

HUGE NAVAL AIR BASE TO BE BUILT IN COUNTY

FDR Issues Drastic Order For Control Of All Wages President Freezes Practically All Prices At Present Levels

TO COMBAT INFLATION Move Is Latest Effort To Fight Rising Cost Of Living In Nation

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You Closes To Run Again For City Post

Mayor Will Not File For Re-Election; Brand Also Out Of Race

REASONS DIVULGED Both Men Declare That Pressure Of Businesses Require Move

With the closing time for filing for the municipal primary less than 24 hours away both Mayor Edgar L. Yow, head of the city government for the past five months, and Councilman J. N. Brand, Jr., the city treasurer, announced last night that they would not be candidates for re-election.

Both gave the demands of their individual businesses as the reason for not seeking council seats for a second term. The mayor is an attorney while Mr. Brand is an auditor of passenger receipts for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company.

Little Interest Noted To date, the municipal election has attracted little interest and only seven candidates including the remaining three members of the present council, have filed for the primary, as against 36 candidates for the council in the first municipal primary under the new government two years ago.

CHILD INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Three Year Old Son Of Maffitt Village Family Seriously Hurt

Freddie Pate, three-year-old son of Mrs. Fannie Pate of 105 David drive, Maffitt village, was seriously injured when struck by an automobile on the Caroline Beach highway near the war housing project at noon Thursday.

Attendants at the hospital Thursday night described his condition as satisfactory.

Officers from the sheriff's department who investigated the accident said the boy left Reed's Grocery store and ran out on the highway, apparently right in front of an automobile driven by J. Powell, Negro.

Powell, they said, swerved his automobile off the highway to avoid hitting the child. His automobile was traveling at a moderate speed at the time, witnesses said.

"Sonnie Boy," Pate's brother, was with him at the time but was not injured in the accident.

DEADLINE TODAY

Friday, April 9, is the last day for filing in the forthcoming city election.

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY DRIVING AFTER ENEMY

An Axis View Of Tunisia



The Axis high command, looking toward Tunisia from the north, beholds a shrinking sector of once-huge holdings, with the British Eighth Army and the Americans scoring fresh gains in south Tunisia after a long-awaited junction with U. S. forces from the west; and the British First Army threatening the strongholds of Tunis and Bizerte.

Americans And British Swap Tunisian Trophies

WITH U. S. FORCES IN SOUTHERN TUNISIA, April 7.—(Delayed)—(P)—"Hello, you Limey!"

That was the affectionate hail given by Sergt. Joseph A. Randall of State Center, Iowa, to Sergt. A. W. Acland of Maida Vale, London, as reconnaissance patrols of the British Eighth Army and armored forces of the Second U. S. Army corps met in a historic juncture on the hard-surfaced road amid desert wastes 42 miles from Gabes today.

"Very glad to see you," answered Acland, with typical British restraint.

These two enlisted men—the helmeted, grinning American and the freckled, red-haired Briton with blue beret, stopped forward and shook hands for the first formal contact uniting British forces which had pursued Field Marshal Erwin Rommel 1,500 miles and the Americans back 40 miles from Kasserine pass in six weeks.

This is Acland's own story of the meeting, to which soldiers of both organizations had been awaiting eagerly for weeks.

"At first we thought you were Jerries because of your helmets. We had been having trouble with Jerry all the night before and all this morning we had been picking up Italian prisoners.

"We were seriously considering opening fire on you, especially when we saw a big gun sticking out of your armored lorries. Then we got the idea it was you. We remembered everybody yesterday was saying we would meet the Yanks today and when you fellows started running out of your vehicles we recognized you.

"Then everything happened at once. We were in a big stretch of wasteland in the middle of nothing. There were five armored cars on your side—your half tracks with 75-millimeter guns—and we had three armored dingos or scout cars, each holding two persons."

"There was a lot of handshaking. A small community took form on the spot. Some of the Yanks started offering us American cigarettes

WILMINGTON CASH BALANCE REDUCED Expenditures By City Government Exceed Revenues In March

The city's financial outlay during the month of March exceeded revenues for the month by approximately \$50,000, reducing the cash balance built up in the city treasury over the nine months since the fiscal year began to \$364,278.44, City Manager A. C. Nichols said Tuesday.

Revenues totalled \$68,554.53 during the month while expenses were \$117,564.20.

Pointing out that on nearly every source of revenue the income has far exceeded budgetary estimates, City Manager Nichols said the decrease in the cash balance was anticipated.

General Anderson In North Drives To Within 27 Miles Of Tunis

ALLIES HOLD SOUTH Montgomery's Forces Now Nearing New Junction With Americans

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 8.—(P)—The British Eighth Army, gaining 15 miles in the coastal pursuit of Marshal Rommel's forces, was reported tonight only 25 miles from a junction with another American column, which was driving toward the sea in the Maknassy-Mezzouna sector of Central Tunisia.

In the north Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's British First Army, striking out northeastward in the Medjel-el-Bab region, reached a point within 27 airline miles of the Axis stronghold of Tunis.

Field dispatches said all southern Tunisia now is in Allied hands after the British shattered the wadi Akarit lines and made their first junction with the Americans on the Gafsa.

New Juncture Expected The next juncture of the British with an American column was expected in the area between Mezzouna and Graiba, more than 50 miles up the coast from Gabes.

There were indications that advance Eighth army troops already had swept beyond Cekhira (La Skhira), a coastal settlement within 50 miles of Sfax.

Twenty-five miles to the northwest U. S. troops under Lieut.-Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., were battling German armored columns near Mezzouna in an effort to break through to the sea and cut off Rommel's retreat.

The swift Eighth army pursuit also indicated that Rommel would be unable to make another defensive stand in Cekhira sector between the sea and the Sebket salt marsh.

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DIRECTORS NAMED FOR TRADE GROUP

Balloting Completed For Chamber Of Commerce Yearly Election

Balloting for the Chamber of Commerce board of directors was completed Thursday afternoon, and the 15 men to serve the organization for the 1943-44 session were announced by F. O. Fockler, secretary of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Named to the board of members, voting by mailed ballot, were W. E. Curtis, W. A. Fonville, N. L. Foy, E. L. White, E. A. Laney, W. D. McCraig, H. A. Marks, F. O. Crowley, D. H. Penton, L. A. Raney, H. C. Risoren, J. K. Thornton, E. R. Toms, J. G. Banerman, and E. B. Bugg.

According to election rules for the Chamber of Commerce, "not

Blaze Extinguished In Record Room Of Local Customhouse

A slight fire which broke out in the court records room of the U. S. customhouse early Thursday afternoon was quickly extinguished by firemen.

Damage to the store of records in the room was slight, as the flames appeared to have scorched only a few papers.

Officially, no reason for the fire was ascribed. However, some observers believed spontaneous combustion promoted the flames; others believed the fire sprang from a lighted cigarette accidentally dropped in the room.

NOTICE! If your carrier fails to leave your copy of the Wilmington Morning Star, Phone 2-3311 before 9:00 a. m. and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

Expected To Be Set Up In Northeastern Area

\$2,000,000 Already Appropriated For Construction; Final Cost May Run Above \$10,000,000 According to Estimates

By HOWARD SUTTLE Star-News Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Navy department has allocated \$2,000,000 for the "initial development" of a \$10,000,000 Naval air field near Wilmington, N. C., Representative J. Bayard Clark of North Carolina, revealed tonight.

Although the department has yet to make an official announcement concerning the location of the ten million dollar installation, it is understood that an area in northeastern New Hanover county, just south of Scotts Hill, has been selected for the base.

Architectural and engineering supervision for the project will be handled by George Watts Carr of Durham, whose firm has played a prominent part in the construction of Army and Navy cantonments and bases along the Atlantic seaboard, Senator Robert R. Reynolds said tonight that Navy Secretary Frank Knox had advised him.

Construction of the air field is expected to further the boom in New Hanover county, whose population has already been boosted to near the 100,000 mark. Comparatively, the initial appropriation for the establishment of Camp Davis, large anti-aircraft training center near Wilmington, was only \$9,000,000 although additions to the camp since its construction in 1941 has increased its value considerably.

Representative Clark said that he was told that the \$2,000,000 appropriation, already approved, would finance "acquisition of land, clearing, grading, drainage and construction of runways."

The Fayetteville congressman was of the opinion that, because of the immediate need for bases such as is planned by the Navy for Wilmington, it is anticipated that work on the location will be moved forward speedily, with its occupation by a detachment of the Navy's air force expected within only a short while.

The Scott's Hill site was selected by the Navy after surveys had been made of locations in New Hanover, Columbus and Brunswick.

Details of the base, it was pointed out, will be kept secret because of war-time security restrictions.

Funds for the base will come from the \$1,256,607,000 Naval Shore Establishments appropriation bill, enacted by the House.

A breakdown of the billion dollar appropriation, according to Rep. Clark, authorizes the Navy to order construction of the Wilmington port at a cost not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Construction of the project will give New Hanover county two of the finest airports in the state. Work is now nearing completion on the Wilmington Army Air base, formerly Bluethenthal field before its lease to the War Department by the county.

Eden Invites Hull To Visit England For Further Talks

LONDON, April 8.—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that he had invited Secretary of State Cordell Hull to visit Britain this summer to continue conversations on British-American relations which he said should be based on the "true foundation—a common interest in maintenance of world peace."

His announcement, made during a report on his recent trip to the United States and Canada, was greeted with cheers. (The Washington Post said he appreciated the invitation, but had not yet made any plans.)

Russians Defeat German Forces In Bitter Fighting Near Izyum

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"In fighting for this line," the bulletin continued, "about a company of infantry was wiped out."

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American Airmen Down 37 Jap Planes Over Guadalcanal Island

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(P)—fighters escorting them, according to the Navy: 21 Zero fighters, 5 dive-bombers and 10 planes, "of types unreported," destroyed; another Japanese plane crashed.

United States planes lost were one Alracobra fighter and six Wildcat fighters. One American pilot was rescued.

The Navy communique was released coincidental with a press conference at which Secretary of War Stimson said that Japanese air strength is growing in the lower Pacific. He added, however, that American strength has been increased also—and further increases are in immediate prospect—in India, China and the southeast Pacific.

At the same time, Secretary Stimson asserted that American airmen in the north Pacific are making the positions of Japanese garrisons on

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina: Continued warm today. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

1:30 a. m., 53; 7:30 a. m., 63; 1:30 p. m., 76; 7:30 p. m., 66. Maximum 77; Minimum 51; Mean 64; Normal 60.

Humidity 1:30 a. m., 81; 7:30 a. m., 76; 1:30 p. m., 53; 7:30 p. m., 71. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 5.89 inches.

Tides For Today High Low Wilmington 12:52a 8:15a Masonboro Inlet 1:15p 8:21p Moore's Inlet 11:14p 5:00p New Topsail Inlet 11:19p 5:05p (All Times Eastern Standard) Sunrise, 5:48 a. m.; Sunset, 6:39 p. m.; Moonrise, 9:31a.; Moonset, 11:23p.

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