

# Bowater Asks Waste Permit

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Bowater Southern Paper Corporation has applied to the South Carolina Water Pollution Control Authority for a permit to discharge waste from a proposed operation into the Catawba River opposite Van Wyck.

Reports were circulated last week that water pollution was the only obstacle to Bowater's locating a big paper plant near Catawba.

The Water Pollution Control Authority will consider the application at a called meeting at 11:15 Friday morning in the Wade Hampton State Office Building.

Representatives of Bowater Paper Plant have been invited to the meeting to explain the request to members of the authority. Others invited include representatives from the City of Rock Hill, Celanese Corporation of America at Rock Hill, and representatives of Springs Bleachery at Lancaster.

Representatives of the additional firms were invited by the authority since they might be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed operation, authority officials said.

Reports compiled by the Water

Pollution Control Authority show that the Class B classification on the Catawba River below Rock Hill is being contravened because of waste from Rock Hill.

Rock Hill has been working for sometime on plans to bring the Catawba River back to Class B classification. A pilot plant to test treatment operations for a larger treatment plant is now in operation. A new sewage treatment system to cost nearly \$1½ million has been authorized at Rock Hill.

A critical point in the Catawba now occurs about 3½ miles below Rock Hill's discharge point. At this point the dissolved oxygen content of the stream is below three

parts per million. Class B and Class C water requires an oxygen content of four parts per million.

# Work Starts Soon On Bowaters Plant

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## Project Is Speeded In York

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(UP)—Bowaters Southern Carolinas mill on the Catawba River in York County will begin breaking ground for the \$100 million plan "almost immediately," the State Development Board said Tuesday.

George McNabb of the state board said test core drilling has been going on for some time but that officials planned to begin construction "as soon as possible, which was almost immediately."

McNabb said the board felt it would be 1958 before the plant got into operation with the production of newsprint.

However, in Calhoun, Tenn., site of Bowaters Southern multi-million dollar plant, officials of the firm said results of the drilling would be necessary before engineers could proceed with developing the plant. They said official release of the dates would be released as soon as they had been determined.

Two Bowaters officials from Calhoun, Industrial Relations Manager G. R. Koons and Public Relations Director Ed Stout, visited Lancaster Thursday.

Lancaster Chamber of Commerce President Charles Bundy said the officials believed it would be "the end of this year or January 1st before ground breaking, and 18 months before completion of construction."

Bundy said Koons told him Bowaters did not have an exact date set for beginning construction and that "as soon as the tests were completed and the plant located on the site, there would be some more engineering needed."

Bundy said a group of South Carolinians from Lancaster, Rock Hill and Catawba would make a trip to Calhoun at the expense of Bowaters to visit the \$100 million plant there. He said he believed the trip would be next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during which time the group could talk to Calhoun residents, fishermen and visit the plant itself.

The South Carolina General Assembly met in special session last month to enact legislation paving the way for the plant to locate on the Catawba River in York County.

The firm had objected to a constitutional provision limiting to 500 acres the amount of land an alien corporation could own. The General Assembly changed the state law raising the limit to 500,000 acres.

## Rumors Put To Rest

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# S. C. To See Much Of Eric Bowater

CATAWBA, S. C.—Sir Eric Bowater leaned against the rear fender of a car, the bright South Carolina sun bearing down on his flushed, pink face and white hair and bouncing off a brilliant gold cigarette case.

He borrowed a match from a reporter and smiled when he said it.

"You'll be seeing a lot of me," he said, pointing out he'd be back in February or March.

Then he added with a laugh, "Perhaps too much!"

Oliver Faris walked up. He wanted to shake the hand of the man who had bought a considerable amount of his property for the new Bowater Paper Corp. plant.

Faris' wife, an aide told Sir Eric, is postmistress in nearby Van Wyck.

Faris told the handsome fisher he was stationed in York during the war as a

glider pilot.

"It was terribly rough in those days," Sir Eric reminded him, in a soft, clipped accent.

The meeting with Faris was Sir Eric's first encounter with a "native."

But he saw more of the rolling South Carolina countryside before he left.

### SOUTHERN LUNCH

A few miles up the road on property owned by the late Alex Hanes, he had a Southern-style lunch under the trees just 50 yards from some field hands who were picking cotton. The crop was the last they'd ever pick there, for soon Bowater would take over.

Sir Eric's trip was a highly guarded "secret," Bowater officials thought. However, the word spread through the area rapidly long before the party arrived from Charlotte.

Had he had time to listen to rumors, he would have found the folks in Van Wyck and Catawba saying ground would be broken in 30 days and Daniel Construction Co., the Greenville, S. C., builders, would erect the plant.

However, he said the stories just weren't true.

The site is marked off and a part of it is fenced in, and a few curious occasionally come to look at it. Everyone in the region is looking forward to a pick up of business and thousands are seeking jobs.

One man is unperturbed.

He's Early Brown who runs the powered cable ferry across the Catawba at Van Wyck. When progress comes, it may mean a bridge across the river and Early will be out of a job.

"If they build it," he says, "I guess I'll just go home and lay down."

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