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## Lake Michigan Tragedy

# 7 Drown, 1 Missing As Dredge Capsizes

## Less Than Minute's Warning

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A dredge being towed to a haven off Galeville, Lake Michigan, in heavy blackness early today snapped a towline, wallowed in 10-foot waves and sank "in less than a minute." Seven of the 18 men aboard the construction dredge perished in the cold, choppy waters. One is missing and presumed lost.

John Boehme, 41, of Bayfield, Wis., one of the survivors, said "The last I saw, the dredge was bottom up and away she went. It all took less than a minute."

Capt. Robert Atfleck Jr., Chicago, skipper of the tug which had been towing the dredge, told the Coast Guard "the boom snapped and she began to pitch."

SEARCH CONTINUES  
The tug recovered three bodies almost immediately. Coast Guard boats found four other bodies. An air and water search continued for the missing man.

Overnight winds averaged 26 miles per hour, gusting up to 48. The other victims were not immediately identified.

All the men were employed by the Fitz Simons, Connell Dredge & Dock Co., Chicago, which also owned the 65-foot tug. The dredge crew had been working around-the-clock dredging for a power station.

There was only a matter of seconds, said Boehme from a bed in County Emergency Hospital.

WASNT TIME  
"No one hollered to abandon," he added. "There wasn't time. I was on deck when it was listing at a 45 degree angle — that's pretty steep."

"Whoever would have jumped from the other side would have been out of luck. I jumped from starboard. I'm an expert swimmer and I got away as best as I could as if I didn't want to get hit by anything flying around."

Richard L. Sullivan, 73, of Chicago, operator of the dredge, kept his sense of humor through the harrowing ordeal.

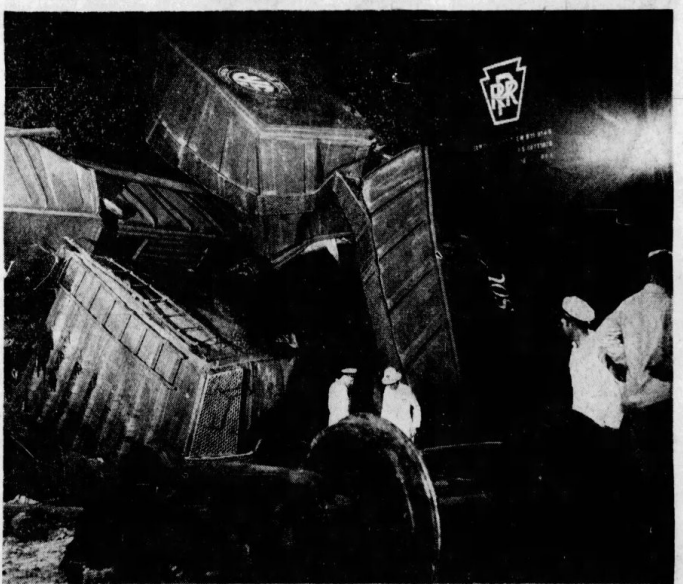
"Fifty years of dredging and this happens to me," he said with a smile. "Me, I can swim a stroke but when I got in the water with a jacket on, I thought I've got to get like I know something about this."

HAD LIFE JACKETS  
"We all jumped into the water," the gray-haired Sullivan continued. "We had life jackets on. It was pitch dark. We hollered. I was all by myself, then Buddy here (Bernard Selwick, 30, Chicago, the crane-man and Sullivan's assistant) shoved a plank to me."

"I was getting numb. There was nothing on my head — got a hole in it, too. I thought it was just a matter of time, if the tug doesn't pick me up. I think it was about 45 minutes before they got me out."

Boehme said all of the men aboard the dredge were awake because "it was too rough to sleep."

L. T. C. Pennock, commandant of the Milwaukee Coast Guard station, directed the search. Boats were aided by an airplane.



Emergency Crew Members Work By Floodlight Amid Jumbled Boxcars After Wreck

## Main Track Reopened After Train Piles Up In Downtown Cramerton

By CHARLES KURALT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

CHAMERTON — The Southern Railway's main southbound track was reopened this afternoon, 13 hours after a violent, unexplained crash scattered freight cars along the main streets of Cramerton.

Forty-five cars bolted off of tracks and blocked normally busy

7th Ave., one block from the center of town.

One tanker filled with creosote, smashed into a house beside the tracks. A 64-year-old woman, Mrs. Katy Hance, leaped through her open kitchen window seconds before the tanker smashed the kitchen to bits.

She was treated for a case of shock at Gaston Memorial Hos-

pital and released. Her doctor, Dr. Charles Glenn, said she was "scared to death," but suffered no injuries.

Nobody was injured, apparently, but several people had narrow escapes as the cars of the Charlotte-to-Atlanta train crashed down a high embankment and piled up three deep in twisted stacks of wood and steel.

Scheduled trains were halted by the wreck. This morning, giant derricks were still trying to un-

tangle the cars in order to open the tracks.

A Southern spokesman said it will be 24 hours before the northbound tracks can be reopened. Work crews will stay on the job around the clock until the tracks are cleared, he said.

WORKING ON TRACKS  
No cause for the wreck could be determined today. Workmen with new rail-lining machinery had been working on the track yesterday.

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League of Women Voters Representatives Tally Results As News Staffers Watch.

## MAJORITY UNDECIDED, POLL SHOWS County Voters Wavering In Race For Judgeship

In a survey which indicates that the candidates have not yet scratched the voting surface, Judge Hugh Campbell holds a solid 2-to-1 edge over Candidate Arthur Goodman in the Superior Court judgeship race.

The News conducted a telephone survey, witnessed by three members of the League of Women Voters last night and Campbell polled 72 votes to Goodman's 35.

However, even more significant was the fact that 92 registered Democrats said they had not made up their minds.

A total of 278 calls were made by News reporters between 7 and 9 p.m. last night. The results showed:

For Judge Campbell — 72  
For Arthur Goodman — 35  
Not Registered — 134  
Undecided — 92  
Would not say — 7  
Registered Republicans — 19

Not Voting — 17  
Independent — 3  
Of those revealing their choice in the 36th Judicial District judgeship race, each was registered as a Democrat and indicated he would vote.

3 WITNESSES  
On hand to witness the procedure and to tabulate the results as a battery of 10 reporters, who called voters in every section of Mecklenburg County, were Mrs. James Link, Mrs. G. Wilbur Seymour and Mrs. Martin Efron. All are members of the League of Women Voters.

Charlotte, Davidson, Huntersville, Cornelius, Matthews and Pineville were called.

The poll also showed a large number of unregistered voters, many of them saying they were eligible to register but did not.

The telephone survey system was used successfully by The News to predict the outcome of

a previous campaign.

In the municipal elections of 1953, a News telephone poll gave the edge to Mayor Phil Van Every over Lonnie Sides.

Last night the reporters called the first and last residential listing on each page of the telephone directories. The News survey was explained to parties at the other end of the line and they were first asked if they were registered to vote in the Democratic Primary.

They were registered, they were then asked their preference in the judgeship race.

Judge Campbell was appointed to the Superior Court judgeship by Gov. Luther Hodges when Mecklenburg became eligible last year for a second Superior Court judge. He is seeking election to the office and is challenged by Mr. Goodman.

The race has been the hottest in the county.



Reporters Helen Parks and Harry Shuford quiz the voters.

## Weak Zoning Enforcement Labeled Threat To System

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte's zoning system is threatened with collapse unless there is a change in the city's policy of enforcement.

This statement was made to members of the City Council today by City Manager Henry A. Yancey as the council took action to withdraw a building permit already issued.

The permit was given Friday to W. O. Flowe for building of a storage garage in a Residence 2 zone.

"We need a new approach in enforcement of our zoning laws," Mr. Yancey said. "If we do not make a change in our enforcement policy, zoning in Charlotte is going to crumble."

MUST TAKE STEPS  
"We cannot afford to continue letting a man get a permit for a mill and not be able to do anything about it until the mill starts grinding."

He added that a change in tactics should be made so that applicants for building permits, wherever there is some question about the use in relation to zoning regulations, should be denied a permit.

That procedure would put the burden of proof as to the building's use upon the applicant.

Mr. Yancey further stated, "Let the applicant who has been denied the permit take out mandamus proceedings to require issuance of the permit."

AROSE AT PROTEST  
The discussion arose at the informal session when report was made that a delegation of citizens would appear at the public session to protest the issuance

of a permit to W. O. Flowe for erection of a storage building 50 feet in height, with a front yard of 100 feet in size at his residence at 4800 Thrift Rd.

Issuance of this permit, according to City Attorney John D. Shaw, was authorized upon the statement of Mr. Flowe that he intends to use the building solely for the purpose of storage of five personal cars in his family and lawn and garden equipment.

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in chief, as well as president, and said no important matter dealing with the armed services comes up just does not concern him.

Adding to the interservice differences over the role to be played by the various branches, Eisenhower said, there is constant change and fluidity, and military doctrines that were sacrosanct in the past now are being deserted.

It was then he said that if there were not good, strong arguments among the armed services, he would be frightened indeed.

Later on, Eisenhower said with great emphasis that the strength of America is not found alone in bombs or in guided missiles. It is, instead, he added, a combination of many things, such as balancing the budget.

## Service Argument Lack Would 'Frighten' Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today he would be frightened indeed if, in these times, there were not good, strong arguments among America's armed services.

A great many of the questions put to Eisenhower dealt with the rivalry among the services which came to light last weekend.

Secretary of Defense Wilson yesterday pictured the President as "a bit unhappy" about the disputes.

At the outset of his news conference Eisenhower was asked for his view of the situation.

He noted that he is commander

## Our Weather

High yesterday—89  
Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow with a chance of thunder showers  
Low this morning—63  
Low tomorrow morning—62  
High yesterday—89  
High today—89  
High tomorrow—84  
Sunrise 5:14 a.m.; sunset 7:25 p.m.

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THEY LOOK LIKE the best of friends—but this is the last time you'll see Republican Rep. Charles Raper Jones (left) and Democratic candidate Ben Douglas with such big smiles in each other's presence between now and November. They'll be too busy battling to see which one goes to Washington as 10th District representative. They were caught by the photographer at Municipal Airport and then toured the Nike Plant together yesterday.

## CHASE FOR GUNMAN OVER; FUGITIVE FOUND ASLEEP

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—(AP)—An armed jailbreaker accused of killing a fellow fugitive was captured just before noon today by police swarming over a rural pocket of farm and woodland southwest of here.

James Carter of Rochester was found asleep in a clump of evergreens about 100 yards behind a farmhouse.

Carter, sought since Monday night, was ragged, barefoot and exhausted. A policeman probed him awake with the barrel of a rifle. He surrendered two revolvers meekly, offering no resistance.

## No Write-Ins Allowed In Democratic Primary

By JULIAN SCHEER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Don't—spelled D-O-N-T—write in the name of E. M. O'Herron in the State House of Representatives race in Saturday's Democratic primary.

Don't.  
That's right.

Following a story in The News yesterday revealing a movement to write in "O'Herron" in November, the former representative from Mecklenburg has been besieged with calls.

But, as the story pointed out you can't write his name in a primary.

NOVEMBER ONLY  
What you want to do in a general election in November is your own business. Write-ins are good in November — and November only.

Mr. O'Herron, who has served three terms in the State House of Representatives, confirmed today that he had heard of some support for himself in a write-in campaign.

However, he said he still is not a candidate this time.

He decided not to run for the 1957 General Assembly for "personal reasons." Those reasons still stand, he says.

His friends maintain he may be persuaded to change his mind by November and may go so far as to endorse a write-in campaign.

On this point, Mr. O'Herron merely says, "I am not a candidate now, and I don't see any change in my plans in the near future."

The write-in movement is strong among prominent party members in the county. They earlier had thought they could write in his

name in the primary, but there are no provisions for this in party organization.

But a write-in is legal in November. Work crews will stay on the job around the clock until the tracks are cleared, he said.

LOSE CANDIDATES  
Mr. O'Herron further urged his friends not to write in his name because "they will lose all their candidates on the ballot, as it will be marked defeated."

Mr. O'Herron, a Charlotte businessman, said he was "gratified" that some people had "taken such an interest in my candidacy."

Several top leaders in the Democratic party said today that the movement in O'Herron's behalf would gain speed between the primary and the general election.

Attack Chance Called Slight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Gen. Nathan F. Twining — underlining the "deterrent effect of our long-range striking power" — said today he believes chances are "slight" for an air attack on the United States.

However, Twining, the Air Force chief of staff, said the Russian Air Force's long-range attack fleet is "becoming an increasing menace" and that "regardless of how strong our deterrent force, we can never be sure that a potential enemy will not attack."

In a speech prepared for the Civil Air Patrol's national board, Twining made no mention of the inter-service rivalry which mushroomed to the surface over the weekend.