

### MARINE HOSPITAL PURCHASE WANTED

#### City Offers Federal Government \$20,000 For 18 Acre Tract Here

Culminating negotiations that have been underway periodically since 1923, the city council yesterday offered the Federal Government \$20,000 for the 18-acre old Marine hospital site, adjacent to the Robert Strange park.

The offer was made in a unanimously-adopted resolution which declared that the property is being purchased for "public use."

Included in the offer is the old Marine hospital, adjacent buildings and all other improvements on the property.

Negotiations for the purchase of the site have been underway by the city since 1923 when Congress passed an act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell the site. It has been in the possession of the government since 1857. The purchase price regulated by the OCT was said to be "not less than \$20,000."

Several months ago, the city was approached by the Treasury Department's division of public buildings to see if the city was still interested in purchasing the site.

The council indicated that it was and included an appropriation of \$25,000 for the old hospital and grounds in the new budget.

The additional \$5,000 of the appropriation is tentatively earmarked for improvement of the grounds and the purchase of playground equipment.

The council yesterday also approved the execution of a contract between the city and the county for the joint operation of the new 250-watt police radio transmitter, for which an application for a Federal license to operate is still pending.

Under the terms of the contract, Councilman Edgar L. Yow said, the county will operate two two-way radio cars through the system and pay the city 20 per cent of the cost of the operation of the transmitter for the privilege. The city will also maintain the county's radio units with the county furnishing replacement parts.

The contract was required by the Federal Communications commission. Councilman Yow said, before the commission would consider granting a license for the 250-watt frequency modulated transmitter which has been purchased and installed by the city to replace the present inadequate 100-watt police transmitter.

Negotiations are also under way, the councilman revealed, to have two-way radios installed in police cars at Carolina and Wrightsville Beaches under a similar arrangement, thus providing a complete police radio network for the county.

Police officials have pointed out that in many instances it is im-

possible for the present 100-watt transmitter to contact the state highway patrol radio at Elizabethtown or the military radio at Camp Davis.

It would also be impossible, they said, to operate a county network with the present transmitter since the 100-watt station is not audible in all parts of the county.

#### UNDER POLICE GUARD

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Hans Brochers, former German consul general in New York, was reported under police guard today at the seaside resort of Zapallar.

Informed sources said Brochers, who with the former German consul general at San Francisco, Fritz Weidmann, was returned to Germany via the U. S. transport West Point in July, 1941 had turned up in Chile last March.

### Negro Bound Over To Superior Court On Burglary Count

Horace Davis, negro, was bound over to Superior Court yesterday on charges of first degree burglary while an assault charge against George Howard, negro state's witness, was not pressed with leave at the recommendation of Solicitor Winfield Smith.

The two charges grew out of an incident on October 4 where Davis is alleged to have entered a negro home here to steal clothing and Howard to have detected him and to have shot him five times with a pistol.

Davis, who pleaded not guilty

to the charge, was released from the hospital Tuesday. Police officers testified that they found a pile of clothing in the house and a pair of socks, claimed by one of the inmates of the house, in Davis' pocket immediately after the shooting.

The negro's bond was set at \$250 by the recorder.

Leroy Shaw, negro, was sentenced to a total of 90 days on the roads on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on Dorothy Moore and of carrying a concealed weapon. The weapon, a pistol, was ordered destroyed.

Petroleum is almost the only product which normally employs in large volume four of the major transportation facilities: Pipelines, ships, railroads and trucks.

### Registration For Fuel Oil Ration Slated For October 20-21 In City

The registration for this winter's supply of fuel oil will be held in New Hanover county Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20-21.

According to a government survey, 1,800 homes in this county are heated by fuel oil but in the judgment of the New Hanover War Price and rationing board there are between 4,000 and 5,000 homes which will be affected by the rationing.

Arrangements are incomplete for the registration, said the board, and announcement as to the time and places will be made later. In the meantime, users of fuel oil in New Hanover county may

give a promisory receipt to all dealers for their supply, to be substituted by coupons from the rationing books when they are issued.

This arrangement will be in effect here until the rationing board is able to issue coupon books to all applicants, it was said.

#### PRISONER QUESTION

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—The House of Commons correspondent of Press association reported today

that the question of chaining of war prisoners still was under close study by the British government, and added: "I have every reason to believe there is reliable im-

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