

Clean Water Cry Is Sounded

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

A plane load of state officials and a dining-room-only crowd of concerned citizens along the Chowan River, heard emphatic statements Tuesday afternoon regarding the desire for clean water in Eastern North Carolina.

House Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates County, the highest qualification possible must be on streams in this area; with streams being classified the same. "Then if an industry doesn't measure up, let them go somewhere else," he said. Later he said some industrial development groups must also be told that only non-polluting industry is desired.

Dr. Arthur W. Cooper, assistant secretary for resource management, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, agreed that immediate reclassification of streams all across the

state is necessary.

Dr. Cooper said the blue-green algae in the river has created an "unfortunate situation" which is a "classic example" of the conflict between the industrial-economic development on one side and preservation-conservation of natural resources on the other.

He said nutrients from agriculture, septic tanks and other sewerage systems going into the river, along with waste materials from Farmers Chemical at Tunis had caused the problem. However, he said he would be less than honest if he didn't relate that the problem was "triggered by Farmers Chemical in contravention of state requirements long before the problem would

have developed normally. A. C. Turnage, district engineer for the state water and air department, said since Farmers Chemical was notified to halt discharging anything into the river after midnight August 15, his staff has checked the plant three times a week, at different times.

The sometimes angry audience demanded constant monitoring of Farmers Chemical's operation. At first Turnage said this would be impossible due to the lack of personnel. However, Dr. Cooper conferred with others at the table and before the meeting adjourned it was announced that personnel would be recruited from various state agencies to provide daily monitoring.

Darwin Coburn, chief of the Water Quality Division, said the problem in the Chowan is "something new to us" and that even federal environmental agencies are not familiar in dealing with it. He said he didn't believe much can be done until autumn.

Dr. B. J. Copeland of the N. C. State University Department of Zoology, recognized as one of the few scientists working on the problem, said such a widespread use of land and pollution from many other sources have created a problem which cannot be controlled.

There were light moments during the meeting, such as when Dr. Copeland said he brought along "a briefcase full of data", only to have Speaker Godwin respond: "We're tired of briefcases."

H. W. (Pete) Whitley of Murfreesboro, a member of the State Board of Water and Air Resources, said for three years he has been attempting to get the agency interested in the Chowan River. "They have made no attempt to find out where it is," he said. "Now they know."

Whitley said he was not trying to place blame. "What has been done is done . . . we are trying hard now to correct a horrible condition," he said.

State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, joined Speaker Godwin and Mayor George Alma Byrum in requesting standardization of classifications and equal treatment for everyone.

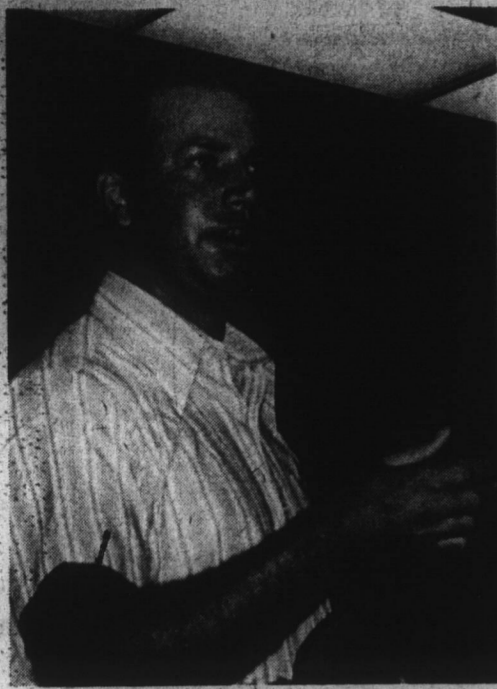
Mayor Byrum's statement to the officials follows:

"I am here today to officially represent the Town of Edenton and to express our utmost concern regarding the pollution of the Chowan River, Roanoke River and the Albemarle Sound. The Chowan River and Albemarle Sound are probably the biggest single asset that we have and we are determined to do our part in protecting them.

"We believe in clean water, as evidenced by the construction of a modern sewage disposal facility some 10 years ago, long before some of our neighboring towns, but we also strongly believe in everyone being treated the same.

"The town has been told that we have to upgrade and enlarge our present facility by 1975 at the estimated cost of \$2-million. We agree to this and have settled on a time schedule to accomplish the same, but we strongly

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At Meeting About River—At left an unidentified fisherman asks a question about the future of the Chowan River during a meeting with state officials here Tuesday afternoon. A. C. Turnage of Greenville, district engineer with the Water Control Division, responds.

Public Parade

Rain, Right On Time

There are a great many families along the Public Parade who depend on the combination of farming and fishing for a living. Last year's fall harvest conditions were tragic and many farmers were on the brink of being wiped out. Then their fishing was severely curtailed by the blue-green algae in the Chowan River.

Add to this a lengthy period of rainless days this summer and one can be sympathetic with their concern for the future.

While they have received little, if no, encouragement from officials that fishing in the river will improve in the near future, the area did receive rains Monday and Tuesday.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, called the rain a "tremendous asset" for the farmers. He predicted that it came in time to save all crops, including cotton.

"We could stand another inch of rain, but not a flood," he said.

So, there was a ray of sunshine through the dark cloud which hung over the Chowan this week.

Something New, And Good

"The Superintendent Reports" is a new column in this newspaper and was to have started last week. But as often happens, it was among those things of no immediate time value and was held over when space became a premium.

The second of Dr. Eddie West's columns arrived right on schedule Tuesday morning. We recognized immediately that it was more than a regular column from the administrative head of Edenton-Chowan Schools. This column pretty generally testifies to the caliber of the writer who has come to meander along the Public Parade.

Therefore, we want to devote what we consider prime space so our readers can see the direction of public education hereabouts. (The first column appears elsewhere in today's newspaper).

"PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE"

As all of us are aware one major factor in helping to make our nation, state and community so great has been the unselfish efforts of many of our citizens in donating their time and talents to various causes.

This was true in Colonial times as neighbors helped and worked with neighbors in building homes, churches and schools. This same concept can readily be seen today in various civic organizations and other service groups. All have

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Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, August 31, 1972

Vaughan Memorial Voted

Chowan Hospital, Inc., is now in the process of establishing a new respiratory care center through the acquisition of monies received in memory of the years of fine service rendered to this community by the late Dr. Roland H. Vaughan.

EdenPress Given 'The New East'

GREENVILLE — The East Carolina University Regional Development Institute, after having distributed approximately 15,000 copies of "The New East" magazine and evaluating the results therefrom announced a major development today. The magazine had been published and distributed in order to aid in the proper economic development of Eastern North Carolina.

The Institute which edited and published "The New East" in cooperation with Albemarle Area, Coastal Plain, and Neuse development associations, announced the continued publication of the magazine. This has been assured by the organizations involved agreeing that EdenPress of Edenton would receive the sponsorship of these organizations.

In return EdenPress plans to publish at least four quarterly issues with the same concept and editorial policy. While the first issue was funded by the area organizations with no advertising, the future issues will contain advertising and individual subscriptions will be sold.

Tom Willis, director of ECU's Regional Development Institute stated, "This culminates five years of a dream which will make Eastern North Carolina competitive in this manner with the rest of the state." Willis further stated, "We were delighted that so many companies wanted to publish "The New East," however, it was our feeling that EdenPress offered us the best proposition in continuing what we started."

Officers of EdenPress, Inc., are L. F. Amburn, Jr., president; James Darnell, vice president; West W. Byrum, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Thornton N. Brooks, executive vice president; E. N. Manning, director of production; and Loyal Phillips, editor.

The next edition of "The New East" is expected in early January.

Schools To Open

As the fall term approaches, the schools of the Edenton-Chowan system are preparing to open to students on September 5.

Teachers began work Wednesday. Students will report for only half a day Tuesday with the first full day being Wednesday.

Principal Kenneth Stalls of John A. Holmes High School, confirmed that the first day will be concerned with orientation, scheduling and obtaining class assignments. Students are to report at 9 A. M., to their homerooms. From 10 A. M. to 11:55 A. M., students will follow an abbreviated schedule of the classes, reporting back to their homerooms before noon to be released.

Gilliam Underwood, principal of Chowan High School, reported that a similar plan will be followed with students reporting to school at 8:30 A. M., following a brief schedule until 11:50 A. M., when they are to return to homerooms to handle insurance and other matters. He also stated that homeroom assignments will be posted outside of each door. Underwood emphasized that there will be no assembly at 9 A. M., as had been previously observed in past years.

Students report to Swain at 8:30 A. M., and White Oak at 8:25 A. M., for orientation.

The board of directors of the hospital and the medical and dental staff recently unanimously approved the establishment of the center which will be based in the acute care unit of the complex. This project was initiated by a \$1,000 contribution made by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollowell.

Similarly, the Chowan Hospital pledged \$500 towards the memorial. At present time, \$265 in personal contributions have been received. Upon recommendation of the hospital management and subsequently, the Finance Committee, the board of directors approved an additional contribution by the hospital of \$1,150.

Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president, stated "the hospital contribution is the result of proceeds being received unexpectedly from a long term litigation by hospitals across the country against several drug firms." He said that Mrs. Vaughan has been consulted and has agreed that this would be an appropriate memorial for her husband.

Surratt reported that there is a need, in this area for more sophisticated equipment and technology in the field of respiratory care. This need is implemented by the expertise brought by Dr. W. L. Voigt. The new service will

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Monday Holiday

The summer "fling" ends Monday and traditionally Labor Day is a general holiday across the country. And so it will be in Edenton and Chowan County.

County and municipal offices, along with state and federal offices will be closed. There will be no session of Chowan County Superior Court on Monday.

All financial institutions in the area will be closed and Wallace B. Evans, chairman, Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said Labor Day is a general holiday and most merchants will be closed Monday.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said no garbage collection will take place Monday, but the Street Department will pick up all over town on Tuesday.

As many North Carolina residents rush to catch the last days of summer and take to the highways in a last ditch effort to enjoy the Labor Day weekend, too often safe driving tends to be the last thing on their minds . . . the very last thing, says the Insurance Information Institute.



Oldest Pentecostal Holiness Church In the Area—Happy Home Church was established 56 years ago with the location of the present building being off of Highway 32 at Tyner. It is the home of one of the few remaining camp meeting revivals in Eastern North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia. (Other photos on page 8-A).



Here Tuesday — Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles of Greensboro, Democratic nominee for governor, will campaign in Northeastern North Carolina next week with a stop scheduled in Edenton on Tuesday afternoon. The candidate will be at the Municipal Building at 3 P. M., according to A. B. Harless, Jr., a county campaign aide. Harless said the public is invited to visit with the candidate at this time. Bowles will be on the first leg of a helicopter tour of the state.

Court Term Set

Two weeks of Superior Court are scheduled to begin in Chowan County on September 5. Presiding during the first week will be Judge Albert W. Cowper; the second week will be Judge William J. Copeland.

Mrs. Lena Leary, clerk of court, stated that there are 20 cases slated to be heard the first day. She was unable to estimate how many will be heard per day on the average.

Among the over 100 charges on the docket will be Howard Duff charged with rape, Cleveland Boston, assault with intent to commit rape, 23 youth charged with aiding and abetting in prearranged racing, and three larcenies.

Camp Meetings Are On Way Out

By Flynn Surratt

The days of the old style camp meeting revival have all but disappeared from lack of interest and a decline in the number of traveling evangelists, but in a few areas such as Chowan County it continues to flourish.

Happy Home Pentecostal Holiness Church, located at Tyner, recently held 11 days of camp revival in their tabernacle facilities with people coming from as far away as Portsmouth, Va., to join in the worship and fellowship. In an interview with Rev. H. C. Leake, pastor of the church for 12 years, he stated that the meeting served a radius of about 75 miles with 300 to 400 persons

attending the night services.

He remarked that he was very pleased with the response and financial support. One factor, he included, in the success of the camp was the support received from neighboring churches of various denominations.

Historically, the camp meetings began in 1925 with Rev. Hubert T. Spence. Traditionally, the meetings last 11 days, ending on the last Sunday in August.

Happy Home Camp is the only remaining camp north of the Chowan River and south of Smithfield, Va. There is one similar camp near Windsor, N. C.

A revival of this sort is no little undertaking. Mr. Leake reported that they begin making plans a year ahead of time and may have particular speakers slated for three years. He also said that he is in the process of choosing among three speakers for the camp meeting next year.

This revival experience includes meals with 12 to 15 people staffing the kitchen during the week and more on the weekends. In addition cabins are available to those wanting to make an outing of it. The cabins consist of four units, and they have five available.

A general format is followed each day, but cut and dry services are avoided. It was readily apparent that much of the success of the revival was due to actual participation by the congregation.

I spent a greater part of last Thursday at the camp observing the programs and talking with Mr. Leake, his family, guest evangelist Rev. Don Sigmon, and various people from the area as well as people from Virginia who traveled to this state for the revival. I was particularly impressed with the cordiality and friendliness of everyone I encountered.

The day began with a devotional service and message by Mr. Sigmon. Only about 20 people were present, those on

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Guest Evangelist—Rev. Don Sigmon of Erwin was the special speaker for most of the services. His vigor and conviction won him acclaim among the congregations.