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Heel. The Wolfpack exposure, even the many trips to the West Raleigh Branch of the Greater University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill didn't cause me to weaken.

The basketball team that won the NCAA has. While I am almost converted, someone could get rid of a Wolfpack Club membership in a hurry.

Guest Editorial

It is becoming increasingly evident that something is amiss in the operation of the Virginia State Water Control Board.

Last week, newspaper reports showed how the agency handled a toxic leak of PCBs by the Virginia Electric and Power Co. at a Chesterfield County transformer storage facility. The board's executive director mailed a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency — drafted by his brother-in-law at Vepco — telling EPA that everything would be taken care of. Now we learn that some 40 miles away, Vepco's North Anna nuclear units have been violating state regulations by over-heating an adjacent lake — with water board knowledge — for nearly three years.

Questions: Are these aberrations? Or do they reflect a pattern of slipshod work? What will the state do to correct the problems?

Gov. Charles S. Robb forced the resignation last week of Robert V. Davis, executive director of the agency, and replaced him with an interim administrator, Richard N. Burton. Mr. Robb's secretary of commerce and resources, Betty J. Diener, has shown a commendable zealotness in attacking the board deficiencies.

A Long List of Shortcomings
But a newly released report on the water control board reveals that there's much work to be done.

The four-month, 118-page report, performed by the Virginia Department of Management Analysis and Systems Development, provides a sorry story of the water board's pollution-control shortcomings:

Efforts to determine the impact of toxic industrial wastes on state waters are uncoordinated.

The board hasn't been consistent in regulating potentially toxic discharges of chlorine from municipal sewage treatment plants into the Chesapeake Bay.

The continuation of a major study of the bay was jeopardized because the board waited until the last moment to prepare an application for federal funds.

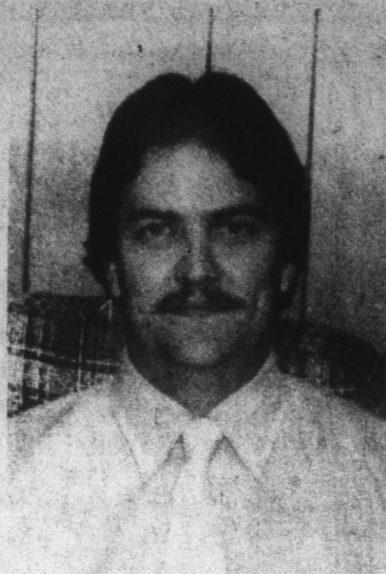
The agency's computer capabilities are limited, so complex scientific analyses are delayed.

The board is duplicating routine work done by the Health Department.

Crucial for Tidewater Supply

Furthermore — and this crucial for Tidewater — the report says the agency was giving short shrift to water-supply plans during the 1970s despite repeated warnings that a drought could have disastrous consequences in Southeastern Virginia. And when the 1980-81 dry spell hit, the state was ill-prepared to help South Hampton Roads cities like Virginia Beach and Norfolk cut through the thicket of red tape and legal obstacles to drill emergency wells in western Tidewater.

A year before the drought, only four of the agency's staff members were working on water supply planning, the report showed. By last summer, this increased to only 19 out of a work force of 310 at the water board. After Governor



David Twiddy



Teresa White

Twiddy And White New Members Of John Dowd And Associates

John Dowd, of John Dowd and Associates, has recently announced that he has expanded his insurance staff to include two new positions.

Filling these two positions are David Twiddy and Teresa White. Mr. Twiddy joined the firm on March 17 of this year as an agent. He was formerly employed by Central Electronics Corporation in Raleigh as a manager. Before his employment with Central Electronics he worked at Fisher Nut for seven years.

When asked about his association with John Dowd and the insurance business he replied that he felt that he would enjoy the challenge of the insurance industry and "... I am very proud to be working with John Dowd and am looking forward to a long and successful relationship."

David Twiddy is a native of Edenton; has a wife, Carol, and a daughter, Tracy.

Teresa White has been with the firm somewhat longer, joining in November of 1982. She has filled the position of agent but does clerical work for the company also. Before her association with John Dowd and Associates Ms. White was employed at the Bank of North Carolina for over eight years and eventually worked her way to the position of branch supervisor.

Ms. White also felt that it would be a challenge to work as an agent for John Dowd and associates.

John Dowd expressed his pride in having two such fine people working in his ever expanding agency.

Robb's prodding, the agency increased its water-supply planning staff to 33.

Now that Virginia Beach has decided to tap Lake Gaston to meet its long-term water demand, it needs help at the state level. It must have a healthy, committed water control agency that can pitch in with technical assistance, to coordinate sensitive negotiations with North Carolina over Chowan River cleanup and ground water, and to work with the Virginia General Assembly and federal agencies.

The report, incidentally, says Virginia's ground water research is understaffed, despite concern about potential damage to wells in western Tidewater and northeastern North Carolina. North Carolina has five times the manpower working on the ground water problem.

Some members of the board claim that the agency has not received proper funding from the state. Some board members also claim that the charges made in the report are overblown. But this is not the first study to raise questions about the board's performance. Nearly seven years ago, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission made some of the same criticisms, particularly about the water-supply planning. It is not unfair to infer that the administration of the agency is not up to the standards taxpayers should expect.

Governor Robb should act swiftly to find a new, permanent administrator to cure the problems described in the management department's report. Ms. Diener should continue to push for more reforms. The record indicates that there's room for improvement.

The Virginia Pilot

Now He Remembers

An enthusiastic golfer came home to dinner. During the meal, his wife said: "Willie tells me that he caddied for you this afternoon." "Just think of that," said Willie's father. "I knew I'd seen that boy before."

Both David Twiddy and Teresa White will be selling all types of insurance, life, home, health, auto, business and yacht. They are both looking forward to doing business with the people of Edenton.

Edenton Honored For Outstanding Records

Municipal electric systems in 21 North Carolina cities, including Edenton, were honored for outstanding 1982 safety records by the North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems (NCAMES).

The annual awards, co-sponsored by Electricities of North Carolina, were presented by David B. Holloway during the two-day Municipal Electric System Conference held March 30-31 at the Plantation Inn, in Raleigh. Holloway is the safety and training administrator for Electricities.

The Greenville Utilities Commission captured a Special Award for its overall safety program, which included maintaining a strong safety policy, holding regular safety meetings, providing and requiring the use of individual employee protective equipment, and actively providing safety training for employees.

Also, in the category of outstanding safety records, first place awards went to 15 municipal electric systems, including: Belhaven, Edenton, Farmville, Granite Falls, Hertford, Laurinburg, Louisburg, Maiden, Pinetops, Red Springs, Scotland Neck, Selma, Smithfield, Washington, and Windsor. All these cities had perfect 1982 safety records.

Second place awards went to Apex, Elizabeth City and Monroe. Receiving third place awards were Greenville (in addition to receiving the Special Award), Morganton, and Sharpsburg.

These winners had the lowest incidence rate of days away from work as a result of injuries and illnesses per 200,000 man-hours on the job.

The awards resulted from a 1982 statewide municipal safety contest co-sponsored by Electricities and NCAMES for member cities. Electricities—a voluntary, non-profit association serving the interests of the state's municipal electric systems—strives to encourage safe working habits and provide recognition for those cities achieving excellent safety records.

Electricities emphasizes safety by staffing two fulltime safety and training professionals; providing coordination and administrative functions for NCAMES safety training schools; maintaining membership in the National Safety Council; serving on the American Public Power Association National Safety Committee, and maintaining a safety library of slides, cassettes, and films for use by its member cities.

Gattis Appointed Director Of Party

State Democratic Party Chairman Russell Walker announced the appointment of Kaye L. Gattis as acting director of the N.C. Democratic Party. Mrs. Gattis will serve in this capacity until appointment of an executive director.

A native of Raleigh, Mrs. Gattis is a graduate of Enloe High School and Hardbarger Business College. She also attended Wake Technical Institute and UNC-G.

Peat Methanol Associates Conduct Study

Editor's Note: There is a controversy going on over in Creswell, N.C. about the mining of Peat. State Federal and local agencies have entered into the controversy in the hope of resolving it to the benefit of all. The following is a news release from the Peat Methanol Associates.

CRESWELL—Peat Methanol Associates (PMA), proposing to build a \$540 million peat-to-methanol synfuels gasoline additive plant in Creswell, has expressed support of state officials' efforts to conduct a comprehensive study of the long-term impact of all future land development in the area.

Peat harvesting is one of the developments that should be studied, according to PMA.

The company plans to harvest peat on land that has been cleared and drained in years past. Future developments could require new drainage and clearing, however, and guidelines will be needed to govern them.

Robert W. Fri, president of Energy Transition Corp., a PMA partner, said that the company would not propose additional peat harvesting before its initial plant begins operations in 1986.

PMA also reviewed the progress of ongoing environmental studies with state officials.

The company is conducting studies concerning mercury levels in waters and aquatic life in the upper Pungo River area, the effects of peat harvesting on area groundwater resources and extensive plans for controlling fresh water runoff from the site.

PMA has petitioned the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission for a local revision of state mercury water quality standards in the area. State mercury standards are exceeded in many areas in the Piedmont section and the Coastal Plain, including the waters near the proposed PMA plant.

Samples from area fish, shellfish and bottom organisms show that mercury accumulation in area aquatic life is well below the human health and safety standards set by the federal Food and Drug Administration. PMA's preliminary conclusion is that mercury naturally present in area waters is in a form unavailable for build up in the food chain.

PMA's request for the local revision in mercury water quality standards would limit the mercury concentrations to natural levels.

Preliminary test results on the

company's operation concerning its impact on area groundwater resources indicate a negligible or very minor impact on any of them. Water levels in local lakes and wells should not be noticeably affected.

Another area under intensive study by PMA is control of fresh water runoff from the site, both during peat harvesting and after reclamation.

Although the area has an existing drainage system from many years past, PMA intends to control the runoff so that the fresh water will not adversely impact marine nurseries.

Plans are being developed for an integrated water management and reclamation system, which is expected to include a central lake and marsh area through which all surface waters would be routed.

Fresh water would be collected and slowly released through the system, which would filter particles from the water and control the amount of fresh water reaching the Pungo River at any time.

PMA expects to complete its environmental studies in May. The studies will be the basis for applications for all remaining permits needed to begin harvesting operations next year.

Revenue Rate Increase Announced

TARBORO — A rate increase of \$13.9-million dollars that will increase Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's local service revenues by about 9.7 per cent annually was authorized by the North Carolina Utilities Commission March 30.

Last August Carolina Telephone applied for increases totaling \$37.7-million later reducing the request to \$34-million due to economic changes which occurred after the initial filing in August. In February, a state Supreme Court decision in a Southern Bell appeal had the practical effect of reducing the amount of Carolina Telephone's requested increase to \$24.7-million. The ruling, as applied to Carolina Telephone, made it appropriate for the Commission to include Yellow Page advertising profits in determining the amount of increased revenues needed by the company.

The commission's order did not specify what the increase would be for basic phone service but required the company to submit specific rates within the next ten days under guidelines established by the Commission. Rates are expected to change early in April, according to T. P. Williamson, vice president administration for the Tarboro-based utility.

The commission's order authorized a 15.2 per cent return on common equity, the part of Carolina Telephone's property and investment that is represented by stockholder investment. The company had argued that a higher profit level was needed to attract money from investors to meet its construction requirements.

The commission partially sided with the Public Staff's arguments on how the company's capital structure was calculated as well as several other Public Staff recommendations on accounting for revenues and expenses.

Williamson said, "Utility ratemaking is very complex. As Federal mandates and competition continually change our industry, it is becoming more complex every day."

"I'm sure the Utilities Commission in this rate case tried to consider the fast pace of change as well as current economic conditions and the interests of all concerned. Accordingly, while we feel that our entire revenue request was justified, we will continue to provide good service and make every effort to achieve reasonable earnings under the rates approved in this case."

The commission found the quality of service provided by Carolina Telephone to be adequate. The company's plans call for spending approximately \$88-million during 1983 for construction due to growth, changes in technology and the need to replace depleted equipment and cable facilities.

Carolina Telephone, the second largest in the state's telephone companies, serves about 583,000 customers in 50 counties primarily in the eastern half of the state.

The Tarboro-based company is a subsidiary of United Telecommunications Inc. (UTI) of Kansas City, Mo. UTI's United Telephone System, of which Carolina Telephone is a member, is the third largest in the United States and comprises 22 operating companies serving 3,000 communities in 20 states.

Work Started On New Yellow Pages

ELIZABETH CITY — Carolina Telephone Yellow Page directory representatives will be in the area working on the new Albemarle Area directory. Scheduled for delivery in late June, it is expected to be the largest telephone directory ever published in this area.

Terry F. Daniels, district commercial and marketing manager said that the representatives will be calling on area businesses from March 30 - April 22. The Manteo District will be contacted first (March 30 - April 8) and then the Elizabeth City District from (April 11 - April 22).

In the past, an independent firm, L.M. Berry Co., was under contract to market and prepare the yellow page section of the directory. This year is the first time Carolina Telephone's representatives will be in this area.

Transportation Dept.

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The four-day work week indicate a boost in employee morale which, in turn, has helped result in an increase of productivity," the secretary added.

Some 7,500 employees are involved in the four-day 40-hour work week from April 9 through September 9. Working hours will be from 7 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. with a 30-minute lunch break Mondays through Thursdays.

The four-day work week applies to normal field maintenance operations only and will not affect any essential emergency repair services. All field offices manned by administrative personnel will continue to operate on a regular five-day work schedule.

Albemarle Hospital's New Scanner Adds To Diagnostic Capabilities

Albemarle Hospital's new Computerized Tomography (CT) Scanner is fully operational and examined its first patient March 24th, according to Dr. John C. Graham, Jr., the hospital's chief radiologist.

The scanner, a new Pfizer 0450 4th generation unit, valued in excess of \$750,000, gives the physicians of Albemarle Hospital and the surrounding communities access to State of the Art diagnostic capabilities. This unit has the capability of performing both head and whole body scans. Its use will provide non-invasive diagnostic information heretofore unavailable except in larger medical centers.

Computerized Tomography has replaced some traditional methods of diagnosis and is a complementary approach for other diagnostic methods. In the past seven years, CT has become gradually accepted as an accurate and practical diagnostic technique with clinical applications broadened to include virtually every part of the body.

The CT image generated is displayed on a cathode ray tube and can be permanently recorded using multi-format cameras that are capable of recording simultaneous-

ly a number of images on X-Ray film. The image may also be stored electronically on videotape or a polaroid image may be reproduced. The CT image generated and recorded represents a slice through the head or body of selected thickness. Areas of particular interest may be enhanced electronically. Areas of the body previously evaluated only indirectly or by surgical intervention are made much more accessible.

The three radiologists at Albemarle Hospital are trained in the use of Computed Tomography and its integration with other diagnostic methods. Operation of the machine will be by Registered Technologists experienced in its use and application.

The acquisition of this most sophisticated equipment, which is the epitome of diagnostic methods that have been proven useful, will aid the physicians of Albemarle Hospital in diagnosis and treatment planning.

The addition of this facility is expected to augment the Albemarle Hospital staff in the near future with the addition of a Neurology and Neurosurgical consultants.

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