



MEET THE FIREFLY

Of Night Lights: The Bug Variety

By JULIAN SCHREER
News Staff Writer

Gather around, kiddies, and hear this story about lightning bugs.

It is high time you knew a little something about what you've been chasing since the weather turned warm.

A LIGHTNING bug is really a firefly. Not clear? Well, they're both slang expressions for a night-loving beetle of the Elateridae and Cantharidae families. There are 90 species of them and we haven't had a chance to find out which local lightning bug is.

However, this much is true: The luminous organs of the bug's body light up a specialized portion of the traffic "point system."

Ladies in Cuba and Mexico use lightning bugs or fireflies to decorate hats and dresses. Some people in tropical South America have used the bugs as light. Of course, this use may cause hilly reading habits, but half a light is better than none.

You'll only find lightning bugs in warm climates. Eskimos know nothing of lightning bugs, but, then again, African natives know nothing of Northern Lights which makes things even.

AND, KIDDIES, if you think you've got something special in your backyard at night, you ain't seen nothin'. The kids in Paraguay have a lightning bug called a railroad beetle. This bug lights up red on the end and green on the sides.

So there, too.

4 Others Injured

Runaway Truck Claims 3 Lives

DULUTH, Minn. (P)—A semi-trailer grain truck speeding out of control down a hill without brakes hit a car and smashed into two homes Wednesday night. Three persons died and four others were injured.

The impact sent the truck's heavy load of grain through the wall of the first house and into another, around the corner.

Killed were Ralph Reddin, 50, Ellendale, N.D., the truck driver and his wife, Ruby, 33, and Martin Cich, 26, Superior, Wis., whose car was struck by the truck.

Seriously injured were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Widell, occupants of the second house hit by the truck. They were in their living room watching television when the truck smashed into the front of their home.

DRUM HURLED
Also injured were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hayes, who live around the corner from the Widell home. Mrs. Hayes was struck in the back by an oil drum carried with the runaway truck.

Seaway authorities are still ironing out kinks. But two months of operation have proved the system works. More than 1,500 ships have used the waterway since it opened April 25.

Friday, in less than 12 hours, the President will fly, walk, motor and sail about 1,000 miles.

FLIES FROM D.C.

Flying from Washington, Eileen, however, will land in his plane Columbia III at the St. Hubert Air Base. This jet fighter center is eight miles east of Montreal in a unit in the North America Air Defense network that maintains contact 24 hours a day with NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo. About 17,000 personnel, some of them Americans, work at St. Hubert.

Elizabeth will meet the President there.

Even during the royal greetings a group of pilots will be in the ready room, set to take off in CF-100 jet interceptors if northern radar stations signal an attack.

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Charlotteans Pile Up Points Quickly

By JOHN KILGO
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Over 400 Charlotte motorists have already felt the bite of the state's new traffic "point system."

The new plan went into effect last Friday and through last night the points were piling up in a hurry.

If you get as many as 12 points within a 24-month period, you can get your license suspended for 60 days.

Charlotte police have given 207 speeding tickets since Friday.

TWO POINTS EACH

Everyone who got a ticket has two points against him, and if the speed was more than 55 miles an hour, he has three points.

Since the new system went into effect, 67 Charlotteans have been given red light citations.

For this they get three points. Thirty-four have picked up two points for running stop signs and 22 have picked up three points for failing to yield the right of way.

IMPACT FELT
Capt. of Traffic James B. Stagg says he thinks the new point system is going to have a tremendous impact on the driving public.

"When a person knows he's already got three points, he'll think a little harder before he breaks the law," Stagg says.

"I believe the law will cut down on the minor moving violations."

"People know now that they can get points for running red lights and stop signs."

Stagg says the points can pile up before you know it.

"A couple of violations and you've had it," he says.

He cited the example of a woman who wrecked her car last night on Rozell's Ferry Rd. Police charged her with no driver's license and reckless driving.

"She's already got seven points," Stagg said. "It won't take much more for her to lose her license."

Satchmo Lies Gravely Ill
SPOLETO, Italy (P)—Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong, who triumphed his way to the top ranks of jazz, lay gravely ill in a coma here last night.

Italian doctors said the 40-year-old musician had suffered heart disturbances which seriously complicated an attack of pneumonia. He fell ill with pneumonia in Tuesday.

Dr. Satchmo's American physician, Dr. Alexander Schick, who accompanied him to this little central Italian town for a musical festival, insisted, almost tearfully, "He never had any kind of heart attack. He just blew himself out, that's all. Any musician who blows on a wind instrument for years suffers a slow weakening of the heart. That's inevitable."

And Satchmo—the satchel-mouthed music man from New Orleans—has been making magic on his sweet-toned horn since the birth of jazz.

In dramatic evidence of his greatness, the 40-year-old Tin Pan boy of New Orleans music, Armstrong lay ill in a town dedicated to Italian classic opera.

BOY ELECTROCUTED
NEWARK, N. Y. (P)—Nine-month-old Fred Murphy, found dead at the base of a lamp, apparently touched an exposed cord and was electrocuted, the coroner ruled yesterday.

BY ANN SAWYER
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(Fourth In A Series)

Is consolidation the salvation of city and county schools? Many people and organizations say it is.

Among those on record as favoring the marriage of the two systems are the city and county school boards, superintendents of both systems, the Chamber of Commerce, the 32 white PTAs in the county system, the League of Women Voters, and the executive committee of the Charlotte PTA Council.

WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT
One of the League leaders was Mrs. Oliver Howe, wife of the late Tin Pan boy, who is working for a merger. In a statement prepared by Mrs.

Rowe, Mrs. Elmer Rouse and Mrs. Paul Hansell, the League in March of 1957 said it "wholeheartedly" supports the issue.

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A Whale Of A Lot

Lifeguards and swimmers at Long Beach, Calif., attempted to beach this 22-foot-long pilot whale, but the mammal proved a whale of a lot too heavy. So lifeguards attached a line to its tail, towed it out to sea and released it.

The second phase of the work will be from Gold to 3rd St., and most of it will be on the side walk. Final phase of the work will be north from the Square to 10th St.

The traffic engineer said the company installing the pipe plans to tunnel under several intersections—Independence Blvd., Morehead and Stonehall Sts., and perhaps several more.

Our Weather
Considerable cloudiness, warm and humid with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms through Friday.

Low this morning 69
Low tomorrow morning 70
High today 90
High yesterday 90
High tomorrow 90
Sunrise today 5:10 a.m.; sunset today 7:42 p.m.

More Weather On 2-A
UNDERGOES SURGERY
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Television actor Roger Smith underwent surgery Wednesday for removal of a blood clot. He suffered a concussion earlier this month in a fall at his home.

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NEWS WILL PROVIDE
RINGSIDE COVERAGE
Max Muhleman, The Charlotte News' boxing writer, will be at ringside in Yankee Stadium tonight when Floyd Patterson risks his heavyweight championship against Sweden's Ingemar Johansson.

Muhleman will interview both fighters after the bout and bring you the inside story on The Ring's sports pages tomorrow.

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Council To Receive Project Bids Monday

By ANN SAWYER
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Extension of Charlotte's water system to the perimeter area will cost a little more than a million dollars.

Bids were received yesterday at City Hall and will be presented to the City Council Monday.

Walter M. Franklin, water superintendent, said he will recommend contracts be awarded Boyd & Goldthorpe Inc. for two sections of work and to Bythe Bros. Co. for the other two sections.

In order to get all the work in the perimeter started at the same time, as well as to give small companies an opportunity to bid for the job, the perimeter area was divided into four sections, Mr. Franklin said.

Boyd & Goldthorpe were low on the base bids for the Wilkinson Blvd. and Providence Road-Sardis Road areas. The bids were \$237,258.39 and \$303,524.91 respectively.

Bythe Bros. was low on the base bids for the Hoskins-Thomson and Park Road-Selwyn Ave. areas, with bids \$209,357.99 and \$217,372.20 respectively.

Total base bids was \$1,028,143.59.

SUBMIT BIDS

Nine contractors bid on all or part of the job.

Mr. Franklin said the bids covered the immediate and basic water system for the perimeter area. They were for six, eight and twelve-inch diameter water mains for 43 miles of street in the perimeter area that will become a part of Charlotte the end of this year.

The work, scheduled to be completed in six to nine months, will not complete the system, Mr. Franklin said. Other lines will be installed later.

Installation of the mains, complete with fire hydrants, will ready the perimeter for city fire protection Jan. 1, 1960, Mr. Franklin said.

FIRE PROTECTION

The work will bring minimum fire protection to the area as well as supply domestic water, he said.

Bids on extending the city sanitary sewer system into the perimeter are to be opened at City Hall at 10 a.m. July 16.

The job, also expected to cost more than a million dollars, is being handled by the City Engineering Dept. It involves about 400 feet of pipe.

The 31-square-mile perimeter has been divided into three geographic areas for tie sewer work.

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