

# Safe Water

RALEIGH—State records show that the owners/operators of 10 public water systems failed to notify their customers and the news media that the water systems exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for coliform bacteria during June, 1982. Records also show that the owners/operators of another 34 public water systems failed to notify their customers that they did not sample the water for coliform bacteria during the same time period.

The NC Drinking Water Act requires owners/operators to notify their customers in writing and provide the state Department of Human Resources' Water Supply Branch with a copy of the notice within 90 days of the date a violation occurs. The act also requires MCL violators to notify the news media within 14 days of their violation notification, and provide the Water Supply Branch with clippings of the notice.

"Coliform bacteria, normally found in the intestinal tract of humans and warm blooded animals, can be readily detected," said Larry Elmore, an engineer in the state's Water Supply Branch. "It is the quickest, cheapest and best indicator that some contamination may have occurred in drinking water."

Federal and state laws require the owners/operators of public water systems to submit samples of drinking water each month to a certified laboratory for testing in order to discover possible contamination in the earliest stages.

"Failure to test the water within the required time period doesn't necessarily mean the water is contaminated, but you can't assume that the drinking water is safe without testing it properly," Elmore said. "Neither can you assume that because the water has been safe in the past, that it will remain that way. Citizens have a right to know the quality of the water they're drinking and insist that it be free of contamination," he said.

If contamination is found, the seriousness of the problem determines the corrective action. This may range from public notification to further investigations and treatment such as disinfecting the water or flushing the water lines.

If you wish to know if your water is safe, call Pat Williamson (919) 733-2321. This applies only if you are on public water systems.

## Plants Need Mulch For Cold Protection

A warm blanket of mulch will go a long way in protecting plants from the freezing weather that is ahead this winter.

North Carolina State University extension specialists suggest mulching before the hard freezes come. The mulch of choice is pine straw.

Mulches protect the more tender plant crowns and help prevent excessive drying of the soil.

Here are some additional tips that are seasonal at this time:

—One of the most common faults of transplanting shrubs and trees is planting them too deep. Place the plant in the hole about like it came from the nursery. Firm the soil around the roots, even if it means getting down on your knees and placing the soil around the roots with your hands.

—Keep plants watered during dry periods. Just because plants aren't growing during this dormant season, don't assume that watering isn't necessary. New

transplants particularly should be kept moist.

—If you plant a balled and burlapped plant, don't be impatient about it beginning to grow. It will take about a year for it to become well established and begin a fast rate of growth.

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## Butch Wetherington Appointed

NEW BERN—Butch Wetherington has been appointed Eastern Zone Manager for the company's Investment Recovery Business, according to corporate IRB manager Norm Douglas, to whom Wetherington reports.

At the same time, Wetherington has named Royce Anderson Sales and Service Coordinator and Barbara Oien Office Manager at the New Bern IRB yard.

The 37 year old Wetherington, who was recently elected to the local city-county board of education, joined Weyerhaeuser here in 1969 as an accounting clerk. He served in a number of increasingly important accounting jobs, both here and in Plymouth, becoming Financial Services Manager for the Resources Group, known then as Land and Timber and Raw Materials.

In his new assignment, Wetherington is responsible for consolidation and sale of equipment and material which has become surplus to Weyerhaeuser operations from Maine to Florida and from Ohio east to the Atlantic. The Eastern Zone serves the North Carolina Region and a total of 65 locations ranging from retail sales to manufacturing complexes such as those here and in PLYMOUTH. The New Bern IRB yard is the only one in the Eastern Zone and one of only four in the company.

Most of the items on the yard are from manufacturing and raw materials including trucks, skidders, tracked vehicles and other rolling stock as well as forklift trucks and manufacturing process equipment and is located on NC 55 just west of New Bern.

Wetherington graduated Jasper High School, attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and is

married to the former Johnette Daugherty and has two sons; Kevin, 15 and Tracy, 11.

Royce Anderson, also from the New Bern area, was involved in contract logging before joining the company a little more than a year ago. He was in the IRB service department before taking his new assignment.

Barbara Oien, who came to the company six years ago, was employed in the personnel department here and served as an administrative assistant in IRB before being named Office Manager.

### Porterfield Chosen

Paul Porterfield of New Bern has been named chairman of the North Carolina Tree Farm Committee for the coming year.

Porterfield, an area forest resources representative for the company, has been very active in the tree farm system for several years and served as vice chairman of the committee last year.

The group, which comprises representatives from several forest industry firms, works closely with the North Carolina Forestry Association to promote tree farming and to convince private land owners to plant and grow trees for profit.

### New Bern Planer Mill Hits Record

The New Bern planer mill has set a new production record for a single eight-hour shift, according to mill superintendent, Jim Rhodes.

The new mark, recorded on November 3rd is 157,500 board feet of two-by-sixes, equal to 19.7 thousand board feet per hour. The old record was 19.2 thousand board feet per hour and had stood since December of 1981.

"Grade turnout was excellent during this record setting performance, said Rhodes, adding, it took a strong team effort to eliminate low-grade unsaleable material. It was a job well done."

### NORTH CAROLINA CRAVEN COUNTY

### PUBLIC SALE AT AUCTION

The New Bern-Craven County Board of Education, having determined that the use of the hereinafter described items of personal property owned by it is unnecessary or undesirable for public school purposes, will sell the following described property at public auction beginning at 10:00 o'clock A.M., Eastern Standard Time, Saturday, December 4, 1982, at the Gymnasium of Farm Life School, Vanceboro, North Carolina, to the highest bidders for cash:

Gas ranges and ovens; Food warmers, various cookers and other kitchen equipment  
Various chairs and desks  
Food freezers, refrigerators, and coolers  
Stainless steel sink and tables  
Various items of kitchen equipment  
Drafting tables, typewriter tables, file cabinets, tables, coat and other assorted cabinets, and shelves  
Copy machine, typewriters, Burroughs Computer, Print and book binder machine, adding machines and calculators  
Master Vu-Graphs, Sump pumps, Air Conditioners, film projectors, Screens, Viewers, Color and B/W televisions, Record Players, headphones, intercom, time clocks, band instruments  
Other miscellaneous items of personal property, equipment and apparatus

The above-described personal property may be viewed and inspected at the Gymnasium of Farm Life School, Vanceboro, North Carolina during the week of Monday, November 29th through Friday, December 3, 1982, during the hours of 8:30 o'clock A.M. until 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Title to said property so sold shall not pass by reason of said sale until the sale has been confirmed by the Board and the purchaser has complied with the terms of his bid.

This sale shall be conducted pursuant to the terms and provisions of Chapter 115C-518, General Statutes of North Carolina.

This the 19th day of November, 1982.

By: NEW BERN-CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Roger Forrest, Chairman