

F. A. Matthes, TWP Official, Dies At Home

Board Chairman And Former President Was Civic Leader

Fred A. Matthes, 74, chairman of the board of directors of the Tide Water Power Co., died at his home, 128 Forest Hills drive, following a short illness.

He was stricken with a heart attack at noon Saturday and suffered another Sunday night from which he never rallied.

Mr. Matthes had been in declining health, which had forced semi-retirement from business and civic activities for the past several years.

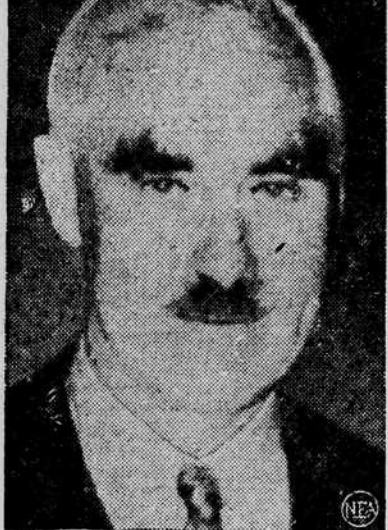
Formerly active in many phases of the community's civic life, he was a past president of the Rotary club, had served in past years as an officer of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and was immediately past president of the Surf Club.

The development of Greenfield Lake into one of the South's outstanding beauty spots was another of Mr. Matthes' interests.

Joseph C. Grew Named State Undersecretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Direction of the Nation's foreign affairs, already under a new Secretary of State, was put almost entirely in new hands today by a sweeping top-level shakeup.

The resignation of three old-line officials were accepted with regret but without explanation, and President Roosevelt appointed the following men to aid Secretary Edward R. Stettinius.



Joseph C. Grew



Adolph Berle

RIVER AND PORT BILL PASSAGE IS BELIEVED LIKELY

By ALLEN J. GREEN Star-News Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Prospects for the \$498,000,000 rivers and harbors bill, which contains \$1,500,000 for Wilmington harbor improvements, brightened today as the Senate deleted, 37 to 31, the once-rejected \$66,000,000 Tennessee Tombigbee project.

DeMille To Quit Air Before Paying Union Political Assessment

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Cecil B. DeMille, movie and radio producer, said in a statement today that he will give up his weekly radio program "rather than pay one single dollar in political tribute which acknowledges that I am no longer a free man."

Navy To Honor Drydock Builders At Rite Today

Four Navy captains and a commander will arrive here by plane at 11 a. m. today to participate in ceremonies at which the Tidewater Construction Co. of Norfolk, will receive a Navy certificate of commendation from Vice Admiral Ben Morrell, (CEC), U. S. Navy chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, Washington, in recognition of outstanding work in the construction of drydocks here.

Soviet Army Stand: g At Balaton

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Storming over smashed strongpoints littered with enemy dead, the Red Army in gains ranging up to 17 miles drew up last night on a 42-mile front in western Hungary before the flat, south shore of Lake Balaton, guarding the approaches to nearby Austria.

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