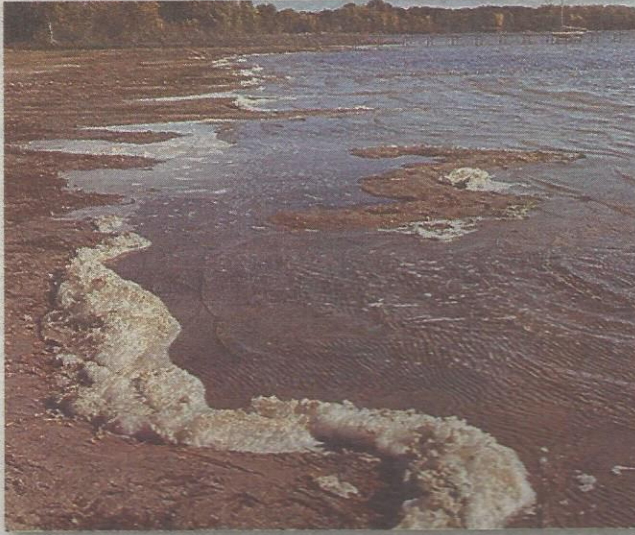


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A Press reader inquired about the white foam accumulating along the shoreline of White Bear Lake. We reached out to Steve McComas, aquatics expert at Blue Water Science, who explains, "At the end of summer as algae and aquatic plants die back, decomposition products such as dissolved organic carbon in the lake water column increases. Wind generated wave action whips up the dissolved organic carbon and forms this foam which piles up on shore. The foam is a natural product and can occur in any lake including the pristine northern Minnesota lakes, although White Bear is trending toward being pristine as well."