

Discharge Into River Reported

The N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development reported today that the C. F. Industries plant in Tunis accidentally discharged 1,500 pounds of nitrogen into the Chowan River on November 21 and 22.

Dr. Neil Grigg, assistant secretary for natural resources, said C. F. Industries notified the Division of Environmental Management of the spills on November 24 following laboratory tests of discharged materials.

The discharges occurred between 3:30 P.M. and 6:05 P.M. November 21 and between 1:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. November 22. The company locked the discharge valve at 10 A.M. November 23 when the laboratory tests were completed.

Water that drains from boilers at CFI is discharged under a permit

issued by the Division of Environmental Management. The hot boiler "blowdown" passes through a coil pipe and is cooled in a pond containing water highly contaminated with nitrogen.

A leak developed in the coil pipe and allowed the highly contaminated water to flow to the neutralization basin from which the permitted discharge is pumped into the river.

A CFI employee noticed the broken coil pipe at 10 A.M. November 22. Although no water was observed flowing to the neutralization basin at the time, the flow to the coil was rerouted to another basin where it was recycled into the plant.

The Division of Environmental Management has investigated the problem, both on-site and in the river, and is preparing a report which will include recommendations on appropriate additional actions.

Aces Outclassed By Burlington

Weakened by player injuries, below freezing temperature and a slippery field, the Edenton Aces found themselves outclassed by a burly squad of Williams High School Bulldogs, 21-6 in state 3-A semi-finals action last Friday night in Burlington.

It will be Burlington and Lexington on the gridiron, this week to decide which 3-A team is the best in the state.

Williams held the Aces scoreless until the fourth quarter when quarterback Steve Holley hit paydirt. The Aces had recovered a fumble on the Bulldogs 14 late in the third period, and two plays into the final frame Holley scrambled into the endzone to put the Aces on the board.

The Bulldogs struck for an early lead in the first quarter when quarterback Shannon Michael capped a 37 yard drive with an 11-yard keeper followed by a successful two-point conversion.

A strong defensive effort by the Aces kept Williams High bottled up until late in the second quarter when Bulldog Bobby Chandler scrambled four yards to stretch out their lead to 14-0 at halftime.

In second half action, the Aces defense rallied to limit Williams to only three first downs. However, one drive ended with a 21-yard pass to Vance Cheeley who gave the Bulldogs their final score in the third quarter. The extra point kick was good.

Powerhouse fullback Henry Drew was limited to 44 yards over nine carries, while Holley completed 6 of 14 passes. Thomas White and Cedric Harrell were held to 46 yards on the completions.

The Bulldogs noted a total of 246 yards while the Aces totalled 136, 90 yards on the ground and 46 yards passing.

Double Treat

There will be a second Sunday treat for people meandering along the Public Parade. And like the Christmas Parade last Sunday, two events this Sunday are free.

"Christmas in the Iredell House" and "The Wassail Bowl" at the Cupola House will be held from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Both events are open to the public.

"The Wassail Bowl" at the Cupola House on South Broad Street has been popular in past years. The Iredell House, on East Church Street, had a special Christmas emphasis last year. So this year the two are joining together to offer something special.

Decorations in the Iredell House will include fruit and traditional greenery. There will even be an "old timey" Christmas tree, decorated with gingerbread men, fruit and spice balls, popcorn and cranberries.

Peggy Anne Vaughan said of the double treat: "This is an excellent way for the entire family to be reminded of 'the Christmas past' in a candlelight setting."

Good Sniffers

Property owners along the Public Parade will face new values in 1982. As the process of revaluation grinds away the question of how much of a burden can be placed on real property is debated.

The problem of financing government at all levels is made more difficult by inflation. Nevertheless, the demands for services increase as the population becomes better educated. The collision is always on what we want against what we are willing to pay.

Good sniffers are needed. The State of West Virginia is pretty much in the headlines, not because coal is being rediscovered as a viable source of energy, but because Gov. Jay Rockefeller spent some \$12-million in getting re-elected. That is equal to some \$30 per vote.

West Virginia, populated by 1.6 million people, keeps a near death grip on economic development through what is known as a business and occupation tax. The tax is levied on gross sales, much like the sales tax in North Carolina. If the business or occupation doesn't collect the receivables and make a profit the tax must be paid.

Out in Columbus, Ohio, a city of equal population to West Virginia, the same type of regressive tax is being considered to balance a proposed 1981 operating budget of \$136.8-million. A city income tax already produces \$75.1-million with property taxes amounting to \$6.1-million. The \$9.2-million in revenue sharing money and a \$7-million fund balance will help out.

In downtown Columbus the Republican state legislative leaders are meeting with Gov. James A. Rhodes to head off a budget deficit of up to \$400-million by June. And more money may need to be put into the state's loan fund to keep schools from closing because of a lack of income.

The news from Spokane, Wash., is not any better. The City Council has been told that without a business and occupation tax, massive layoffs of city employees, drastic service cutbacks for the public and bank borrowing to keep what's left of the government afloat will be required in 1981. The city's cash balance October 30 was \$427,000, which was hardly enough to transact one day's business.

The business and occupation tax is no stranger to Spokane. Such a tax was collected in 1972-73-74 and the first half of 1975 for the sole purpose of retiring obligations incurred by the city as its share in the preparation of the Expo '74 site. Once that was achieved, the city kept its promise and eliminated the tax, despite the fact that the riverfront development resulted in taking a substantial

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OFFICIALS SWORN IN — Mrs. Lena M. Leary, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath of office to four elected officials, this Monday. They were, from the left: Watson Earl White, Soil Conservation Supervisor; Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, register of deeds; Eugene N. Jordan and James E. Taylor, Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

Directory Idea Reconsidered

Carolina Telephone Company's announcement of plans to unmerge listings in the Albemarle Area Telephone Directory met with sufficient opposition as to cause re-thinking of the proposal. The decision has now been made to keep the directory as it is.

T. P. Williamson, vice president-administrator, has informed the N. C. Utilities Commission of the most recent decision following unanticipated complaints and expressions of concern about the unmerging plan. The plan would have established a separate listing for 18 exchanges in the area.

T. F. Daniels, district commercial manager, last week notified business customers of the decision not to unmerge the directory. He said however that it was originally believed the plan would improve and simplify customer identification and location in the directory.

Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce officials were among the first to complain. In Chowan County, for example, telephone users have two exchanges — Edenton and Welch. A lot of people

who live in the county (Welch) and work in Edenton would be inconvenienced by the proposal, it was pointed out.

Jerry Hendee, executive vice president of the chamber, said both business and residential customers are appreciative of the decision of Carolina Telephone to abide by the wishes of its subscribers. Hendee pointed out that the telephone company is a member of the chamber and he feels the recent matter was a "working together" thing rather than one of objection to what they felt to be a workable change.

Gross Retail Sales Figures Noted

Gross retail sales in North Carolina in September exceeded \$3-billion, according to the N. C. Department of Revenue. Sales reported in Chowan County during the period totaled \$5,117,161.

Net collection of the local option 1 per cent sales and use tax in Chowan County for October amounted to \$35,519.38.

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Large Crowd Turns Out For Forty Unit Christmas Parade

Christmas was officially ushered in Sunday with the annual Edenton Christmas Parade. Sunny skies and warm temperatures enabled one of the largest crowds ever to enjoy over 40 separate entries including

floats, bands, marching units and dignitaries.

The afternoon's entertainment began with a concert by the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band under the direction of Capt. Harold E. Whitney. Rousing sousa marches

were alternated with Christmas carols and other seasonal music.

The Marine Band then joined the Edenton Marching Aces and Perquimans' County High School Band in accompanying the parade up Broad Street before an ap-

preciative audience.

A broad array of floats made determination of the following awards difficult.

First place float, Immanuel Baptist Church; second place

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TOP PARADE ENTRIES — Immanuel Christian School entered the first place float in the Christmas parade this past Sunday. It is shown above at left beside the second place entry made by the Edenton Woman's Club. The Sweetheart Club placed



third in the local competition. One of the largest crowds ever turned out for the forty unit parade which began at the foot of South Broad Street.

District Court Hears Cases

Two defendants in Chowan County District Court saw misdemeanor charges dismissed and felony warrants served. They were Irvin Holley and Major Drew. The cases are not related.

Holley was first charged with assault, assault on a police officer and aggravated affray. Felony assault charges were filed while the defendant awaited trial before Judge John Chaffin.

In a related case, Jerry Williams was charged with simple affray. This case was continued until December 23.

Major Drew faced assault on a female count. It was dismissed by Asst. Dist. Atty. Michael Johnson and felony assault and breaking and entering charges lodged.

Probable cause was found in the case where Lloyd Thomas Forehand is charged with kidnapping.

Other action taken included: Ronnie Rea, assault on a

female, nine months, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs.

Levi Hayes, two counts of larceny, 90 days.

James Spivey, abandonment and non-support of wife and children, called and failed.

Robert Wilder, larceny, probable cause found.

Plans Endorsed

The Environmental Protection Agency has endorsed land application and alternative sewage disposal systems for eight towns in the Chowan River Basin. Included are the towns of Edenton, Ahoskie, Aulander, Winton, Conway, Severn, Murfreesboro and Rich Square.

Anne Taylor, director, office of Regulatory Relations, State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, has arranged for representatives of EPA to meet with town officials and the Chowan Regional Task Force. The meeting is set for Monday at the Tomahawk Restaurant in Ahoskie, beginning at 12-noon.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the details of EPA's action and to set aside the afternoon for one-on-one meeting between federal representatives, town consultants and State 201 officials.

A public meeting is set for 7:30 P.M. Monday in Hertford County Courthouse in Winton to provide a full opportunity for public information and communication.

Municipal waste water is considered a major contributing factor in the Chowan River algae problem. Capt. Alfred Howard is chairman of the Chowan Regional Task Force which has encouraged federal assistance with the problem since 75 per cent of the river's basin is in Virginia.

Concert Slated

The Edenton Choral Society will present its annual Christmas Concert on December 14. The program will begin at 3 P.M. in Edenton Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend.

BLOODMOBILE VISIT TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 12 NOON - 6 P.M. — QUOTA 150 UNITS
MASONIC LODGE — WATER STREET