

Green Tide Returns

Distress signals have again been sounded along the Public Parade because of a new algae bloom in a portion of the Chowan River. Traces of algae are also in portions of the Albemarle Sound.

State and federal agencies have pushed a study of the river problems here since an episode in 1972. Every authority predicted that the following summer would bring another "green tide" which, thank goodness, never arrived.

Now, Dr. Arthur Cooper of the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources, admits there is an alarming amount of algae in the Chowan. It is tardy by three years, but nevertheless, it is present.

Authorities have been unable to put a handle on the problem which is destroying our clean waters. This causes additional concern. Two elements illustrate the seriousness of the problem.

One is the kid who good naturedly picketed Gov. Jim Holshouser at Winton earlier this week. His placard read: "Mother won't let me swim in the algae." The troublesome green tide does affect waters sports in the Chowan.

However, the more dreadful time comes when a man who fishes for a living pulls in an empty net. The economic factor is alarming.

Water is our most prized natural resource along the Public Parade. Every step must be taken to keep it free of pollution.

The natural flow of nutrients; the natural purge; and other elements and factors of nature are to be expected. At best there will be problems without the assistance of man.

The green tide is not a pretty sight, but pretty depressing. If the kiddies are going to swim and the fishermen are going to bring in successful catches a more permanent solution to the problem must be found.

The Chowan River Study Group should be encouraged to press forward in search of such a solution. Every resource available should be put at the disposal of the researchers.

The people deserve answers, not explanations. The battle of the green tide must be won.

Style And Policies

Every newspaper is unique. There is a certain style followed and a number of policies which govern the conduct of the publication. They are not designed to please any one segment, but are patterned after the publisher.

There are always variations to both style and policy. It is for this reason that we take this opportunity to again explain to those who meander along the Public Parade some of the instances.

For example, elsewhere in our newspaper this week is a death notice in which the age of the individual is not printed. It is a policy that obits carry the age of the person involved, not that we

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Herald Adds New Feature

A new feature is added to The Chowan Herald this week. It is The Carolina Financial Times, the "South's Leading Business Publication."

This newspaper becomes the 26th in Tar Heel's of various sizes and circulations, to add the supplement. We are pleased to offer our 3,750 subscribers this additional news at no additional cost.

For some time we have sought, and continue to seek additional features which make this newspaper a complete package; a newspaper which is filled with interesting editorial material; a newspaper which whets the appetite of the reader and which attracts additional advertisers.

Bill Brown and Sherman Kennedy have brought about an unusual and unique scheme to promote their weekly publication. It was bogged down with a circulation of much less than 4,000 in December, 1974, when the Brown-Kennedy team gained ownership. (A story is found elsewhere).

In a few months it has reached nearly 250,000. The Chowan Herald becoming the latest publication to join in the chain. There are some 20 additional newspapers considering the addition of this interesting business publication.

Few newspapers in this state, regardless of their affiliation with the Associated Press, United Press International, etc., can adequately inform subscribers of financial happenings in the state. Fewer small weeklies, such as The Chowan Herald, even try. The Carolina Financial Times gives these publications an opportunity to give their subscribers a little something extra, at a cost that can be absorbed in the general price of a subscription.

The Chowan Herald is pleased to be able to include The Carolina Financial Times as a regular feature of the newspaper. We think you, the subscribers, will find it both interesting and informative. And you can't beat the price. LFA

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VIEWS ALBEMARLE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION—Dr. Charles A. Lassiter, center, new head of the Animal Science Department at N. C. State University, and Dr. Dave Spruill, right, also of the university staff, are shown with Jack Parker during a recent visit to Northeastern North Carolina. Parker, area livestock specialist, showed them several production facilities in the area.

Future Of Swine Bright

The future for swine production in Northeastern North Carolina is predicted to be "just as bright as you want to describe it."

"It is an industry with definite momentum and strong producer leadership," continued Dr. Charles A. Lassiter of N. C. State University during a visit to the Albemarle Area.

Dr. Lassiter, the new head of the

Summer Program

The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department summer program began Monday.

A playground program at Chowan High School will operate Monday thru Thursday from 9 A.M. to 12 noon. Basketball, softball, games, arts and crafts, and tennis lessons will be offered to the youth in the county. Youth may begin signing up for tennis lessons at Chowan High tennis courts Monday.

Arts and crafts at Chowan High will be held on Wednesday mornings starting June 16 at 9:30 A.M. The first class will involve making key chains and medallions.

The Recreation Center in the National Guard Armory will operate on a new summer time schedule. The new hours will be from 1:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. Monday - Friday. Ping pong, pool, volleyball, and horse shoe tournaments will be held throughout the summer.

A storytime for younger children will be held every Monday, starting June 21 at 11:15 A.M. at the National Guard Armory. There will also be a storytime out at Chowan High every Thursday morning at 11:20 A.M. beginning June 24.

All rained out games in Babe Ruth League will be made up at the end of the season. Tar Heel games will be made up on weekends starting the last weekend in June. Men's and women's softball games that are rained out will be made up at the end of their regular season.

Animal Science Department, was on a field tour with Dr. Dave Spruill, also of Raleigh, to view first hand livestock production in the state. Dr. Lassiter comes to his new post after spending 20 years at Michigan State University.

He said the best indicator of any agriculture industry is whether it is attracting young people. "The sun won't grow good swine," he added as he noted the "tremendous number of young people" involved in swine production.

Jack Parker, area livestock specialist, said he already has been impressed with Dr. Lassiter's interest in keeping the Animal Science Department attuned to the problem of the producers.

"I feel very strongly about this," the department head continued. "This is the role of land grant institutions like NCSU. We often times forget this. We don't create information for information's sake but to apply it to someone's problem in the field."

He lauded the area specialist program as a good way to get this information to the people in need of it.

Dr. Lassiter said he is "very much in a learning process" in his new job and during the orientation period he hopes to visit as many farms as possible.

Jobs Cut

A Manpower program which aided local governments has ceased in Region "R" for this fiscal year. Employees were given a 20-minute notice Monday.

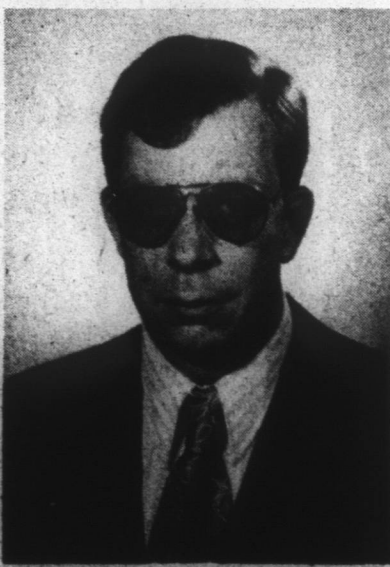
Floyd Spellman, Manpower director with Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, said the action was caused by a lack of funds in the budget to cover the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Employees under the Public Service Employment program were informed at 1:40 P.M. Monday their jobs were being terminated at 2 P.M.

Chowan County has three people working under the program while the Town of Edenton has five.

Underkofler Seeks Board Seat

William J. Underkofler, 300 South Oakum Street, is a candidate for the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education from First Township. He is seeking election to one of the seats now held by Dr.



W. J. Underkofler

ARPDC Employees Shiver From Freeze

With some \$89,000 in the bank and other funds due from agencies, accounts of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission remain frozen and more than 20 employees go into their sixth week without pay.

Some employees are obtaining food stamps while remaining on the job in anticipation of "good news" from the board.

The question remains as to the limit of liability of board members regarding disbursement of

existing funds until the books are brought up to date.

At a three-hour meeting here Tuesday afternoon the board heard the acting executive director plead for relief, with the only shadow of hope coming for some employees of the family planning program. The state has provided \$12,000 in "new money" and it will be disbursed as far as it will go.

Some 22 other ARPDC employees, including the executive director, are without pay.

Also, at the suggestion of the state agency, the coordinator was terminated, along with the secretary and the services of the physician and health educator were curtailed. When Ray Beckler acting executive director said this would eliminate all staff at the regional level, it was decided to retain a "skeleton crew" but the agency remains without adequate assurance of funds to pay salaries.

Speight Burrus, CPA auditing the books of the commission, said there now appears, as of May 31, 1976 to be more than \$44,000 in the family planning account. However, he could give no assurances that some of the nearly \$100,000 in deficit from the previous fiscal year is not involved.

Herbert Mullen, an attorney from Elizabeth City, said: "In my opinion the counties and towns are not obligated for any more than they have put in." But he added that the board members could extend that liability by expending

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Elected To State BPW Post

Mrs. Roy (Julia) Hassell won the office of state president-elect at the N. C. State Business and Professional Women's Convention in Winston-Salem June 11-13.

Mrs. Hassell won easily, with a three-to-one vote, and the local BPW Club is elated over this event. A surprise tea was held at Mrs. Boswell's Sunday afternoon to welcome the victor home. Mrs. Hassell's mother, Mrs. Marvis Maddrey, and her sister, Mrs. Hazel Long of Severn, were on hand to help surprise the new president-elect, along with her husband, Roy, and son, Glenn.

Members of the local club who attended the convention were Mrs. Gayle O. Gieseke, immediate past president of the local BPW; Mrs. Len M. Leary, Mrs. Myrtle Webb, Mrs. Beulah Privott, Miss Edna Snell and Mrs. Marginette Lassiter.

Those unable to attend the convention were on hand to welcome Mrs. Hassell back.

Mrs. Gieseke stated that she was a member of the Credential Committee at the convention and there were 689 BPW members, of which 398 were noting delegates. Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt was the Friday luncheon speaker.

Saturday evening banquet had the national president, Mrs.

Maxine Hayes as the principal speaker. She is mentioned in Who's Who in Oregon as well as Who's Who in America. Mrs. Hayes officiated at the installation of the new officers, using the Bicentennial theme honoring famous women of America who had significantly contributed to the history of our Nation.

"Edenton should well be proud of Julia Hassell, as this time next year she will be N. C. BPW president, and this is a first for Edenton," a spokesman stated.



Mrs. Roy Hassell

Public Hearing On County Budget Scheduled

Chowan County commissioners have scheduled a hearing for 10 A.M. Monday in the courthouse, to offer public review and comment on the county budget for fiscal 1976-77.

The public hearing follows a called session of the commissioners last Wednesday night, a meeting held at the request of Commissioner D. T. Bateman for the purpose of voting on the level of funding for the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department. The joint program has been the subject of sharp criticism by Commissioner N. J. George who has charged that the county has virtually no control over use of recreation funds.

It was revealed that Bateman requested the meeting after having been assured that Commissioners George and J. D. Peele would vote in the affirmative to fund recreation at \$10,000 this year and \$5,000 next year. However, Peele voted against the motion and with it having been defeated the appropriation remained at \$15,968,

as was budgeted the preceding Tuesday morning at another special meeting.

At that point Bateman prepared to leave the meeting saying, "If you can't take a person at his word, you can't take it, and I don't want to cause any more fuss."

"Handling the tax money of the people is the most important job of

the county and the most important meeting we can have is on the budget," he said. "I couldn't go to sleep last night for concern over the way the county's business was conducted. I can't sit and be a part of any group that has no more concern than that for the taxpayers."

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'Green Tide' Bloom Returns

Dry weather conditions in Eastern North Carolina apparently have resulted in the largest algae bloom on the Chowan River since 1972.

The bloom covers the river from the U. S. 17 bridge north to Holiday Island or about 12-15 miles, according to A. C. Turnage, regional engineer for the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

Turnage said the bloom began forming about three weeks ago, and that it had expanded rapidly in size during the past week.

In a memo to C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, Dr. Arthur Cooper stated: "At this stage I'd say it looks like the sort of thing we expected would happen in 1973 and

which, for some strange reason, didn't."

Dr. Cooper is assistant secretary for resource management of DNER.

Gov. Jim Holshouser said Tuesday he expects to receive a preliminary report by the end of this week from investigators studying a new outbreak of algae bloom.

Gov. Holshouser said a team of investigators from the Environmental Management Division in the Department of Natural and Economic Resources is examining the extent of the problem in an effort to determine the best way to deal with it.

"Obviously," Holshouser said, "if the problem is something that

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HOLMES HIGH MARSHALS—Pictured above are the 1976 marshals for the graduation at John A. Holmes High School. Front row, left to right are: Deloris Ward, Ginny Gardner, Robin Harrell and Neva Whitt. Second row: Terry White, Jo Carol Parks, Nan Stutzman, Anna DeBlois and Patricia Wallace. Back row: Maurice Bunch, Joel Hylton, Glenn Perry and Richard Bond.

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