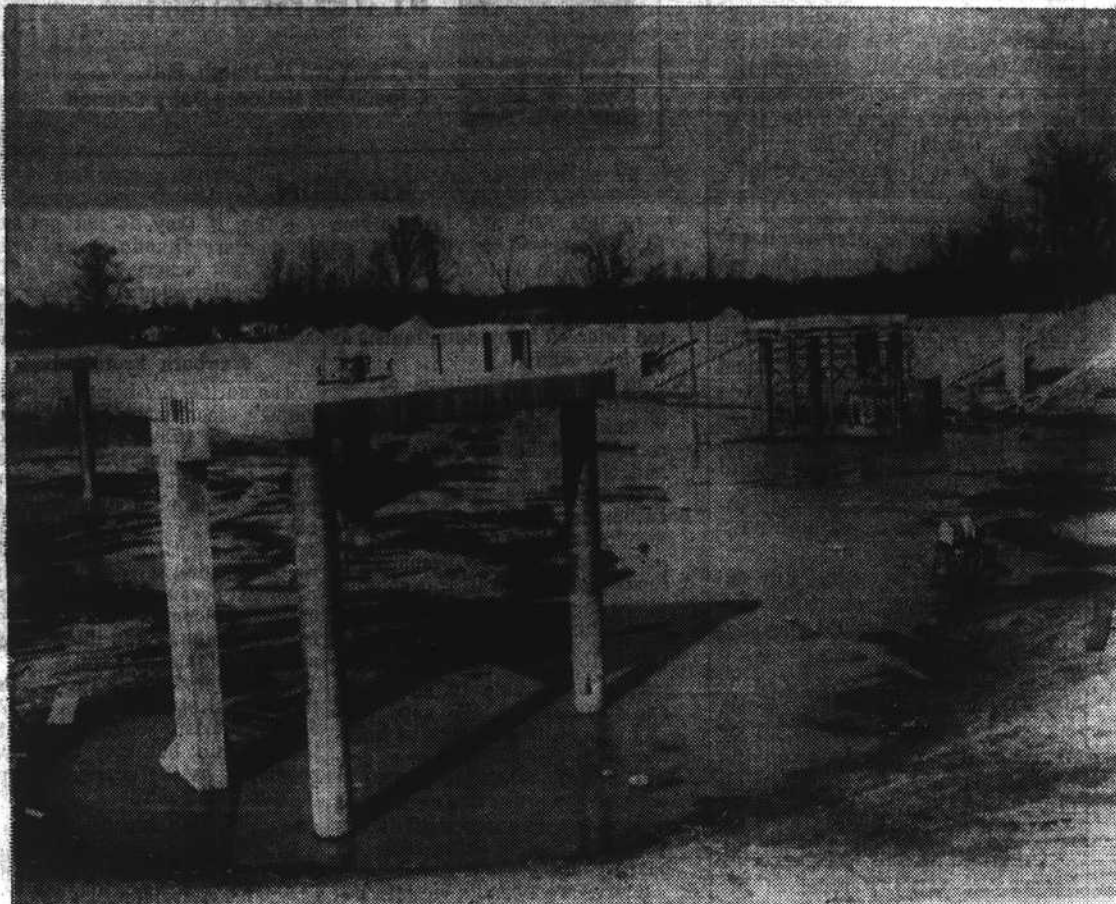


MAJOR PARTS OF KINSTON SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM MOVING TOWARD COMPLETION

Aeration Chamber Basic Part of New Kinston System



This is a southwest looking northeast view of the aeration chamber which is a basic part of Kinston's new sewage treatment system which is now nearing completion. The collected raw sewage of the entire city, plus Caswell Training School, Frosty Morn Packing Company and a few other smaller industries west of Kinston will flow into this chamber and in it six aeration units will return oxygen and begin the process that is planned to return the waste to Neuse River from 90 to 100 per cent free of the harmful matter included in raw sewage. This chamber is 312 feet by 185 feet by 185 feet at the bottom and has sloping walls that increase its capacity greatly. The depth of liquid in this aeration chamber will be 12½ feet. From this aeration chamber the pre-treated sewage will then flow into a clarifier Chamber.

Work is moving rapidly on Kinston's long - delayed disposal system and it is expected that this facility will be ready for full - time operation late this summer, or early in the fall with the weatherman having a controlling hand in the completion date.

The collector line which will tie together the city's seven sewage outfalls and those of Caswell Training School, Frosty Morn Packing Company and several smaller industries west of Kinston is now 90 per cent complete and has progressed to that point where weather will be less a factor than in the early stages.

The treatment plant itself has been slowed considerably because of cold weather that has made concrete work impossible during much of the winter, but this part of the project is not badly behind and with a few weeks of reasonably good weather it is possible to catch up the time lost during the winter.

The city's system is a combination of two systems, which specialists with the state and

Federal governments believe will do an excellent job and take care of the city's needs in this category for many years.

Combining aeration and clarification to return oxygen and to remove insoluble solids with the natural chemical actions of the lagoon system this system has a tested capacity of returning liquids to waterways that is from 93 to 100 per cent purified.

When the Kinston plant is completed later this year the last major source of pollution in the Neuse River Valley will be eliminated, since all other city and industrial pollution sources have already been brought under control.

Which among other things will mean that the waters of Neuse River will be more nearly clean than at anytime since the first city along the river installed central sewer systems.

The plant is designed so that it's capacity can be increased when the city's population or industrial growth cause such a need.

Clarifer Chamber Middle of Plant



This circular chamber with reinforced concrete walls is the second basic part of the Kinston sewage treatment plant that should be finished by mid-1969. After treatment in this huge area the sewage, less some undissolved solids, will then flow into the original experimental 25-acre lagoon that the city built several years ago when a complete system of lagoons was under consideration for Kinston. From the 25-acre lagoon the finally treated liquids will then be returned to Neuse River through a canal system, which will parallel the right of way of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad.



GARDEN TIME

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No matter how well a home garden or public landscape development is planned and planted, it must be remembered that a regular maintenance program must be carried out to insure the beauty and utility of the planted areas over the years. So many homeowners let their enthusiasm get the best of them and over-plant, thus complicating maintenance problems.

Maintenance problems contribute to the rapid decline of many well designed areas. One of the major concerns involves the lack of trained personnel to do quality maintenance work. Professional maintenance companies are becoming more available, but only the affluent homeowners want, or feel, they can afford this service. However, much of the commercial lawn and garden upkeep is handled in this manner. The homeowner is faced with employing expensive, untrained labor or doing the maintenance work himself.

With modern machinery, it is a fairly simple matter to keep lawns in a presentable shape. However, adequate pruning, spraying, fertilizing and other garden chores, requiring scientific or artistic talents, are the areas that are suffering.

A good planting design can be ruined in a few years with the "crew cut" or "bowling ball" type of pruning. Every shrub, no matter what its natural form, begins to look like everything

else. Many plantings around the base of buildings are strangled with weeds and grasses when an adequate edging with a mulch or proper use of a weed killer would solve most of the problems.

Scattered plantings and edging plants along walks and drives contribute to more hours of labor spent on maintaining the garden. The time to consider maintenance is in the planning stage. Many problems associated with landscape maintenance can be avoided. Less grass, use of ground covers, leaving wooded areas natural, planting dwarf and low growing shrubs, using flowering trees and shrubs for color, eliminating clipped hedges and enclosing with fences

Series of Courses Available Through Kinston Art Council

The Kinston Arts Council has announced the availability of a number of programs for the spring which are open to all interested persons, whether they or their parents are members of the council or not.

Lessons in sculpture begin on March 20th with eight classes from 10 to 12 Noon.

Also on the 20th a series of eight classes in oil paintings begin to be held from 7 to 10 p.m.

And on April 1st a series of eight classes in water colors will begin to be held from 9:30 to 12:30.

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and walls are some points to consider in reducing maintenance costs.

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