

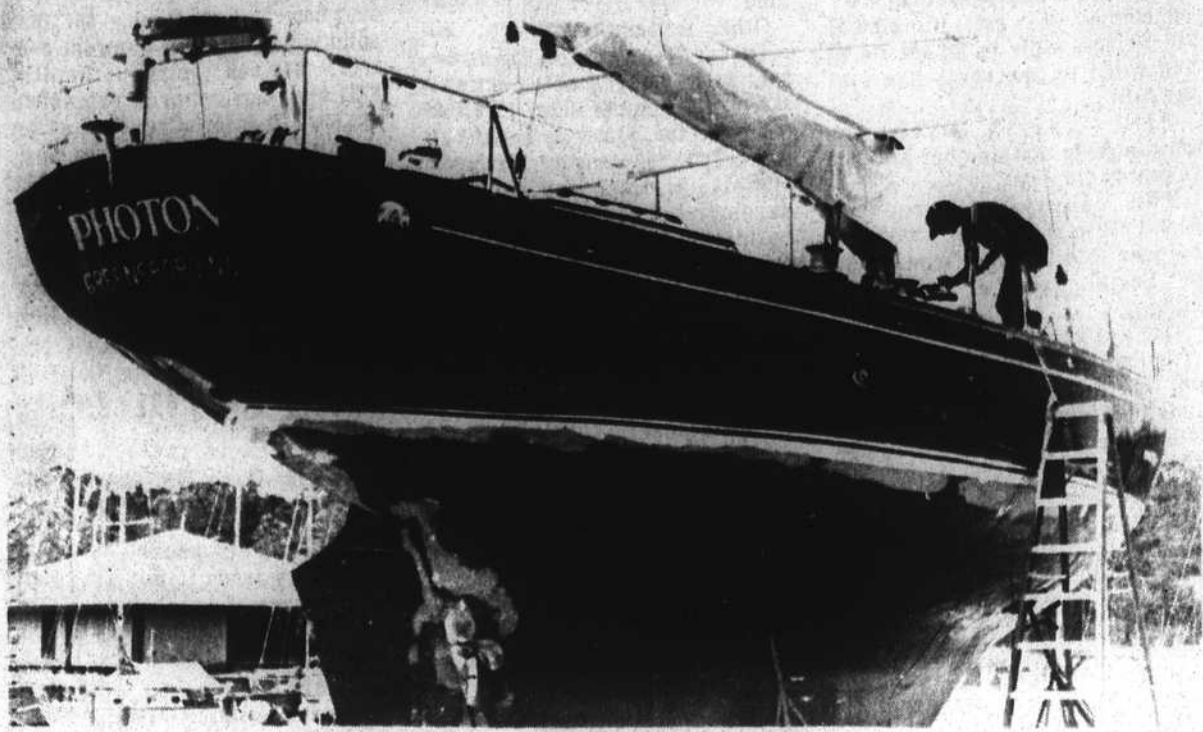
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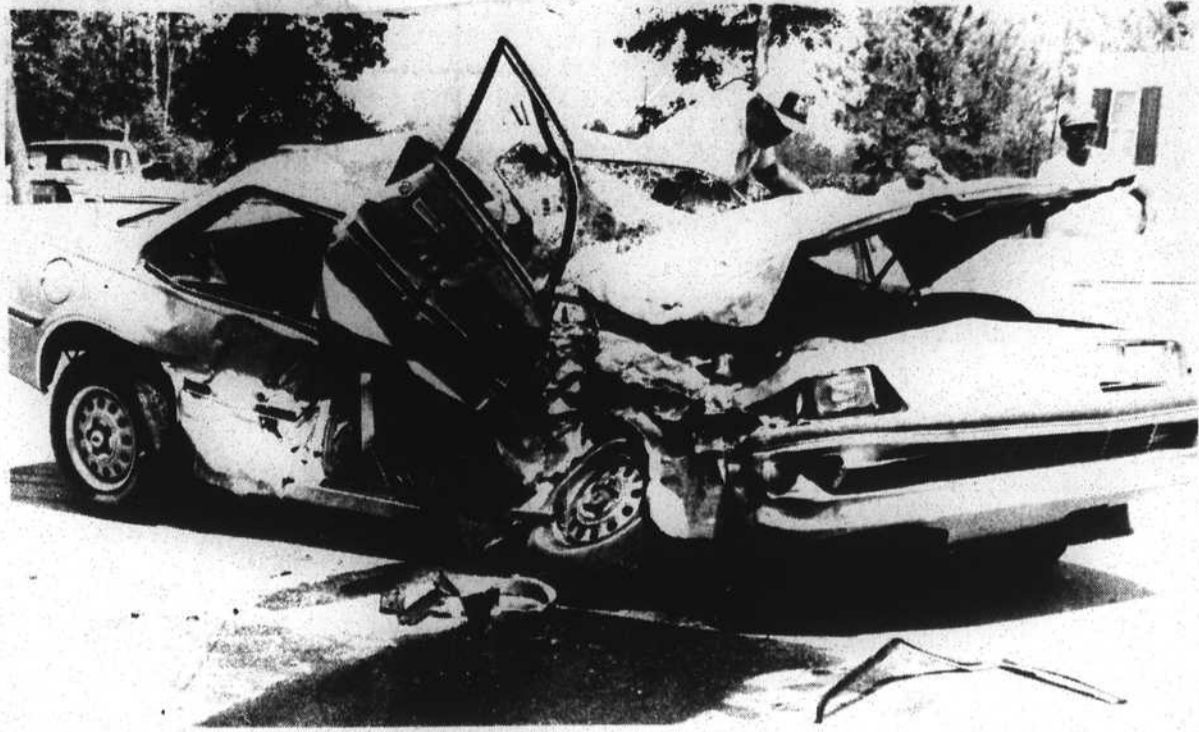
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Questions And Answers About Bay River Sewerage District

On September 16, residents in the Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District will go to the polls to decide if they are willing to foot part of the bill for the construction of a sewerage disposal system.

But residents of the area have a number of questions needing to be answered before they go to the polls to vote on the \$2.75 million bond issue, says Lee Whorton,

chairman of the district's board. In the following interview, Whorton responds to some of the most frequently asked questions.

Have there been any formal objections to the system from environmental concerns?

The only such objection, Whorton says, comes from the Shellfish Sanitation Branch, Division of Marine Fisheries, who objects to the proposed discharge at

Harper's Point. That area of Bay River, he continues "has been closed (to shellfishing) for fifteen years or longer."

Whorton speculated that, even with the discharge at Harper's Point, the bacteria count of the waters would decrease since many of the failing septic tanks would be replaced with an effective treatment system.

Where will the lagoon site be

located?

The lagoon will be five miles from the proposed Harper's Point discharge and will be on an eighteen-acre site off Highway 304. Whorton said a barrier of trees is planned as a shield around the lagoon.

What are the district's boundaries?

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Oriental To Consider Sewer Expansion

The Oriental Town Board, meeting in special session on Tuesday, June 17, heard a request from the Dolphin Company to revise sewer extension plans to the White Farm area. The company requested the town to extend sewer to the area in two phases. The town board took no action on the request but told company representatives that an answer would be made at the regular meeting in July.

Oriental Mayor Bill Harris told the group of citizens present that the Dolphin Company had made application to the state for sewer

extension to the area. At the present time, said Harris, the state's regional officials have denied the request and the application has been appealed to the state level. Harris added that the board also had questions regarding the system's capacity and therefore, Tyndall Lewis, a representative of McDavid and Associates, the town's engineering firm, was present at the meeting.

Bill Barker, the attorney representing the Dolphin Company, told those present that the town's current system, as he understands it, has a capacity of

125,000 gallons of discharge a day and that the town is permitted for 100,000 gallons of discharge a day. Barker said that the state Environmental Management Division sets flow figures for household use, in determining capacity, and that "the figures are in a sense arbitrary and perhaps based on a statewide average."

On the average, Barker continued, the state uses a flow figure of 400 gallons a day per household. This figure, said Barker, is not realistic for Oriental's system because there are few large

households and there are many weekend and summer residences.

Actual usage, said Barker, from town figures, has shown to be roughly 127 gallons a day per household.

The Dolphin Company, said Barker, proposes sewer extension in two phases.

The sewer lines would run down State Road 1349 and would fork on to Dolphin Drive. Phase I would serve the property on the river-side. Phase II would serve the remainder of the property.

With extending sewer in phases, said Barker, the state should agree that the first phase should be under capacity, even if the state uses the 400 gallon figure.

The Dolphin Company, said

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Dr. Mark S. Bowman and his wife, Chris.

Aurora Dental Practice Goes Private

For the first time, Aurora has a private practicing dentist.

Mark S. Bowman, D.D.S., has purchased the dental practice in Aurora that was founded and supported by the National Health Service.

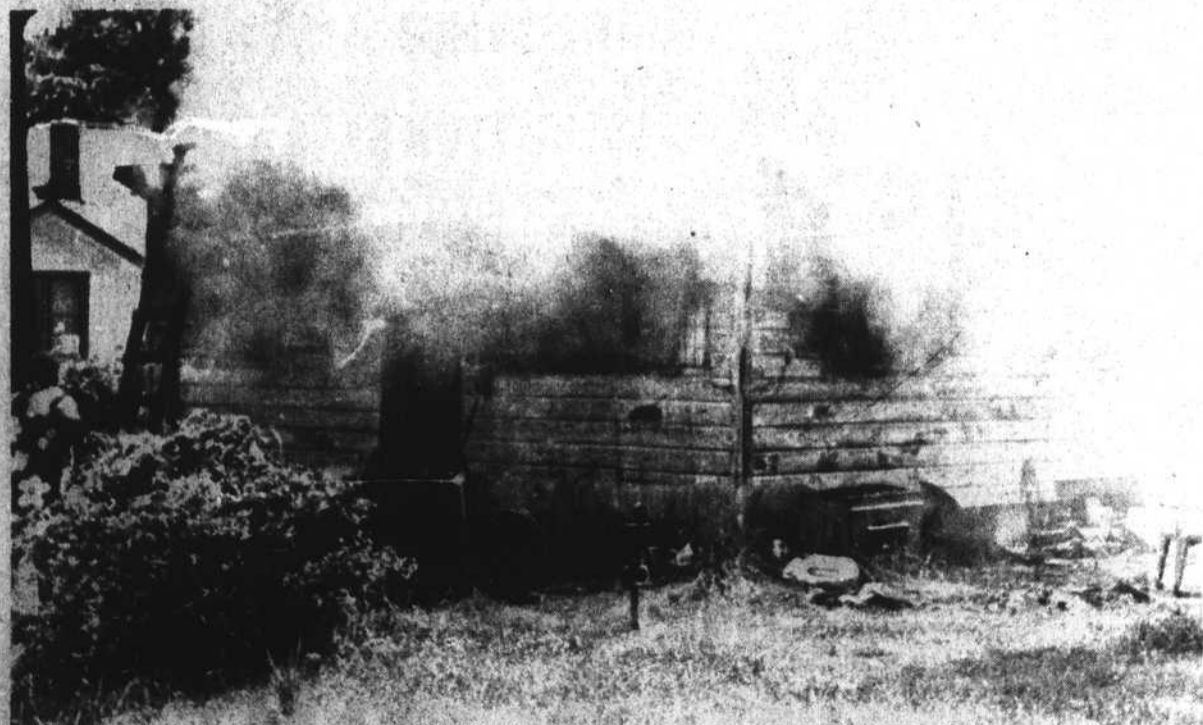
He will take over officially on July 7.

Dr. Bowman and his wife, Chris, say they like the area and what it has to offer. "I have made an investment in the community and

we hope to stay a long time," he comments.

The Bowmans are both from Hickory. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and graduated from the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. Mrs.

Bowman is a second-year medical student at East Carolina University.....by Helen Sommerkamp



Fire destroyed this Maribel home Sunday. It was occupied by Marilyn Jones and owned by Madeline Pearsall.

Sunday Fires Destroy House, Combine

Separate Sunday afternoon fires destroyed the Maribel home of Marilyn Jones and a combine owned by Herman Turnage.

The fire at the house, owned by Madeline Pearsall and occupied by her daughter, Marilyn Jones, completely destroyed the structure and contents, according to

Charles Toler, Pamlico County fire marshal. Losses were estimated at \$20,000. There was no insurance, said Toler.

The cause of the fire, which flared up Sunday afternoon and again on Monday, is unknown, he said. The fire was reported between 11 am and 11:30 am.

Between 1 pm and 1:30 pm, a combine operating in a wheat field near Cash Corner caught fire, causing \$35,000-\$40,000 in damages to the equipment and wheat field.

No cause was reported. Vandemere Volunteer Fire Department responded.

Hobucken Bridge To Close 10 am To 3 pm This Week

The Hobucken bridge will be receiving extensive repairs this year, beginning this week. The work will necessitate the closing of the bridge, the only way on and off Goose Creek Island for vehicular traffic, at scheduled times.

According to David Rankin, a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Hobucken bridge is one of three that will be "rehabilitated" in the current program. The other two are at Core Creek and Fairfield.

Plans call for the removal of the

deck of the bridge. The deck, he said, is presently composed of timber covered with asphalt and is extremely heavy, causing a strain on the machinery used to open the waterway for boat traf-

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Aurora Approves Purchase Of Computer In New Budget

Aurora's budget for the coming year shows little change over that for 1985-86. Revenues are estimated at \$191,750 with a tax rate of thirty-five cents per \$100 valuation.

As usual, ad valorem property taxes are the largest single source of revenue and are expected to generate \$43,750 during 1986-87. Tax revenues are followed closely by those from the local sales tax which is estimated to bring in \$35,000. Rent from the town-owned buildings should account for

another \$30,000 in the general fund.

Other major sources include: intangibles tax, \$2,350; beer and wine taxes, \$2,800; franchise tax, \$13,000; Powell Fund (for street repairs), \$15,000; interest income, \$10,000; and ABC proceeds, \$2,500.

For use of the Aurora Community Center for senior citizens and day care, the town will receive \$13,500 from the Council On Aging and \$5,000 from the Department of Public Instruction.

Expenditures are: governing

body, \$2,960; administration, \$35,075; legal, \$1,000; elections, \$200; facilities management, \$30,000; police, \$24,245; fire, \$3,600; public works, \$47,964; Powell Fund, \$15,484; and kitchen at Aurora Community Center, \$26,022.

The town expects to receive \$4,500 in revenue sharing which has been designated for recreation, \$1,500, and paving and water and sewer repairs, \$3,000.

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