



Bear Facts, Ma'am: They Saw Something

By JOHN KILGO
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Is there a bear roaming Mecklenburg County? County Police say, "Now, it couldn't be." Some Mecklenburgers say, "We've seen him and heard him growl." The State Wildlife Commission says, "Could be, but it would really be a fluke."

County Police received a call yesterday afternoon that a bear was roaming around in a woman's barn on the Old Pineville Road. Officers Elmer Lutz and J. P. Smith were sent to investigate. They didn't find a bear but

they found a lot of excited people. "There was a bunch of kids out there," Officer Lutz said. "They said they saw this thing stand up real slow and stretch out his paws and growl."

Officer Lutz said he doesn't believe there's a bear loose. Police got three calls about the Pineville Road bear yesterday. And last week a man on Thrift Road told police he shot twice at a bear.

Officer Lutz, who is fast becoming a bear "expert" — investigated that case, too. "They found some hair on a fence. The man said it looked like bear's hair."

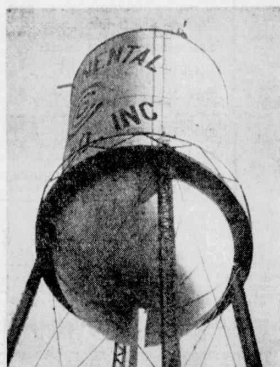
And last week a man on Thrift Road told police he shot twice at a bear. Officer Lutz said, "It would be possible for a bear to roam into your neck

of the woods," he says. "But it would be very unlikely. Bears aren't exactly native to the piedmont area."

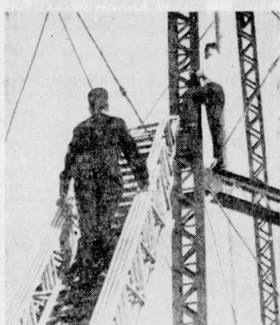
press keeps him informed of the bear story. "It's possible you folks have a bear down there," he says. "But the scoundrel is probably a pet that is loose."

Rescue!

Police, Priest Coax NJ Man From Tank



Augustine Le Pree, At Top Of 200-Ft. Tank



Father Joseph Molloy Talks Le Pree Down



Passage Firemen Lower Him To The Ground

Dock Workers Stage Strike In Britain
HULL, England (AP)—Refusal by dock workers to unload the dusty cargo of a Soviet ship started a strike which spread over Hull Harbor today.

Navy Patrol Aircraft Hit By Red Jets Near Korea

From Nearby Counties

'Bootleg Students' Creating Problem

By JERRY REECE
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Mecklenburg county schools are fighting a running battle with "bootleg students" from neighboring counties. County school officials call it "a continuing problem."

In short, the problem is this: students from neighboring counties (Union, Cabarrus and Iredell) attend Mecklenburg County schools.

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This is a navy P4M, the type of aircraft attacked by MIG jets

'Big Four' Upset Election Winners Resent That Label

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

Never, no never, say "Big Four" again. So sayeth the "Big Four"—Myers, Smith, Hinch and Babcock of the City Council.

The label is misleading, unfair, untrue, they say. Yesterday's City Council meeting pointed this up, they say. You couldn't tell the "Big Four" from the "Little Three" when the voting started. That, say the new City Council members, is the way it is going to be.

City Councilman Gibson Smith told The News today, "I resent the continual reference to the so-called 'Big Four.' And I think the other new members of the City Council also resent it."

Councilmen Randolph Babcock and Brevard Myers agreed. Mayor pro tem Herbert Hinch is out-town. The four ran for the first time in the spring, led the ticket for four out of seven Council seats and billed themselves as the Better Government group.

The label "Big Four" was given by the newspapers when it appeared the "team" would stick together.

RUBBER STAMPS? "The label implies that we are just rubber stamps for one another," Smith adds. "This is not true. We are not voting together on issues whether right or wrong. We are individuals. We have our own ideas and our own philosophies."

"We never agreed to vote as a bloc. I think each of us will vote and have voted according to our own conscience. I feel very strongly about this. There is no agreement to stick together. It was never our intention to be a bloc or a team," Myers says.

Myers, Smith and Babcock pointed out that they agreed only on the police chief. They opposed the appointment of Ernest Selvey and nominated Jesse James. The other three members of the City Council—newcomer Jim Whittington and veterans Claude Alba and Steve W. Delinger—failed to agree with the way the selection of James was made.

"I think things are tapering off and we're harmonious," Smith says.

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U. S., Soviet Leaders Meet

GENEVA (AP)—Andre A. Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter met unexpectedly today at Gromyko's request to discuss the final phase of the Big Four conference in Berlin.

There was immediate speculation among Western diplomats Gromyko might have some new proposal either on breaking the East-West deadlock over Berlin or on how to wind up the conference.

Earlier Herter met with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and reports the western powers were split over the problem of a summit conference following the foreign ministers' meeting.

Britain was reported urging U. S. and French consideration of accepting a summit session with Russia even if the present meeting ends in failure.

The Soviet foreign minister went to Herter's villa. In another conference crisis last week, Herter had gone to Gromyko's villa. The Russian was accompanied by A. A. Solodov, chief of the American section of the Soviet Foreign Office.

Herter had Assistant Secretary of State Livingston Merchant and Ellsworth Thompson, U. S. Ambassador to Moscow, as his advisers in the meeting.

The Western Allies were reported making an 11th hour attempt to hammer out a stopgap accord on Berlin with the Soviet Union.

SHIELL HUNT JAGUARS NEW YORK (AP)—A Philadelphia society girl left to plane yesterday for Brazil to hunt jaguars. Stella (Gissy) Reeve, 26, wants to learn to kill the big jungle cats with a spear. She was accompanied by bearded Sasha Simel, 68, a veteran white hunter in Brazil's Mato Grosso jungle.

Reeves was a veteran actor with a career of 27 years which included a role in "Gone With The Wind" and even movies before that.

Last year during an interview he was asked why, after all his experience, he wasn't working. He replied:

"It's like Hopalong Cassidy trying to get an acting job in white tie and tails."

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Tracers Wound Crewman

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Navy patrol plane was attacked by MIG jet fighters over international waters of the Sea of Japan yesterday and one of the crew was seriously wounded, the Defense Department reported today.

The incident, in which two MIG fighters were believed to have made the attack, occurred about 85 miles east of Wonsan, North Korea.

The first reports returned here did not make clear whether the American plane received the fire. Neither did those reports identify the attacking planes by nationality. The MIGs are Russian-type planes used by the Soviets, Red Chinese and North Koreans.

NO WARNING "Radio reports said the jets attacked without warning, firing tracer ammunition," the Pentagon announcement said.

"Thought to be two in number, they made six firing runs and followed the P4M to within 50 feet of the water on the patrol plane look evasive action. Shies were clear and ceiling unlimited."

"A tail gunner in the U. S. plane was seriously wounded as his gun was knocked out on the first run. He was the only casualty reported."

"Attacking aircraft were silver MIG fighters with red stars all over their cockpits on the fuselage," the reports said.

The attack was started at an altitude of 2,000 feet. The incident, the Pentagon said, took place at 12:36 p.m. Tuesday, Japanese time 10:36 p.m. Monday, EST.

The Defense Department said the P4M was on a routine training patrol. It was based at Fukuoka Marine Corps air facility on the Island Sea of Japan's Honshu Island.

"Skillful handling by Lt. Cmdr. Donald Mayer, the pilot, enabled the badly damaged plane to be brought safely into Milo air force base on Honshu," the Pentagon announcement said.

WEATHER Fair and a little warmer today, tonight and Wednesday.

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High today . . . 89
High yesterday . . . 88
High tomorrow . . . 91

Sunrise today 5:19 a.m.; sunset today 7:29 p.m.

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—STRANGE DIALOGUE PRECEDES SUICIDE—

TV's Superman, George Reeves, Dies

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Television's Superman, George Reeves, died of a heart attack today. The precise motive has not been determined. Friends said he was discouraged about not getting other roles after the Superman series ended. Reeves' show is still running in many cities.

Police Sgt. V. A. Peterson told of the suicide and his strange prelude.

4 IN PARTY The officer said Reeves, 45, had four persons at his house last night, including his fiancée, Lenore Lemmon, 35, it got late.

Miss Lemmon said when Reeves left to go to his second-story bedroom she jokingly remarked, "well, he'll probably shoot himself." A drawer was heard to open, and she said she remembered, "well, he's getting a gun."

Then a shot was heard. Reeves had killed himself with a bullet in the temple from a .30-caliber Luger pistol.

WOULDN'T GO The investigators said from her story they believed Reeves might have been upset because people wouldn't leave the house.

Miss Lemmon said she and Reeves were planning to marry at Tijuana, Mexico, next Friday.

Sgt. Peterson said Reeves had been unhappy about his career and had been trying his luck in some boxing and wrestling ventures. He said he had been scheduled to appear in an exhibition today at San Diego with light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore.

The actor killed himself in the bedroom of his home in Benedict Canyon, an exclusive residential area in the hills above Beverly Hills.

He had starred in scores of the "Superman" films, which are now particularly popular in Japan.

ANOTHER PLANET Superman, for the uninitiated, is a visitor from another

planet. Endowed with incredible strength, he is able to leap across oceans and smother atomic blasts with his body. In the series, he disguises himself as a mild-mannered newspaperman, switching to the Superman role only to foil the villains or perform good deeds.

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GEORGE REEVES

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