



GETS AWARD—Pictured is Betty Allen (left), employed in the Winding Department at Spectrum Fibers, Inc., receiving her Ten Year Service Award. Presenting the award is Helen Wells.

Area Water Systems Exceed Contaminant Level

RALEIGH—State records show that the owners/operators of 14 public water systems failed to notify their customers and the news media that the water systems exceeded the maximum containment level (MCL) for coliform bacteria during February, 1982. Records also show that the owners/operators of another 47 public water systems failed to notify their customers that they did not sample the water for coliform bacteria during the same time period.

The N.C. Drinking Water Act requires owners/operators to notify their customers in writing and provide the state Department of Human Resources Water Supply Branch with a copy of the notice within 90 days of the date a violation occurs. The act also requires MCL violators to notify the news media within 14 days of their violation notification, and provide the Water Supply Branch with clippings of the notice.

"Coliform bacteria, normally found in the intestinal tract of humans and warm blooded animals, can be readily detected," said Larry Elmore, an engineer in the state's Water Supply Branch. "It is the quickest, cheapest, and best indicator that some contamination may have occurred in drinking water."

Federal and state laws require the owners/operators of public water systems to submit regular samples of drinking water each

month to a certified laboratory for testing in order to discover possible contamination in the earliest stages.

"Failure to test the water within the required time period doesn't necessarily mean the water is contaminated, but you can't assume that the drinking water is safe without testing it properly" Elmore said. "Neither can you assume that because the water has been safe in the past it will remain that way. Citizens have a right to know the quality of the water they're drinking and insist that it be free of contamination," he said.

If contamination is found, the seriousness of the problem determines the corrective action. This may range from public notification to further investigations and treatment such as disinfecting the water or flushing water lines.

Failure to comply with the N.C. Drinking Water act could lead to administrative penalties or further legal action. Penalties or fines may go as high as \$5,000 per day of violation.

According to state records, the following Cleveland County water systems have failed to provide the Water Supply Branch with a copy of any written notice which might have been given to their customers and the news media: Parker Brothers Trailer Park, Broad River Acres Water Supply, Castlewood Mobile Home Park and Hillcrest Mobile Home Park.

RALEIGH—The State Board of Transportation will begin a series of public meetings on July 20 to update the 1982-1991 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The program was last updated in December 1981. The TIP is the department's basic planning document for all transportation improvement programs.

The annual meetings, one planned for each of the state's 14 highway divisions, will be similar to public sessions held by the board to update the TIP in 1981.

"This year's meetings," Secretary of Transportation William R. Roberson explained, "will be conducted with emphasis being placed on declining state highway revenues."

"When our Board updated our current program last year, \$1.2 billion in highway projects had

to be made inactive due to anticipated lower funding levels for construction," Secretary Roberson said.

He added that the \$120 million of additional revenue generated by the Governor's Good Roads program has been used chiefly for maintenance to protect the highway system as originally proposed. This past fiscal year, the Board awarded contracts to resurface 3,300 miles of highways as compared to approximately 350 miles the previous fiscal year.

Roberson cautioned that unless new sources of funds are found by July of 1983, the state will not have matching funds for federal highway aid used in the highway improvement program. Currently 1977 bond funds for highway construction are being used to match federal aid.

These funds will be exhausted by July of next year. That will mean, in effect, said Roberson, that "we won't have a highway construction program after that date."

With this very severe problem facing us, we strongly urge the public to help us make a very careful review of the projects already in the 1982-1991 TIP, Roberson said. "We want the people of this state to share with us their opinions on what our priorities ought to be in view of our funding crisis."

The secretary added, "We believe the TIP is a positive approach to scheduling highway projects and other types of transportation improvements involving aviation, public transportation, rail and bicycles. We need the public's help to keep our program viable and

responsive to the transportation needs of North Carolina.

"We will also bring people up to date on the status of projects in their particular area and provide them a summary of our projected revenues and the cost of construction," he said.

Local officials have been invited by Gov. Jim Hunt, Roberson and members of the Transportation Board to make recommendations on highway and other transportation priorities at the sessions. Roberson also issued a "special plea" for citizens from all walks of life to participate in the meetings.

The meeting for Division 12, which includes Cleveland County, will be held at 2 p.m. August 18 at Cleveland Technical College. Registration for speakers will begin at 1 p.m.

Luncheon Scheduled

The Shelby Christian Women's Club will have a luncheon Thursday, July 15, at the Elk's Club on East Marion Street. All interested women are invited to attend the noon-2 p.m. meeting.

Doris Jones will do a special feature on the art of china painting, and Mrs. Robin Brackett will be guest vocalist, singing "Colorful Tones."

Mrs. Perry Roddy from Rock Hill, S.C., will be the guest speaker. Mary Sue is married to an insurance executive and is the mother of two daughters. She is a former school teacher, and a graduate of Winthrop College. Presently she is active in club work in her community. She will offer some "Colorful Thoughts."

Reservations for the luncheon and free nursery for preschoolers may be made by calling Virginia Bylund, 487-0857, or Maxine Raynor, 487-7710. Reservations should be made by noon Monday. Cancellations are necessary by noon Wednesday. Tickets are \$4.75 at the door.

The Eta Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., sponsored a Wee Prince, Wee Princess contest June 18 at North School in Kings Mountain to benefit the fraternity's scholarship fund, which will enable the fraternity to give worthwhile college students financial aid.

The winners were Wee Prince Edgar Travis Wilson IV of Randallstown, Maryland, sponsored by Edgar Davis Wilson Sr.; Wee Princess Kimberly Michelle Brown of Gastonia, sponsored by Carl Leslie and Lemuel Froneberger; and the winner of

Wee Princess Pageant Held

the country ham was Ms. Annette Jackson of Randallstown, Maryland.

During the Wee Prince and Wee Princess contest instrumental selections, baton twirling, and dances were presented by elementary, junior high, and college students.

Basketball Camp Scheduled

Center gym.

Some of the players coming include Artis Gilmore of the Chicago Bulls, John Toms and Chuck Kepley of Wake Forest and Vince Hamilton of Clemson. Other area players and coaches will participate.

Kings Mountain Fires Reported

Mountain Convalescent Center. No damage was reported.

On July 3 at 7:04 p.m. firefighters responded to a call for a smoke investigation that turned out to be caused by a shortage in an electric outlet. The incident occurred at 1306 Northwoods Drive.

On July 4 at 10:50 a.m. a fire alarm was activated at the J.E. Herndon Co. in the Industrial Park.

On July 4 at 9:52 a fire alarm was activated at Clemont Mills.

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