

Carolina Review: The Dumping Of PCB

Not anticipated...Another massive dumping of cancer-threatening PCBs made the rounds last week—this time filmed for national TV news coverage.

The first dumping occurred, of course, four years ago in the wee hours of darkness alongside 210 miles of North Carolina back-roads.

While only some of the 210 miles of meandered through the gentle hillside country of Warren County, last week's dumping took place totally in that sparsely populated Virginia border county.

Warren is only one county, northeasterly - removed from Raleigh. The current dumping will continue for perhaps six weeks or until all 210 miles of PCB-laced soil can be dug up and transported to the court-tested and EPA-ordered (Environmental Protection Agency) state landfill near Warrenton.

After the initial three-inch scraping last week, tests determined that PCBs remained somewhat deeper and the tractors were ordered to take a deeper cut. But that was not totally unexpected according to landfill site coordinator, Bill Myer. Myer is an environmental engineer in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division of the Department of Human Resources.

“That was anticipated,” Myer said, “we have a full testing program to come behind the scraping to make sure we get it all.”

Even a local uproar was anticipated over the final selection of the PCB dump site. “You can't blame people for not wanting it,” said Gary Pearce, the chief spokesman for Gov. Jim Hunt.

What apparently wasn't anticipated was the rapid “coloring” of the confrontation that took place as work began last week. While blacks—and whites—were among the 67 men, women, and children arrested last Wednesday, the protester's message quickly took on racial overtones.

Rev. Leon White, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice, and Rev. Benjamin Chavis, one of the Wilmington 10 and national deputy director for that commission, were both on hand. White was jailed on Wednesday. Other civil rights leaders,

some with national connections, apparently decided also to do battle over the controversial landfill site.

First suggested in federal court sometime ago, the civil rights leaders insisted last week that Warren County was selected because of its large, politically weak, black constituency. A constituency they said without the power to block the site selection.

“That really puzzles me,” said Myer, who oversaw the selection process.

“Nobody ever addressed color in the testing process,” Myer said. “We looked strictly at technical criteria—geological data dealing basically with soil and water.”

According to Myer, the “only thing dealing with people was population density, because obviously you'd prefer one house with a ground-water well rather than fifteen (near the landfill site).”

The irony of it all is that PCB retrieval is taking place at all. Since 1978, men have been convicted, jailed and fined (somewhat) for the illegal dumping. Asphalt has long been piled on top of the PCB trail to keep it from washing away. Federal and state environmentalists have been testing and studying. The governor has held news conferences. Citizens have gone to court, picketed, and petitioned.

And now racial overtones cloud the issue while people go to jail.

Cultural Events At C.O.A

A varied menu of cultural events will be offered this year at College of The Albemarle to satisfy the aesthetic appetites of students and area residents, according to Dr. Leland Chou, Fine Arts Department chairman.

Chou has assembled a series of affairs involving both the performing and visual arts that will be presented each month through May. The diverse programs include nine classic movies, musical and choral recitals, travelogues, art exhibits by students and visiting painters, and productions by COA drama students.

The movie classics include “The Red Shoes,” “The Third Man,” and “Mr. Deeds Goes to Town,” among others. They will be shown at 7:30 P.M. on Thursdays in the college lecture auditorium.

On alternating Thursdays, Chou has scheduled noon musical recitals. They will feature performances by COA Visiting Artist Clifford Tretick, pianist Dr. Lily Chou, and Visiting Artists from other community and technical colleges.

Every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, the COA Choral and Albemarle Community Chorus will rehearse in preparation for a December 5 performance of Handel's “Messiah.”

The travelogue segments,

“Journey into Culture,” will concentrate on visits to exotic ports and countries around the world through the medium of motion pictures. Audiences will travel from Norway, to Trinidad, to Singapore. The “journeys” take place at noon on scheduled Tuesdays in the lecture auditorium, Chou said.

The chairman said that all of the events are open to the public. A brochure, listing times and dates for the more than 30 scheduled activities, is being printed. It will be distributed throughout the COA service area.

The band of the U.S. Marine Corps is called “The President's Own” because it plays for state occasions at the White House.

Letter To The Herald Editor

Dear Editor:

The period of September 17th through the 23rd has been designated as Constitution Week and September 17th has been set aside as Constitution Day. This is the time when all citizens of the United States should take a good look at their Constitution, this document which guarantees their personal freedom.

The Constitution of this great nation was a miracle in its conception. It was written by men who had borne the yoke of servitude and by men who had gambled all, even their very lives and the lives of all they loved, to be free.

For four long months they struggled with pen and paper, preparing a document which they prayed would guide and protect each individual and yet meld these individuals into a whole nation. Upon completion, Thomas Jefferson told the Assembly that what they had accomplished was commendable but that it would never work.


Our Constitution does work and it has been so successful it has been used as a model for other nations attempting to establish democracies.

The Betsy Dowdy Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution urges each of your readers to ponder sacrifices, courage and wisdom of our forefathers. We urge your readers to protect their Constitutional rights.

Sincerely,
Shirley T. Spaeth
Chairman, Constitution Week Committee
Betsy Dowdy Chapter, DAR

Chairman Named

Bruce Jones of Albemarle Motor Company in Edenton has been named an Area Chairman of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association. In this role he will represent all the franchised automobile and truck dealers in Chowan County and will serve as liaison between those dealers and the association headquarters in Raleigh.



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Mrs. W. E. Mills-----Judge
Mrs. Rudolph Dale-----Judge
- WEST EDENTON-----EDENTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Mrs. Carroll W. Jones-----Registrar
Mrs. Rosa Rountree-----Judge
Mrs. David Wright-----Judge
- ROCKY HOCK-----RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING
Mr. Stanley Hoge-----Registrar
Mrs. Faye Harrell-----Judge
Mr. Paul Ober-----Judge
- CENTER HILL-----CENTER HILL COMMUNITY BUILDING
Mrs. Marguerite Jones-----Registrar
Mrs. Glorious Elliott-----Judge
Mr. Glenn E. Rogerson-----Judge
- WARDVILLE-----WARDS COMMUNITY BUILDING
Ms. Peggy Boyce-----Registrar
Mr. W. Jennings Bunch-----Judge
Mrs. Faye Lane-----Judge
- YEOPIM-----EDENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
Mrs. Gene Nixon-----Registrar
Miss Sarah M. Harrell-----Judge
Mrs. Pamela Bock-----Judge

BOOKS WILL CLOSE FOR THIS ELECTION ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 1982 at 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

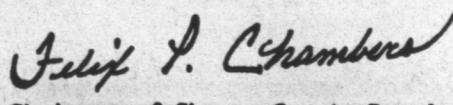
Any person who will be 18 years of age by the day of election or any person who has been a resident of Chowan County for 30 days is eligible to register and vote. Any person who has moved from one precinct to another within the county must transfer to the precinct in which he now lives. The deadline for transfers is Monday, October 4, 1982, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING ALLOWED: Apply between September 3, 1982 and October 28, 1982 at 5:00 o'clock p.m. The Elections Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on dates required by G.S. 163-230(2) in the Elections Office to review the applications for absentee ballots and any other business which may be before the board. Apply at Elections Office only.

REGISTRATION HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Election Office in the Old Chowan County Courthouse on King Street or at the Tax Listing Office with Mrs. Myrtle Hare, with any of the registrars or judges in your precinct, or with any member of the Board of Elections.

Curbside voting will be allowed: From 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Voting Machines will be used.

Polls will be open at 6:30 A.M. and close at 7:30 P.M.


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