

Health Preserved By Providing Clean Environment For Citizens

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Sanitation is defined as the use of scientific knowledge in providing means to preserve health.

Health is preserved by providing a clean wholesome environment. A clean wholesome environment is attained when filth is removed from its make-up. Filth has always been unpleasant. Even ancient peoples had rules and methods of sanitation. Christ taught that cleanliness was next to godliness. The Romans were famous for their sewers and aqueducts.

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They, the Indians, realized that their unsanitary method of sewage disposal possibly would contaminate their water supply, hence they moved up stream. Diseases resulting from filth were serious in all civilized countries until about 1900. Since then, due to scientific discoveries, and organized sanitation programs, death rates from infectious diseases have been sharply reduced. Sanitation changed our existence from a way to survive to a way to thrive.

Of all improvements in sanitary practices from human survival and betterment, sanitary sewage disposal is the most important. Raw sewage that is permitted to remain untreated on the ground surface, or in improper

functioning septic tanks or in a stream, is a direct means of disseminating diseases to an epidemic proportion. Aside from this danger, such practices permit the breeding of flies and mosquitoes, permit rat harboring and stench the air to an unbearable stage.

One of the biggest sanitary problems, in this regard, confronting our state today is the pollution of streams, such as lakes, creeks and rivers by sewage, chemical from factories and improper garbage disposal. Many of these streams are used for recreation purposes and public water supplies.

A case in point is Sandy Beach on Buffalo Creek. What started out to be one individual dumping rubbish, trash and garbage beside the upstream side of this creek has grown into a huge dump that is down to the water's edge. The beautiful, white sandy beach with its sparkling clear water waist deep to a child is no longer fit for its natural purpose.

Stream pollution by factory and other industrial waste, along with sewage contamination, is commonplace even here in Cleveland County.

This problem has become so prevalent over our state that it became necessary to organize a special agency for coping with this problem. Thus was created the N. C. State Streams Sanitation and Pollution Commission. Under its direction and supervision all streams in our state have been classified. Enforcement actions are in the process of being carried out to correct contamination and pollution of our streams.

In direct relation with stream pollution versus stream sanitation is the problem of a pure water supply. Many communities depend upon streams for their potable water supply. In too many instances it is secured from streams that have been polluted with sewage or industrial waste. Dependency upon treatment of our water by filtration and chlorination is expensive as well as lacking in fresh taste. If contamination of our streams continue at the present rate, treatment may not be extensive enough to provide protection against disease organisms and certainly less palatable to the taste.

We are fortunate in most parts of North Carolina in having a rainfall and geological structure that is favorable to the maintenance of an abundant and accessible supply of underground water which is of the highest quality with regards to appearance, taste and safety. This source of water is made available to us through natural sources, such as springs or artesian wells. However, in most instances wells have to be artificially constructed to reach this reservoir of pure wholesome water unspoiled by man's carelessness.

Of all gifts bestowed by nature, upon mankind, none is more indispensable than water. Groundwater is an indispensable source of clear, palatable water that is free of disease organisms. It can be received by man in his home, in this same manner if precautions are taken to secure this invaluable natural resource. Those precautions are as follows:

1. Locate the private water supply on the crest of a hill, so that surface water will drain away from the well.
2. Be sure supply is at least 50 feet from any possible source of pollution such as barnyards, hog pens, privies, septic tanks, etc.
3. Construct the well so as to protect the ground water supply from any surface contamination. Rain water soaking into the ground will carry impurities with it, and thus pollute the ground water supply, if proper protection from seepage is not provided.
4. Have water supply tested for bacteriological purity periodically. Your health department can help you with this.

Just as water is indispensable to our health, so may it be a source of disease dissemination. Diseases communicated by intestinal discharges are the ones most commonly water-borne. Among

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White Hears Routine Docket

Judge Jack White heard a routine docket in city recorder's court Monday afternoon.

Judgments included: Gustavo Hegewisch, 28, 503 W. Gold Street, no operator's license, continued until Tuesday, September 8.

J. B. Hawkins, 40, 503 James Street, assault on female, continued until September 8.

Robert A. Maino, 22, 438 Elm Street, Warwick, Rhode Island, no operator's license, nol pros.

Pal Moss, 33, 509 Midpines, violation of prohibition laws, capias issued.

J. K. Willis, Jr., 40, 104 South Sims Street, assault on female, nol pros with leave.

William L. Davis, Jr., 408 Childers Street, assault on female, 30 days suspended upon 90 days good behavior and costs of court.

Chester L. Hawks, 25, Holt Grove Trailer Park, Yadkinville, driving after license has been revoked, exceeding safe speed, 24 months suspended upon fine of \$300 and costs of court and to have license revoked for an extended period of 3 years.

Ronald E. Smith, 22, Gantt Street, assault on female, capias issued.

Dora Smith, 17, 211 Morris St., simple trespassing, nol guilty.

Paul Chambers, 31, Route 2, 4 counts of breaking, entering, and larceny, appeal to a Superior Court trial.

Russell Morris, 32, 507 Gantt Street, failure to yield right of way, nol pros.

Samuel Boyce, 42, Canterbury Road, non support, capias issued.

Robert Smith, non support, \$100 fine for non-support payments.

Two cases of public drunkenness, costs of court.

Submissions: Darrell T. Fredell, 20, Route 2, Cherryville, no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

J. C. Bell, 37, Route 2, violation of prohibition laws, \$5 and costs.

Horace L. Johnson, 27, 606 Mauney Avenue, improper tag and no insurance, \$10 and costs.

Bill Bagwell, 34, 401 Cherokee Street, violation of prohibition laws, \$10 and costs.

Charles R. Hord, 26, Route 1, improper muffler, half costs.

Betty P. Ledbetter, 26, Belvedere Circle, speeding 45 in 35 zone, half costs.

James L. Rhyne, 28, 805 North these are cholera, typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever and dysenteries.

Cleveland, stop light violation, half costs.

Paul E. Hamrick, 50, Route 5, Shelby, stop light violation, half costs.

Hayes Dover, 62, Route 1, York, stop light violation, half costs.

Wade H. Williford, 19, 807 Hillside Lane, Gastonia, stop light violation, half costs.

George W. Harris, 36, 2027 Ellington, Greensboro, violation prohibition laws, \$5 and costs.

Marvin W. Forsyth, 32, 512 Monroe Avenue, stop light violation, half costs.

James K. Willis, Sr., 69, 700 West Mountain Street, failure to yield right of way, half costs.

Albert O. Perkins, 19, Route 1, Box 420, improper passing, half costs.

Mae Katzborg, 53, 2665 Homecrest Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, stop light violation, half costs.

Thomas L. Lynn, 19, Route 1, speeding 50 in 35 zone, half costs.

Linda K. Downs, 20, Route 2, Gessemer City, following too closely, half costs.

Ralph May, 25, Route 1, Box 251A, Leicester, improper passing, half costs.

Arnold Biltcliffe, 18, 103 North Goforth Street, following too closely, half costs.

Robert S. Gantt, 19, speeding 45 in 35 zone, half costs.

Roosevelt Littlejohn, 51, Route 5, Shelby, following too closely, half costs.

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