

# Flood Traps N. C. Family, Two Die

ROBBINS — The body of a woman drowned in an automobile was recovered here today eight hours after a flash flood swept the car off the Robbins-Asheboro highway early this morning.

Her daughter, also presumed drowned in the accident, has not been found and search parties this afternoon were scouring the banks of Bear Creek for the 10-year-old child.

**THREE ESCAPE**

The woman's husband, R. L. Link, Rt. 4, Lexington, and his

Wayne, 12, and Monty Gene, 15, escaped from the car which was caught in a swift current of Bear Creek about 3:30 a.m.

The dead were identified as Mrs. R. Link and Lynn Link.

The fast-moving water, reported to be 40 feet or normal at the time of the accident, and early morning fog hampered rescue operations.

The accident occurred when the Link car, Gaston on Link Beach road in Lexington, attempted to cross the bridge on Highway 705 at the city limits.

Two truck drivers, who witnessed the tragedy, said the car was swept into a deep fill by the onrushing water. Mr. Link and his sons scrambled out before Mrs. Link and Lynn were trapped.

Joe Richardson of Pinehurst, driving north in the opposite direction, narrowly missed the same fate a few minutes later. He succeeded in getting out of his car, which has not been recovered.

Mr. Richardson was reportedly alone but told an attending

physician treating him for shock that "my buddy's gone."

Mrs. Weyland Kennedy, wife of the mayor of Robbins who operates the Kennedy Funeral Home, said Monty Gene Link told her the family ran into the flood in the night and the "current swept them" off the road and "they went under."

**CLIMB OUT WINDOW**

The boy told her he and his brother were in the back seat of the car and climbed out of a window. Their father also went out of the window. She quoted

Mr. Link as saying he had thought his wife and daughter also had escaped.

"The current swept them down against some trees on the creek bank," Mrs. Kennedy said, "and they hung on to the trees until they were rescued."

She added that they clung for nearly an hour in the darkness until they were reached.

The truck drivers, en route to Amertown Mills in Robbins, called the Kennedy Funeral Home for an ambulance.

Mayor Kennedy went to the scene, she said, and "radioed back for a boat and search lights."

**CALLING FOR HELP**

"You could hear the man" who said, "He was calling for help."

When they got the light, they could see him and the two boys in the trees."

Two men, Colin Cheek and Junus Williams of Robbins, were credited with rowing a boat to rescue the trio.

Cheek and Williams were joined by Hoyt Green and James

Steed, both of Robbins, in boats this morning when the creek began to drop slowly.

**CAR FOUND**

At 11:25 the men reached the car which had been completely submerged.

Meanwhile, other members of the Link family — it was reported he has nine children — reached the scene and were nearby when the body was removed.

The normal water level at the bridge, officials said, would put the distance from the bed of the

ridge to the water at between 25 and 30 feet. The water was at least 10 feet over the bridge.

At 11:30 a.m. the water had dropped so that the bridge could be crossed.

It was first reported that bodies of both Mrs. Link and Lynn were in the car, but minutes later workers reported that only Mrs. Link was found.

An immediate search was launched for the girl and authorities said they felt certain she was drowned in the swirling waters.

**EDITOR CHIEF FOE**

### 'Fear' Eats Floridation In Gastonia

By CHARLES KURALT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
(First In A Series)

GASTONIA—For the Lord's sake, Mayor, take that stuff out of the water. The people in West Gastonia are dying like flies.

A panicked woman spoke those words to Mayor Leon Schneider of Gastonia over the telephone at 3 o'clock one morning last week.

The day before, he had told the Gastonia Rotary Club, "As long as I'm mayor, I'll never vote to take fluoride out of the water supply.

Two days later—last Saturday at 11 a.m.—Mayor Schneider ordered fluoridation discontinued.

He did it, he said, "because of the fear that is gripping our city."

He did it in a statement that began, "I, as mayor, am declaring an emergency . . ."

**EDITOR'S VICTORY**

When the valve closed and the flow of sodium fluoride into Gastonia's water was shut off, it marked a personal victory for editor Ben Atkins of the daily Gastonia Gazette.

In a battering, emotional six-week campaign against fluoridation, the Gazette aroused Gastonia's citizens to a peak of hysteria that became too near for the pro-fluoridation mayor, city manager, city council and public health officials to handle.

Closing of the valve also put another notch in the big gun of an organization called the "Fluoridation Education Society of the Carolinas." This group, well organized and well stocked with pamphlets, supplied editor Atkins with much of his ammunition.

In the past seven years, this organization has beaten fluoridation in Asheville, Greensboro, Durham, Henderson and Statesville. It has impressive support in Raleigh.

Right now, the PESC is doing its best to kill fluoridation on the professional level —



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within the dental society — in Charlotte.

If that doesn't work, and it probably won't, 30 Mecklenburg members are "rain" to go to try to beat it in a public crusade in Charlotte, according to Luther M. Creel, a member of the group's board of directors.

The opponents of fluoridation have a handful of doctors and dentists on their side. The overwhelming burden of proof is that fluoridation is both safe and effective in reducing tooth decay in children and that it is harmless to adults.

"The fact that they are pulling to convince the people that they were drinking 'poisonous fluoride' . . ."

One Gazette editorial, headed "YOU LIKE POISON?" listed "complaints of patients with fluoride poisoning."

"Excessive thirst. . . Spine becomes stiff. Nausea. Mental alertness deteriorates. Can't think clearly. . . Numbness and weakness in legs and arms, especially in the 4th and 5th finger areas. . . Nails become brittle and peel. . . Vision becomes blurred. . ."

The fact that every doctor and dentist in Gaston County had staked his reputation on what he considered to be the scientific truth that fluoride in proper proportions could not cause any such reactions was ignored by editor Atkins.

"The time to stop that fluoridation is NOW," he wrote.

In its pure form, sodium fluorine is not a poison.

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### 20 Cities In N.C. Fluoridate Water

Fluoridation — the adding of sodium fluoride to a city's water supply — is presently practiced in about 20 North Carolina cities, Charlotte, which began fluoridating its water in 1949, was the first Tar Heel city to do so.

Fluoride salt is a natural constituent of water. The North Carolina State Board of Health's Dept. of Oral Hygiene compares the fluoridation process with fortifying flour—that is, returning minerals and vitamins to refined flour.

In many towns, fluoride occurs naturally in the water. In communities where it doesn't, the fluoridation process has the official support of the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the U. S. Public Health Service, the N. C. Dental Society, and many other research organizations.

**What's Inside**

### AP Writer Visits City, Finds Hosiery View Good

HUFFING AND PUFFING may come from some of the textile industry over the threatening inroads of Japanese competition. But one segment of the industry looks to writer Sam Dawson to have a good year. Read of hosiery's chances on Page 3A.

SET IN TODAY on another case directed to Mary Harvorth, as the veteran counselor advises a wife to take psychiatric treatment. The popular column appears on Page 4B.

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### Civil Rights Boosters Push Bill Passage

By EDMOND LE BRETON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Supporters of civil rights legislation pressed for a House showdown today, no matter how late, and counted on a ruckus among Republicans to solidify their ranks.

Their goal is House passage tonight, for moral and political effect. The bill is conceded no chance in the Senate.

But Southern opponents still had more than 30 amendment proposals and a variety of parliamentary maneuvers ready for use to continue delaying tactics.

The coalition of Northern Democrats and Republicans backing the bill for more civil rights enforcement devices have looked on Southern Democrats as their real opposition.

**GIVEN JOLT**

So they — and the Republican leadership — were jolted yesterday when a Republican, Rep. William E. Miller of New York, suddenly made a motion that would have killed the bill by delaying its enacting clause.

House Republican Leader Martin hastened to caution Republicans the party would be blamed for killing the bill if this motion prevailed and they "will regret it every day in the next election."

Martin also asked Republicans not to join in lending the measure with amendments.

A few minutes before, a number of them had joined Southern Democrats in voting to add discriminations based on sex to the measure.

One Republican backer of the civil rights bill said today, "We came out ahead—the leadership got active. We could have beaten the sex amendment if Martin had spoken earlier."

### Child Drowns In Creek Here

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A two-and-one-half-year-old child drowned in a small creek at the rear of his home about 11:20 a.m. today while his parents hunted frantically for him.

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**REAL PROGRESS**

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The AEC statement was worded in general terms, giving no specific information on either the fallout or weapons aspects of the tests. AEC spokesmen refused to amplify it.

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### Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness and mild with scattered showers and thunderstorms today, tonight and Saturday.

Low this morning . . . 70  
Low tomorrow morning . . . 68  
High today . . . 80  
High yesterday . . . 79  
High tomorrow . . . 87  
Sunrise today 5:23 a.m.; sunset today 7:35 p.m.

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### No Monster, No Fire: Just City's DDT Fog Machine

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The majority said a pledge made by President Eisenhower Dec. 8, 1953, before the United Nations General Assembly "has been, and is being, frustrated by an unrealistic administration that has not given priority to this most vital need of government."

That pledge, the committee quoted and said that the United States would devote its entire heart and mind to find the way by which the miraculous inventiveness of man shall not be dedicated to his death, but consecrated to his life."

The views were embodied in a blistering report accompanying a bill financing the AEC. The report was drafted by Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.). It was expected to draw a quick rebuttal from Republican members.

### Marshland Takes On 'Unusual'

#### Senior Drill Instructor Testifies In McKeon Case

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—A senior Marine drill instructor said today it was not unusual to march recruits into the marshes and out of this training base for disciplinary purposes.

The testimony came from S.Sgt. Edward A. Huff of Chicago in the general court-martial trial of S.Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon.

McKeon, 31, of Worcester, Mass., is on trial for marching a 74-man recruit platoon into a tide-swept creek "to teach them discipline." Six drowned.

In the course of his testimony, Huff, who was McKeon's superior in the training of the ill-fated platoon, also was asked whether he also was asked whether he "did you yourself ever tell your platoon in connection with their lack of discipline that 'if you don't snap out of it . . . I'll take you down to the swamp.'"

Huff, who has been relieved of his duties as a D. I., replied, "I did."

The prosecution promptly attacked Huff's credibility as a witness.

Read into the court record was what the prosecutor said were Huff's sworn statements made at a preliminary investigation. In those statements Huff denied ever leading any platoons on night marches or knowing of any in his battalion.

He also was asked, "Did you ever tell Sgt. McKeon such a practice as night marches was acceptable?"

"DON'T RECALL"

Said Huff, "I don't recall."

The prosecution then cited his previous answer to the same question: "No, sir."

Huff's evidence came immediately after the law officer, Capt. Irving N. Klein of New York City, ruled that the training methods of Marines will be admitted as evidence in the general court-martial.

When Defense Atty. Emil Zola Bernan finished, Huff underwent re-examination by Maj. Charles B. Sevier, who heads the prosecution.

"Did you ever see any platoons marched into swamps?" Sevier asked.

"I have never seen a platoon marched into the swamps," Huff replied.

"Can you say of your own knowledge that any platoon ever was marched into the swamps?"

**HEARD OF IT**

"I think any drill instructor on Parris Island—Huff gets from one to another—Huff said, 'I have not seen them in the swamps but I have heard of it.'"

"Do you yourself know the platoon number of any platoon taken into the swamp?"

"Not that I recall, sir," Huff replied.

"Do you yourself know of any D. I. who marched a platoon into Ribbon Creek, other than the accused?"

"I have heard drill instructors say they have but I have not actually seen it," Huff said.

Referring to Huff's statement that he had never seen any platoons marched into the swamp, Sevier asked, "Did you intend to take them in?"

"Yes, sir," Huff replied in a firm voice.

"Why didn't you take them in?"

"Because I had a training school to me and I didn't have the time," the sergeant replied.

"Did you ever communicate with any platoons in the marshes?"

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### Human Whip' Act Charms Late-Laters

BALTIMORE (AP)—The late-late patrons of the bistros along Baltimore's early "Black" got a free show early today—a brutising good one—when two cops and a 236-number North Carolinian.

Richard L. Carroll, 27, of Weldon, N.C., was winning only when a third officer popped him with a night stick.

Sgt. Frank Snyder and Joseph Cynek, told Magistrate Manuel Lefke.

Carroll, a striking of 6 feet, 7 inches, was walking up and down the middle of that section of the Baltimore street which houses most of the city's night clubs.

Carroll was complaining he had been hit by a cop. Sgt. Snyder suggested they go to the station house, but Carroll was against it. He started swinging. Snyder around like a buggy whip until Sgt. Cynek showed up. Carroll started swinging Cynek around.

In spite of use of an iron claw—a device which produces severe pain in a wrist without lightening—Carroll wasn't giving up.

More than 150 persons watched the battle which ended only when Parris Island's William Robinson came on the scene with his night stick.

Magistrate Lefke fined Carroll \$50.