



AFTER ACCIDENT — Mr. and Mrs. John Muse III, left, stand on river bank after accident; right, rescue worker comforts Mrs. Janie Avery.

Two Feared Drowned Near Raleigh Beach

Two young Raleigh men were feared drowned Sunday night after a makeshift raft in which they and another man were riding overturned in the rain-swollen Neuse River east of Raleigh.

The two men were identified as Ronald Allen and "Poochie" Avery, both of Rt. 7, Raleigh. The other man, who was rescued from the river, was identified as John Muse III, no address available.

Harold Jones, rescue officer of the Raleigh Rescue Squad, said the search for Allen and Avery was discontinued shortly after dark Sunday. "The river was so rough we couldn't get our boats in place," Jones said. "It was a terror out there."

Jones said rescue officers from the Wendell Rescue Squad were able to rescue Muse, who was clinging to a tree limb in the river. The rescuers were notified of

the accident by Muse's wife at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The three men's wives had accompanied them to Raleigh Beach, near where the accident occurred, but had not gone into the water with them.

Mrs. Muse said the three men had entered the water in an inner tube about 8 p.m. The three men somehow fell into the water and Mrs. Muse then saw Avery and Allen go underwater, she said.

Jones said the men were riding upstream from a dam near Raleigh Beach.

After the accident, Mrs. Janie Avery and Mrs. Linda Allen, wives of the two missing men, were taken to Wake Memorial Hospital for treatment for shock.

—BILL GORMLEY

Money. Job Disputes

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Dismal Swamp

By STEVE BERG
Staff Writer

SOUTH MILLS — Scattered pockets of the North Carolina and Virginia Great Dismal Swamp are still lush with intriguing, virgin vegetation. Deep black swamp waters meander beneath the low slung Spanish moss and through stands of tall cedars and cypress trees.

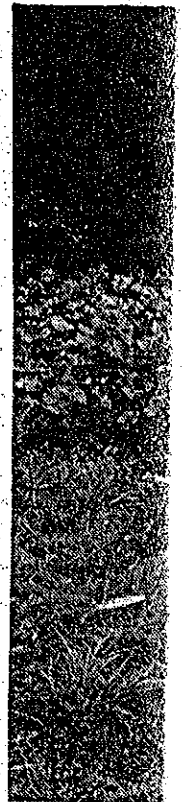
But much of the 6,800 acres of Camden County that Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr. recently announced would be purchased as a Great Dismal Swamp state park has been ravaged by timber companies, their natural waters drained by canals built so the trees could be removed.

The state has not yet actually purchased the land. But at least one critic charges that when it does, North Carolina will be stuck with a large chunk of former swamp land because of draining and cutting will never again be a true swamp. The man who made the decision to buy the land, James E. Harrington, secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources (NER) — stands behind the purchase. He concedes the land may not be as attractive as some scattered areas of pure swamp that have survived the loggers' attacks. But, he says the new park will fit into the federal scheme of buying up as much of the Dismal Swamp as possible in order to preserve it as a wilderness area for those living in the next century.

A key opponent to the state's move is A. B. Coleman, a 62-year-old retired Navy electrician's mate and one of the largest landowners in northeastern North Carolina.

Coleman — a grizzly, self-styled swamp fox who lives in the midst of the Currituck County portion of the Dismal and swims two miles every morning in the swampy Northwest River near his home — claims all the swamplands are being threatened by lumbermen. Instead of buying the cut-over land, he charges, the state should have first bought the few remaining classic swamp areas.

"With that much money,



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Just For

By BILL GORM
Staff Writer

Associate Justice Sharp of the State Court said Sunday the prospects to run for chief justice, William Bitt, expires next year.

In a telephone interview, Justice Sharp said, "I'm tired too early to be an announcement. But to run."

Justice Sharp also said she will be backed by her colleagues on "I'm led to believe have the support

One Body Recovered from Neuse

By ROBERT LYNCH
Staff Writer

The father of one of the two men who disappeared Sunday in the swollen Neuse River east of Raleigh recovered the body of one man Tuesday night, but his son's body was still missing.

The body of Herman Harold (Pooch) Avery, 25, of Rt. 7, Raleigh, an employee of Western Lanes Bowling Center here, was pulled from the bottom of 20-foot-deep water by Leamon Allen, father of Ronald Allen, of Rt. 7, Raleigh. Ronald Allen is still missing. A third man involved in the accident, John Muse III, was rescued from the river Sunday night.

Allen, who lives in the Eastgate section of Raleigh, said he had a "feeling" Avery's body was on the bottom near the Old Milburnie Dam.

Allen said he rigged a grappling hook on a rope and cast it into the river near the mill.

Hooked Body
Allen had a hard time pulling him off the bottom," Allen said. "I had to pull him through a bunch of logs and broke two of the hooks before I got him up."

The body was found near two of the three truck tire innertubes the three men had lashed together with rope to improvise a raft. The two truck innertubes could be seen

tumbling in the same spot where the raft overturned Sunday night, spilling the three men into the water under the falls.

The recovery of the body climaxed a day of strenuous search on the river by rescue squads from Raleigh and four other towns, the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Wake Deputies, the State Highway Patrol, the Wake Civil Air Patrol and numerous other volunteers.

River Hazardous
Russell Capps, director of Wake County Civil Defense, who is coordinating the search, said, "A number of the men risked their lives today." Capps said the river, swollen by heavy rains last week, was

in a very hazardous stage.

The three men had lashed three truck innertubes together into a raft; each man had gotten into an innertube and gone into the river in the slack water near the millhouse, Muse's wife said.

They had tied a rope over 100 feet long to a beam in the floor of the old millhouse and had taken several wild rides down the river on the swift current.

Mrs. Muse said when the three men went into the river the last time the swirling backwash from the falls swept them under the falls and the raft overturned.

Mrs. Muse said that while she and Allen's wife were trying to pull Avery in, she heard Muse and Allen yelling.

"I looked up and saw Ron (Allen) lying on his back in the middle of the river down near the trees (a narrow spot about 150 yards or more downstream from the dam).

"I didn't see Johnny (Muse), but I heard him holler. He caught a limb and held on until they got him out."

Allen said his son was an excellent swimmer and had been swimming in the river at Raleigh Beach, just below the Milburnie Dam, many times. Avery, according to a cousin, could not swim.

Capps and Raleigh Fire Chief C. R. Puryear said Tuesday night that they saw no hope of finding Allen's body until the river subsides and postponed further search operations until Thursday.

GE's Dormant Plants to Get Wheels Turning

By RICK NICHOLS
Staff Writer

NELSON — About two miles from here, on the edge of Research Triangle Park, the bits and pieces of a lunar excursion module and lunar roving vehicle are heaped on the floor of a mammoth manufacturing plant.

The plant is part of a three-building complex opened by General Electric last year to construct medium-size steam turbine generators.

The lunar gear is being stored in acres of unused space awaiting completion of a permanent home at the N. C. Museum of Life and Science in Durham. Some people have been wondering about all that unused space.

One building, in the complex a 26,000-square-foot office facility, has been vacant for several months.

Plant manager Stephen O'Brien said the manufacturing operation of the \$40 million facility have not required occupancy of the building yet.

"My theory is to work as close to the operations as I can until we expand to the point where all the manufacturing

square-foot affair, is where the 180-ton generators will undergo final assembly. Ten men began working there this week.

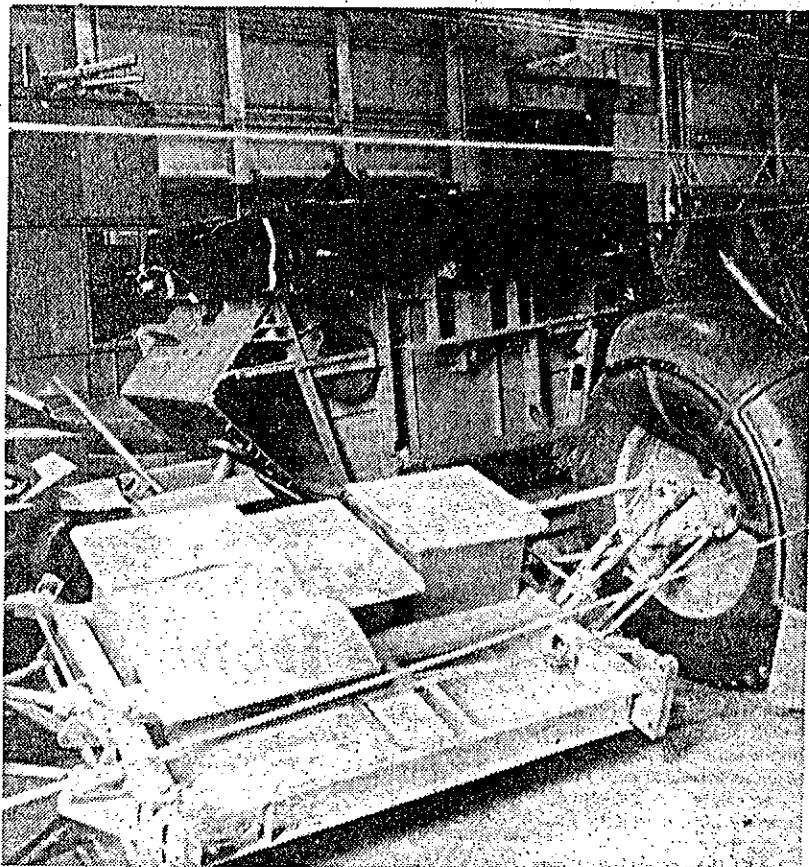
Meanwhile, recruiting is proceeding toward a projected work force of 250 by the end of 1973. Two factors — a dip in local unemployment rates and a relatively small pool of workers with welding and machine skills — have put a mild kink in recruiting plans.

But by 1975, O'Brien says, there should be nearly 500 employees working at the complex.

With that sort of work force, the unoccupied manufacturing space will be filled and more managerial and supervisory personnel will be on the job, he said.

Plant officers will move to the empty office building then, O'Brien said.

And the space artifacts, by 1975, will be on display as part of an aerospace exhibit at the Museum of Life and Science.



Staff photo by Rick Nichols

Lunar rover finds plenty of space to park at General Electric

Hot Times on the Fourth

Looking back, it was a less complicated time, although it cer-

Drowned Man's Body Recovered at Bridge

The body of Ronald Allen, 24, of Rt. 7, Raleigh who drowned in the flood-swollen Neuse River Sunday night was found wedged against a piling on the U. S. 64 bridge east of here Wednesday morning.

The body of a companion, Herman Harold (Pooch) Avery, 25, also of Rt. 7, Raleigh, was recovered from 20-foot-deep water near the old Milburnie Dam Tuesday night.

Allen's body was recovered by the Wendell Rescue Squad after W.L. Mitchell, a contractor whose home adjoins the river near the U.S. 64 bridge, reported seeing it jammed against the bridge pilings about 7 a.m.

Mitchell said the river had gone down about

a foot Wednesday morning. It had been swollen by last Friday's heavy rain.

Tuesday night, Allen's father, Leamon Allen of the Eastgate section of Raleigh, recovered Avery's body by casting a grappling hook into the 20-foot-deep hole near the dam.

A third man involved in the accident, John Muse III of Raleigh, survived Sunday night by hanging onto a limb downstream from the dam. The three men had fallen in the water after their improvised raft, made of three truck inner tubes, was swept under the falls near Raleigh Beach and overturned.

Two Appointed By Holding Tech

Holding Technical Institute this week named Fred F. Harbin of Raleigh as business manager and James M. Wilburn III of Cary as director of institutional research and development.

Harbin, a retired Marine Corps colonel, served as assistant director for administration in the State Department of Archives and History for the past three years. He is a Statesville native.

Wilburn is a native of Surry County and a 1966 graduate of

Pfeiffer College. He is currently completing his doctoral degree in Community College Administration at N.C. State University.

Goals Group Gets Grant Of \$14,000

Goals for Raleigh, a citizens' group studying Raleigh's future, has been awarded a \$14,000 grant from the N. C. Committee for Continuing Education in the Humanities.

The money will help fund studies of the historical evolution of Raleigh's growth and a program of citywide forums on community concerns.

Goals for Raleigh is composed of citizen volunteers. It is sponsored by Cooperating Raleigh Colleges, the League of Women Voters, Wake Environment and the Raleigh Community Relations Committee.

'Spider Man'

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A stealthy second-story artist known as the "spider man" complained that someone else was using his hard-won name while he languished in prison, a newspaper reported. "I am the real spider man," he wrote the police commissioner, and promised to prove it in a book relating "all the real facts of crimes I have committed in all the countries I have been in."

Masonic Notice!

A stated communication of Rolesville Lodge No. 683 A.F. & A.M. will be held Thursday, July 5, 1973 at 8 P.M. for work in the Master Mason Degree. Supper will be served at 6:30 (Dutch). All Master Masons are invited to attend. Oscar T. Barnham, Master Milton E. Jones, Secretary

MASONIC NOTICE
A Stated Communication of Vandora Lodge No. 745, A.F. & A.M. will be held in the Garner Masonic Temple Thursday, July 5, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

William Leagon, Master
J. Noel Bryan, Secretary

ODD FELLOWS NOTICE

St. Walter Lodge No. 411 meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. 10th floor Odd Fellow Temple. Capital Encampment meets every first Thursday.

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