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—'LITTLE HOPE' JUST THAT—

Sugar Gets Smelly Rival

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Sugar Creek has a stinky tributary.

It's named, appropriately, "Little Hope" Creek and it's making mighty efforts these hot, dry days, to take away the old sugar's claim to being the smelliest stream east of the Rockies.

It gets its smell from a collection of industrial wastes that are piped into a ditch on Pineville Rd. about a mile outside the city limits.

The wastes meet in a bubbling culvert at the bottom of a hill, head underground for a few hundred yards, and then emerge again in the back yards of Selwyn Park and Madison Park houses, smelling to high heaven.

PETITION CIRCULATED

Two hundred home owners in the area have signed a petition asking the sanitation department to do something about it.

But for the time being, apparently, the home owners have no legal recourse.

When the survey of the Catawba basin is completed in the next two or three years, chances are it will be illegal to dump industrial wastes in any feeder stream to the Catawba in North Carolina.

That doesn't help the folks who live along Little Hope's banks now.

The city ordinance against polluting Sugar Creek doesn't help either. The industrial plants which pollute Little Hope are outside the city.

County Commission Chairman Sid V. Mccken said he feels for the folks along Little Hope. But the Commission can't pass ordinances.

Sanitation engineer Thomas Diven says the Health Dept. is studying the situation. If the times are as unhealthily as they smell, relief might come from that direction.

"When I bought this house," said Dave Norton, 844 Montford Dr., "I was told there was no smell from the creek. Brother!"

"In the afternoon, we can't sit in the yard at night, we can't turn on the window fan because it brings that ugly odor right in."

A Charlotte News reporter and photographer made the grand tour of Little Hope from the pipes where chemical, dye and oil wastes enter the Pineville Rd. ditch to the funny joining of the creek with Sugar Creek near Farm 7.

HOUSES NEARBY

It runs beside the 47-4800 block of Inwood Dr., cuts under Baylor Dr. to the 4900 block of Murrayhill Rd. Then it flows along Montford Dr.

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Industrial Waste Pours Out Of This Pipe . . .



And Ends Up Beneath A Window On Murrayhill Road.

Probe Is Pushed In Fatal Cave-In

South Carolina Bus Seat Case Ready For Jury

\$25,000 Damages Sought By Woman

COLUMBIA (AP)—A celebrated bus segregation case was expected to reach a U.S. District Court jury today.

Sarah Mae Flemming Brown, Columbia Negro woman, is asking \$25,000 actual and punitive damages on the ground that her civil rights were violated by a bus driver for South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.

The bus driver, she contends, ordered her to vacate a front seat in a crowded bus in June, 1954 and then struck her with his fist when she attempted to leave the bus by the front exit.

FIRST DISMISSED

The suit originally was dismissed by District Judge George Bell Timmerman but the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed him when it held that segregation on buses operating within states is unconstitutional. Submission of the question of damages to a jury was directed.

When the Circuit Court ruling was appealed by the company with the backing of the state and the U.S. Supreme Court last April refused to review the case. At first, it was believed the Supreme Court action upheld the Circuit Court decision but later it was interpreted to mean that the appeal was premature.

Trial of the case began yesterday before Timmerman and an all-white jury. All testimony for the plaintiff was completed and the defense took up its case today.

Defense attorneys had asked Timmerman for a directed verdict because they claimed the bus driver failed to act in "good faith" in accordance with law in effect at the time. Timmerman refused.

The 24-hour water consumption reached 25,886,000 gallons, highest recorded in two years.

The Weather Bureau called for a high of 88 degrees today and tomorrow, and also forecast are widely scattered thunderstorms. Some parts of the city were drenched last night by the summer showers.

68-DEGREE LOW

Low reading last night was 67 degrees. Tomorrow morning's low is expected to be 68 degrees.



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin) Hall and All, Cindy Fryer Cools Off

Negligence Possibility Is Studied

NEW YORK (AP)—Vigorous investigations — including one in which Mayor Robert F. Wagner ordered four city departments to join forces — were pressed today into the tragic Brooklyn cave-in that killed six small children last night.

Brooklyn Dist. Atty. Edward S. Silver already had a big staff at work questioning all who could shed any light on the mishap and studying laws which might apply to the situation.

"Until all the facts are sifted, no one can draw any conclusions," said Silver.

The excavation was for a Brooklyn-Queens expressway, a state project. A city official who declined use of his name said he did not believe the work contract called for a watchman at the site, although city contracts for similar work do.

Mayor Wagner this morning ordered city police, fire and engineering departments, along with the Brooklyn borough president's office, to join in a combined city probe.

MORE QUESTIONING

Silver himself questioned a score of persons last night, and called more in for examination today. He indicated he might take a grand jury to the site later.

The huge excavation was an inviting spot for cops and cobbler games for children in the crowded Williamsburg section — a district of aging, closely packed tenements.

Nine youngsters were playing at the foot of a 30-foot wall of the excavation when a 25-ton attenuator came roaring down, smothering and crushing to death four boys and two girls.

Eleven-year-old Marie Stanikunas had been sent to call her brother and sister home for supper. She saw them in the hole. Just then the earth moved.

She heard a wailing cry from the mother, Mrs. Theresa Stanikunas, as her children, Michael, 10, and Lorraine, 5, were uncovered.

The other dead children were John William McKenzie, 9; John T. Kotov, 7; Anna Ortiz, 8; and Louis Nitti, 6.

Heat Nearly Does Water Pumpage Sets New Mark

The sun turned the issue on its furnace back two degrees today, but few Charlotteans noticed it as the city sweltered under its sixth straight day of 80-plus degree temperatures.

Yesterday O'Neil mused by only six-tenths of a degree of setting a new record for June 12. When the mercury hit 97.6 degrees at 2 p.m. yesterday, it nearly topped the 1926 high mark of 98.2 degrees. Predicted high today is 95.

The climb to the 1956 high of 97.6 degrees yesterday began at 4 a.m. with a 68-degree reading. By 11 a.m. the thermometer had hit the 90-degree mark. It was 91 degrees at noon, 95 at 1 p.m. and the top of 97.6 degrees was reached at 2 p.m. The 90-degree readings remained until 7 p.m., when they dropped six degrees to 84.

The temperature readings from the climb to the top yesterday, to 12 noon today are:

THURSDAY			
4 a.m.	68	2 p.m.	97.6
5 a.m.	70	3 a.m.	92
6 a.m.	70	4 a.m.	92
7 a.m.	71	5 a.m.	91
8 a.m.	71	6 a.m.	90
9 a.m.	84	7 a.m.	90
10 a.m.	84	8 a.m.	90
11 a.m.	90	9 a.m.	90
12 noon	90	10 a.m.	90
1 p.m.	90	11 a.m.	84

WEDNESDAY			
12 midnight	72	2 a.m.	77
1 a.m.	78	3 a.m.	77
2 a.m.	78	4 a.m.	81
3 a.m.	80	5 a.m.	81
4 a.m.	81	6 a.m.	81
5 a.m.	80	7 a.m.	88
6 a.m.	89	8 a.m.	88
7 a.m.	89	9 a.m.	88

Contempt Vote Is Unanimous

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Committee on Un-American Activities formally voted 7-0 today to start contempt of Congress proceedings against Negro singer Paul Robeson.

In a stormy session yesterday, Robeson refused to say whether he is a Communist and called the committee members "bad Americans."

The committee also voted unanimously to start contempt proceedings against Clark Foreman, New York, director of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, for failure to hand over his passport as directed by a subpoena served on him.

In another unanimous vote, the committee decided to refer the testimony of Leonard Boudin, New York attorney to the Justice Department for determination of possible perjury arising from Boudin's qualified denial of membership in the Communist party.

The charges did not specify exact crimes against Robeson at this time, but ordered his staff to prepare a contempt recommendation.

The group's action means it will ask the House to vote a contempt citation. If the House does, the matter will be sent to the Justice Department which in turn will submit it to a grand jury.

Conviction of contempt carries a possible penalty of up to \$1,000 fine and a year in jail on each count.

In continued hearings, the committee turned its attention today to reported efforts to lure from Britain refugees back to their homelands.



Mama Dietz and Babies Wait For Word From Jailed Papa. (AP Wirephoto)

Fire Destroys College Hall

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP)—Fire destroyed the engineering department building at West Virginia University early today. The roof and floors gave way with a roar at the height of the blaze, which left most of the large brick structure in ruins.

Nearby buildings were threatened but not damaged. No one was hurt.

The building, Mechanical Hall, housed the university's mechanical, electrical and aeronautical engineering departments.

Damage was unofficially estimated at close to \$500,000.

Claids Fried, assistant director of the university's bureau of information, said as far as he knew there were no explosives in the hall.

Pride said the fire threatened the nearby university armory but never actually set fire to it.

Ike Keeps Busy Despite Surgery

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower took up a considerable amount of official work today although suffering discomfort in the wake of his emergency operation.

Eisenhower held a 25 minute meeting with key White House staff members, signed 27 bills and other official documents. He also arranged to meet tomorrow in his Walter Reed Hospital room with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

An aide said Eisenhower "looked and sounded quite chipper" and did some personal dictating to his secretary, Mrs. Ann Whitman. This included a message of thanks to Mexican President Huizar Cortines, who telephoned good wishes earlier in the week.

"We did a lot of work this morning," White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said. He spoke to a news conference about an hour before the lunch-time medical bulletin was scheduled to be issued.

What's Inside

THE O'FISHING HOLE, that American institution, is still thriving in Mecklenburg County. This popular hangout for local fishermen, seeking a haven from city havoc, gets an inspection by Sportswriter Ronald Green on the sports page. You'll be surprised at the number of fishing ponds in the county.

A CITIZEN CENSURES the County Commission for attacking the Bowater project in South Carolina. Read his letter in People's Platform on Page 8-A.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy continued warm today and tomorrow with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms.

Low this morning	65
Low tomorrow morning	68
High today	95
High yesterday	98
High tomorrow	95
Sunrise today, 5:08 a.m.; sunset, 7:39 p.m.	

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'Stupid, Idiotic Thing' Leads Prospector To Brush With Death

MOAB, Utah (AP)—When a boat carrying two uranium prospectors capsized in the raging, muddy Colorado River, one of the men took off "over the rim" to the west.

The other, 43-year-old Charles L. Robinson of Hot Springs, Ark., elected to work along the river and eat berries to stay alive.

Robinson was rescued yesterday, exactly eight days after the mishap.

LIZARDS AND CACTUS

Instead of berries, he ate raw lizards and cactus, and he lost 40 pounds during his ordeal.

"Lizards taste a lot like salmon or tuna when a guy is good and hungry," he said as he received a hot meal in Hot Springs, Ark. "Where there are trees and water, I've had enough of the Colorado."

Robinson's companion Bryan Waelder, 32, of Long Beach, Calif., was rescued last Friday after walking overland almost 100 miles through the desert toward Hanksville, Utah.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Wells of Hanksville, known as Utah's "Flying Bishop," spotted Waelder from the air and rescued him.

Several search parties continued the hunt for Robinson.

Signs Snow Act

BOSTON (AP)—While the temperature in Boston read 91 degrees yesterday, Massachusetts Gov. Herbert signed into law an act making an additional \$175,000 available for snow removal work.

The money was for payment of back charges for removal of last winter's heavy snows.

Evening Prayer

O Christ of God, we come to Thee and place ourselves at Thy side. May we be good soldiers of the cross, never able to interpret all that we do as a part of that good fight of faith which Christians must ever wage. Amen.

You did not explain why Lundberg is president and Fatka business manager of the Iowa Justices of the Peace and Constables Assn.

Go FIRST to FIELDS — Sterling FRIENDSHIP RINGS \$1. (Adv.)

Relax, Mama, Papa's Out Of Pokey Now

CONCORDIA, Kan. (AP)—Two benefactors got Riley Dietz Jr. out of the Cloud County jail last night after he had languished there three weeks for non-payment of a traffic fine.

They paid a \$34.50 penalty imposed on the 22-year-old Navy enlistment man from Wakarusa, Iowa.

Marion Fatka, bailiff of municipal court at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and George Lundberg, a justice of the peace at Des Moines, flew here in a chartered plane to perform their good deed.

They did not explain why.

Lundberg is president and Fatka business manager of the Iowa Justices of the Peace and Constables Assn.

Dietz was arrested May 2 after an accident involving his car and an oncoming truck. Highway patrolman Robert Hartzler estimated damage to the truck at \$3,500. Dietz pleaded guilty to charges of reckless driving and operating a car without a valid driver's license.

His father, an Iowa state representative, assumed the Navy long since had come to the rescue with \$34.50 to cover the penalty. But young Dietz called him Sunday and complained he still was in jail.

The elder Dietz took it up with Gov. Leo Hoegh of Iowa and Rep. Fred Schweenger (R-Iowa).

In addition to paying young Dietz out of jail, Fatka and Lundberg gave him bus fare to his Navy base at Hutchinson, Kan.