

Algae Problem Points To Tunis Plant

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Thanksgiving, 1978

Greed and selfishness abounds in our society. There is growing suspicion of people and their motives. The tide has about taken out man's concern for others.

Thanksgiving is a proper time for the rediscovery of the importance of other people in our lives. We wrote about it in this column 13 years ago and wouldn't dare to attempt to improve upon it now. Here's how it went:

Thanksgiving, 1965

This season of the year is one of our favorites. Thanksgiving is the time to pause, take stock of ourselves and give thanks to God for our many blessings.

It is also a time when we can express our thanks to others who have helped us along the way.

We have more to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving than ever before. This is generally true for everyone along the Public Parade.

We are thankful for a trusting, understanding wife and four healthy children. By the same token we are thankful for our mother and other family members who have placed a great deal of faith in our talents and the future.

We are thankful to be an Edentonian. While we are thankful for lasting friendship, we are equally as thankful for new made friends who have made our past months enjoyable as well as meaningful.

We are thankful for an opportunity to make a contribution to this area in a time when the star over the hub of the Albemarle is just beginning to glow.

We are extremely thankful for dedicated and loyal employees who are willing and able to put forth an extra effort as we work together to give Edenton and Chowan County a newspaper in which everyone can take pride.

We are thankful that we live in America and a state, county and city where officials work for the best interests of all the people and where good government is a habit.

We are thankful for freedom of speech and the press as well as an audience that while often in disagreement acknowledges the right of individual expression of thoughts.

There are just a few of the things we are thankful for on this Thanksgiving. You can make your own list but we are sure it will be similar.

So, as you pull up to a table of plenty this Thanksgiving, 1965, take a minute to remember how well off you are. Then go out and share your life with others.



FARM-CITY WEEK EVENT—The annual Farm-City Week banquet was held Monday night at Edenton Jaycee Community Building with civic clubs from throughout Edenton and Chowan County as sponsors. In the picture at left, Charles A. Creighton, president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, and Oscar White, banquet chairman, look on as Bill Smith congratulates Bobby Winborne who was named Young Farmer of The Year. At right



are winners in the 4-H Corn Contest as well as the winner of the 1977 Peanut Award. Anna Goodwin, Neal Bass and Joseph Goodwin were the top corn producers. Behind this is Fahey Byrum of Byrum Farms, Inc., who captured the peanut award. At right is Jack Parker, president of Edenton Lions Club, sponsors of the 4-H contest.

Fear Expressed

A fear expressed to Edenton Town Council last week may become a reality as Chowan and Perquimans counties move closer to establishing a new sanitary landfill.

The site has been identified as a 50-acre tract in the Hickory Crossing area in the northwest corner of Perquimans County. The current landfill is at Cisco in the northeastern section of Chowan County.

Eddie Dick, Chowan County manager, said Monday it appears that objections to the Perquimans site have been satisfactorily cleared and that the state would be asked for approval in the near future.

Edenton's concern is over the distance of the haul. J.C. Parks, director of the Street Department, and W.B. Gardner, administrator, said the alternative to a distant landfill would be a transfer station.

Lester Simpson, chairman of Perquimans County commissioners and chairman of the Landfill Committee, said the area would be leased for 15 years. He conceded that while the haul

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Rate Protest Petitions Presented To Governor

WASHINGTON—A caravan of leaders from the 22-county northeastern region of North Carolina went to Raleigh on Wednesday to deliver to Gov. Jim Hunt petitions signed by thousands of residents of our region concerned about their electric rates.

The petitions call on Gov. Hunt, the State Utilities Commission, and Federal agencies to cause rates granted by Vepco, the electric power supplier for the region, to be rolled back.

Edenton Chamber of Commerce obtained the signature of some 3,600 resident on petitions circulated throughout the area. This is equal to the total number of households in the county.

The concerned citizens maintain they are being discriminated against because Vepco's rates are higher than those charged other North Carolinians by the other major power companies.

The petitions were turned over to the governor in his office at 10 A.M., according to Stanley W. Hege of Edenton, chairman of the Petition Committee of Operation Overcharge a citizens group carrying out the petition campaign.

Operation Overcharge was formed by chambers of commerce in the Northeastern region of the state. It is dedicated to getting lower electric rates for people living in the region.

"The petitions are our first step," Richard S. Coiner of Washington, chairman of Operation Overcharge, said today. "We will continue our efforts until electric rates in our region are like those in the remainder of North Carolina," he asserted.

Operation Overcharge originally had as its goal in the petitioning campaign, to acquire 25,000 signatures. That total was surpassed, leaders in the effort claim, and a much bigger number was turned over to the governor.

A large delegation of people from Northeastern North Carolina were on hand in Raleigh, when the petitions were turned over to Gov. Hunt.

Motorist Fined

A New York motorist was arrested here twice last weekend for drunk driving and related charges. He was tried in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning and given two suspended sentences upon payment of fines and court costs.

State Trooper P.J. Mitchell arrested Wesley Jordon of Bronx, N.Y., Saturday for drunk driving and transporting liquor with the seal broken. Then Sunday Jordon was involved in an accident and was again booked for drunk driving as well as driving to the left of the center line.

In the first case, Judge Grafton Beaman sentenced him to 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$125 fine and costs. He was given a 90-day term in the second case but it was suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Asst. Dist. Atty. H.B. Williams prosecuted the docket with the following action taken before noon:

George R. McPherson, contempt, \$25 fine.

Eddie Lee Perry, carrying a concealed weapon, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

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As much as 1,200 pounds of algae feeding nitrogen per day is going into the Chowan River from CF Industries at Tunis and state environmentalists are at a loss as to a means of stopping it.

A.F. McRorie, director, Division of Environmental Management, said graphing of extensive sampling of water from the river showed higher concentration of nitrogen in the area of CFI. He added that it is believed to be seepage but "we don't know where it is coming from."

He estimated that it could be coming from ground water, air emissions or some combination of the two.

McRorie said at a meeting Friday afternoon at Edenton Chamber of Commerce that once the state has a firm determination ("and I think we have it now") CFI should cooperate in getting down to where the problem is and what it is.

A public meeting to report the recent findings will be held at 7 P.M. December 1 in Chowan County courthouse. There will be officials available to answer questions concerning the state's approach to the Chowan River problem.

Among those attending the meeting Friday were J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the board of Natural Resources & Community Development; and Pete Whitley of Murfreesboro, chairman of the Environmental Management Commission.

Charles A. Creighton, president of the chamber, came away from the meeting disturbed. "Ap-

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Williams Takes Festival Position

Terry Williams has been named chairman of the 1979 Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival.

Also, the Band Parents Association has formed a board of director to oversee the annual fund raiser for the bands in Edenton-Chowan Schools. Named to the board were: Robert Harrell, Doris Litchfield, Al Everson, Peggy Anne Vaughan, and Linda Keel. They are past festival chairmen and/or band parent presidents.

Harrell has been elected board chairman. Otis Strother, band director, will serve as an ex-officio member of the new board.

Williams, who is assistant manager in charge of sales for WCDJ Radio, has actively participated in the three peanut festivals which have been held to raise money for band activities.

Hearing Does Not Affect Consolidation Plan

A public hearing set for November 30 at Chowan High School is for the purpose of complying with legal requirements for closing a high school and not to debate the pros and cons of consolidation. This was emphasized Monday by Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools.

Dr. Dunn said the board of education has already determined that consolidation is the best educationally for the system.

"The public hearing is not for the purpose of determining how (to consolidate)," he said...Under the plan proposed by the board, Chowan would become a junior high school for all students in the county, plus the sixth grade students from the northern portion of the county.

All high School students would come to John A. Holmes High School in Edenton.

Dr. Dunn pointed out that the board has already reached a decision to close the high school but a public hearing is required by state law before the order can be issued.

The superintendent said the board had requested a meeting with Chowan County commissioners to discuss means of financing a consolidation plan.

"There has been no response regarding a time to discuss it," he said.

Dr. Dunn expressed the hopes that such a joint meeting could be held before the public hearing but said he doubts that it can be accomplished.

Historic Edenton Asks Assistance

Historic Edenton requests that everyone who has a historic house and historic signs to take the responsibility to paint and repair their own individual signs.

The Town of Edenton will no longer be able to be responsible for this project. It is hoped that everyone will repaint their signs before the April Pilgrimage.

Economics Figured In Pest Management Project

A pest management services project is in operation in Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties. It is unique in that an economic evaluation component is plugged in.

The project, funded by Coastal Plains Regional Commission, is designed to provide pest management services to growers and for all major crops; to organize grower participants into a business cooperative; and to evaluate the economics of the services and the value of business

provided.

Mike Williams is the pest management agent assigned to the project and Steve Riddick is the farm management specialist. They work under the umbrella of the county extension chairmen as well as with Clyde Weathers, economist and John Van Duyn, entomologist, all of N.C. State University.

The project is unique in that while it is a pilot program growers on the 6,000 acres involved pay a portion of the cost for scouting and

for nematode-soil sampling and analysis.

Riddick said all participating farmers are also involved in the farm business records program. "Through the project we will be able to evaluate the financial benefit obtained through pest management," he noted. "The project is designed to see if pest management is economically feasible."

Williams added that soil sampling and scouting will enable them to pin-point problem areas

and recommend corrective measures. In this light, he emphasized that this is an agricultural extension program which will give extension chairmen and agents more timely and accurate reports on conditions thereby allowing him to make more specific recommendation as to what farmers can do.

Riddick and Williams said that an economic threshold is the key to what is looked for in the program. That is the level where damage will be more costly than the treatment.



PROJECT LEADERS—Mike Williams, left, and Steve Riddick are spearheading a cooperative pest management services project in three counties of the Albemarle Area. Some 6,000 acres in Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties are involved in the project.



FESTIVAL LEADERS—Robert Harrell, left, has been named chairman of the board of Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival. Shown with him is Terry Williams who has been selected as chairman of the 1979 festival which will be held in October.