

Youth today is so impatient. Young woman in Houston, Tex., bopped hubby on the head with a hammer on morning of their second wedding anniversary. Grandma waited until the ninth, or pottery, anniversary to bust the old man's crock.

Chowan River Basin Has Pollution Areas

By CHARLES BOND

State Stream Sanitation Committee of the State Board of Health has completed a report on the Chowan River Basin pollution survey.

The report is embodied in a 142-page booklet which contains information regarding existing pollution, sources of pollution, stream uses, pollution prevention measures now in effect, stream flows and so on together with proposed classifications for the waters of the basin.

A public hearing is to be held

HEARING DATE SET

Ahoscie. — Public hearing concerning pollution of the Chowan River Basin waters and assignment of classifications to these waters will be at the Municipal Building in Ahoscie beginning at 10 a. m. December 6.

E. C. Hubbard, executive secretary of the State Stream Sanitation Committee of the State Board of Health, said waters to be considered for classification include the Chowan, the Meherrin rivers and their tributaries and all other waters within this portion of the Chowan River Drainage Basin which flow through or border on the counties of Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Chowan and Bertie.

Persons desiring to be heard should give advance notice and have a written report at the hearing for the records.

at a date to be announced by the State Stream Sanitation Committee concerning the pollution of the waters of the Chowan River Basin and the proposed classification.

All persons interested in the problems relating to this river basin will be invited to attend the public hearing and urged to present any comments they have concerning the survey report or the suggested water classification.

The survey was conducted during 1953 in accordance with requirements of General Statutes. The area considered and covered in the report is that portion of the Chowan River Basin within the State of North Carolina and the waters adjacent to its mouth down to a line the north end of the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge across the sound, including Edenton Bay. The Chowan River, having its source in Virginia and draining into the west end of the Albemarle Sound in North Carolina has a total drainage area of 4,929 square miles in North Carolina and Virginia.

The drainage area in North Carolina, including Edenton Bay, is 1,262 miles. The estimated 1950 population of the Basin was 68,953 of which 16,968 or about 25 per cent reside in incorporated towns while 51,985 or 75 per cent live in the rural areas.

Surface water uses in the Basin include industrial water supplies; bathing, boating and other forms of recreation; fish and wildlife propagation; agriculture, including livestock

watering and irrigation; and waste disposal.

There are nine public water supplies within the Basin serving approximately 14,459 persons who use a million gallons per day. The 1950 census lists the population of these communities as 14,593. All public water supplies are derived from wells.

There are 25 points of significant pollution within the Basin. These wastes consist of domestic sewage, industrial wastes or combinations of both. The total estimated volume of wastes discharged from these points (excluding wastes from commercial fisheries) is 800,000 gallons per day of which approximately 93 per cent is domestic sewage and 7 per cent is industrial wastes.

In addition to the domestic sewage and industrial wastes tributary to the waters of the Basin in North Carolina, the Blackwater, Nottaway and Meherrin Rivers, which drain a considerable area in Virginia, bring into the Chowan River a combined pollution load equivalent to the raw sewage discharges from a population (P. E.) of 50,980. This plus the combined P. E. of domestic sewage and industrial waste in North Carolina of 15,633 results in a total loading of streams of a P. E. of 66,613.

On a population equivalent (P. E.) basis, 80 per cent of the pollution originating in North Carolina is derived from domestic sewage and 20 per cent from industrial wastes. Treatment of these wastes, ranging from none to complete treatment, reduces the pollution load tributary to the Basin waters from a P. E. of 15,633 to a P. E. of 14,458, representing a reduction due to treatment of only about 8 per cent.

About 61 per cent of the total volume of all liquid wastes, domestic and industrial, originating in the Basin are discharged without treatment. The major portion of these wastes, 56 per cent, is contributed by the towns of Edenton and Murfreesboro where no treatment facilities are provided and by Ahoscie where approximately one-half of the domestic sewage and the industrial wastes from two small plants are discharged raw into Ahoscie Creek. (One of two small primary treatment plants was not in service at the time of the survey.)

The survey notes that while the domestic sewage population

Chowan College to Ask Baptists For \$100,000 Loan for Dormitory

Murfreesboro. — When North Carolina Baptists meet for their 125th annual session November 15-17 at Asheville, the convention will have for consideration a resolution adopted by the Chowan College Board of Trustees in special session here.

The resolution sets forth that the college must have more dormitory space to expand and meet the needs of those asking admission.

The constitution of the State Baptist Convention stipulates that

only the convention can approve any borrowing beyond the subsequent fiscal year and that notice must be previously published.

The resolution published in the Biblical Recorder asks authority of the convention for the trustees of the college to borrow up to \$100,000 for erecting the second unit of a men's dormitory to consist of 50 dormitory rooms and thus providing housing for an additional 100 men.

The college asks ten years for repayment of the loan.

equivalent of wastes discharged from Virginia into North Carolina is three times that originating in North Carolina, sewage and waste treatment plants are needed and should be provided in North Carolina as well as in Virginia.

Among conclusions in the report: There is adequate quantity of both ground and surface water to sustain reasonable industrial expansion, population growth, recreational development, and for other legitimate uses provided a comprehensive water pollution control program is maintained.

Surface waters are not extensively damaged by pollution, however in some local areas, the water resources have been damaged.

Meherrin River in the vicinity of Murfreesboro, Ahoscie Creek at Ahoscie, and Edenton Bay are being damaged by discharges of raw sewage from Murfreesboro, Ahoscie, and Edenton.

Municipal pollution from Winton and Colerain are affecting recreational uses of Chowan River at Tuscarora and Colerain beaches.

The Blackwater, Nottaway and Meherrin Rivers are discharging into North Carolina large quantities of municipal and industrial wastes from Virginia.

To insure the continued growth of population and industrial development, steps must be taken to reduce present pollution and to insure that

future polluters provide adequate waste treatment.

The commercial fish houses are polluting the waters around their establishments. These establishments should take steps to minimize their waste discharges.

There are locations, especially adjoining the lower segment of the Chowan River, that provide excellent sites for industrial growth.

Municipalities and industries should obtain or train personnel to study their waste disposal problems, and to determine necessary waste treatment facilities.

Proposed classifications of the streams have been selected on the basis of present and foreseeable future usage for which these waters must be protected in the interest of the public, therefore the committee's belief is that they should be adopted.

Members of the committee are: J. M. Jarrett, Raleigh, chairman; B. C. Snow, Raleigh, vice chairman; E. C. Hubbard, Raleigh, executive secretary, all ex officio; Scott B. Berkeley, Goldsboro; Mrs. Karl Bishopric, Spray; H. Gaddy Farthing, Boone; Carroll P. Rogers, Tryon; J. N. Vann, Ahoscie; and J. V. Whitfield, Burgaw.

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