

300 On Payroll

Production Starts At Bowater Plant

Wood Pulp Now Being Turned Out

Special to The News

CATAWBA, S. C.—Bowaters Carolina Corp.'s management announced today this plant has begun continuous production of wood pulp from pine timber after several weeks of testing operations.

As the management explained, "the \$38 million dollars the company began investing in this plant in 1957 now is beginning to provide a pulpwood supply."

800 CORDS DAILY

This sprawling mill, ultramodern in all its mechanical details, has a capacity of converting 800 cords of pine timber daily into pulpwood. Much of this production will be exported to England.

Approximately 300 persons now are on the plant's payroll. This payroll will approximate \$3 million per year and will provide a strong stimulation for the economy over this area of South Carolina.

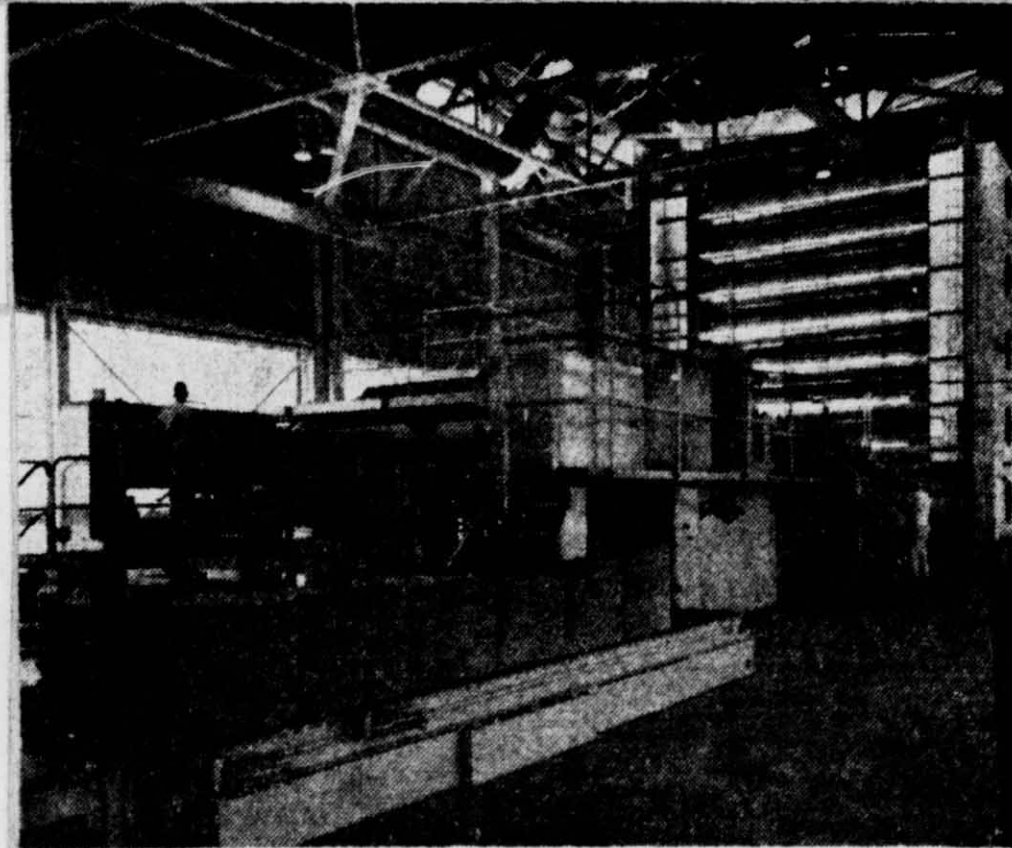
T. C. Bannister Jr. is the general manager of this operation, which is a subsidiary of the Bowater Organization, based in England. Another great plant of this organization is operated at Calhoun, Tenn.

SECOND PLANT

At Catawba, on an extensive site adjacent to the newly activated pulp mill, Bowaters Carolina is building another multi-million-dollar plant which will produce pulpwood and fine paper from hardwood timber. This second Catawba plant is scheduled to be activated around midyear 1960.

Bowaters Carolina is planning a formal opening of the newly activated mill. The date probably will be in October. An outstanding detail of this planning is that the corporation's management is hopeful groups of top executives from the governments and corporations in North Carolina and South Carolina will attend this opening.

Several executives from the Bowater Organization in England also are planning to be present as hosts at this formal opening.



Big Pulp Machine At New Bowater Plant, Catawba, S. C.

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Workers At Bowaters Vote 'Yes' On Union

Hourly paid production and maintenance workers at the Catawba plant of Bowaters Carolina Corp. voted yesterday to be represented by the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, AFL-CIO.

Richard L. Denison, representative of the Winston-Salem, N. C., regional office of the National Labor Relations Board, who conducted the election, said these were the results of the one-day vote:

The Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers union received 159 votes

and the United Papermakers and Paperworkers, AFL-CIO, received 28 votes.

Twenty-two workers voted not to be represented by either union.

Denison said ballots were cast by 209 of the 217 workers eligible to vote.

There were no void ballots and none was challenged.

Denison said results of the collective bargaining vote will not be official until the end of a five-day period, during which "any party to this election has a right

to appeal as to the conduct of the election."

That five-day period, which refers to five working days in the NLRB regional office, will be up at the close of work on Wednesday, Aug. 5, a company spokesman said.

The spokesman said the company did not plan to file any objection to the conduct of the election.

Workers had three options on the ballot. They could vote for either of the two unions seeking to represent them, or state that they wished to be represented by neither.

The Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, which received the majority vote, represents a number of pulp mill employees in the South. A large part of the membership of the Papermakers and Paperworkers union is in papermaking plants. The Catawba plant makes pulp, but does not make paper. Its product is shipped to papermaking plants in Great Britain.

A spokesman for the UPP expressed doubt that his union would appeal. He added, "We're disappointed. We thought we had the election in the bag."

Lloyd V. Oliver, vice president of the Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, said:

"I'm grateful for the overwhelming vote of confidence given our organization by the employees of Bowaters. We pledge our wholehearted support to see that that confidence is not betrayed.

"We'll do everything in our power to negotiate an agreement that will enhance our economic scale of life for our membership and this community."

Richard Sundberg, industrial relations superintendent for the Bowaters plant, said in reply to a newsman's question as to what would happen next:

"I suppose the union that represents the employees will approach us to set up a date to negotiate a contract.

"They said they would be in touch with us.

"They have to wait until it becomes official and this particular union is certified as the bargaining agent for these employees.

"We were a little bit surprised at the outcome. However, we were pleased that such a large number of the employees did vote that were eligible to vote."



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Union, Company Officials Examine Returns
(L-R) Richard L. Denison, Richard Sundberg, And Lloyd V. Oliver