



'Floating State Line' Now Divides Catawba

By BILL HUGHES
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North Carolina and South Carolina will continue to split the Catawba River backwater between Mecklenburg and York counties.

There is virtually no hope of a cooperative effort to meet the problems of increased use of the popular recreation area. At least, none for the present.

The "floating state line" has been given a touch of finality by installation of just that—a floating state line.

The line recently installed is in the form of half a dozen buoys in the eight mile stretch where the state line is in the middle of the vast lake.

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission paid the bill for installing the buoys, and Mecklenburg game protector John O. Brown supervised the project. South Carolina game

protectors cooperated in locating the approximate line that divides the states.

Besides the mid-lake buoys, some 15 signs have been installed on banks to pinpoint the line.

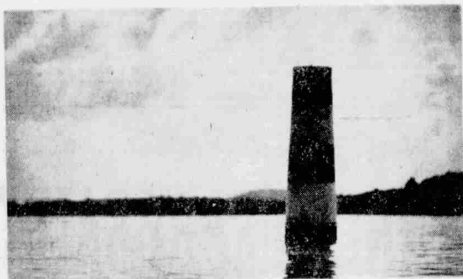
For years there has been talk of a cooperative effort to administer the lake. There is a recognized need for unified supervision of law enforcement, fish and wildlife regulations, and conservation activities.

But so far it has amounted to nothing but talk.

Each state is continuing to go its own way in management of the lake at a time when many authorities think the recreation area is in danger of being strangled by increasing crowds of boating and fishing enthusiasts.

EFFORT FAILS

The latest effort at a joint action was a North Carolina proposal for each state to recog-



Buoy Warns Catawba Fishermen: Don't Cross The Line

nize the other's fishing licenses. South Carolina turned thumbs down on the proposal.

South Carolina authorities feel justified in requiring Tar Heels to buy Palmetto licenses because of the additional expense of dealing with thousands of fishermen on the South Carolina side.

The South Carolina non-resident fishing license costs \$10.25 and a North Carolinian must buy it to set a line, even if he's just fishing with a cane pole. This holds true even for North Carolinians who own cottages across the line.

South Carolinians fishing in Tar Heel waters—even though it's the same water—pay \$8 a year, \$1 a day or \$2.50 for five days.

The South Carolinians have made efforts to work with their northern neighbors on lake management.

Last year a committee was formed by the S. C. legislature to investigate possibilities of a joint effort. The committee met with Mecklenburg commissioners and law enforcement authorities and got a cold shoulder.

When the committee dissolved itself its final report concluded it was impossible to work out any interstate agreement.

The North Carolina Legislature probably will consider a boat registration and regulatory law. If this law passes it will be effective only on the North Carolina side of the line.

Each state now has patrols operating to enforce boat safety measures and fishing regulations on its respective side of the line.

But a culprit can escape across the floating line and the officers are helpless except in

rare cases when a felony is involved.

In recent years much has been said about the boating boom and the rush to the waterways. Much has been said about the increasing number of local families and individuals who turn to the Catawba for fun and relaxation.

MORE TO COME

There is every indication that this year, like others, will see more boats, more water skiers, and more fishermen on the Catawba. And like other years there probably will be more drownings, more boat accidents, and more tickets for fishing on the wrong side of the line.

There is scattered discontent about the situation. Some North Carolinians feel they're being treated as an old-fashioned

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SCHOOL VOTE TENTATIVELY SET JUNE 25

Consolidation Issue Tangled In Tax Rates

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

The long discussed city-county vote on school consolidation and an \$8 million school bond issue is tentatively set for June 25.

The City School Board today announced that date as a target, but several legal hurdles must be cleared. If the legal tangle can be straightened out, the vote will come June 25. If not, the voting would not come until July.

The situation today is this:

The enabling legislation which sets up the machinery for a consolidated school system vote has passed the General Assembly. An amendment which stated that the exact amount of the supplementary school tax levy be carried on the ballot has also passed. (Voters will vote not on consolidation but on a countywide tax levy.)

AN ABSORPTION

The City School Board petitioned the county board earlier to take in the City Board, but the petition was filed before the act passed the General Assembly. They must petition again.

The City School Board will meet Monday to take that action.

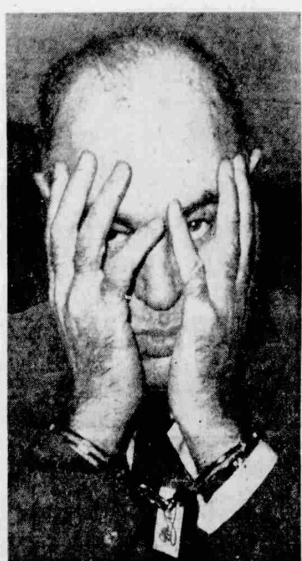
Meanwhile, a joint school consolidation finance committee will have to set a countywide school tax rate. The county rate is 40 cents now, the city rate is 30 cents. The combined rate is expected to be 32 or 33 cents.

Monday the County Board, after receiving the petition from the City Board, will take the County Commissioners to call for an election on the tax levy (consolidation) and the school bonds. Since Monday is May 25 and the election must be advertised at least 30 days prior to the vote, the voting day is June 25.

However, if the County Commissioners fail to act quickly, the voting day will be moved back.

There are other complications, too. Mitchell, Perkins, Shetler and Mitchell, New York bond attorneys, have written County Attorney Henry Dockery that "we may wish to make some suggestions concerning the petition to be filed." The suggestions have not arrived here.

The biggest problem today is the determination of the school tax levy rate. G. Douglas Aiken of the school consolidation subcommittee studying the rate structure said today he thinks his committee will be able to come up with a figure by Monday.



Defendant Anatole Evola of Brooklyn covers his face with his hands as he enters federal court for indictment.

'Convention' Outgrowth 27 Underworld Figures Indicted

NEW YORK (AP)—The power of the federal government today was turned upon the notorious 1957 underworld convention at Apalachin, N. Y., with 27 delegates indicted on probes of it.

Arrests of the defendants quickly got under way. Many already were in trouble, and some in jail, as a result of refusal to answer questions of various investigatory agencies previously.

The crackdown was the result of nearly a year's effort by a special crime-busting agency set up by the U. S. attorney general's office, with teams of agents working across the nation.

The Apalachin delegates came from many cities, and authorities since have been struggling to peg its purpose. The general opinion is that it was for tightening or altering control over a vast empire of rackets.

IN ATTENDANCE

All 20 persons who attended the convocation were named in the indictment but only 27 as defendants.

The remaining 26 were taken as conspirators. The reason for this was not immediately made clear. Usually such action is for lack of enough evidence. Sometimes those named as conspirators have indicated willingness to cooperate with, or testify for, the prosecution.

The latter possibility seemed remote in this instance.

If convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice, as charged in the indictment, the 27 defendants could receive five-year prison sentences and \$10,000 fines, each.

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200-Mile Winds Hit Texas Coastal Area

Two Men Missing In Storm

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—Staggering wind blasts that possibly exceeded 200 m.p.h. ripped parts of Galveston today from a storm line that spread destruction in some cities and towns nearby to the Mexican border.

Two men who went to check their fishing lines near Galveston remained unreported late in the morning and were feared drowned.

The wind tore down an oversized sign, called a "spectacular" on Galveston's Pleasure Pier in the Gulf of Mexico. Pier authorities said engineers inspected the sign three months ago and declared it would withstand winds of from 175 to 200 m.p.h.

TANKER AGROUND

The winds blew a tanker aground, sank a fishing vessel, virtually destroyed three homes and caused widespread lesser destruction in Galveston and immediate vicinity.

Some residents said the storm descended in what they called a "big, black, rumbling cloud."

One resident on a Peninsula near Galveston declared "it definitely was a tornado."

"I heard it coming," said Mrs. Jerry Simpson of Port Bolivar. "It sounded like a jet plane. A house was picked up and a house near where I live was moved 40 feet."

Weather bureau men officially clocked winds at Galveston at 175 m.p.h., well over minimum hurricane force.

On Bolivar Peninsula nearby, winds were estimated at 100 m.p.h.

CARS DERAILLED

The wind blew railroad cars off the tracks at Galveston.

The Continental Grain Co. dock at Galveston was partially destroyed.

Port Bolivar was without power or telephones for a time.

At Carrizo Springs, 300 miles west of Galveston, winds unroofed the city hall.

Lighter Side

A Rose By Any Other Name . . .

(From AP Reports)

Boats bob at their moorings on three sides. Seashores adorn the walls. Flags fly gaily from the masts.

It looks just like a yacht club, but it's a sewage treatment plant in Clearwater, Fla.

The plant put into service recently, had to be located near a residential development. Its designers took this into consideration and came up with a building which looks like anything but what it is.

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—LIKE SHORT ORDER COOK, SHE BREAKS SHELL— Missy Oozes Therapeutic Charm

BY JERRY REECE
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(Related Story on 5A)

Missy just may be the best therapist of her kind in the business of helping children find themselves.

She's one of the happiest, best loved females in the county — if not the entire state.

In fact, she has crammed a life-time of love and affection into just a few months.

Missy is a collie pup—well, mostly collie, anyway.

And she lives at the Mecklenburg Juvenile Diagnostic Center.

Missy was given to the center just after it opened in February of this year and at the drop of a dog biscuit, she follows the schedule of



from one to 12 days at the modern brick facility off highway 29-N.

Sometimes a disturbed child will take up with an animal when nothing else can break through the shell.

SHE GETS THROUGH

That's what Ray Casner, director of the center, says. And Missy has broken more shells than a short order cook at an all-night beany.

"She's the best adjusted dog I've ever seen," Ray adds.

Missy is light brown and white with some black markings on her muzzle, and she can turn on the charm at the drop of a dog biscuit.

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Pastor Files 'Myth' Charge Ruling Awaited County To Delay Free Lunch Funds

By JERRY REECE
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County Commissioners decided to wait before appropriating any money to a county-wide free school lunch program for needy children today.

The board, in a called budget session, discussed the matter with County School Supt. J. W. Wilson, Welfare Supt. Wallace Kuralt and William K. Van Allen, chairman of a Social Planning Council committee studying the problem.

Commissioner J. Herbert Garrison moved to hold the matter under consideration until a ruling from the county attorney could be obtained and the remainder of the board voted acceptance.

BOARD CUTS ITEM

Monday the board cut a \$50,000 item from the Welfare department budget which was slated to buy free lunches for Mecklenburg children receiving welfare aid.

Commission Chairman Sid Y. McAden brought the matter up again today saying, "I don't think the board knew exactly what this money was for. I know I didn't."

County Auditor Walker Busby reminded the board it might be against federal regulations for the commission to spend tax money

on the federally supported school lunch program.

That's when the board decided to get legal advice on the matter before taking any more action.

Mr. Kuralt told commissioners the welfare board had decided to ask for the \$50,000 in order that the 3,600 children receiving aid to dependent children funds and the 1,400 other children receiving welfare aid might have enough money to pay for more school lunches.

KURALT EXPLAINS

Mr. Kuralt explained that two-fifths of the 5,000 children receiving welfare aid are school children — 1,250 of them in county schools.

He said it would take \$111,000 to furnish all the free lunches needed but the welfare board had decided to ask for only \$50,000.

Children receiving ABC money get only \$1.44 per month for school lunches while it costs \$3 per month in the county and \$5 per month in the city to eat in school lunch rooms.

Our Weather

Mostly cloudy, warm and humid with showers and scattered afternoon thunderstorms through tomorrow.

Low this morning . . . 65
Low tomorrow morning . . . 64
High today . . . 82
High yesterday . . . 78
High tomorrow . . . 81

Sunrise today 5:15 a.m.; sunset today 7:24 p.m.

More weather data on page 3-A

House Passes Medical Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to establish a \$50-million-dollar annual program of cooperative international medical research has been sent to the House by a 63-17 Senate vote.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen wanted a little floor fight against it Wednesday, basing his argument principally on its cost.

The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), said administration officials had endorsed its purposes.

Hill said this bill would help mobilize the world's top medical brains.

Much of the money would be used for grants for research in laboratories in this country and abroad; the achievements would be for the benefit of the entire world.

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