

1984 Isn't Just For Orwell

In North Carolina, 1984 is the year in which the celebration of America's 400th anniversary officially begins. Late in April, Governor Jim Hunt will lead a delegation of North Carolinians to England to mark the anniversary of the departure of the first of the Roanoke Voyages, England's first attempts to settle the New World.

While he's there, the British Museum and Library will open an exhibition devoted to the Voyages and their sponsor, Sir Walter Raleigh. America's 400th Anniversary Committee has arranged a public tour of England coinciding with the April events. Call the Committee in Raleigh at (919) 733-4788 for information about available spaces.

In June, Duke University hosts The British American Festival, a lively, thoughtful look at 400 years of cultural contact. Under the sponsorship of the Department of Cultural Resources and the Smithsonian Institution, the festival will include performances, sports and scholarly seminars.

In July, the focus moves to Roanoke Island itself. On July 13, Governor Hunt will begin a weekend of celebration in ceremonies opening the ship Elizabeth II and its adjoining Visitor Center. The U.S. Postal Service will issue a 20-cent stamp featuring the ship on the 13th. For the following weekend, the town of Manteo will become a staging area for a public festival of Elizabeth arts. The July dates recall the landing in 1584 of that first Roanoke Voyage expedition.

For details, call America's 400th Anniversary in Raleigh, (919) 733-4788, or its liaison in Manteo, (919) 733-2143.

Cold Weather Increases Electricity Usage

Carolínians consumed a lot of electricity along with turkey and dressing this holiday season. Extreme low temperatures and holiday cooking combined to produce record demands for electrical service.

On Sunday, December 25, peak demand for electricity by Carolina Power & Light Co. customers was almost six million kilowatts. Electricity usage during December 20-26 was more than 30 percent higher than for the same period last year.

"Even though many businesses and industries were closed over the holidays, the severely cold weather caused residential customers to require unusually large amounts of electricity," said Russell H. Lee, CP&L's senior vice president of customer and operating services.

"In fact, on Christmas Day CP&L customers set a record peak demand for electricity for a Sunday and also for a Christmas Day," Lee said.

Lee said while the Christmas usage set new records for the date, it was below the company's all time record winter peak demand of 6.6 million kilowatts because most businesses and industrial plants were closed for the holiday.

CP&L says that the increased electricity usage during the recent severe weather will be reflected in electric bills customers receive in January.

"As the cold weather continues, customers can help reduce their electricity usage and thus the size of their bills by practicing good conservation habits, particularly by setting thermostats on heating units as low as possible while maintaining reasonable comfort," Lee said.

CP&L also offers customers a way to reduce the immediate impact of the higher electric bills, Lee said. Customers can sign up for an Equal Pay Plan which spreads out the amount of bills over a 12-month period. This helps minimize large fluctuations caused by high electricity usage during certain months. Customers interested in the Equal Pay Plan can get more information by calling their local CP&L office.

Lee also urged customers who think they might have trouble paying their electric bill when due to call their local CP&L office. "We are glad to work with customers who face genuine hardship, but we can't help them unless we know of their circumstances," he said.

Senator Helms To Be Honored

United States Senators Jesse Helms will be honored at a dinner in Greenville on January 6. The event will be held at the Greenville Moose Lodge and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"We expect the event to be a huge success," said Mrs. Gilda McKinney, a local coordinator of the event. "Senator Helms has a lot of friends and supporters in this area, and we are looking forward to having the opportunity to meet with him," she concluded.

United States Senator John P. East will also be a special guest at the event.

Tickets for the event can be obtained by contacting Mrs. McKinney at (919) 756-2233 or the HELMS for Senate office at (919) 876-8522. The tickets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/children.

The menu will include barbeque, fried chicken, cole slaw, Brunswick stew, boiled potatoes, corn sticks, and iced tea.

The Pamlico Room at the Holiday Inn in Greenville will be available for the press at 7:15 p.m. to receive remarks from Senators Helms and East. The press is requested to reserve space by calling Teresa Seiber at (919) 876-8522.

Mobile Health Van Schedule

The Mobile Health Van will be at the following scheduled locations in January, 1984:

Jan. 5: Havelock, (Library), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 9: Dover, (Mayor's Office), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 12: Harlowe, Community Center, (Godette School), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 17: Havelock, (Recreation Center), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 20: Fort Barnwell, (Sermon's Store), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 24: Vanceboro, (Town Hall), 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 26: Harlowe, (Odie Godette's Store), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 5:
Eleanor Tyson Privette
Willis Johnson
Odell Haddock

Tony Ronzo
Mary Adams
Carlton Dawson

Jan. 6:
Lovie Hoell
Bill Lancaster
Julia Morris
Rita Lewis
Harvey Williams
Windy Bowen
Monique Baker
Stacy McCarter
Dolly Bryant
Tenille Mayo

Jan. 9:
Myra Dudley
Reginald Lancaster
Eddie Haddock
Johnny Midgett
Gracie Toler
Nettie Edwards
Susan Lynn Hill
Willie Daniels

Jan. 7:
Rex Lilly
Irene Smith
July F. High
Gene Lancaster

Jan. 10:
Angela Clair Kite
Miguel Barrow
Bobby Ray Willis

Jan. 8:
Dora Dixon
Verona Lancaster
Ertha Locklear

Jan. 11:
Lynn Malan
Mark Dudley
Bill Blair
Wanda Whitaker

Happy Anniversary

Jan. 6:
Mr. & Mrs. William Baker

Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Turnage

Jan. 7:
Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Haddock
Mr. & Mrs. Odell Gaskins

Jan. 9:
Mr. & Mrs. Linwood Fillingame

Birthday Celebration

A birthday party will be given for Mrs. Rosa Anderson, Friday, Jan. 6 from 5:30 until, by her family at the home of her daughter and son-in-law,

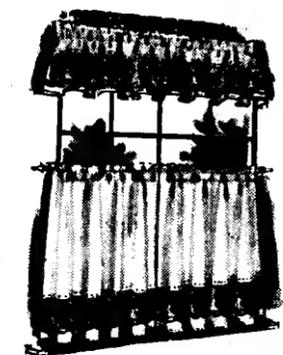
Rev. and Mrs. Sam Worthington.

Mrs. Anderson, better known as, "Miss Rose," will be celebrating her 89th birthday anniversary. All friends of Mrs. Anderson's are invited to come and share this time of fellowship and refreshments with her.

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