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Athens, Ga., and New Bern have at least two things in common. Both were named for European capitals, and both were so named because of geographical similarity.

New Bern, like Bern, is located where two rivers join, and Georgia's Athens, like the one in Greece, rests on seven hills and has a river running through its boundaries.

Although the University of Georgia was established there in 1785, the Athens that sprouted in the heart of Dixie wasn't chartered until 1806. By that time it had already come to be known as the state's educational center, and this too made its name appropriate.

Actually, Athens (the one to the south of us) was founded in 1801. Located in the Piedmont Plateau of Northeast Georgia, it is the county seat of Clarke county. Encompassing an area of 14 square miles, the city varies in altitude from 600 to 800 feet above sea level.

Athens boasts an annual average temperature of 62 degrees and the average annual rainfall is 49.7 inches. Its population, as reflected by a special census taken in October 1963 is 41,059.

A city of culture and history, with many ante-bellum homes, Athens has long been recognized as the cultural center of the South. On the other hand, over 100 manufacturing plants produce diversified products in the Athens area. With an employment in excess of 6,000 persons, the annual payrolls exceed \$16 million. Who said history and industry don't mix well?

Our vote for television's cutest gal goes to the clever young lady who does those Dodge commercials Honest injun, you've missed something if you've never tried lime sherbet topped with chocolate syrup. Don't vote against it until you've sampled it.

Lucille Meredith has a pair of dogs (male and female) named Caesar and Calpurnia. In case you aren't up on your Latin, Calpurnia in ancient Rome happened to be Julius Caesar's third wife. If Lucille's Caesar plays it smarter than Julius did, he'll stick around home during the Ides of March. After all, a tom cat named Brutus might show up and give him a going over.

New Bern males who go bare-headed, and the tribe is steadily increasing, are helping to give hat manufacturers the willies. National statistics, hard to believe, indicate that eight out of ten men no longer cover their cranium with felt or straw.

Twenty years ago it was the other way around. Only two men in ten elected to go bareheaded. Fortunately for the hat makers, those who do wear the things today often purchase several, which is something Grandpa never did.

Most New Bernians of masculine gender who venture forth without a head piece, day in and day out, still have their hair. Which poses the question, do men wear hats because they're bald, or are they bald because they wear hats?

There was a time, of course, when a male teenager was just as proud of his first hat as he



DAPPER DANDY — Two year old Malcom Reid Chitty, Jr., of 1312 Green Springs Road is quite a flashy figure when he dresses for a special occasion. The occasion in this instance was a picture-taking session with Eunice Wray, whose portraits of children frequently grace The Mirror. The young man, son of Dr. M. R. and Jane Chitty, usually prefers less formal attire. He is happiest when playing with a ball, or

tossing other things around, and his aim is excellent. Dear to his heart is a cat he named Klizzy, and a big black dog dubbed Choo Choo. Neither pet is a thoroughbred, but Malcom isn't remotely concerned with their ancestry. High on his list of desirable items, in the order named, are chicken noodles, biscuits, ice cream, sticky suckers and all the milk he can hold. As you can see, the diet keeps Malcom bright eyed.