

POLLUTION -
Out of retirement

Fox sloshes slime on plant in C'ville

CARPENTERSVILLE — The Fox, after two years of inactivity, struck again Sunday.

His target was McWhorter Chemical Co., of Cottage Avenue, Carpentersville. The Fox claimed the company is continuing to pollute the Fox River from its east side plant north of the village.

A caller identifying himself as a spokesman for the Fox told the Daily Courier-News today that buckets of resin and plastic taken from the river were dumped in front of and thrown at the chemical company's building about 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

"There's plenty more left on trees and in the river," the caller said.

Carpentersville police said they received a call Sunday evening from a person reporting a suspected break-in at McWhorter's plant.

When police arrived, there were large splashes of unidentified black liquid on the front and side walls and on the entrance doors of the plant, they said.

There was also a large pile of river sewage in the plant along with six empty five-gallon cans.

A large sign was also placed near the entrance and it stated: "Ye company called McWhorter do ye play dirty? Well sorta. What ye've dumped in our streams is most rotten, low and mean, so we're

dumping it back, like we o-ter."

It was signed, "The Fox." The "o" was in the shape of a fox's head.

Police confiscated the sign and are holding it for evidence into what one officer termed vandalism.

The unidentified caller who phoned the Courier-News today said the chemical company caused a large fish kill in the river last year, and although cited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has, continued to dump plastics and resins directly into the river.

"It hangs on trees and coats the river bank and everything is dying," said the spokesman.

A check this morning by a Courier-News photographer failed to show any visible signs of this coating on the river or its east bank near the plant.

The Fox's spokesman said the area "still looks like a pig pen" despite Illinois EPA orders to clean it up.

Ed Marek of the Water Pollution Division of the Illinois EPA said that complaints against the company go back to "some time ago."

He also confirmed a report from the Fox's representative that McWhorter plant manager Michael Bashir had written to the EPA telling of a cleanup, landscaping and decorating program for the area.

"They have laid down some gravel and seem to have started, but aren't moving as fast on that or to the extent promised," Marek said.

Marek said the chemical plastics company hasn't done as good a job cleaning up the river as it had promised, "and that's probably what bothers The Fox."

Contacted today, Bashir said he and his employees spend more time at the plant than at home. "I'm as interested in clean water and beautification as anyone," he said.

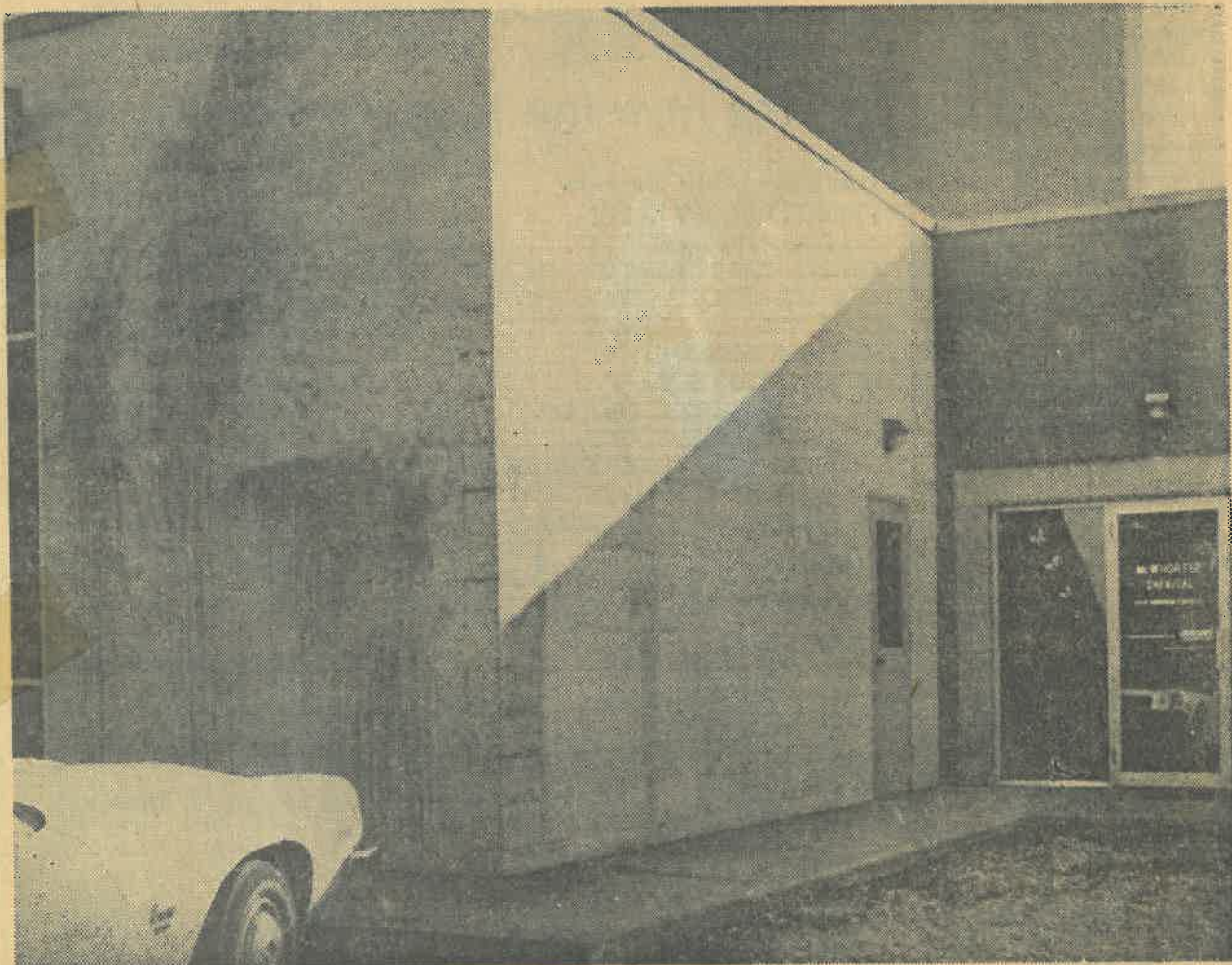
The plant manager said water is used for cooling and doesn't come in contact with chemicals. "I am so confident, that I will take a cup of water from the discharge and drink it," he said.

On the river cleanup, Bashir said that last spring and summer employees cleaned up trees and the river bank to the water level at that time. The water level is lower now, "and maybe some more is showing up" he said.

Bashir remarked, "we live in this community; we don't want to pollute," he said.

Marek said that because of earlier complaints against McWhorter the state still monitors water samples at the river there and has found some improvement in

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the discharge from the plant.

The Fox's spokesman said the river front should be a place of beauty, "but instead it's a dirty, slimy, smelly mess."

He also said The Fox and his followers deplore "individuals taking things in their own hands, but any company which is that insensitive to the environment had it coming."

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The Fox, whose signature includes a drawing of a fox head for the "o", has been inactive in this area in this manner for about two years.

Prior to that he called attention to many environmental problems in a wide area.

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He struck first in 1969 at an Aurora plant allegedly dumping pollutants into the Fox

River. He has since hit at many plants including U.S. Steel in Gary, Ind.

Posters and roadway signs are part of his method of operation aimed at causing embarrassment and calling public attention to what he believes to be problems.

Violence or destruction of property, except what police term vandalism, is not part of his method.

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connection with the bombings. He was described as white, about 5 feet 11 with a receding hairline and he was said to walk with a limp.

And in New York, police said they were looking for three men and a woman who were seen in a maroon-colored car at the scene of three of the bombings.

In New York, the bank blasts occurred at two First National City branches at 40 W. 57th St. and 111 Wall St., a Chase Manhattan branch at Madison Avenue and East 57th Street, and the West Minster Bank at 100 Wall St.

The worst damage appeared to have occurred at the

First National City branch at 111 Wall St. where the door and windows were exploded and had ripped. Glass was strewn over

At the U.S. Mission in New York, damage was otherwise

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