

Small Farm Most Cost-Effective Site

by Maru Amburn

The State Division of Environmental Management, after evaluating seven additional wastewater land application sites, has determined the C.H. Small land, off Mexico Road, to be the most cost-effective site. Town council members agreed Tuesday to request the State meet with them during their regular July meeting to answer questions relating to their cost projections.

As a result of opposition to the Small site selected by the Town of Edenton, state soil specialists visited the additional sites throughout the county on June 11 and 12.

In his June 21 letter to Edenton Mayor Roy Harrell, Walter D. Taft Jr. of the Division of Environmental Management said, "On the basis of our evaluation, the Small site appears to represent the least capital cost expenditure, whereas the Champion site appears to represent the greatest."

According to figures compiled by the state, capital costs for the Small site would be \$4.8 million while the Champion site, off Paradise Road, would cost \$7.7 million.

The town's site selection process had been narrowed to the 640-acre Small site until a charge by the

Chowan County Commissioners that the Champion site had not been fully evaluated.

The call for further study of the Champion site was promoted by residents of the Advance community who argued that the location of the land application facility in their

neighborhood would not only effect the quality of life but also area property values.

Because Edenton is located in the nutrient sensitive Chowan River Basin, the town is required by the Environmental Protection Agency

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County Crops In Dire Need Of Increased Rainfall This Summer

by Ron Anderson

Although some rain fell in Chowan County over the weekend, farmers could use a lot more.

According to Chowan Co. Agricultural Extension Chairman Mike Williams approximately 1/10 to 2/10 inches of rainfall was measured in most areas of the county. "We didn't get enough rain to say we don't need a good rain for a while," said Williams. "All it did was moisten the top inch of the soil."

Williams said that two areas of the county (the southeastern section and an area near Gates Co.) got enough rain to do them some real good. More than one-half inch of rain was measured in these areas.

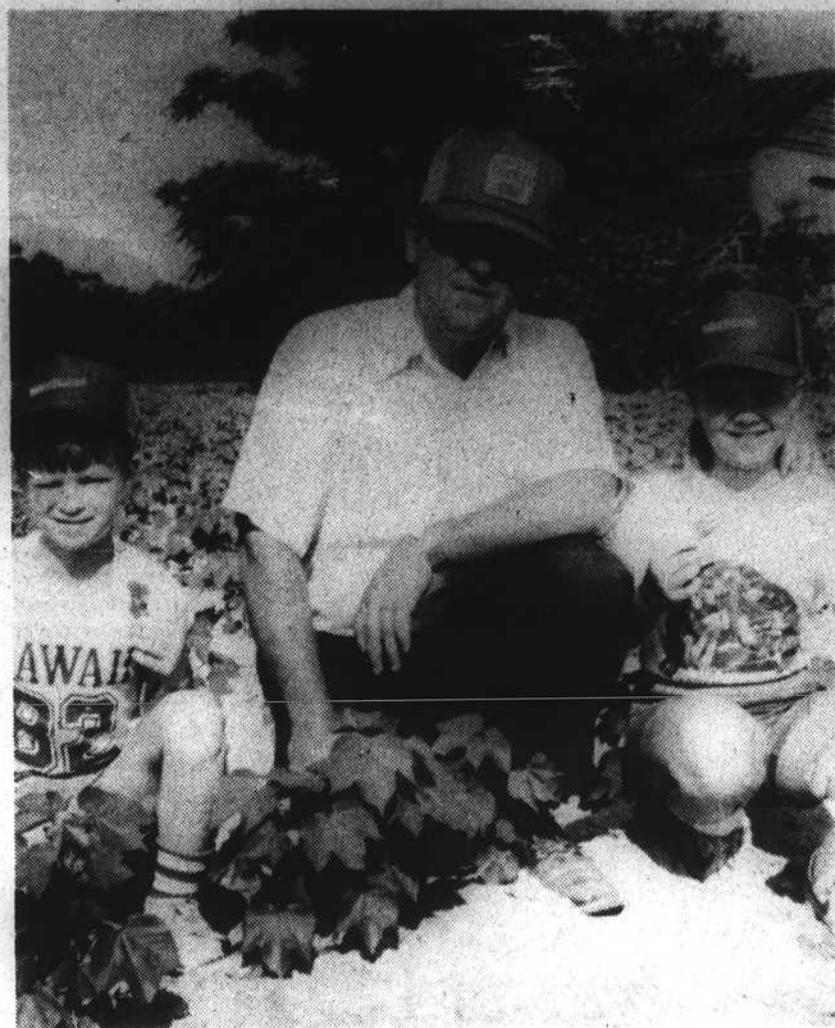
Tobacco is the crop that is in the most trouble due to the lack of rain.

Williams said that tobacco plants he has seen are only about 1 and 1/2 ft. tall; they should be double that size. He also noted that the plants are flowering too early.

The condition of corn in the county is becoming critical. Williams said that now that the corn is starting to tassell, a great deal of moisture is needed soon.

Because there is moisture deep in the soil from spring rain, crops that were planted earlier in the year are doing better than those crops planted recently. Peanut plant roots have had time to reach down to where the moisture is located, but recently planted soybeans aren't germinating because of a lack of moisture at the top of the soil.

"A good rain would benefit all parts of the county," said Williams.



FIRST BLOOM—(Left to right) J.C., Jimmy and April Forehand survey the sight where they discovered the first 1984 cotton bloom in Chowan County. Jimmy Forehand noticed the bloom on the Parish Farm land he leases on Monday morning and promptly contacted J. Clarence Leary, Jr. at Leary Bros. Storage Co. with the good news.

Change In Management

With this week's issue, The Chowan Herald goes under new management—new, but in a sense, not all that different from the way it has been for the past 20 years.

Due to the demands of his other business interests and persistent health problems, L.F. Amburn, Jr., who has served as editor and publisher since 1965, has found it advisable to sell his half of the corporation to the owners of the other half, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Huskins of Statesville.

With the transfer of ownership May 30, new officers and directors were elected. Huskins former editor and publisher of the Statesville Record & Landmark, who is now completing his seventh term in the General Assembly, is the new president of Chowan Herald, Inc. His wife, Mildred Amburn Huskins, continues as corporate secretary and treasurer.

They, together with Pete Manning of Edenton, who will continue as general manager, will make up the new board of directors. For the immediate future, no other changes in the staff are contemplated.

The Public Parade will continue to be a front page editorial column and will be the responsibility of Jay Huskins, who wrote a similar column daily for the Statesville Record & Landmark for 30 years or more, while carrying on his other duties as well. Contributions to the Public Parade will be accepted from time to time from other members of the staff and from the public when basic standards are met.

The Chowan Herald is now 50 years old. It hopes to continue as a community newspaper for another half century. To do that, it will need your co-operation and support. Some subscriptions are delinquent. We hope to bring them up to date. Some advertising accounts are in arrears. We hope to get them squared away as soon as possible.

Edenton is a fine town and Chowan is a fine county. We intend to do everything possible to not only keep them that way but to help improve them whenever possible. We shall continue to be guided as a newspaper by what we perceive to be in the public interest, fully aware that as the community prospers so will we.

In a lighter vein, we perhaps should warn you that the Public Parade may not be the same. It is almost impossible for one editor to step into another's shoes, much less duplicate his thinking processes.

We feel reasonably sure there will be less meandering along the Public Parade. We may press, rush, hurry. We may walk, jog, run—dart, dash or drift. We may occasionally loll or laze on a hot summer day.

But we do not plan to meander. To us, that implies lack of purpose and direction, both of which we consider essential to the Chowan Herald as it enters its second half century.

Holiday Traffic

With traffic deaths and injuries on the increase, Highway Patrol Commander, Colonel David L. Matthews voiced concern about the July 4 holiday period.

"Highway fatalities are already ahead of last year at this time by four percent, and with the increased number of vehicles expected on the highways, this holiday period could be one of North Carolina's deadliest," Matthews said.

Matthews pointed out that although the holiday period consists of only 54 hours—6 P.M., Monday, July 2, through midnight, Wednesday, July 4—motorists should be alert to increased danger during the entire week. "Many motorists will utilize the full week for vacation purposes," he said.

"Troopers will be strictly enforcing all traffic laws during the week, but motorists must realize that they are primarily responsible for their own safety," Matthews said. "If motorists will drive defensively, use the vehicle safety restraint system, and obey all traffic laws, this can be a safe and enjoyable holiday period."

According to Patrol records, 11 people died on the highways during the July 4 holiday period in 1983.

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County Commissioners Approve \$4.4 Million 1984-85 Budget

by Maru Amburn

In a special meeting Friday morning, the Chowan County Commissioners approved a \$4.4 million budget for FY 1984-85.

The adopted budget calls for an extra half-cent fire tax to be levied on county citizens living within the fire district. The 4 cents per \$100

valuation tax will go into effect July 1.

Commissioners intended to hold the line on all taxes, but their budgeted amounts for Town of Edenton fire and recreation services fell short of Edenton's request.

Although the Commissioners

agreed to grant the town's funding request, their were words of admonishment put on the record before the final vote. Long-time commissioner Al Phillips said, "We have to balance what we give the recreation department against what we give the schools and social services."

Chowan County is in an agreement with the town for the recreation and fire services. According to town officials, the 33 percent fire department funding and 45 percent recreation funding directly reflect county citizens use of services.

In addition to meeting the needs of the county and upholding the

agreement for services with the town, the approved county budget will allow for a more healthy fund balance. The county reserve should reach \$200,000 in 1984, an increase of over \$50,000 from 1983.

Funding for the Edenton-Chowan school system accounts for nearly 30 percent of the county budget. The 24 percent increase represents a hike from 1983's \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million for 1984. The funding increase to the schools carries with it an increased emphasis on maintenance of school facilities. Additionally, the commissioners have set aside over \$200,000 for renovations to D.F. Walker School.

The county budget also includes a five percent pay increase for county employees and funding for the construction of an Emergency Operations Center to replace the old Rescue Squad Building.



DESERT SAILORS—Jimmy and Jerry McGill, from the Texas desert town of Amarillo, learned to sail by reading a "how to sail" book by America's Cup skipper Ted Turner. The brothers then proceeded east to Marblehead, Massachusetts to purchase their 40 foot schooner, SWANRAD. Enroute to Florida, the pair stopped for an

overnight visit in Edenton where they tied-up at the town dock. Numerous interested townspeople walked down to meet them, including David Coston who is shown above exchanging some fishing tales with the McGills. (Photo by Maru Amburn)

Judge Chaffin Presides Over Criminal Docket

Chowan County District Court was in session June 26, the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding over the criminal calendar.

Harriet Butler was found guilty of driving 70 in a 55 mph zone. She was fined \$35 and cost of court.

Thomas Roosevelt Simons was found guilty of not having and endorsement for a motorcycle. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$75 and cost of court.

Anthony Warren Wilcox was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed and having improper equipment. The charges were consolidated for judgement. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 2 years on the condition that he pay

a \$100 fine and cost of court; he appealed.

Robert Curtis Owens was found guilty of DWI. He received a 12 month commitment; he appealed.

Larry Wilder Louthier was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. He is to perform 48 hours of community service, attend ADET and surrender his drivers license.

Hazel Victoria Britt was found guilty of DWI. She was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 2 years on the condition that she pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. As part of her suspended sentence she must serve an active commitment of 24 hours; she appealed.

Mary Lawson Hardy was found guilty of driving 45 in a 35mph zone. She was fined \$10 and cost of court; she appealed.

Duane DeForest Raver, III was found guilty of driving 65 in a 55mph zone. He was fined \$35 and cost of court.

Warren Matthew Holley was found guilty of passing a stopped school bus. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court; he appealed.

Wallace Clayton Phillips was found guilty of driving 50 in a 35mph zone. He was fined \$35 and cost of court.

William Edward Cartwright was found guilty of driving 65 in a 55mph zone. He received a 10 day commit-

ment; he appealed.

Joseph Earl Griffin was found guilty of driving 65 in a 55mph zone. He was fined \$25 and cost of court.

Georgette Metro was called and failed to show on charges of driving 67 in a 55mph zone.

Timmy Keith Rockey was called and failed to show on charges of driving 68 in a 55mph zone.

Charles Grant Culbertson was found guilty of failing to dim his lights. He was fined \$5 and cost of court.

William S. DeBelles was called but failed to show on a charge of driving 66 in a 55mph zone.

Mauricio Eugeneio Niles was called but failed to show on a charge of driving 70 in a 55mph zone.

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Closed July 4

The Chowan Herald business office will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

The business office will reopen Thursday, July 5.

The Chowan Herald will be published on an early schedule.

The deadline for display advertisements will be Monday, July 2, 12 o'clock noon. The deadline for classifieds and legal advertisements will be at 4 o'clock Friday, June 29.

Unemployment Decline In May

RALEIGH—In May, North Carolina's unemployment rate declined to its lowest level in more than four years. The state's total unadjusted rate for May was 5.8 percent. The May rate has not been matched since April 1980. Compared to April 1984 the total unadjusted rate is down .5 of a percentage point. The national unadjusted rate was 7.2.

An estimated 175,000 workers were unemployed in May, down 11,500 from April and down 104,900 (37.4 percent) from the May 1983 number of unemployed.

North Carolina's labor force reached an all-time high of over 3 million in May with the total employment also reaching an all-time high of 2,841,000, up to 41,600 jobs over April 1984.

In the nonmanufacturing sector,

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