

Public Parade

Quantity As Well As Quality
Chowan County commissioners are showing good judgement in wanting to keep abreast of developments affecting water quality in the Chowan and Roanoke River basins. Nothing is more important than that to long-term, orderly planning for the future.

But, insofar as the Roanoke basin is concerned, the problem of adequate quantity could become equally important with quality as litigation over the inter-basin transfer of water makes its way through the courts. What we are saying is that if Virginia Beach is successful in establishing its rights to draw off millions of gallons daily from Lake Gaston, then the downstream rights of water users will be under serious danger.

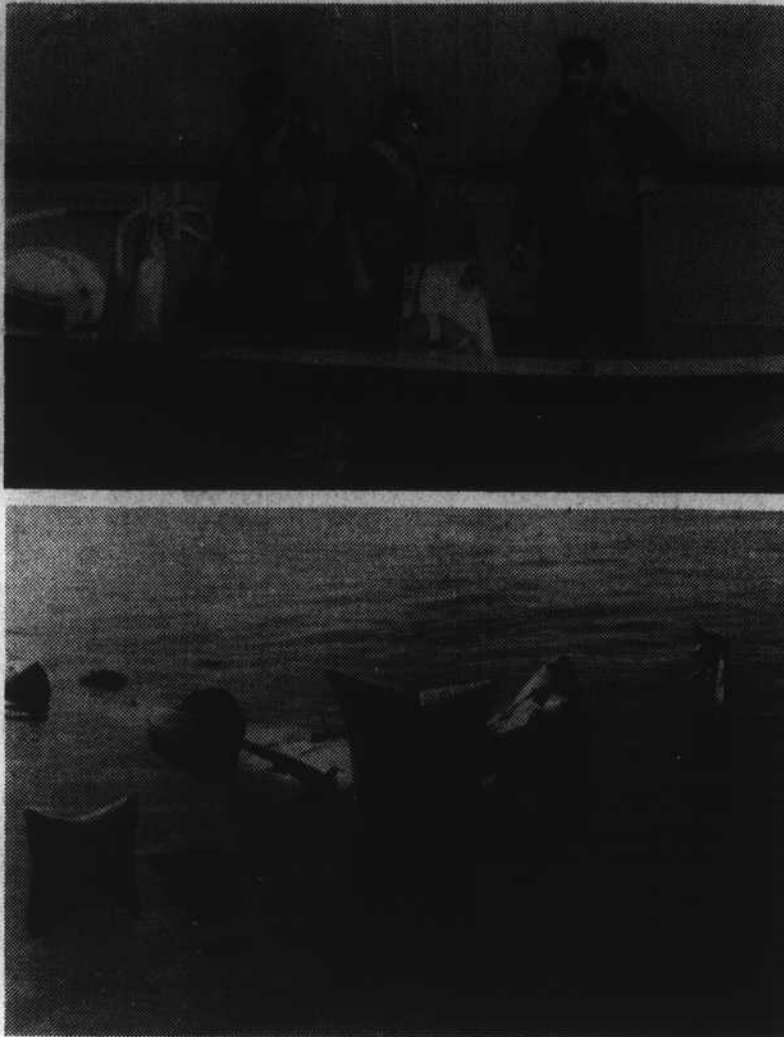
Virginia Beach has already been issued a federal permit to construct a pipeline for that purpose, but the validity of that permit is now under attack in the federal courts. Altogether, there are five separate suits, some defending the permit, others attacking it. Before it is all over, we will have heard a great deal more about the doctrine of riparian rights.

Best definition of that term we have read recently was by Dan Oakley, special deputy attorney general, who quoted the North Carolina Supreme Court in a 1938 case as follows:

"It has become a well-established principle of law in this and most other jurisdictions that any substantial diversions of waters or pollution of waters of a stream gives rise to a cause of action in behalf of all riparian owners affected thereby...The rights of riparian owners in a running stream above and below are equal; each has a right to the reasonable use and enjoyment of water, and each has a right to the natural flow of the stream subject to such disturbance and consequent inconvenience and annoyance as may result to him from a reasonable use of the water by others. There may be a diminution in quantity or a retardation or acceleration of the natural flow indispensable for the general valuable use of the water perfectly consistent with the existence of the common right and this may be done so long as the retardation and acceleration is reasonably necessary in the lawful and beneficial use of the stream. The diminution, retardation, or acceleration not positively and sensibly injurious by diminishing the value of the common right is an implied easement in the right of using the stream. The right to use necessarily implies a right to exercise a degree of control over the water and to some extent to diminish its volume."

In a more recent case, the court went on to say that this rule "allows each landowner to make reasonable use of his land even though, by doing so, he alters in

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RESCUE AND SALVAGE EFFORTS MADE—Thursday morning after a Cessna 182 crashed into the Albemarle Sound off Cape Colony, area emergency units joined to rescue survivors and salvage the plane. (Top left photo) The 22 foot Coast Guard boat from Coinjock, assisted in the search by keeping unauthorized boats clear of the diving area. (Bottom left) Flotation devices (air bags) were used to raise the sunken plane out of the water. One landing gear, part of the fuselage, and a strut are visible in the photo. (Photo above) The wreckage rests on a flatbed trailer truck at the Edenton Airport after recovery operations were completed.

Airplane Crash Claims Edenton Businesswoman's Life

By Jack Grove

(Editors Note: We wish to thank John and Ruth Groff of Cape Colony for inviting us along on their boat during the search and rescue operation Thursday morning.)

Emergency units joined forces Thursday morning in search and rescue efforts as the result of an airplane crash in heavy fog in Albemarle Sound off Cape Colony. The cessna 182, owned by George Henderson, and R.D. Sawyer, both of Manteo, crashed in heavy mid-morning fog.

Henderon, 48, and employee of Atlantic Forest Products, escaped serious injury but his passenger, Barbara White, 34, of Edenton, also an employee of Atlantic Forest Products, was killed. Henderson was rescued from the 20-foot deep water by commercial fishermen.

An emergency radio transmission by the fishermen on marine channel 16 was received by the Coast Guard Small Boat Station, Hobucken. A Coast Guard Sikorsky H-3 helicopter on a routine training mission over the sound was diverted to the scene.

The radio message was also intercepted by Jim Ricks on his scanner at his laundry on Church Street. Ricks said the fishermen reported that they were "coming in on the west side of the bridge. He said there was an airplane down - that it was sunk - and that there was a woman on board."

Ricks a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary called the message in to the Chowan Emergency Medical Services office and then called the Coinjock Coast Guard Station to verify the emergency.

Patricia Madry of EMS, said she received the call at 11 a.m. and that the Chowan Rescue Squad's boat was manned and proceeded to the scene at 11:07.

Deputy Sheriff Linda Terry who talked to the unidentified

fishermen said that she was told Henderson was "found on the railroad bridge." At press time, the identities of the fishermen are still unknown to authorities.

Participating in the search for the sunken single engine aircraft were two H-3 helicopters from the Elizabeth City Air Station, a 22 foot boat out of the Coinjock station, the rescue squad boat, officer Lester Lewis's NC Marine Fisheries boat (with diver Dean

Christmas Parade Scheduled

Edenton's annual Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 1, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Theme for the event, which is sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce, will be "The Carols of Christmas". The Chamber staff, under the direction of Jerry Hende, has worked very hard to make this year's parade the best ever.

However, they cannot do it alone. In order for the parade to be a success, the enthusiastic support of the entire community is needed. Organizations and businesses wishing to participate may obtain entry forms by calling the Chamber office at (919) 482-3400.

December 1 is not very far away. So, please get in touch with the Chamber as soon as possible and let them know if you would like to take part in this year's Christmas parade. Inquiries from all interested groups are welcome.

Holiday Deadlines

The Chowan Herald will be closed next Thursday in order to allow employees to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with their families. Consequently, a revised production schedule will be followed for next week's newspaper.

All classified and display advertising must be in our office no later than 12 noon on Monday, November 25. News items and photographs intended for publication next week must be brought to our office no later than 2:00 p.m. Monday. Those who can have ads or news items turned in Friday (tomorrow) are strongly urged to do so.

Your cooperation in observing these deadlines is deeply appreciated. The Chowan Herald will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 29.

Hufferman of the Pasquotank-Camden Rescue Squad embarked several area volunteer boats, and the sheriff's department.

The site of the crash was found at 1 p.m. approximately three fourths of a mile west of the railroad bridge and two miles from shore.

Coast Guard spokesman, Lt-jg William O'Donnell, said a high-flying helicopter spotted a light oil slick through patchy fog swept away by the rotors of a low-flying helicopter. While the Coast Guard boat marked the spot, and H-3 returned to Elizabeth City to pick up divers from the Atlantic Strike Team.

Strike team divers recovered White's body which was transferred

to the Coast Guard Helicopter rescue squad at the Edenton Airport. Deputy Sheriff Terry said the medical examiner ruled death

as a result of a broken neck.

Salvage efforts are continuing to recover all of the downed aircraft.

Salvage Attempts Made

by Jack Grove

The crash of a single engine Cessna 182 in Albemarle Sound last week has been the focus of a continuing salvage operation. Bill Phillips of Diving Services Co. of Edenton and Randy Spear of Nags Head Pro Dive Center contracted the task.

Diving on Saturday, Phillips (who is also an Edenton policeman) and Spear found the plane mainly intact with the exception of the engine, one landing

gear and a door. They conducted a dive on Sunday to attempt to locate the engine.

The plane was lifted from the bottom on Monday morning with air bags. A stiff breeze hampered towing of the partly submerged aircraft. Their goal was to tow it to the Baylmer Marine facility for lifting from the water. Using the salvage boat, the tow got just east of the railroad bridge after an all-

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Excellence In Education Awards Received

Teachers, administrators, and staff of John A. Holmes High School were honored at a banquet Tuesday night for their contributions to the "Excellence in Education" award received by the school recently at the White House.

A large crowd of parents, educators and staff heard warm words of praise for all of those who contributed to winning the award.

Principal Rob Boyce said that he had "many strong feelings of appreciation. I can only say thanks," he continued, "I want to thank you for understanding that excellence is not a destination but a journey. I thank you for being willing to pay the price."

Guest speaker at the event was Mrs. Naomi Benzil, consultant to the National Secondary School Recognition Programs. She told of evaluating seven schools for the honor including John A. Holmes.

Benzil said she found many common attributes among the schools she visited. She said all had fairly complete sports complexes (laughter from the crowd); computer centers; hard-working teachers, many of whom felt underpaid; a feeling of "family" among faculty and staff; parents complimentary of teachers and teachers complimentary of parents; students well-liked in the community; students doing volunteer work in the community; and many volunteers from the community working in the schools.

She also said that she found that the schools' administrators "were good communicators." Benzil concluded her remarks by saying, "I think you can all look with pride at your accomplishment."

A special cheer, composed by the varsity cheerleading squad was performed in honor of the teachers. Another special feature

of the program was the presentation of a video tape of the proceedings on the White House lawn with the President. The showing produced many chuckles at the expense of the "amateur photographer."

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of schools, told the group that the Edenton contingent lingered a little too long on the White House lawn after the event was concluded. He said that a Secret Service agent came up to them and politely asked if they didn't think they might have just enough video tape for the day?

Dunn said, "This has been a great occasion. For most of us, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to receive an award like this." He said, "Ain't it great to be associated with winners?"

Plaques were then presented to each teacher, administrator, and staff member by the entire school board.

Area Farm-City Week Observed

Several activities are being planned in Chowan County in observance of Farm-City Week, according to Mike Williams, County Extension Chairman.

Among these activities is the Farm-City Week Banquet scheduled for November 26. Those who wish to attend should contact the county extension office (482-8431) to make reservations.

Governor James G. Martin has proclaimed November 22-28 as Farm-City week in North Carolina and has "urged all our citizens to recognize and strengthen the bonds of cooperation between our city and country people."

The governor pointed out that the prosperity and well-being of all citizens depend on the products

and service of both industry and agriculture. Yet, the increasing complexity of problems and the divergence of activities in industry and agriculture create the need for closer communication between these two sectors of our economy.

The state chairman of Farm-City Week is Dr. Kenneth May, president and chief executive officer of Holly Farm Poultry Industry, Inc. The county chairman is Mike McArthur.

Helping to coordinate activities at both the county and state levels are staff members of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Over 30 state-wide organizations are also supporting the effort.



RECEIVES AWARD—Teacher Jimmy Bass accepts his plaque at John A. Holmes' Excellence in Education awards banquet Tuesday night. Plaques were awarded to all faculty and staff of the school.