



Marched Into Swamps As Recruit, McKeon Testifies



McKeon & Berman before D. I. took stand.

By BEM PRICE
PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—S-Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon testified today that as a Marine recruit he was marched into marshes by his drill instructor "on several occasions."
The tall, ramrod straight McKeon took the witness stand in his own defense on charges of involuntary manslaughter and oppression of recruits as a result of his marching a recruit patrol into Ribbon Creek at the cost of six lives.
Testifying in a slight but steady voice, he told of his recruit training days back in 1948 on this same base.
Finally, Defense Attorney Emile Zola Berman asked him:
"During the course of your boot training here was your platoon ever marched into the swamps,

marshes, boonocks and waters adjacent to the base."
"Yes, sir, on several occasions," McKeon replied.
McKeon under direct examination by Berman was asked on what occasion he was marched as a recruit into the water and where.
"In the Elliot's Beech area and a couple of times behind the barracks at the rifle range," he replied.
Berman then asked whether anything unusual occurred during those marches.
"Yes, sir," said McKeon, a man belding around the temples. "The drill instructor used to blow a blast on a squad leader's whistle and this would indicate an air raid and we all had to hit the deck."
"In the mud and water?" Berman inquired.

"Yes, sir," said McKeon.
During the brief morning recess in the court-martial trial, the defense announced it had called the Marine commandant, Gen. Randolph McC. Pate, as a witness for McKeon.
Meanwhile, in Washington the Navy said the Marine Corps has approved an earlier defense request for retired Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Puller to testify.
Puller, a much decorated Marine hero, and champion of tough training and hard fighting, will be recalled to temporary active duty to appear as a witness, a Navy spokesman said. The general now lives in Saluda, Va.
The request for Puller's appearance stipulated that he should testify by Aug. 2, or earlier. The
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Got The Geese, Too Readers Of News Descend On Park, Clean Out Ducks

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Gone are the ducks from Freedom Park. Gone are the geese too and that wasn't in the bargain. The city wants them back.

"We didn't want to lose them," says Park & Recreation Commission Superintendent Marion Diehl. "We just wanted to give away our ducks. But the geese are gone too. All four of them."
Yogi and thousands more read of the big duck giveaway in yesterday's Charlotte News.
Mr. Diehl, announcing his annual duck thinning program, had invited one and all to come have a duck. No charge. All ducks were free so long as the supply held out.
City park employees, he said, would even catch the ducks for any and all wanting them.
They came just one thing. That folks call before coming out.
CALLS POUR IN
The News hit the streets about 2 p.m. and right away the City Hall switchboard began lighting up. It was all Mrs. Catherine Cogdill Ross, City Hall switchboard operator, could do to keep up with the calls.
"If we ever give anything else away," she panted, "I hope we don't use The Charlotte News to let it be known."
The calls—some 500 in all—kept coming and so did the people who came in the afternoon and they came at night.
At 11 p.m. several persons were in the Freedom Park lake trying to lay hands on frightened ducks who must have wondered what all the excitement was about.
Shortly after 11 all ducks had been taken.
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Kidnapped Girl Rescued After Freeing Friend

LEXINGTON, S. C.—A young Lexington County girl who managed to free her bound boyfriend before being kidnapped and attacked today was credited with speeding the arrest of two men.
The pair surrendered meekly to a highway patrolman after driving into a Bateburg service station with the girl last night.
Sheriff H. M. Caughman said Marion Christmas, 20, of Cayce, and Durham Daniel, 22, of Columbia, were arrested about an hour after they approached the couple's car in a Lake Murray recreation area.
MANY CHARGES
Both have been charged with auto theft, kidnapping, highway robbery and impersonating an officer. Daniel also was charged with rape.
According to the girl and her 20-year-old companion, the men said they were officers and would have to arrest them. After getting in their car, however, the two said they were not officers but had a gun and would kill them if an outcry was made.
They drove out on the highway and the girl's companion was tied to a tree with a belt.
GOODBYE KISS
The girl, about 18, was permitted to give her companion a good-bye kiss. During the embrace, she managed to loosen the belt.
As the pair drove off with the girl in his car, the young man freed himself and ran to a nearby telephone to call the sheriff's office.
The girl said the men told her they were taking her to New Mexico. She also charged Daniel with raping her while his accomplice drove.
Highway Patrolman W. E. Hamilton arrested the men less than a half hour after receiving their description. They were placed in the Bateburg jail and later transferred to the county jail here.
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Preston Nowlin gets water for a test.

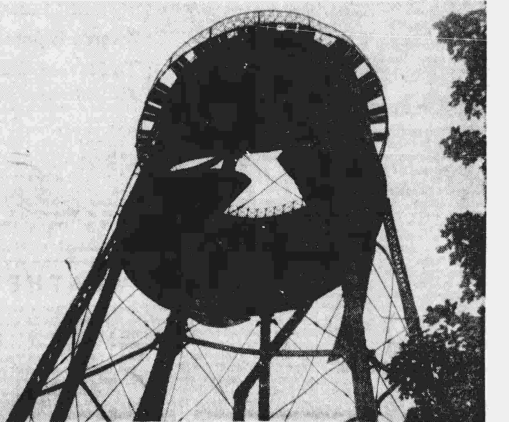
Water Tests Clue To Fish Deaths

Testing of Freedom Park Lake to determine if chemically-contaminated water was responsible for the death of thousands of fish is now under way.
Thomas W. Bissens, director of sanitation for city and county health departments, said it will be several days before results are known as some tests require five days for completion.
He said samples of lake water were taken Friday afternoon. The day after first dead fish were taken from the pond. More samples were taken this morning, and this water will also be tested.
Seventy-five dead fish were taken from the lake yesterday, Park & Recreation Commission Superintendent Marion A. Diehl said he believed more poison had seeped into the lake as no deaths had been reported since Friday, indicating that the chemical had become so diluted it was no longer dangerous.
Mr. Diehl, restating his opinion that chemicals used in spraying plants is responsible for the deaths, said the lake will "definitely" not be restocked until the poison is out of the pond.
Yesterday, R. G. Whit of Army Rd. offered to give the City 2,000 small fish to replace those which had been killed. The City accepted the offer and made plans to put them in the lake, then came the news that 75 more fish had died.

12 Killed In Nursing Home Blaze

PUXICO, Mo.—Fire swept quickly through the Reagan Nursing Home late last night and trapped 12 of the 13 residents, most of them in or beside their beds.

Nine of those who perished were 72 to 91. All were from Puxico or nearby towns. One was bedfast.
Only Mrs. Sherry Frederick, an elderly patient, escaped. Two men scrambled up to the roof of the front porch, broke out a window of her second-floor room and pulled her to safety.
The body of Mrs. Bertha Reagan, 85, who overhauled the old three-story building and opened her nursing home 21 months ago, was found in the first-floor kitchen. She apparently was trying to get out the back door but it was locked.
GRANDSON POLICE
Her 75-year-old grandson, David Johnson, was found on the third floor.
The others were on the second. One of them, Lois Rodgers, 30, entered as a patient only yesterday.
Everyone in the house apparently was asleep when the fire broke out.
John Ryan, chief of the fire department at nearby Poplar Bluff, Mo., said he and Sgt. Jack Fritchard of the Missouri Highway Patrol found a hole burned in the ceiling above a sofa on the first floor. They theorized a smoldering cigarette had fallen on the sofa.



FOUR HUNDRED TONS of water poured through this gaping hole in a water tank at Clayton, N. C., damaging homes, drowning chickens and routing five families from their residences. It isn't known what caused the tank to split open. But the cascading water dumped with such force that two of the seven concrete supports were ruined as the 125-foot tower. (AP Wirephoto)

Dulles Heads For London As Suez Crisis Spreads

(From AP Reports)
In a series of rapid-fire events, the Turkish-Suez Canal situation broke into the headlines all over the world today.
President Eisenhower is sending Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to London to confer with Britain and France about Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal.
A report from London says Nikita S. Khrushchev, Soviet Communist party chief, said in Moscow that Egypt was entitled to nationalize the Suez Canal.
Britain ordered her troops to carry soldiers and their families to and from the Far East to steer clear of the canal and make the long trip around the Cape of Good Hope.
Some British warship crews on leave, it was reported, were recalled today for readiness in case a show of force is ordered in the Suez crisis. The Admiralty declined comment on the subject.
Meanwhile, as tensions mounted, Prime Minister Nasser of Egypt declared, "Nationalization of the Suez Canal does not in any way or to any extent affect international commitments of Egypt. We are as ever determined to honor all our international obligations."
NOT AFFECTED
Freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal is neither affected nor involved in any manner or to any degree shortly after the President and Dulles had discussed Egypt's nationalization of the waterway.
The United States already is represented at the London talks by Dep. Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy.
SNYDER STATES
Murray Snyder, assistant White House press secretary, read this statement to newsmen:
"In view of the importance of the matters being discussed in London between Foreign Ministers Aloy and Pinca, the President has asked Secretary Dulles personally to take part in the concluding period of their talks, in which the United States is also represented by Dep. Under Secretary Robert Murphy."
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Ice Show Time Coming And Readers Get Preview

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—ROCKEFELLER PALACE ROCKS— Battlin' Bobo Scratches Way Into Jail

New York City to Winthrop Farm after receiving a telephone call from her 8-year-old son Winnie's nurse, who had taken the boy for a regular visit to his father under a court agreement made when the Rockefellers were divorced in 1954.
Bobo said the nurse told her that she was "forcibly removed" from Winthrop Farm after she took the boy there Saturday.
Bobo responded by making up a traveling party of her attorney, young Morton Bass, another lawyer—Erin Danzig, and Bass's mother, Mrs. Maurice Bass.
"SEVERAL BIG MEN"
Gene Smith, a Rockefeller employee, and "several big men" met Bobo and her party at the gate to Winthrop Farm, she said. They were allowed inside although one of the men informed Bobo that adequate notice of her arrival had not been given. The court agreement calls for her notifying Rockefeller at least 24 hours ahead of a projected visit.
Mrs. Rockefeller said she was not allowed to see her former husband. While waiting, she said, "I saw the present Mrs. Rockefeller peering out of windows and looking from behind curtained windows."
Rockefeller married Jeanette Eddis, a Seattle socialite, recently.
Bobo said she saw her son swimming in a pool, called to him and then took him to her car. She said her son suffers from bronchitis and was coughing after leaving the swimming pool.
"Smith and two other men came over to the car," she said. She said Smith grabbed the car keys while she tried to push him away.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A famous domestic battle flared in a new setting yesterday, disturbing the peace of Winthrop Rockefeller's pastoral pal a la cote atop Petit Jean Mountain.
There was a brief scuffle, then a stalemate for several hours.
When the dust cleared, Mrs. Barbara "Bobo" Rockefeller, her attorney and two friends were arrested by sheriff Marlin Hawkins from the nearby town of Morrilton amid a welter of conflicting claims.
In an interview at a Little Rock Hotel, the blonde ex-wife of the oil millionaire claimed she was "held prisoner" for seven hours at the farm and was bodily thrown 10 feet to the ground by a Rockefeller employee.
Ed Dunaway, Rockefeller's attorney, denied almost every point in her story.
She said she had gone from

"He held my hands but my nails were still free," she said.
"Then Smith pulled me out, picked me up and threw me about 10 feet," she related. "I landed on the hard gravel road."
After that, Bobo said, she stayed in the vicinity of the car with the boy for several hours while "two men watched me all the time." She did not identify them.
She claimed she was not allowed to make any outgoing calls, even to a New York hospital to inquire about Danzig's ailment.
Toward evening, Bobo said, the sheriff arrived with some officers and ordered Bobo and her party to go with them to the Morrilton police station for "disturbing the peace."
Dunaway told a different
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WINTHROP



BOBO

Canada In Squeeze On 'Dumped' Cotton

OTTAWA—Canada has formally notified the United States that Canadian anti-dumping laws will be applied on U.S. cotton products exported to Canada below American domestic prices.
Application of the laws will result from a U.S. government subsidy to American manufacturers of cotton goods for export, expected to begin in the next few months.
Informants said the External Affairs Department sent a formal note to the U.S. government last week.