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## POLLUTION OKAYED FOR BOWATER

### S. C. Approves Establishment Of Paper Mill

COLUMBIA, S. C. — The way was clear today for Southern Paper Corp. to build its multi-million dollar pulp and paper plant near Van Wyck in York County.

A major obstacle was removed yesterday when the State Water Pollution Authority granted Bowater a permit to discharge waste from the proposed plant into the Catawba River.

Several political, governmental, and business leaders appeared before the authority to urge approval of the permit as a needed boost to the state's economy.

Bowater's general manager and vice president, K. O. Elderkin, of Columbia, Tenn., said that the Van Wyck site had everything in its favor except for the possibility of stream pollution.

Thurmond Speers, Thurmond of Aiken, who was among notable figures present, told the authority that plan had already been made to improve the waste disposal system. He said both the cities of Charlotte, N. C., and Rock Hill are planning to upgrade industrial and domestic waste discharges into the Catawba. Rock Hill officials confirmed Thurmond's statement.

Some concern toward granting the permit came from a Fairfield County legislative delegation. Sen. John Martin and Rep. Walter Brown both said they were "worried" over the high rate of fish deaths in the Catawba-Water area. They stated, however, that they would not object to the plant so long as it had no damaging effects on marine life.

Former U. S. Sen. Charles E. Daniel of Greenville, representing the county, assured the authority that "Bowater will do everything called for to protect the streams of South Carolina."

Elderkin said company plans call for the plant to start out employing 1,200 workers and turning out 400 tons of paper daily.

## Heart Attack Fatal To Actor

NARA, Japan (AP) — Louis Calhern, veteran star of stage and screen, died of a heart attack at 6:30 p. m. today as he prepared to start work on his 46th film, "The House of August Moon."

The 62-year-old actor had been in Japan since last month and had appeared to be in good health except for a slight cold during the past few days.

Calhern's body was taken from the Nara Hotel, where he died, to the U. S. Military Hospital in Osaka to await instructions from relatives.

## Underground Calls For Governor's Execution

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The EOKA underground today called on every Greek in Cyprus to execute the British military governor, Sir John Harding.

The call was made in leaflets scattered about Nicosia and signed by the EOKA leader Digenis. He is the man who signed the leaflets announcing the hanging of two British soldiers in reprisal for the execution of two EOKA gunmen on Thursday.

Our Weather  
Mostly fair and warm today, tonight and tomorrow.  
Low this morning — 62  
Low tomorrow morning — 65  
High yesterday — 85  
High tomorrow — 90  
Sunrise 5:22 a. m.; sunset 7:17 p. m.  
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## 'Active And Alert'

### Like Given Good Grade In Physical Checkup

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## DAUGHTER NONE WORSE FOR WETTING

GOELTZIN, France (AP) — Roger Second, a Franceman, was riding his bicycle along a canal with his daughter, Monique, 4, fastened securely to the carrier behind him.

The bike went out of control and plunged into the canal. Second was thrown clear and swam to safety but Monique—still firmly attached to the bike—went to the bottom.

A bargeman using a long boom hook pulled up the bicycle with Monique still attached. Firemen revived her.

## Fire Destroys Models

WNE WORK (AP) — A fire destroyed a costly flotilla of 60 model yachts at a Brooklyn boathouse.

The models, valued from \$200 to \$1,000 each, were housed in the Prospect Park Model Yacht Club. Cause of the blaze was not known.

## Labor Leader Asks Democrat Rights Stand

### Reuther Decries Straddling Tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Walter P. Reuther said today that if the Democratic party tries to "straddle the civil rights question" it does not merit "the support of the American people."

In a prepared speech keynoting the ninth annual convention of Americans for Democratic Action, Reuther said the Democratic party "cannot compete with the Eisenhower administration in the middle of the road."

Reuther, an ADA vice chairman and president of the United Auto Workers, then declared:

"The Democrats can win but they have no right to win unless they offer the American people the kind of clear choice that would provide both the policies, programs, and leadership for extending the New Deal and 'Fair Deal' into the future."

Reuther said the Democratic party "cannot attempt to be all things to all men, and straddle the civil rights question."

He said a "clear choice between Republican complacency" and a Democratic program "geared to the needs and realities of tomorrow" would do much to bring about what he said was a "needed realignment in our two-party system."

"Nothing could be more tragic for America and the world," he said, "than to have the 1956 election as a contest of competing champions of complacency."

Freight rate raise denied

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — U. S. District Judge Frank M. Scarlett has issued a temporary injunction restraining the Interstate Commerce Commission from increasing freight rates charged 19 pulp and paper companies.

The rate hike was scheduled to take effect May 15.

The injunction was requested by the companies and 12 railroads. The plaintiffs were said to include every major pulp and paper company in the South and every railroad serving them except two, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville & Nashville, which supported the ICC's proposed rate increase.

The injunction, handed down yesterday, now must go before a three-judge panel as prescribed by law in cases where an ICC order is attacked. Judge Scarlett, whose district is the center of the region's pulp and paper industry, will serve as one member of the court. The other two judges will be appointed by Justice J. C. Hutcheson of the Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

## BLIND STUDENT FOUND GUILTY OF DRUNK DRIVING

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A 60-day jail term and a \$100 fine were handed down to a blind college student yesterday after he pleaded guilty to a drunken driving charge.

Both sentence and fine were suspended.

Edgar Lee Edens, attending the University of Tennessee through assistance from a state rehabilitation program, told Criminal Court Judge J. Fred Bibb he was "operating the gear, brake and clutch" while a sighted companion was "putting the gas to the car."

Patrolman Charles Miller, who arrested the pair, testified both were intoxicated. Miller said Edens was "under the wheel" and his companion was giving him instructions. The companion was unidentified.

## Ervin Compromise Chairman?

By CHARLES KURLAT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Mecklenburg Democrats went into what appeared to be a wide open County Convention this afternoon.

At 12:30 p. m., the three front-running candidates for county chairman were Linn Garibaldi, W. M. Nicholson and Paul Ervin.

Mr. Garibaldi, the choice of the party's "old guard," was a front-runner several days ago but a group of rebels in the party were pushing Mr. Nicholson, local attorney.

The two factions met late into the night yesterday and got together again this morning to try to agree on a candidate.

Out of those discussions came the name of Mr. Ervin, a Garibaldi supporter.

One party member said, "Paul Ervin seems to be the only man acceptable to both sides in any way, shape or form."

Today's convention was keynoted by Ben Douglas, Democratic candidate for Congress.

He made a plea for party unity and drew cheers when he said, "A lot of people make money under the Democrats and then hope to save it by splitting their ballot."

CAUCUSES HELD  
As the depth of the split between the Democratic factions became apparent today, anxious

It WAS TOUGH FIGHT  
TAMPIOCO, Mexico (AP) — Crewmen aboard a shrimp boat off Tampico cast their nets yesterday and came up with a giant ray fish weighing 1,115 pounds. The four-man crew fought the fish four hours before landing it.

NO REDS ALLOWED  
TOKYO (AP) — The Japan Veterans Assn. unanimously decided today to "oust all Communist infiltrators" from its ranks.

ONE OF HEAVIEST  
She pointed out that registration is always heaviest during a presidential election year, but believed this week has been one of the heaviest registration periods the state has ever had.

"Even with 13 clerks we haven't had a spare moment all week," Mrs. Fortenberry said.

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## No Change In Heart Is Found

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## Late Registrants Swamping Office

WEARY Election Board workers were "swamped" again today by waves of new voters who waited until the last day to register for the May 25 primary.

"There just hasn't been any time to count them," said Mrs. R. O. Fortenberry, executive secretary for the board, but she sees total registration setting a new record by the time fall elections are held.

She predicted registration in the county will top the 1952 total of more than 90,000.

Today the board was registering only new voters — those who have become 21 years old since the last election and those who have never registered before in Mecklenburg County.

Registration closing time is officially sundown, which comes at 7:17 p. m. today. Mrs. Fortenberry said she hopes voters who have waited until the last day will wait until the last minute, too.

After the books close today voters will not be able to register until after the May 28 primary. The office will open again on June 25 and will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. until 21 days before the Nov. 6 national election.

State's Convention May Favor Stevenson

RALEIGH (AP) — North Carolina Democrats are expected to choose a national convention delegation heavily larded with supporters of Adlai Stevenson at their state convention here next Thursday.

More than 2,000 Democrats are expected to assemble in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium for their biennial gathering which will get under way at noon.

The full convention will climax hotel room meetings and caucuses held the night before and the 12 congressional district meetings to be held Thursday morning.

Each of the district caucuses will have the right to choose four delegates, each with half a vote, and two alternate delegates to the national convention. If the district meetings prefer they can select half a vote, 24 alternate delegates each.

The convention proper can elect 34 delegates-at-large, each with half a vote, 24 alternate delegates at large.

Thus, North Carolina may send as many as 120 delegates and alternates to the national convention, the state's 36 representatives.

Gov. Hodges has been reported by that he favors Stevenson as the Democratic presidential nominee, and political observers expect the bulk of the national convention delegates will also look with favor on the former Illinois governor. Hodges is expected to be one of the delegates.

However, the convention is not expected to send an instructed delegation to San Francisco State Democrat John D. Larkin Jr. pointed out that with few exceptions North Carolina has for many years sent uninstructed delegates to national conventions.

"I think the delegates are in a much better position when they are sent uninstructed," he said. "Then they can wait for developments and in general are in a better bargaining position."

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