volunteers for the installation.

County social services departments and community action agencies located in the Duke Power service area are certifying Duke customers who will be eligible for the program, Morrow said.

In addition, Carolina Power and Light Company has started a low-income weatherization pilot project in several low-income sections of Raleigh. The company is collecting data that will help determine the most effective way to help its low-income customers cut down on heating costs through energy conservation.