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Morehead Chairman Chatham dies

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Hugh G. Chatham II, the late chairman of the John Motley Morehead Foundation, will be remembered both for his great dedication to the foundation and his many accomplishments in services. He died of a heart attack last Wednesday morning at his home in Elkin at the age of 64.

Mebane Pritchett, executive director of the Morehead Foundation since 1972, said Chatham was strong yet a compassionate leader. "He was extraordinarily kind and generous and devoted much of his time to the foundation."

Although Chatham was not an alumni, Pritchett said Chatham "felt strong toward the Morehead family and foundation. He was devoted and spent a lot of time helping the University."

"His death was a shock to me. I knew Chatham for many years," Pritchett said. Chatham had been an original trustee of the Morehead Foundation since 1945 and had served as chairman since 1967.

Through his great effort with the foundation, Pritchett said Chatham "made great scholars, more than 1600."

Richard Colven, a junior economics and political science major from Kinston, N.C., is one of these great scholars. Colven met Chatham two years ago at one of his Morehead interviews. He said, "although Chatham was real busy, he had great concern for what scholars did. He looked at Morehead programs instead of individual scholars."

Pritchett said that Chatham had good leadership abilities in the best programs for the Morehead Scholars. "The foundation itself was strong and devoted. Chatham's leadership enabled trustees to become more dedicated."

President William C. Friday described Chatham as a man who gave enormous energy and time to many services.

Vermont Royster, former editor of the *Wall Street Journal* and current columnist for *The Chapel Hill Newspaper*, said Chatham was "a charming person. He had a gift of talking to young people in the way they

liked."

Friday said Chatham kept busy, not only with his work in the foundation, but with his business. Chatham was Chairman of the Board of Chatham Manufacturing Company which he joined in 1946 after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served as a director in 1947 and was elected vice president in 1948. He became president in 1955 and chairman in 1970.

The company was founded in 1877 by his great-grandfather and is now in the fourth Chatham generation. The 100 million textiles manufactured each year include automobile upholstery, furniture upholstery and yarn for carpet. They employ 3,000 people.

Gene Hall, a business associate for 31 years, knew him as a young man "He was fair and a good business man. His fairness enabled him to get up high."

Chatham recently returned from a business and fishing trip to New Zealand. Hall said he was a great outdoorsman. "He did everything outdoors. He liked trout and ducks and deer and whales." Chatham

served on the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

But Hall said Chatham always had time for his family. Chatham is survived by his wife, Mary Morehead Chatham; daughters, Lucy Chatham Everett of Elkin, N.C., and Louise Nickerson Chatham of Raleigh, N.C.; sons, John Morehead Chatham of Spokane, Washington, and Albert Chatham of Elkin, N.C.; a brother, Walter F. Chatham of New York City; and three grandchildren. Twin grandchildren were born the day after his death.

He was a well-rounded person, Royster said, balancing family with work and students.

Colven said although he had a business, he wanted to meet individuals. "He was not the first to ask questions, but to ask follow-up questions. He wanted to digest the student's personality and tried to talk deeper with them." Colven said, "He liked to ask why-type questions."

Friday said like all great leaders, Chatham set examples. "Great leaders do things to inspire people, and that's the way he lived," Friday said.



Carolina gas prices up from Memorial Day '84

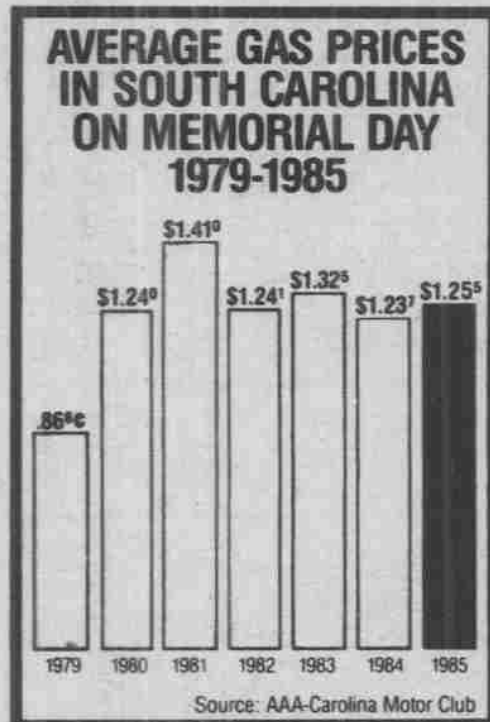
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A six cent per gallon increase in gas prices since Easter means that Carolina motorists paid more for their gas this Memorial Day than last. The average price throughout the United States this year is \$1.252 cents per gallon, with a high of \$1.346 per gallon in Arizona and a low of \$1.12 per gallon in New Jersey.

According to the AAA-Carolina Motor Club, a 276,000 member Charlotte-based organization, the price for gas in North Carolina rose 0.4 cent per gallon to an average of \$1.241. The average price for gas in South Carolina is \$1.255 per gallon, an increase of 1.8 cents from last Memorial Day.

"We are happy to see that prices in both states are not much higher than they were last Memorial Day, despite the sharp upturn during the past eight weeks," Ralph Peters, president of the Carolina Motor Club, said. Prices for all grades of gas, both full and self-service, were up since the motor club's last report eight weeks ago.

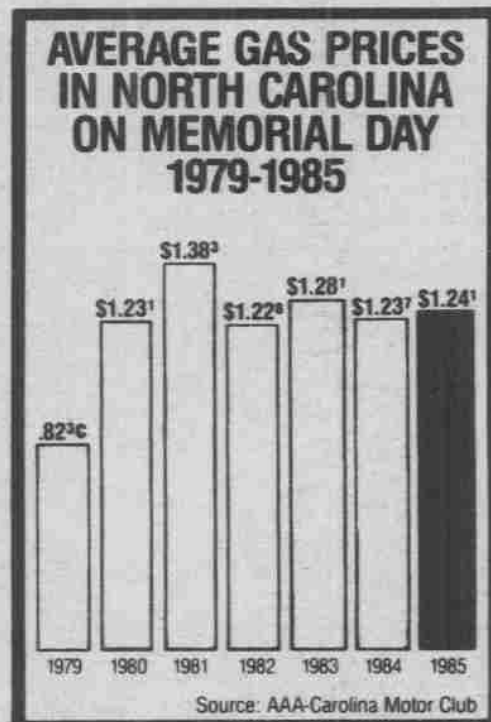
Self-service unleaded increased an average of six cents per gallon in both states. It now averages \$1.178 in North Carolina and \$1.186 in South Carolina. Self-service regular also jumped six cents in both states to an average of



\$1.086 in North Carolina and \$1.099 in South Carolina.

The estimated 71 percent who are now pumping their own gas are saving an average of 22 cents per gallon in the two Carolinas, a spokesman for the motor club said. Last year the difference in price between self-service and full-service amounted to 20 cents a gallon.

Full-service unleaded increased five cents a gallon in North Carolina and six cents a gallon in South Carolina to average \$1.387 and \$1.396 respectively. Full-service regular averages \$1.315 in North Carolina and \$1.339 in South



Carolina, an increase of four cents per gallon and six cents per gallon respectively.

Neither premium unleaded or diesel prices, which both rose an average of six cents in both states, are factored into statewide gas prices because of their limited share of the market.

The AAA-Carolina Motor Club surveyed 145 service stations in both North Carolina and South Carolina. Most of the stations contacted accepted credit cards and 22 percent charged four to five cents more per gallon for credit card purchases.

Bill Cobey offices collecting T-shirts for Ethiopia drive

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U.S. Rep. Bill Cobey (R-N.C.) recently announced he "wants the shirts off the backs of his constituents," saying his offices are collecting used T-shirts to send to famine victims in Ethiopia.

The drive, which began May 16, is running through June 1. However, late T-shirt arrivals will certainly be accepted and sent on, Steve Long, Cobey's press secretary, said Friday. Shirts can be sent or brought to Cobey's Washington office or any of his three district offices in Asheboro, Raleigh and Chapel Hill (910 Airport Road).

According to Cobey, the donated T-shirts will be collected in Washington along with shirts from other congressional offices and then sent to Ethiopia. The USA for Africa organization, which produced the "We Are The World" album, will pay the delivery costs.

The T-shirt drive itself is part of an effort coordinated by U.S. Rep. Jim Moody of Wisconsin.

"Congressman Moody asked several congressmen to undertake this project from the different districts throughout the nation," Long said. "We felt it was a feasible and needed project and one that

our constituents could help others of the world."

Children's T-shirts are the most desirable but all will be accepted, Cobey said.

"Many people, especially young people, have T-shirts that don't fit anymore," he said in a prepared statement. "This project is a good, inexpensive way to clean out closets and help people in need. It's also a good way for citizens to help meet a need without funding from the federal government."

As of May 24, Cobey had 1000 commitments from Raleigh schools for T-shirts, Long said.

"We've had a great response so far," he said. "Asheboro has already given us 100 shirts and Chapel Hill about 25. One guy expressed interest about giving us old restaurant and radio station T-shirts as well."

Long said no shirt-raising goal was set but the response has been better than expected.

"It's part of the will of the world," he said. "We may do more of these types of projects as a humanitarian thing. We would hope that UNC students and faculty would have extra shirts they don't need, to send on to our district office."

For more information, call the Chapel Hill office at 942-0444.