

Algae Growth Threatens Chowan River

A buildup of blue-green algae has been observed along a six-mile stretch of the Chowan River below Colerain in Northeastern North Carolina, according to Dr. Robert Holman of the Division of Environmental Management. This buildup increases the likelihood of a significant algae bloom on the river this summer.

In its May 10 meeting, the Environmental Management Commission approved a classification to protect waters of the state from algae and invoked emergency powers to immediately designate the Chowan River as the state's first "nutrient sensitive waters".

These actions will enable the state to limit nutrients discharged within the North Carolina portion of the river basin. Research has identified nutrient limits as the best means for controlling blooms.

The temporary emergency designation is effective until Sept. 6. A public hearing will be held in Winton June 21 to determine whether this classification should become permanent.

The action taken by the EMC could cause municipalities and industries along the five counties on the Chowan River Basin to be forced into a land application system for waste water.

About three weeks ago, an Alternative Sewerage Disposal Task Force from Raleigh met with officials of Winton and Harrellsville, the most critical areas as far as sewerage treatment is concerned, and other towns and counties in an effort to come up with a workable land application system.

State officials met Thursday in Raleigh to present a broad outline of a sewerage disposal plan for the Chowan River basin that would spread treated waste water on farmland.

Barry Williams, special assistant for community development with the state department of Natural Resources and Community Development has said "What we are doing is developing an overall concept for waste water control in the whole Chowan River Basin."

He added that the plan will encompass municipal sewerage, industrial waste and agricultural waste.

The Task Force is planning to go before the State Rural Development Coordinating Committee with plans for land application systems in Hertford, Bertie, Gates, Northampton and Chowan counties.

He did say earlier that the three problem areas (mentioned above) are thought to contribute to a high level of nutrients in the Chowan River that cause algae to flourish during warm weather.

Williams also pointed out that land application in the Chowan River basin may be a sufficiently novel approach to waste water treatment to attract federal backing.

This was also reinforced by Coy Batten, head of the Local Program Planning Branch, Environmental Planning Section, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Batten said Williams, Anne Taylor and Bob Rubin — who were all present at the meeting in Winton — made a recommendation to the Rural Development Coordinating Committee Thursday that the Chowan River Basin be used as a demonstration project.

"We also suggested that technical and financial assistance, if possible, be given to municipalities, industries and agricultural interests as well as non-point sources," Batten explained.

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STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS — The coveted Edenton Rotary Cup was presented Friday to Debbie Jordan at Awards Day activities at John A. Holmes High School. In the picture at left, Dr. Allen Hornthal, club president, makes the presentation. Among other awards given was the CLIMB scholarship. At right, Frank White, president, makes the presentation to Jacqueline Hardy. (Photos by Craig Stepney).

Top Students Recognized

The traditional "Robing Ceremony" during John A. Holmes Awards Day program last week marked the beginning of the school's graduation activities and the first time that the 152 seniors were presented as a graduating class.

In his welcome address to special community guests, parents and students, Dr. Bruce McGraw, Holmes principal, noted that "Awards Day is observed annually as a time to pause and recognize students excellence particularly in the area of academics." As a way of thanking the community for their support to and belief in higher education, Dr. McGraw charged the graduating seniors to "honor the community that has so generously honored you by becoming active in their organizations as you mature."

All students receiving special awards were selected by either a committee from the community, from the faculty, or from the student body.

Close to \$20,000 in scholarships were received by Holmes students from 14 local community service organizations represented and as a result of students participation in competitive areas providing scholarships.

Debbie Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Jordan, proved to be Holmes' most outstanding graduate as the recipient of the prestigious Rotary Cup and a \$250 scholarship, presented by Dr. Allen Hornthal, Rotary president, and the \$12,000 four-year John Motley Morehead Scholarship Award to UNC-Chapel Hill. She also earned the school's Biology Club award and received a certificate of recognition as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist by virtue of making such a high score on the PSAT examination taken in her junior

year. Other community awards honors and scholarships were presented to students as follows:

The Albemarle Colonial Dames Freedom Award and gift to Darlene Everson - presented by Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan;

The BPW \$150 Scholarship Award to Darlene Everson - presented by Miss Edna Snell;

Chowan Hospital Auxiliary \$200 Scholarship awards to Donna Comer and Jill Stutzman - presented by Mrs. Marjorie Timberlake;

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Sports Banquet Slated May 29

The Spring Sports Award Banquet will be held May 29 at the Jaycee Building beginning at 7 o'clock. Tickets for the steak dinner are \$4.50 each and are currently on sale.

Tickets may be purchased from Booster Club members as well as at Hollowell-Blount Rexall or Mitchener's Pharmacy.

The banquet honors athletes at John A. Holmes High School who participated in Winter and Spring sports.

Eighty-Four Compete In First Herring Run

Eighty-four runners toed the mark at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, as Mayor Roy Harrell fired the shot that sent them on the first annual Herring Run. By 11 o'clock, all had crossed the finish line, some triumphant, some running easily, others struggling,

Public Parade

The Real Monster

A debate is raging along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina concerning the new plans for projects related to health care. The primary elements of subject seem to be duplication and competition.

The principal element, in our opinion, is being completely neglected. It is the people.

Objections to a project by a dentist and a physician to establish a multi-specialist ambulatory clinic in the area were such that the sponsors withdrew an application for A-95 Clearinghouse review for a federal loan guarantee.

At the same time the A-95 Clearinghouse Committee gave a negative comment to the application for a continuation grant for Northeastern Rural Health Development Association. Those in attendance at the meeting tended to agree that the loan application and the grant project were confused with neither standing on its own bottom.

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Talented 4-H'ers Awarded

Ten 4-H'ers were awarded blue ribbons at Chowan County 4-H Talent Show held on Friday night in Chowan High School Auditorium. From the blue ribbon group the judges selected three numbers to represent Chowan County at District Activity Day to be held at Central School in Elizabeth City on June 26.

Elizabeth Hornthal was one of those selected to go to the district. She sang "The Way We Were," accompanied by Wanda Bunch, a senior at John A. Holmes High School. Elizabeth is a member of Pembroke 4-H Club.

The second number chosen for district competition was also a vocal solo entitled "Bridge Over

Troubled Water," rendered by Sandra Coston of Center Hill-Cisco 4-H Club. Her accompanist was Steve Fleming.

A song and action routine performed by Amy Johnson, Holly Johnson, Sherry Chappell, Missy Shaw, and Gene Baker was the third number selected to go to the district contest. This group is made up of members from the Yeopim 4-H Club and their number was entitled "With the 4-H." All three of district numbers were chosen on equal basis. There were no first, second and third ratings.

The alternate winner was Joseph Goodwin, who sang "I've Got The Hoss." Joseph will go to the district in case any of the top three 4-H'ers can't attend.

The county winners and alternate were presented a \$5 check by the Edenton Rotary Club. Dr. Allen Hornthal, club president, made the presentations.

Other blue ribbon winners were: Susan Bunch with her piano solo medley; and Lisa Nixon with her singing of "It Was Almost Like a Song".

Maurice Jordan, vice president of 4-H County Council, was the master of ceremonies for the 19 number show.

Presiding over the Talent Show and Dress Revue was Vanessa Spivey, County Council president. Jean Parrish, former outstanding 4-H'er was in charge of staging. She is studying home economics and hopes to be an extension worker.

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Facility Use Charge Hurts Legion Baseball

A recent decision by Edenton Town Council regarding charges for the use of Hicks Field has caused sponsors of American Legion baseball in the Albemarle Area to investigate other sites.

E. C. Toppin, who has spearheaded the program which got underway last season, said Monday night's scheduled game has been cancelled. "We are just not in a financial position to meet the new requirements," he said.

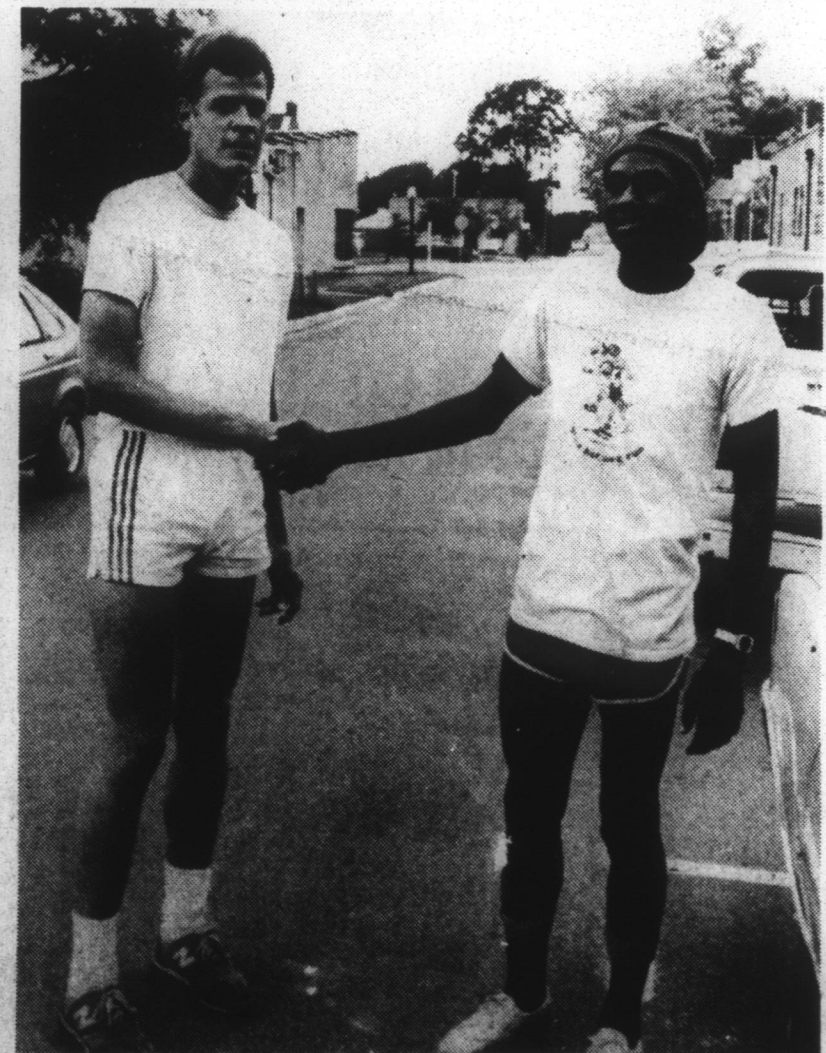
Toppin said the town has placed a \$25 fee on the use of the field, plus any electricity used. Last year the sponsors paid a flat \$25 per game.

At the Town Council meeting, W. Herbert Hollowell presented a report from the Recreation Committee which called for a much higher flat fee. Mayor Roy L. Harrell presented data on the actual amount of electricity used and suggested payment along the line later adopted.

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NOW HISTORY — The first annual Herring Run is now history and promoters are already preparing for the event next year after a highly successful project Saturday morning. Runners and interested citizens gathered around the Hewes Monument at the foot of the Green prior to the 10 A.M. starting time. Less than an



hour later another chapter to the local history was written with Joseph Ambrozewicz, left, finishing first in the 10km race with Ronald Ray Stallings crossing the finish line first in the 5km division.



N. J. George

George Elected Party Chairman

N. J. George is the new chairman of the Democratic Party in Chowan County. Officers were elected at the county convention held Saturday in the courthouse.

He succeeds J. Clarence Leary, Jr., who chose not to seek reelection.

Forty-four voting delegates attended and turned back a majority of the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Edward G. Bond was the committee's choice for chairman but George was nominated from the floor and swept to victory in what was described as a well organized coup of the party.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Byrd was elected first vice chairman; A. C. Hudson, second vice chairman; Terry Williams, third vice chairman; Mrs. Roy L. Harrell, secretary; and Tom Shepard, treasurer.

George was also named the county's representative on the State Executive Committee.

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Schedule Set

Financial institutions and federal agencies, including the U. S. Post Office, will be closed Monday for a Memorial Day holiday. There will be no rural delivery on this day.

Memorial Day is not a general holiday as recommended by the Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce. Neither is it a holiday for county and municipal employees.

However, because of the observance of the holiday across the state, the N. C. State Motor Club estimates that 15 people may die in traffic accidents on Tar Heel highways over the long holiday weekend.

Fewer motorists are expected to be on the highways this year and it is reflected in the fatality prediction. Last year 23 fatalities were recorded in the 78-hour period.

All agencies encourage motorists to be defensive drivers to insure that they have a safe and happy holiday—for those fortunate enough to be able to observe it with free time.