

Welcome, Fiberform

We want to be among the first to welcome Fiberform, a division of U. S. Industries, to Chowan County. It is good news that the West Coast firm has purchased the Chris-Craft plant on Albemarle Sound and plans to begin operations in December.

This is what you can call Christmas in September for many who meander along the Public Parade. The fact that the modern Chris-Craft plant has been closed for about 18 months has not helped the economy hereabouts.

Fiberform is a "blue chip", non-polluting industry that, we predict, will be a good corporate citizen. And that combination isn't easy to come by.

The parent company, U. S. Industries, is the 69th largest corporation in the United States and one which enjoys a reputation as being fair and progressive. Fiberform officials already talk of expanding the 100,000-square-foot plant and beefing up employment from an initial 200 to something close to the 375 employed in Spokane, Wash. This is not the mutterings of a sloucher.

We're happy to welcome Fiberform and hope they grow and prosper in the Cradle of the Colony, where the good life is the rule rather than the exception. It is because of firms like Fiberform that we can maintain this distinction.

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr.

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City, has succumbed to a lingering malignancy. The result is "The Town's Tool Box" has lost a proprietor, the Albemarle Area has lost a strong and progressive advocate, and North Carolina has lost a noble and effective legislator. And we have lost a close personal friend.

The amiable "hardware merchant" from Pasquotank died at 7:30 A. M. Tuesday in Albemarle Hospital following an illness of nine months. But as was his very nature, he fought to the bitter end with every fiber of his body.

Rep. Culpepper was one quick to make friends. And usually his actions were such that he effortlessly cultivated them to the point of lasting friendships.

Also, he was one quick to size up a situation and move with dispatch into action to see that it was resolved in a manner in the best interest of his constituents. In so doing, he acted with complete disregard of his personal feelings and health.

Rep. Culpepper possessed an unusual trait for a politician. He could disagree without being disagreeable. He was stimulated by those who challenged his position, but he remained solid as a rock on the side of what he considered right. We never knew him to compromise for the sake of being popular. He was merely above doing business in such a manner.

He was a dedicated public servant, an exceptional businessman and community leader. He was extremely devoted to his family and never let his outside commitments lead him far from home for lengthy periods of time.

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., has answered his last roll call, sold his last barrel of nails, kept his last promise. He prepared himself well for the greatest of all assemblies. And even the Almighty doesn't ask more of a human being.

Drinking From The Spring

To fishermen and sportsmen along the Public Parade, the future of Chowan River is somewhat uncertain. There is, however, some comforting news concerning the future of Albemarle Sound.

It is indeed unfortunate that Chowan River had to be the first in Tar Heel to experience eutrophication — a natural process involving naturally occurring nutrients and plants.

A high ranking state official, Dr. Arthur W. Cooper, has said problems involving excessive nutrients are not peculiar to the Chowan and probably will be with us for the foreseeable future. "Unfortunately for you," he said in a recent speech in Ahoskie, "they just happened here first."

While Dr. Cooper, assistant secretary for resource management, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, is willing to have his department accept a considerable amount of the blame for the blooming algae in the Chowan, he isn't willing to go down alone, and justly so.

While he can't wave a magic wand and have the blue-green substance disappear, he and his staff have taken measures to see that it doesn't happen downstream as rapidly as it did in the Chowan.

Dr. Cooper's department has agreed with those who reason that if large quantities of nutrients are allowed in any rivers tributary to Albemarle Sound, one can expect the worse. Therefore, they will require the same pollution abatement schedules on all these rivers.

What they have really accomplished is the abolition of double standards for streams in the Albemarle Area. For this they should be commended, for we are quite sure it was exactly a painless process.

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Big Chowan Fair Continues Through Saturday



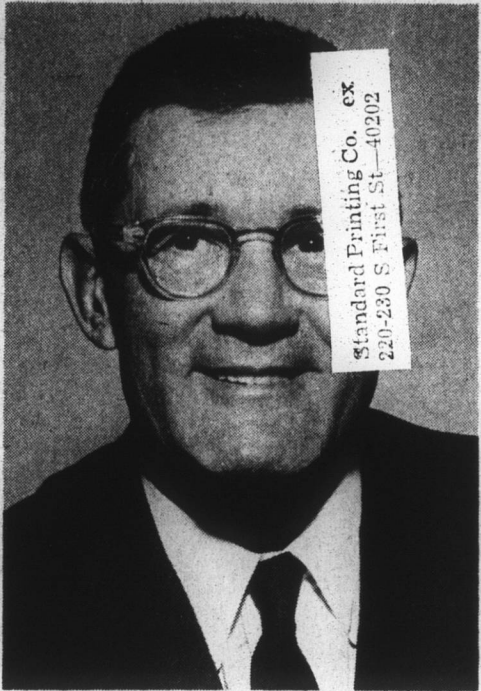
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Dr. Max Schiebel

Talk Is Scheduled By Dr. Schiebel

The annual kickoff banquet for the Cancer Crusades of Chowan and Perquimans counties will be tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Jaycee building. Featured guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Max Schiebel of Durham.

Dr. Schiebel is an associate in surgery at the Duke University School of Medicine, associate clinical professor at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, chief of the surgical staff of John Umpstead Hospital, and consulting surgeon of Dorothea Dix Hospital.

October is crusade month for Chowan and Perquimans counties and a goal of \$3,500 has been set, according to Mrs. Marion Thrower, chairman in Edenton and Mrs. Margaret Sullerman, chairman in Hertford has announced their goal as \$1,500.

Culpepper Buried

ELIZABETH CITY—Funeral services were held here Wednesday afternoon for Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of the First House District. The popular legislator died at 7:30 A. M., Tuesday in Albemarle Hospital following an illness of nine months.

Rep. Culpepper, who was nominated for a new two-year term in a four-man race in the May Democratic Primary, resigned recently due to his health after serving three terms in the General Assembly. He was president and owner of Culpepper Hardware Co., Inc., and active in numerous community affairs.

He was the son of Mrs. Alice Butler Culpepper and the late William Thomas Culpepper, Sr. In addition to his mother, surviving is his wife, Mrs. Shirley Perry Culpepper; two daughters: Miss Sandra Culpepper of Winston-Salem and Elizabeth City; and Miss Lynn Culpepper of Elizabeth City; two sons: W. T., III, of Winston-Salem and Elizabeth City; and Clifford P. Culpepper of Elizabeth City; and one brother, Levin B. Culpepper of Elizabeth City.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Library Fund.

Thompson Named To Bank Board

R. M. (Pete) Thompson, Chowan County Agricultural Extension Chairman, has been elected to the Board of Managers of Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Edenton. His election was announced jointly by W. H. Stanley, Peoples Bank president, and J. Gilliam



R. M. (Pete) Thompson

Action Will Protect Sound

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

tary of Albemarle Sound to follow the same pollution abatement schedule insofar as nutrient removal is concerned.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting of Ahoskie Rotary Club Monday, Dr. Cooper said much concern has been expressed over the future of Albemarle Sound, since the algae bloom in the Chowan

River this summer. "Inasmuch as the basic problem with the Chowan River is excess nutrients, and inasmuch as these nutrients eventually will move into the sound, your concern is justified," he said.

Also, he said it seems quite likely that some type of nutrient removal schedules for all point sources now discharging into the Chowan will have to be instituted.

And he stated: "Our pollution laws must be enforced with vigor and dispatch. The Chowan situation is an excellent example of what can happen when this is not done. However, actions of the current board (of Air & Water Resources) during the last three months indicate that they have run out of patience with foot-dragging and non-compliance."

Calling the Chowan problem a "whole sorry affair", Dr. Cooper said his department must accept the blame for not strictly enforcing the law, but "in a very real sense, every person in this room and in the counties from which the Chowan drains, is, at least to some small extent, responsible for what happened."

Again, Dr. Cooper said in his opinion discharges from Farmer's Chemical plant at Tunis were the source that triggered the present blooms. Other contributing factors were: human sewage, agricultural practices, including stream channelization and climatic events.

Pointing to the Farmer's Chemical plant, he noted that the company has "misled the state and was about to violate the deadline which it had, itself, set" before the state ordered them to cease putting anything into the river on August 15.

While he said he realized the economic implications should the plant close, the state is not to blame for the situation at FCAI. "It is the company that has failed to make operative its pollution abatement equipment and it is the company to which the responsibility for ultimate closure must be assigned."

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Dolphe C. Boynes

Boynes To Speak At Edenton Event

A ranking official of Edenton's newest corporate citizen will speak when a vice president of Bank of North Carolina is installed as president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce at the annual membership banquet here Wednesday night.

The banquet will be held at Chowan Golf & Country Club, beginning with a social hour at 6:15 P. M., and dinner at 7:30 o'clock.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale at Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Bank of North Carolina, Hollowell's Drugs, Mitchener's Pharmacy, Edenton Savings & Loan Association and the chamber office.

Dolphe C. Boynes, corporate vice president and executive chairman of the Western USA Group of U. S. Industries, Inc., will be keynote speaker. USI is the parent company of Fiberform, a boat manufacturing division which recently purchased the Chris-Craft plant here.

Jack Harris recently was elected by the board of directors to serve as president for the 1972-73 year. Serving with him will be: James C. (Pete) Dail, vice president; A. B. Harless, Jr., secretary; and Richard Dixon, Jr., treasurer.

Newly elected directors include: Dail, Dixon, Wallace Evans, Byron Kehayes, J. Clarence Leary, Jr., and George Moore.

Directors who will remain from the past year are: E. N. (Pete) Manning, president; Harris, Harless, Russell Baxley, Bob Hutchinson and Marshall Whitt. George Alma Byrum, C. A. Phillips, Jesse Harrell and Woody Copeland also serve on the board.

Robert W. Moore is executive vice president.



Land Given For Park—Phil Quidley, left, holds a letter designating a gift of a portion of Jockey's Ridge for development into a State Park. Shown with him are: James C. (Pete) Dail of Edenton, a member of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, center, and Bryan Taylor of the State Park Division.

White Gets Nod For House Seat

ELIZABETH CITY — W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor beat off two challengers to gain the Democratic nomination in the First House District here Tuesday night. The former Dare County commission chairman won on the first ballot.

John A. Mitchener, Jr., of Edenton, who trailed White in the Democratic Primary by 51 votes, placed second, with Joe Nowell of Winfall, state highway commissioner, in third place.

White received all votes from Currituck, (6); Dare, (5); Tyrrell, (3), and Washington, (10). Pasquotank split, giving White seven and one-half votes to put him out of reach with 31½ votes. It required 29 votes to nominate on the first ballot.

Mitchener, nominated as "the favorite son of Chowan County and the Albemarle Area," received two votes from Camden, eight from Chowan and seven and one-half from Pasquotank for his 17½ total.

Nowell received two from Camden and six from his native Perquimans for eight votes.

White, who has recently undergone heart surgery, tearfully accepted the nomination. He promised to serve the district "in a way in which you will be proud" and assured the delegates that he was in good health.

W. L. Thompson of Pasquotank was First House District Executive Committee chairman. Casting the votes for Chowan were J. Gilliam Wood and W. B. Gardner. E. L. Hollowell, chairman of the Democratic Party in Chowan, was one of the judges.

Sales Tax Report

Eight Albemarle Area counties had net collections of \$151,911.13 from the local 1 per cent sales and use tax during August, according to a report issued by Commissioner G. A. Jones, Jr., of the State Department of Revenue. Collections in Chowan County last month amounted to \$13,529.53.

Gates and Hyde counties are the two Northeastern counties where the tax is not levied.

Dare County led the area in collections with \$57,106.70.

Other area counties and the net collections include:

Camden: \$2,586.39; Currituck, \$6,335.15; Pasquotank, \$47,876.81; Perquimans, \$7,071.36; Tyrrell, \$3,221.71; and Washington, \$14,183.48.

Total net collections in Tar Heel counties where the tax is levied amounted to \$6,215-million.

Wood, chairman of the Edenton board of managers.

Thompson, a native of Pasquotank County, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson of Elizabeth City, and formerly served as Perquimans County extension chairman.

Having completed high school in Elizabeth City, Thompson served in the Coast Guard during World War II. He is a graduate of N. C. State University and his first position was teaching vocational agriculture at Jackson. He then became assistant county agricultural agent in Johnston County, serving there from 1951 to 1954. His tenure in Perquimans County was from 1954 to 1969 when he moved to Chowan.

Thompson is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

He is married to the former Carolyn Pemberton of Raleigh and they have three children.

Thompson is a member of Edenton United Methodist Church, Edenton Lions Club, the VFW and is a Mason.

"It is an extreme pleasure to have Pete Thompson on our board and we feel he will make a valuable contribution to our operations in Chowan County and throughout the Albemarle Area," stated Wood.