

County Seeks To Kill Bowater Plant

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Governor's Intercession To Be Asked

By CHARLES KURALT
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Mecklenburg County Commissioners, in a surprise slap at the proposed Bowater paper mill in South Carolina, voted unanimously today to ask Gov. Hodges to do what he can to see it is never built.

Commissioner Sam McNeish, who made the motion, said the mill's small would "ruin" Mecklenburg County.

"I want all the industry we can possibly get," Mr. McNeish said, "but I don't want that stench. Sugar Creek is a bog of roses by comparison," he said.

The commissioners agreed there might not be much Gov. Hodges can do, since the mill is to be in South Carolina. But they directed Chairman Sid Y. McAden to write a letter to the governor, asking him to "intercede."

Mr. McNeish told the board a friend of his who is in the state government in Raleigh told him the state would like to try to block the big South Carolina project, but he requests to do so have come from Mecklenburg.

"They're going to be paying a very, very low scale wage down there anyway," Mr. McNeish said. "That smell just isn't worth it."

"We don't want industry that will ruin what we've got," McADEN HESITANT
Mr. McAden was noticeably hesitant to put the motion.

"I don't think we can tell South Carolina what to do," he said. "Let's just hope the wind doesn't blow this way," Commissioner J. H. Garrison said.

Mr. McNeish, just back from a short vacation at Crescent Beach, S. C., said he smelled the odor of the Georgetown, S. C., paper mill while fishing.

Georgetown is about 50 miles from Crescent Beach, considerably farther than the proposed Bowater site on the Catawba River is from Charlotte.

Bowater company officials assured Mecklenburgers just last month that the plant would not fill this county with the acid odors typical of such mills.

Reminded of that today, Commissioner Craig Lawing said, Mr. McAden said he would write the letter to Gov. Hodges "in the next two or three days."

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By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
Washington Staff Writer

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8-Hour Swim Saves Anglers

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A 36-year old man staggered ashore at Key West today after an 8 1/2-hour swim through choppy seas to send Coast Guard craft to the rescue of three other survivors of a wrecked fishing boat.

Way Raymond, 36, told officers of the Boca Chica Naval Air Base where he reached shore that he swam nine miles after the charter boat Golden K went down during a squall.

A Navy helicopter spotted the boat's three other occupants clinging to the wreckage and a Coast Guard boat picked them up.

Waymond was admitted to a hospital along with Dorothy Snell, 35, and Winford Bennett, 39. The other survivor, Frank Young, did not require medical treatment. All are from Marathon, Fla.

The Golden K, owned and captained by Bennett, struck a submerged island at Pelican Shoals southeast of Key West during a rainstorm at noon yesterday and sank at 4:30 p.m.

Waymond started his swim 20 minutes later and reached shore at 1:20 a.m. after a nine-mile struggle through waters heavily infested with Barracuda. He started with a life preserver but it came apart during the swim.

"I almost gave up a couple of times and thought of trying to drown myself," Waymond said.

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Catawba Tragedies Spotlight Ineffective River Regulation

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

With two existing dams, another near-drowning, public attention was focused today on one of Mecklenburg's seasonal problems—Catawba Lake and the few existing laws which regulate river traffic.

County commissioners last year were investigating the establishment of a river patrol and a tie-in with the Coast Guard, but so far complications of various sorts have kept plans this year at a standstill.

Now that hot weather seems to be around for awhile, Catawba boaters and swimmers are increasing each weekend.

County Police find the fact that the river locally borders three counties and a neighboring state hampers enforcement of the few existing laws.

Generally, the middle of the main channel is the dividing line between Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties, between Mecklenburg and Lincoln Counties, and between Mecklenburg, Gaston and York Counties, S. C.

But who knows the exact middle of the river? Police feel that if all of the river could be declared in Gaston County or in South Carolina, Mecklenburg would be better off.

The question problem is not a hazy one in the well-defined coves and backwaters of Catawba Lake. But even if boundaries were no problem, laws regulating boats are few indeed.

Passed Act
In March, 1955, the General Assembly passed an act which specifically governs only that area between Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties. A great percentage of boat traffic goes on in an area south of Gaston County, where Mecklenburg borders South Carolina.

Another stretch of the river used by some Mecklenburgers is an area north of Rozelle's Ferry Rd. Bridge, a section which borders Lincoln County.

What are the provisions of the March 1955 law?
1. All boats, whether motorboats, rowboats, canoes or sailboats, must carry a life preserver, life belt or buoyant cushion if traveling between Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties.
2. Every person operating a boat must do so "in a careful and prudent manner" so as not to endanger the property or life of any person.
3. The operator of a motorboat can be charged with reckless driving if his operation "interferes with the free and proper use of the waters of said lake, or unnecessarily endangers other craft therein or the life or limb of any person."

Motorboats must be equipped with mufflers and with lights, if operated during darkness.
Asked about status of a river patrol, county commissioners said a temporary chairman, Claude Wells, was appointed to investigate possibilities of a volunteer patrol to be trained by the Coast Guard. Mr. Wells said this morning that he has been working on such a possibility but believes that the county-wide meeting of persons interested, particularly boat owners, should be held soon and that a permanent chairman should be elected.

Sent To Senate House Cuts Aid Bill 3.8 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House today passed and sent to the Senate a \$3,800,000,000 foreign aid bill slashed by more than a billion dollars before President Eisenhower's request.

The formal roll call vote confirmed House opposition this election year to an overseas aid program as large as the \$4,500,000,000 Eisenhower has asked for American and free world security.

But just before final passage, the house reduced by a 147-52 standing vote to kill the measure by sending it back to committee.

The legislation was reported headed for further trouble in the Senate, where some key Senators have said it should be cut even further. It is still \$1,100,000,000 bigger than the appropriation Congress voted last year.

The bill sets terms and ceilings for the program to bolster free world countries against communism in the year starting July 1. The actual funds must be voted in a separate bill later.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), a senior Republican on the committee, sent a letter to all other senators asking "bipartisan support" for "the leadership of

LeMay Seeks Plane Money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Curtis E. LeMay asked a Senate Appropriations subcommittee today for a \$3,800,000,000 increase in funds for his strategic air force.

LeMay said the increase was needed for stepped-up production of B52 bombers.

Chairman Chavez (D-N.M.) made this disclosure after LeMay testified before a closed session of the subcommittee examining the Defense Department's proposed \$6-billion-dollar budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Frankfurt, Germany (AP) — Police reported today they have unearthed an elaborate racket in which a band of international crooks has been fishing travelers' checks from wealthy tourists and cashing them, all over Europe.

Frankfurt authorities called a news conference to announce the first arrest had been made and that police of 10 countries are moved in on the gang and private enterprise wherever possible instead of outright government raids.

Agents are given the false passports and the traveler's checks and sent all over the continent, by plane or in American cars, to cash the checks in banks or in stores. They return to headquarters with the money and get paid off.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, help us to remember and believe Christ's promise that Thou wilt give Thy Holy Spirit to those who ask it. May we seek it so that our Christian fellowship may be carried forward triumphantly on its mission in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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BOTH ARMS were amputated less than a month ago, but Robert Tipton shows how to make the best of things in a Washington hospital. He has just turned the page of a book with his left big toe, and his foot is curled to nuzzle the book. (AP Wirephoto)

Troops Hunt Rebel Leaders

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Argentina's military regime pushed a determined hunt today for leaders of a bloody weekend revolt staged by army and civilian followers of ex-dictator Juan D. Peron.

The government announced firing squads executed 38 rebels in speedy and unprecedented retaliation. It indicated many more would face a similar fate as swift court-martial, convened under martial law, sat around the clock.

The revolt—crushed in 12 hours by government air and ground forces—broke at 11 p.m. Saturday in Buenos Aires and three other major cities. Some 100 persons reportedly may have been killed or wounded.

The insurgents struck at two points in the federal capital. At the same time they staged uprisings in La Plata, 35 miles southeast of Buenos Aires; Santa Rosa, capital of La Pampa province in central Argentina; and Rosario, 100 miles northwest of Buenos Aires.

Loyalist forces directed by the vice president, Adm. Isaac Rojas, quickly smothered the revolt in Buenos Aires and Rosario. Jet fighter and navy bombers finally smashed rebel holdouts in La Plata and Santa Rosa.

President Pedro Aramburu, who returned from a tour of the interior after the shooting, branded the uprising a "mad adventure."

He vowed that "energetic measures" would be taken against all who took part.

Loyalist forces scoured the land for two retired generals branded as the men who masterminded the abortive revolt. They are Generals Raul Tanco and Juan Jose Valle, both big army bosses when Peron was president. Both were retired summarily when Peron was overthrown last fall.

Argentina's supreme military court went into emergency session last night to decide the fate of rebel prisoners. Two rebel army officers and 22 civilians were reported shot on the spot as the revolt was being quelled.

'War' Goes Frrrrt Gas Prices Here Holding The Line

By JOHN BORCHERT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte is in the midst of a gas scare but an expected gas war has failed to materialize. Some dealers of major oil companies dropped their prices over the weekend, but only as far as standard prices of off-brand gas, and many of these dealers are back at normal prices today.

AREA OF COMPETITION
Most of the major oil company dealers were selling regular and high test gas above the 30-cent mark today with reductions, where they are found, mostly occurring in shopping center areas where dealers are competing for the selected trade of that section.

A random check of service stations today revealed:
Independent dealers, those not belonging to any associations, normally sell between 1 to 3 cents below standard prices, and their reductions over the weekend, where they occurred, were not as sharp as at the other stations.

Esso, Amoco, Sinclair, Atlantic, and Crown, in most cases, with regular gas in a 29.9 to 31.9 cent range, and high test in a 33.9 to 34.9 cent area.

Dealers selling below this were mainly those having Pure, Shell, Texaco and Gulf stations, with the Gulf dealers indicating their prices would be back to normal by the end of today. Prices of

these dealers ranged from 27.9 to 28.9 for regular and from 30.4 to 31.04 for high test.

Kayo's and Spur, which normally sell below standard oil company prices, were selling at 26.9 to 27.9 for regular, and 29.9 to 30.5 for high test.

LOSSES SLIGHT
Operators who held the line during the drops in gas prices said their business losses were slight. Some of them were angry about low prices on the fringes of town, pointing to the competition which they said prevails on U. S. Highway 29-N.

The Federal Trade Commission may get in on the act.
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A RED-FACED VETERAN of 27 years service with the Charlotte Fire Department gets a well-deserved rest soon. Writer Jim Scotton pens Engine No. 2's swan song on page 1A.

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Price of regular gas at some stations was still down today, but most dealers were back at normal levels.



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin)

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and hot today; tonight and tomorrow, with a few widely scattered afternoon and evening thunder showers.

Low this morning . . . 64
Low tomorrow morning . . . 64
High today . . . 94
High yesterday . . . 92
High tomorrow . . . 92
Sunrise today 5:08 a.m.;
Sunset today 7:38 p.m.

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