

Hot Ain't It?

People meandering along the Public Parade are experiencing one of the longest heat waves for mid-June remembered by old-timers. The common greeting on Cheapside and through the area is: "Hot ain't it?"

Although some 10 days ago the area had a generous amount of rain, young corn has rolled and vegetable gardens are late.

The heat experienced on Broad Street late Sunday evening cannot be blamed on the weather. It has been reported by a reliable source that the Mitchener Clan is responsible.

The Harrell-Kimmel wedding drew Joe Mitchener from Spartanburg, S. C., Bill Mitchener from Charlotte, and John A., III, from West Queen Street. The godfather was at his usual position near the safe.

The occasion was further enhanced by John, Jr.'s 67th birthday, which was Monday. Whether it was the gathering of the clan, the birthday or the heat, John's business partners are most grateful for one thing. He was on time for a 7 A. M. meeting Monday.

New Look?

North Carolina can be proud of the fact that we are the birthplace of manned flight. Our license plates are wearing out and hopefully will be replaced by a proposed plate which promotes this great achievement.

The design of the license tag bearing the inscription "First in Flight" was developed by Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, and Elbert Peters, commissioner of motor vehicles.

Sen. Harrington is joined by his colleagues from the First Senatorial District, Melvin R. Daniels, and Sens. Henson Barnes of Goldsboro and William Redmond of Statesville.

Sen. Redmon is rapidly becoming a driving force in the General Assembly although he is in the minority as a Republican. It is certainly proper for him to team with Northeastern Tar Heel solons in sponsoring First in Flight legislation. He is an experienced pilot, both in fixed wing and helicopters.

Furthermore, he married one half of a Statesville physician's secretary-nurse team. The other half came with us to meander along the Public Parade, all of which has absolutely nothing to do with the new license plate design.

The additional cost of the new plate after the tool up costs, would be three and one half cents. The tool up cost would be \$34,448. Actually, the new tag would make money for the State, if people should purchase the new plate before their old plates wear out.

We now have what are called "permanent" plates and do not receive a new plate unless our old plate fades or wears out. If a new plate was purchased before the old plate fades, it would cost the purchaser \$5. As it costs the State \$1.24 to make a new plate, the remainder would be profit.

All of the materials on hand will be used before the new plates are printed. It is estimated to be approximately 18 months before the new plates are issued as a replacement for the old plates, the General Assembly willing.

Record Not Bad

The media blitz, pro and con, on the subject of highways along the Public Parade and throughout North Carolina is creating a new awareness among the citizens. It may also confuse more than it enlightens.

Illegal bidding practices on state highway work have been in vogue for decades. Right or wrong it wasn't started during the administrations of Sanford, Moore, Scott, Holshouser, or even Hunt. Neither was it condoned by any governor. It probably started small and as things got most costly the greed got greater.

The house of cards collapsed. The greater weight of the fallout will be carried by Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw. He happened to be in the right



Edward T. Brynes

Byrnes Accepts Bank Position

Edward T. Brynes has joined the Bank of North Carolina, N.A., as branch loan and operations officer in Edenton, it was announced today by City Executive, Jim Ball.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., Brynes has over seven years financial experience with a bank in Boone. In addition to his duties as loan and operations officer, he will act as Branch Manager for Edenton's Northside office.

Brynes has completed several American Institute of Banking courses and holds a masters degree from Appalachian State University in Boone.

Superior Court Juries Empaneled

Jury activity was brisk early this week in Chowan County Superior Court. Three panels had been seated by mid-afternoon Tuesday.

Judge R. Michael Bruce of Mount Olive is presiding over the criminal session. Asst. Dist. Atty. Frank R. Parrish of Elizabeth City is prosecuting the docket.

A jury was seated Monday to hear the case where William C. O'Neal was charged with the felony of possessing stolen goods. After the jury was empaneled, the defendant entered a plea.

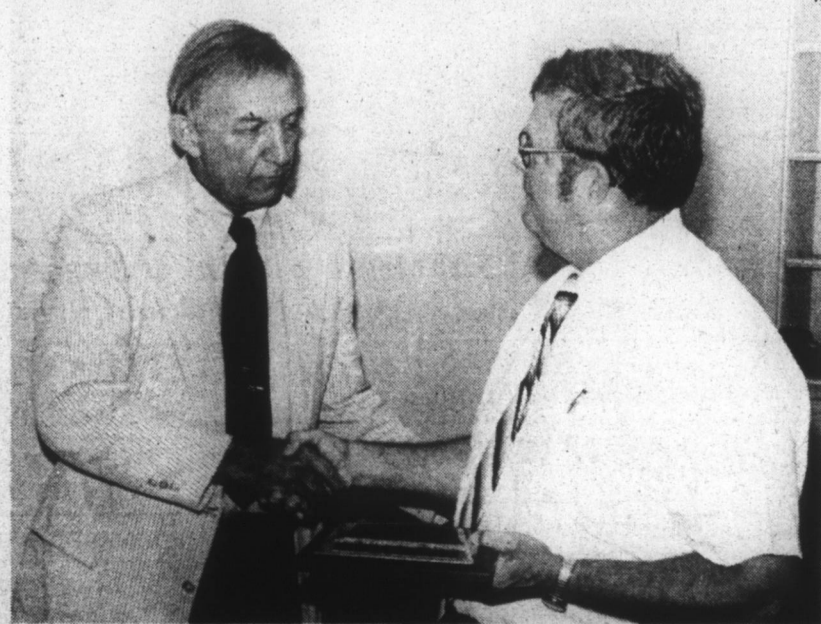
Another jury was seated Tuesday morning to hear the case where Randy Green was charged with shoplifting. A pack of cigarettes was involved. That jury had not reached a decision before still another panel was seated to hear the case where Franklin Thomas Riddick was charged with disobeying an officer's directions. Mrs. Betty Byrum Ward was foreman of the Grand Jury which completed work Monday morning and reported to Judge Bruce that nine bills of indictment were handled and a tour of the Chowan

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To Close

The Clothes Closet on North Broad Street will be closed June 22-25.

When the community project reopens it will be located on South Broad Street between Cato's and Pate's Florist.



ADMINISTRATOR HONORED — The Chowan County Commissioners presented a plaque to W. B. Gardner, on Monday honoring his 20 years of community service as administrator of the Town of Edenton. Chairman C. A. Phillips, above left, commented during the emotional presentation, "We are pleased that you will continue living here. This means you will be available for even more volunteer work." Gardner's resignation will be effective July 4 after which he will assume the post of senior vice president and chief operating officer of AGEnterprises.

Gilliam Wood ECSU Trustee

RALEIGH — J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton has been named to the board of trustees at Elizabeth City State University. Members of boards of 16 institutions in the Greater University of North Carolina system were named by the Board of Governors.

Wood is former board chairman of the N. C. Department of Natural Resources & Community Development. He was a member of the State Highway Commission during the Terry Sanford Administration.

McDonald Dixon of Edenton compiled a lengthy record of service to ECSU. A building on the campus was named in his honor.

Five other men from North-eastern North Carolina were elected to four-year terms on boards of three campuses.

Joining Wood as new members at ECSU are Willie Riddick of Windsor, an assistant to Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District; and J. Samuel Roebuck of Elizabeth City, head of the S&R Super Market Chain.

Postmaster Levin B. Culpepper of Elizabeth City was reappointed to the ECSU board.

George M. Wood of Camden, chairman of the board at N. C. State University in Raleigh, was re-elected to a seat on the NCSU board.

Roy Flood of Murfreesboro was elected to the board at East Carolina University in Greenville.

AADA Endorses Tax On Gasoline

Gov. Jim Hunt's plan for increasing state highway funds, including the three cents gasoline tax, has been endorsed by the board of directors of the Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA).

The directors passed the resolution in support of Gov. Hunt at its monthly board meeting on June 11 at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Perquimans County.

Ed Brown, Jr., AADA president, said the resolution was offered and passed after each of AADA's 10-county representatives were invited to present their respective problem priorities as well as area priorities. "The need for new and better roads was by far the most urgent problem listed," said Brown.

The resolution, a copy of which has been sent to Gov. Hunt as well as area representatives in the N. C. General Assembly, points out the need for new and improved highways in northeastern North Carolina to promote economic development.

AADA is a volunteer development organization representing 10 counties of the Albemarle region and include: Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.



COMMISSION IN EDENTON — Chowan County Courthouse on North Broad Street was the scene last week for a regular meeting of the Coastal Resources Commission. Shown at the opening session Thursday morning are, from left, Ken Stewart of Raleigh, executive director; Dr. J. Parker Chesson of Elizabeth City, chairman; C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; and W. B. Gardner of Edenton, chairman, Coastal Resources Advisory Council.

PMA Slates Construction

Gov. Jim Hunt announced June 10 that the energy development firm Peat Methanol Associates (PMA) will build a plant to produce methanol from peat at First Colony Farms near Creswell.

"This plant will use one of our state's most abundant energy resources to produce a clean-burning, versatile fuel," Hunt said in announcing plans for the plant. "It is a perfect example of what we must do if we are going to build a secure energy future for North Carolina."

PMA has committed \$1.3-million for final design and permit application work, which is expected to be completed in early 1982.

Pending permit approval and final financial arrangements, construction of the estimated \$250-million production facility is expected to begin in early 1982. Employment at the plant will be 200, with the construction force ranging from 200 to 500.

The facility will be capable of producing 51.3-million gallons of methanol a year from 633,000 tons of 30 per cent moisture peat. The plant will be the first commercial peat-to-methanol facility in the world.

PMA expects to market the methanol as an automotive fuel and a chemical feed stock. Peat for the facility will be provided by First Colony Farms from its

15,000-acre tract. State mining permits to remove the peat have already been granted.

If economic factors are favorable, the facility could be expanded to produce 513 million gallons of methanol annually.

PMA, based in Santa Fe, N. M., is a partnership formed by Energy Transition Corporation (ETCO), N. C. Synfuels Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of Koppers Company) and Jack B. Sunderland, president of Coroil, Inc. in New York. KBW Gasifications System, Inc., a joint venture of Koppers Company and Babcock and Wilcox, will provide the commercial gasifier for the peat-to-methanol conversion process. ETCO is the development

manager for the project.

Bank of America will develop the debt financing for the project subject to various conditions, including federal price guarantees for the methanol produced by the plant.

ETCO has applied for price guarantees from the U. S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation and the U. S. Department of Energy. The requested guarantee of 75 cents per gallon of methanol compares favorably with the 1980 year-end price of 78 cents per gallon of methanol on the Gulf Coast.

"We are optimistic because the guaranteed price we are requesting is very competitive with the existing price of methanol," Charles W. Robinson, managing partner of PMA, said.

Methanol is already in commercial use in California as an automotive fuel, and its use is being tested in North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently preparing for a fleet test of vehicles modified to use methanol.

Methanol is a more efficient fuel than gasoline, and can be produced and used with relatively less environmental impact. For these reasons, interest in methanol as an automotive fuel is growing rapidly.

The PMA project is based on studies performed in 1980 by Energy Transition Corporation for First Colony Farms. As a result of these studies, First Colony contracted with ETCO for the use of 121-million dry tons of peat located on 115,000 acres owned by First Colony Farms in Washington, Hyde, Dare and Tyrrell counties in eastern North Carolina ETCO then assigned the contract to PMA.

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Loan Approved

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District announced approval of a \$901,000 loan to Albemarle Rural Electric Membership, headquartered in Hertford.

The loan was approved by the Rural Electrification Administration. The purpose of the loan is to finance service for additional customers, add additional distribution lines and improve the overall system.

Hot Weather Information

Due to the extremely hot weather being experienced, Chowan County EMS-Rescue Squad would like to pass on to the citizens the following information covering heat related emergencies:

Heat Exhaustion — Prostration (exhaustion) due to inadequacy or collapse of the peripheral circulation due to salt depletion and dyhydration.

Clinical Features — Weakness, dizziness, stupor and headache, with or without muscle cramps.

Signs — Skin cool and pale with profuse perspiration, tachycardia (rapid pulse) and hypotension. May have mental confusion and muscular incoordination.

Treatment — Place patient at rest in a cool place, elevate feet, massage the legs. Unless there's danger of cardiac (heart) failure, give the patient 0.1 sodium (salt) solution by mouth.

Heat Cramps — Painful spasms of the muscles of the abdomen and extremities, due primarily to salt depletion.

Signs — Skin is moist and cool and muscle twitching may be present. Temperature is normal or only slightly increased.

Treatment — Sodium chloride (salt, 1 gram every 30 minutes to 1 hour w-large amounts of water. Place in a cool place, massage sore muscles gently. Continue rest for 2 to 3 days.

Heat Stroke — A medical emergency, characterized by sudden loss of consciousness and failure of the heat-regulation mechanism; manifested by high fever and cessation of sweating.

Signs — Skin is hot, flushed and dry; pulse is rapid, irregular and weak and blood pressure is low. Rectal temperature may be 107.6 or higher.

Treatment — The patient must be hospitalized immediately! While transporting, remove clothing, sprinkle with water and fan patient to bring body temperature down. Massage extremities vigorously.

Information sheets like the above can be obtained at the Rescue-EMS office, County Office Building.



FIREMAN RECOGNIZED — Leon W. Byrum was recently named Outstanding Fireman of The Year at Center Hill - Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department. He has been associated with the department for 18 years. The trophy was presented by Chief Frank White at the semi-annual Ladies Night Banquet.