



IN DEEP FREEZE — One of the few things not hampered by the recent deep freeze in Northeastern North Carolina is the shutter on Staff Photographer Luke Amburn's camera. Some of the most enjoyable scenery — in every season — can be found along Edenton Bay. This old tug boat added to this scene. (See Public Parade).

Surcharge May Be Necessary

Rate Increase In Effect

Virginia Electric & Power Company has put a 9.5 per cent wholesale rate increase into effect this month which will cost the Town of Edenton an additional \$221,000 annually. The increase comes in the middle of a fiscal year and local officials are rushing to get recommendations from rate consultants.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, told Town Council Tuesday night flatly: "The town doesn't have this money." He indicated that Veeco's action may require a surcharge on customer bills until July 1 when the town's new budget is effective.

"This action puts us in a price squeeze, pure and simple," he said in response to a question. "Yes, it has us in a terrible bind."

Ollin Sykes, a local Certified Public Accountant, cautioned the town not to get in the financial condition of the Town of Hertford. Hertford officials failed to pass on to customers the Veeco increases and got into a financial crisis.

Councilman Gil Burroughs observed that as long as profits from the utility system are used to maintain a low property tax "these are the things we have to face."

James Martin, director of utilities, said negotiations are "hot and heavy" now to buy-in to Carolina Power & Light Company's generating facilities. He noted that Veeco has indicated the municipalities could expect cooperation in getting off company lines sooner than outlined in an existing contract.

Gardner's announcement about the Veeco rate increase, which was put into place via a bond while the increase is challenged before regulatory agencies, threw a wet blanket on earlier discussions at the meeting about continuation of the development of the waterfront along Edenton Bay.

Howard Capps, land planner from Elizabeth City, reported that a long-range plan developed in 1976 is on target. He noted that the town has been offered a \$193,000 grant for development of the old Conger property.

Discussion of an entertainment shell in the area was discussed. Such treatment of the area covered by the grant could be changed to include such an activity, even it is on a temporary basis.

However, Gardner said the town must make a decision within the next 90 days as whether or not to accept the matching grant. Dr. Allen Hornthal suggested that the matter be studied by the Finance Committee and Recreation Committee. There was agreement on this plan.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell touched briefly on efforts being made to

obtain another access off US 17 bypass. The mayor said a representative of the Department of Transportation had been in the area and right now priority is being given to the Paradise Road overpass. DOT has scheduled a feasibility study. "We are real pleased just to get discussion started," the mayor said.

In other action, bids received on the purchase of land in the community development area were received with action set for February 10.

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Day Care Program Expanded

RALEIGH — Chowan and five other Albemarle Area counties are among target areas for new day care programs, expanded existing ones or upgrading of programs in North Carolina. The other area counties are: Currituck,

Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, secretary, N. C. Department of Human Resources, has announced a \$300,000 allocation for the 16-county program. Counties outside the Albemarle Area are: Beaufort, Bladen, Cabarrus, Columbus, Granville, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Onslow and Pender.

Mrs. Hazel Elliott, director, Chowan County Department of Social Services, said a representative from her staff is designated to receive information about the program.

Participation in this project, entitled Start-Up Project, will be limited to non-profit day care providers and public agencies. It will be administered by the Day Care Section of the department.

Application from these counties will be solicited and be given preferential treatment. Day Care Section staff will be available to work with groups from these counties who are interested in making application for funding.

Criteria for ranking individual applications include such factors as the degree of need for additional day care services within a county, the cost-efficiency of an application and written endorsements from community leaders and groups. Applications will be accepted through March 15.

AFP To Meet

The Alliance For Progress, Inc., board of directors will have a meeting January 28 to receive committee reports and elect new officers.

Til Brown, chairman, announced the meeting will begin at 2 P.M. in the AFP Conference Room at Trap.

Richard W. Baker, Jr., is AFP director. AFP is a six-county educational consortium serving Martin, Hertford, Bertie, Gates, Chowan and Perquimans.

Chamber Banquet On January 23

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce annual banquet meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 P.M. January 23 at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

Jerry Hendee, executive vice president, said tickets are now on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office on East King Street.

Reynolds Funds \$1-Million Research Program

By L.F. Amburn, Jr.

RALEIGH — If there were any "no smoking" signs on the premises of the McKimmon Center here Tuesday they were well concealed. "Pride In Tobacco" banners, bunches of the golden leaf, and specimens of new, healthier varieties heralded a joint announcement by N. C. State University and R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

RJR is financing an innovative \$1-million program to assure a continuing supply of high quality, domestically produced tobacco. The program is being implemented by the School of Agriculture & Life Sciences through Extension and Research services.

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NCSU Chancellor Joab L. Thomas presided at a luncheon following a press conference. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., couldn't attend the luncheon. He was represented by Sec. Lauch Faircloth of the State Department of Commerce.

Dr. Thomas told about 125 people at the luncheon that Gov. Hunt observed that the press conference was more widely attended than any other such function he had ever attended. And Gov. Hunt gets around.

Since the U. S. Surgeon General's report on smoking was released the same day, one scribe inquired of Edward A. Horrigan,

Jr., RJR board chairman, president and chief executive officer, if there was a little relation between the report and his announcement.

Gov. Hunt interrupted to say:

"Absolutely none. It was timed for the first day of my second administration."

The same kind of good natured humor spilled over into the luncheon. Horrigan said RJR's credit might be an issue so he brought along a \$250,000 check as the first of four installments.

"You have just paid for your lunch," Dr. Thomas said. "And by the way you can feel free to smoke."

The Council of State was well represented. When Henry Bridges was introduced as State Auditor, he replied: "I'm retired, as of today." (Ed Renfrow was sworn in

Saturday as the new State Auditor.)

Commission of Agriculture Jim Graham was quick to tell the group: "I ain't retired." And Secretary of State Thad Eure announced that he "is just starting." Others in the audience were Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, Insurance Commissioner John Ingram, and Commissioner of Labor John Brooks.

In a serious note, Horrigan said the tobacco industry continues independent, non-emotional, scientific research.

Horrigan reminded the luncheon

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SUPPORT TOBACCO RESEARCH AND EXTENSION — North Carolina higher education officials gave representatives of Reynolds Tobacco Company a big welcome Monday as the company announced a \$1-million gift to be used toward tobacco research and extension. Left to right are: Chancellor Joab Thomas of N. C. State University; Edward A. Horrigan, Jr., RJR's ranking executive; Dr. Durward Bateman, agricultural research director; John Jordan, chairman, UNC Board of Governors; and Dr. T. C. Blalock, director of agricultural extension.

Public Parade

Frigid Weather

There is some serious discussion going on around the country on the subject of weather. There are those who believe all the hardware shot into space has more than a casual effect on weather along the Public Parade and throughout the United States.

We tend to agree. However, it is not our intent to go into a long dissertation here on the subject. But we want to inform those who might not know, it's cold!

It was reported from downtown Rocky Hock on Tuesday morning that at least one reading was two degrees cited. Yes, two, like the number between one and three. If it wasn't that low on Cheapside the cold was flirting with such.

We number among those who believed the Chamber of Commerce declaration of mild to moderate temperatures along the Public Parade. The snows of early 1980 which out did areas like New Hampshire, the hot, dry summer of the same year, and now this bunch of frigid weather bears out that one experience is worth many, many claims.

Noted And Passed

History was made in North Carolina last Saturday as Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., was sworn into office for a second-term, the first Tar Heel chief executive to repeat the oath of office in this century.

The following paragraphs are lifted from a Doug Gardner story in The Virginian Pilot:

"The parade included bands from Williamston High School, Perquimans County High School, Mattamuskeet High School, Hyde County, Washington High School, Gates County High School, Northampton County High School, Plymouth High School, Bertie High School, Ahoskie High School, and Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City."

"Currituck, Beaufort and Dare counties and (the Town of) Manteo each sent floats to the parade."

Something missing? Yes, Chowan County and the Town of Edenton.

Employees Speak

Atlantic Forest Products, Inc., employees showed good judgment last Thursday by voting not to affiliate with a union. The nearly 2 to 1 vote against United Warehouse and Industrial Affiliate Trade Employees Union was not merely a victory for the wood products company and its employees, but a victory for the community.

Atlantic Forest Products, Inc., is a good corporate citizen. The company is the biggest taxpayer along the Public Parade and the majority of its \$2.5-million annual payroll is spent locally.

Organized labor in North Carolina has a black eye. The New York-based trade union which targeted AFP for a southern breakthrough is a bad egg run by

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Jaycees Schedule DSA Banquet

The 1980 Distinguished Service Award will be presented by the Edenton Jaycees during the twenty-seventh annual DSA Banquet on January 22 at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. In addition, past recipients will be recognized, said president W. T. Culpepper, III.

Guest speaker will be John Lowery of Lincolnton, president of the N. C. Jaycees.

A social hour will begin at 6:30 P.M. followed one hour later by the program. Tickets are \$5.

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New Postmaster For Tyner Area

Sectional Center Manager-Postmaster Gold Joyner, Jr., of Rocky Mount today announced the appointment of Hallie T. Lewis as the new Postmaster at Tyner effective Saturday, December 27, 1980.

Lewis, 50, a native of Sunbury, N.C., has served as a clerk at the Sunbury Post Office for the past 29 years.

Postmaster selections for offices of this size are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Sectional Center Manager at Rocky Mount. He selects and recommends to the Postmaster General the best qualified person for appointment to each vacancy.



Hallie T. Lewis

Employees Vote Down Union

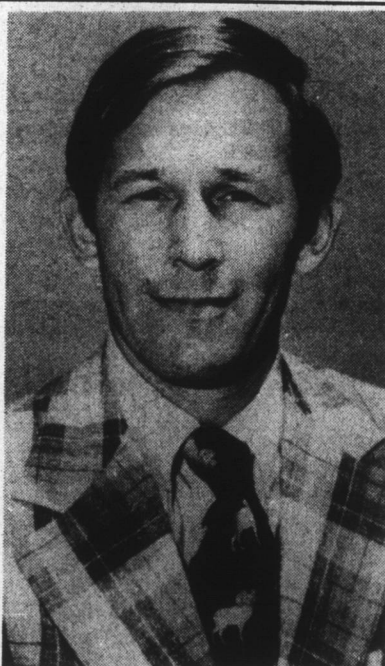
Employees of Atlantic Forest Products, Inc., voted overwhelmingly against forming a union in an election held Thursday of last week. The vote was 113-61.

Five ballots were contested in the vote supervised by the National Labor Relations Board, but they wouldn't hardly make any difference as those who opposed affiliation with United Warehouse and Industrial Affiliate Trade Employees Union was nearly 2 to 1.

"I hope that we can now put this union matter behind us and work to make Atlantic Forest Products an even better place to work," Bruce Weber, general manager, said after the tally.

AFP, the county's largest employer, is located adjacent to Edenton Municipal Airport. The company's payroll exceeds \$2.5-million annually, and wages paid are close to the state average manufacturing wage of \$5.52.

Matthew Eason, union president, signed a full page ad in The Chowan Herald last week in which he attacked the company on unfair practices as well as low wages. He said the organizers for the union, which until now had concentrated on businesses in the New York - New Jersey area, came to North Carolina at the request of present and former employees.



Moyer Smith

Local Athletes To Be Honored

Moyer Smith, associate athletic director at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, will be keynote speaker at the Fall Sports Awards Banquet next Monday night in the Edenton National Guard Armory.

Sponsored by the Edenton Aces Booster Club, the banquet will spotlight outstanding athletes on the football team and girls' tennis team of Holmes High School as well as members of the cheerleading squad.

Tickets are \$5 for the steak supper.

Before being named associate athletic director, Smith served for six years as assistant football coach at UNC and was an original member of coach Bill Dooley's staff beginning in 1967. He coached the freshman team for three years with a record of 14-1 and was offensive backfield coach for the 1972 team which went 11-1.

Before starting his career at Carolina, the 1961 UNC graduate coached high school teams in Lexington, Winston-Salem and Albemarle, and coached for one year at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

Smith is a member of the Chapel Hill Kiwanis Club, and University Methodist Church. He has served as campus advisor for FCA and is presently faculty advisor for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Smith was born and raised in Lexington.