

Board Will Upgrade Roanoke River To Class B

The lower reaches of the Roanoke River will be upgraded to Class B to conform with reclassifications on the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. The action will be taken when the N. C. Board of Water and Air Resources approve recommendations of its Water and Air Quality Control Committee.

The Chowan Herald has learned from an impeccable source that the state board has seen the fallacy in reclassifying the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound to Class B and leaving the Roanoke River,

especially near where it flows into the sound, at Class C.

"There is just no rhyme or reason in such an approach," the source said. "Portions of the Roanoke, especially the lower reaches, will definitely be upgraded before final action is reclassification."

The matter came to a head following a public hearing at Lenior Community College in Kinston on March 1 where proposed reclassification of six water basins was aired.

Spokesmen for Chowan County, Town of Edenton, Edenton Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee and area development organizations raised the question about the decision not to reclassify the Roanoke. The same spokesmen commended the committee for steps taken to upgrade the Chowan and sound.

At the same time, Mayor George Alma Byrum asked the state agency to take corrective action to clean up the Chowan River which last summer was classified as

being "dead" because of excessive algae blooms which turned the river into a green tide.

Dr. Arthur Cooper, assistant secretary for resource management, and Sec. James Harrington of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, met with area officials at the Municipal Building Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was scheduled at 4 P.M., which is beyond The Herald's deadline.

But as early as September 18, 1972, Dr. Cooper had said the Roanoke and Chowan

rivers would carry the same classification. In a speech to the Ahsokie Rotary Club, Dr. Cooper said: "This situation (of excess nutrients) has been reviewed and it is the conclusion of the staff that the same pollution abatement schedules insofar as nutrient removal is concerned, will be required on any rivers tributary to Albemarle Sound."

Dr. Cooper did not attend the Kinston hearing and staff members were unable, or unwilling, to explain why the reclassification of the Roanoke was not recommended.

Public Parade

Breathing Room

The deadline for the introduction of local bills in the 1973 General Assembly has passed with apparently only one such measure surfacing from hereabouts—an appropriation for Historic Edenton, Inc.

Local government officials along the Public Parade have known for some time that the deadline for local measures to be introduced in the Senate was March 15 and March 20 in the House. It would appear from their lack of action that there was no need for local legislation in this session.

But it ain't necessarily so! Take the make-up of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners itself, for example. Voter registration, which is a good barometer, shows townships with a mere 37 per cent of the total control the board with three of the five commissioners.

At the same time, First Township has 63 per cent of the registered voters, yet has but one commissioner. The fifth commissioner runs at-large.

There are a number of ways to correct this inequity without enlarging the board. Since the General Assembly will begin annual sessions in January, 1974, the commissioners have some breathing room within which to come up with an acceptable plan.

We hope they will draft this plan before they are faced with legal action to force the issue. Even "friendly" suits can become quite ugly.

Mission "Hogwash"

The Federal Regional Council rushed into North Carolina last Thursday to explain the Nixon Administration's budget, to "philosophy of government", if you please. They may have told it just like the administration knuckle heads wrote it, but if they were out to win friends and influence people they might have well stayed home.

By so doing, they would have saved the taxpayers' money and saved the time of about 200 people who started out in the audience. The morning session with state government officials may have been acceptable. The luncheon break with Gov. Jim Holshouser, who had "arranged" the meeting, was the only thing which was labeled as enjoyable. The matinee performance was a bust.

"Hogwash" was the most commonly used descriptive adjective for the verbiage flowing

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Parrish Named Officer Importance Of Farmer Cited



AGRICULTURE DISCUSSED—Frank Harris of Raleigh, right, an agriculture representative with Southern Railway, is shown at a banquet of Albemarle Beef Cattle Association. Left to right are: Ike Jackson of Pasquotank County; Jack W. Parker, area livestock specialist; and Yates Parrish of Chowan County, newly elected vice president.

Burglar Enters Through Roof

A roof-top burglar hit downtown Edenton last week, entering one establishment through a skylight and attempting to enter one or more, according to Police Chief J. D. Parrish.

Chief Parrish said the entry to Parker-Evans Hardware was reported Friday morning. Taken from the business was \$12.90 in cash and two shotguns.

Investigation indicated that a skylight had been entered at Mitchener's Pharmacy, but nothing was reported missing.

No arrests had been made at press time.

Calvin Lee Holley, 17-year-old Negro, 119 West Hicks Street, has been charged with breaking, entering and larceny following a complaint from Cooper's Restaurant on North Granville Street on Friday.

Taken from the restaurant was \$14 in cash and some beer. Sgt. G. W. Mizelle and Patrolman McCoy Parker investigated the break-in.

Hospital Is Faced With Problems

Chowan Hospital is having its greatest influx of patients, visitors and smoke. And the bad weather is being blamed for all three.

Hospital officials have taken steps to curb the abuse of a long-established visiting policy, by asking visitors not to go on a shopping trip when at the hospital. Also, the administration has spelled out smoking privileges for employees, patients and visitors in the name of safety and better health.

One hospital official noted that bad weather creates a traffic jam at the hospital as friends, neighbors and relatives clutter the halls stopping to visit everyone they know who might be under the weather. "This creates a real problem as some visitors apparently see how many patients they can visit while on one trip to the hospital," it was noted.

Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president, is quoted in an administrative bulletin as saying stricter visitor policies must be enforced as a "protective measure for our patients."

"These measures should help achieve our objective of getting the sick people in our care well as quickly as possible," he wrote.

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Prices Good

Prices remained steady last Thursday at the second feeder pig sale conducted by Albemarle Marketing Association at its new facility on Paradise Road. Some 654 animals were sold.

The Market News Service of the N.C. Department of Agriculture reports that prices at the Edenton market were somewhat lower for lighter pigs, but recorded higher for the heavier animals.

Edenton now has one of eight state graded association sales. Compared to another sale, in Fayetteville on the same day, animals on the market in Edenton were as much as nine cents per pound higher.

Members of the Albemarle Area Beef Cattle Association Tuesday night elected new officers, honored their wives and were challenged to not be timid in citing the good works of American agriculture.

They were urged to "exercise your privilege of telling people what a great thing American agriculture is doing." Speaking was Frank Harris of Raleigh, agricultural representative with Southern Railway. "American agriculture is the most productive in the world," he proclaimed, adding: "Farmers are now producing enough food for himself and 50 others."

Vernon Cahoon of Washington County was elected president of the association. Other officers elected at the banquet held at American Legion Building were: Yates Parrish of Chowan County, vice president; and Ike Jackson of Pasquotank County, secretary-treasurer.

Harris said the Albemarle Area is not only important to North Carolina but is vital to the nation when it comes to agriculture.

Turning to the Southeast area of the U. S., Harris said it is the fastest growing in the nation and agriculture here is not dead or dying. "Agri-business is big business in the nation where 83 per cent of the people are employed in agriculture-related fields.

Therefore, he said Southern Railway is justly proud of the role it is playing in this area as well as being proud of the southland.

The speaker said concern should be shown for the image of agriculture. He said the industry is more competitive than ever and people are generally not aware of the importance of agriculture.

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Sewing Clinic Set In April

"There she is..." Constance Van Dorn, the reigning Miss North Carolina and first runner up in the Miss America Pageant ... modeling her Atlantic City wardrobe in the Sewing Festivals.

These events will be held in Greenville on April 10 and Elizabeth City, on April 12. Festival sponsors are the N. C. Extension Service in cooperation



STUDY WORKSHOP PROPOSAL—Mrs. Jackie Ricks goes over a proposal for the Albemarle Sheltered Workshop with Gary Lewis, standing, representing Albemarle Human Resource Development System, and Rev. George B. Holmes, a key figure in efforts to establish such a program in the 10-county area.

Sheltered Workshop Is Sought

The Albemarle Human Resources Development System will make a grant request to the N. C. Department of Mental Health for establishing a sheltered workshop to serve the 10-county area.

James E. Lewis, executive director of AHRDS, said the application for \$51,000 will be submitted by April. He praised the efforts of a group of area citizens, who have been working for nearly a year to establish a facility for the handicapped.

"The need for a workshop has been determined," Lewis said. "AHRDS is working to develop a total program for all citizens of the Albemarle and the handicapped person's needs have been overlooked too long."

The facility would serve adults

18 and over who are physically, mentally and socially handicapped. The blind would also be included, Lewis said.

The goal will be to facilitate the development of the total individual to become self-supportive and to gain a sense of personal value and worth.

Mrs. Jacqueline Ricks, who heads the workshop committee of the Help the Handicapped of the Albemarle Area Development Association, said "the committee has studied the need and has received wide support from numerous individuals for an area workshop program".

"The benefits of this effort, she said, will be received not only by the disabled individual, but his family and community".

The location has not been determined, Mrs. Ricks said, but would probably be Edenton, Hertford, or Elizabeth City, depending on the availability of a suitable building. Plans are for satellite facilities to serve other areas as needed.

The grant request will provide for staffing, supplies and a passenger van for transportation for clients.

Tour Is Hailed

RALEIGH--Identical resolutions have been introduced in the Senate and House extending an invitation to the members of the General Assembly and to the public to attend the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. The event is April 13-15.

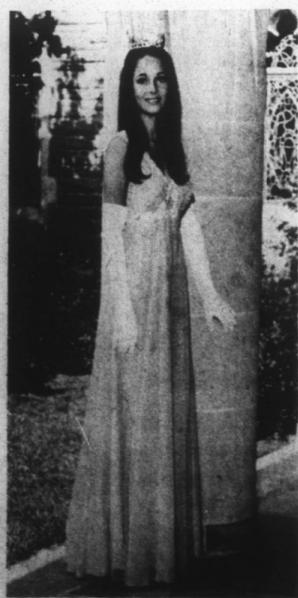
The resolutions were sponsored by Sen. Phil Godwin and J. J. (Monk) Harrington and Reps. Vernon G. James and W. Stanford White, all of the First District.

The resolutions point out that the pilgrimage features tours of many buildings and private homes in the area, most of which are opened only during this period, sponsored by Edenton Woman's Club.

"It is preservation, rather than restoration that makes the Edenton Pilgrimage one of the most outstanding of the home tours; and its town and country houses are nationally known for their authenticity and fine state of preservation, with many dating prior to the Revolution," it is stated.



VETERANS HONORED—The American Legion Auxiliary last Friday feted legionnaires on the occasion of their anniversary, specifically honoring Edenton area World War I veterans. Seven of them are shown here. Front row, left to right, are: Abe Jackson, Roy Leary and Lloyd Griffin. Standing, in same order: D. M. Reaves, J. L. Chestnutt, James Oglesby, and Willie Morris. (Staff Photo by Manning.)



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