

LEGRAND TO TAKE BILLS TO HOUSE

Carrying with him "between seven and nine" pieces of legislation for possible introduction to the 1945 General Assembly...

Eight new bills, or amendments to existing statutes, have been presented by the City Council and Wrightsville Beach governing bodies...

LeGrand, who has been confined to bed by influenza since last Wednesday, explained "I haven't studied all of them yet. After I compare the changes that are wanted then I'll know" whether or not he chooses to present them to the legislature.

In two instances, he was positive that "I'm not disposed to introduce in the present form" the bills. One is the Wrightsville legislation, asking for removal of the requirement for property owners, who are non-residents of the beach, to have election ballots notarized...

In connection with the city extension bill, LeGrand said he had asked City Attorney W. B. Campbell for "amplification" of Section 6b, which deals with the election of additional City Council members.

In its present form, the section reads: If the special election hereinabove provided for is not held in 1945, but is called and held in a subsequent year in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 hereof, and if at said special election a majority of the votes cast shall be "For Extension," then the New Hanover County Board of Elections shall, subsequent to said special election held on the question of extension of the city limits, call and hold, at the expense of the City of Wilmington, and prior to the effective date of such extension, another special election for the qualified voters living within the newly included area for the purpose of electing two additional members of the Council of the City of Wilmington to serve from the effective date of extension until the expiration of the terms of office of the Council members then in office.

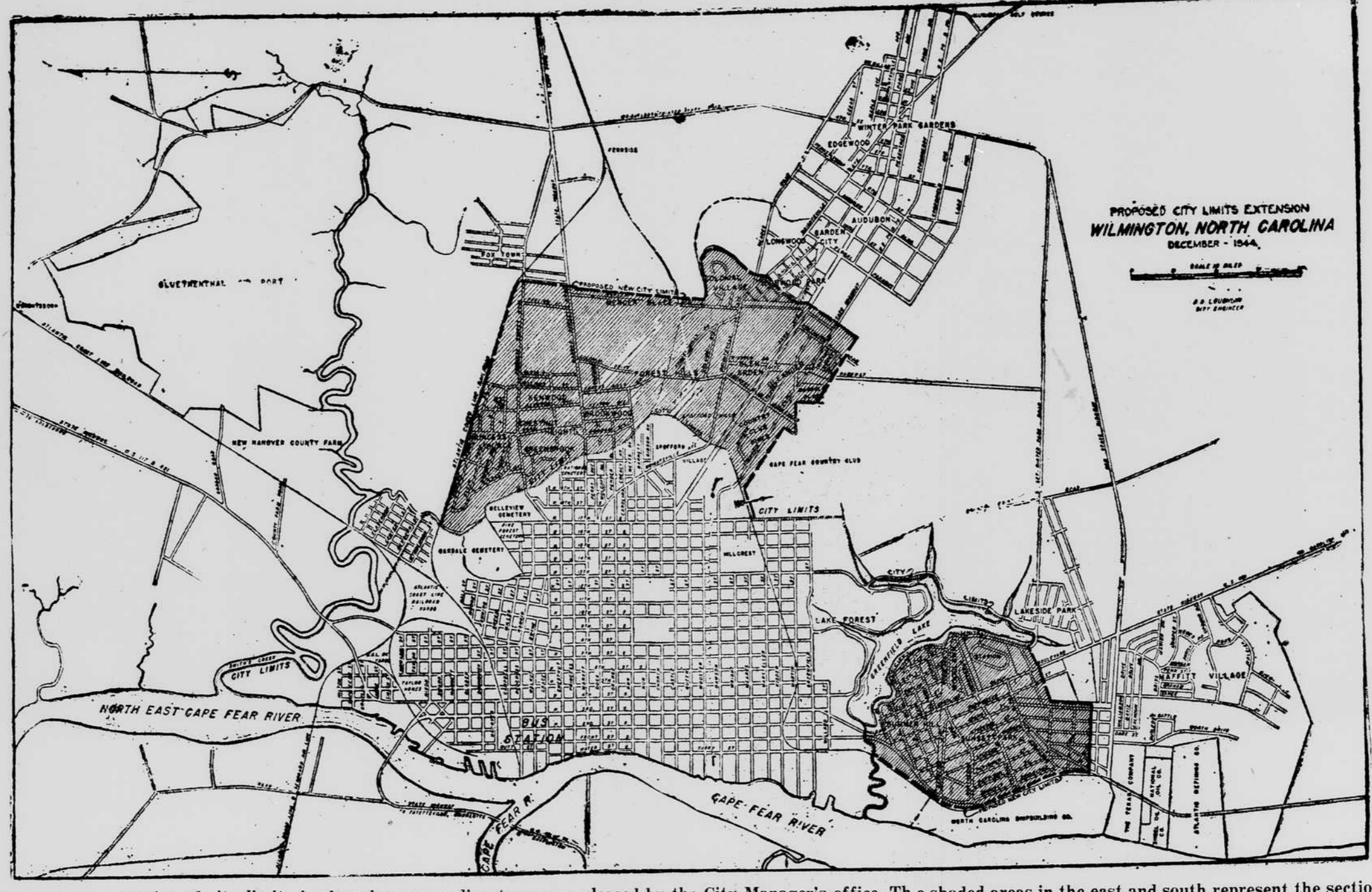
In every case, New Hanover's proposed legislation is pending further study by LeGrand before presentation to the General Assembly.

Besides the city extension and civil service bills, the city has handed to LeGrand legislation relating to the financial contribution of the city for operation of the Consolidated Board of Health; an amendment to the 1941 Pension Act, so as to provide benefits for employees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and Associated Charities; abolition of Chapter 193 of the Private Laws of 1933, an act that requires the city to furnish water to indigent families; and an amendment to the city charter in order to fix higher salaries for the mayor and Council members.

LeGrand has received from the Board of County Commissioners an amendment asking for allocation of 50 per cent of net profits of the ABC board funds to New Hanover county.

In addition, LeGrand said he had been advised by the city that preparation is being made of a bill to extend authority of the city juvenile court to include parents, and another to make a city department of the New Hanover Bureau of Identification.

Proposed Extension Of Wilmington City Limits



The proposed extension of city limits is shown here according to a map released by the City Manager's office. The shaded areas in the east and south represent the sections to be incorporated. Beginning at city limits and the ACL railroad, the extension would take in that area east to Mercer avenue, curving around Colonial Village to include it and across to the Wrightsville highway, back to city limits. In the south, Sunset Park, Legion Stadium and Summer Hill are included.

City Extension Bill Would Protect Residents Of Areas To Be Affected

The city limits extension bill which has been submitted to and approved by Representative LeGrand contains numerous provisions to protect the interests of citizens to be brought into the City, according to a statement issued yesterday by the City Planning Board.

The extension bill was developed by the Planning Board in collaboration with the City Council, and after a series of conferences with suburban citizens, business leaders, and with Mr. LeGrand.

The Planning Board's statement said: "The most careful pains have been taken to assure fair treatment for the residents of the areas proposed to be incorporated into the City of Wilmington under the bill which will be introduced in the legislature by Representative LeGrand."

"The Planning Board has felt that the reason for past opposition to city extension proposals has been a feeling on the part of suburbanites that they might not receive services comparable to the additional cost to them in taxes. The suburban people are entitled to the greatest possible guarantees on this point."

"We have made a study of this phase of city extension for the past several months. We have conferred with business leaders in an effort to develop the best methods of providing the desired guarantees."

"Some of the provisions of the bill in this connection are:

"1. It provides for submittal of the extension question to a vote of the people. This assures all persons entitled to a voice on the matter that they will receive an adequate hearing with opportunity for expression at the polls. There will be a special registration.

"2. The call for the special election can be issued only by the next council, to be elected in 1945, or by some succeeding council. The present council would not be permitted to make the call. The reason for this provision is that it is desired to have the council issuing the call remain in office for a period of time sufficient to enable it to make good the pledges for service contained in the call.

"3. The call must be issued within three months after the new council takes office. It is intended that no council shall call the election and cause new areas to be incorporated, and then by reason of possible changes in the membership not be morally bound to make good its commitments.

"4. A majority of all the members of the council must vote for a resolution saying that the city is in position to render services and install facilities before the call can be issued. It is the intention here that the resolution on services shall not be adopted by a bare majority of a bare quorum, but by a majority of all the members, so that there may be no later upsetting of the council's pledge.

"5. At least four council members and the city manager must sign the statement pledging services and facilities, and the statement must be published.

"6. The services to be provided are enumerated in the bill. This should assure the new citizens of equal treatment.

"7. Voting by men and women in the armed services is provided.

"8. Two temporary additional members of the council are to be appointed or elected. One will be from the southern area and one from the eastern area. They will serve from the effective date of annexation until the expiration of the terms of the elected members then serving. This will provide direct representation for the annexed areas on the council during the early period after annexation, further assuring adequate services and fair treatment. The bill will name one representative and two alternates from the southern area, and the same from the eastern area. If none of these qualify in the case of either area, the council will fill the vacancy. This machinery will hold if the annexation is made effective in a later year, if it is made effective in a later year, the temporary additional councilmen will be elected at the polls, one from the south and one from the east."

"We do not see how it would have been possible under the law and the constitution to give greater protection to the interests of the citizens to be brought into the limits."

China Communist Head Urges Regime Changes

CHUNGKING, Jan. 1.—(UP)—Mao Tse-tung, leader of the Chinese Communists, said today that speedy formation of a coalition government in China was the only effective guarantee of victory over the Japanese and "national salvation."

"I hope all nations will request the government to change its present policies in order to establish quickly a coalition government," Mao said.

"Only when China has a coalition in the central government which is able to carry out democratic programs and mobilize as well as unite all our resources against Japan can the victory and liberation of our people be assured," his statement said.

Mao, speaking for the increasingly powerful Communists whose influence reaches behind the Japanese lines in China, issued a 15-point program following Chiang Kai-shek's promise to establish a constitutional government in China in 1945.

Political observers here interpreted the president's pledge as an attempt to answer increased demands for democratization both from the Communists and the Chinese public in general.

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JAPS IN DOUBT Special Attack Corps Hits Allied Ships; None Return

By United Press Tokyo radio announced today that its vaunted special attack corps struck at Allied ships in the Sulu Sea December 29, but said results were obscure because none of the force returned.

"As our escort fighters were kept busy by American Grumman fighters and the special attack planes did not come back either, we do not really know what happened," the broadcast, recorded by United Press at San Francisco, said.

SURPRISE FOR RAIL MEN TEAGUE, Tex., Jan. 1.—(UP)—The Burlington-Rock Island railroad's streamlined train doesn't have a license to hunt deer, but nevertheless it has one to its credit. Shortly after the train left Houston for Dallas and Fort Worth it struck a nine-point buck that leaped on the track. The carcass was not badly damaged and railway employees had a venison dinner.

THEY MUST BE GOOD AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Texas' seven state teachers' colleges are proud of the standards of the faculty. Two out of every three staff members have doctors' degrees. A joint ex-students association of the colleges, which have an estimated 250,000 alumni, will ask the Texas Legislature in January to increase faculty members' salaries 20 per cent.

American Planes Hammer Iwo Jima For 24th Day

S. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Honolulu, Jan. 1.—(P)—Iwo Jima Japanese island base on the road to Tokyo, was hammered Saturday by Pacific Strategic Air Force Liberator bombers in their twenty-fourth consecutive daily strike against that Volcano Island, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

The same day rocket firing Marine Mitchell bombers hit a small coastal cargo ship near the Bonin Islands, north of Iwo. The vessel was left dead in the water.

In the Palau Islands, Marine fighter-bombers strafed ammunition dumps and supply areas on Babelthup.

Marine fighter planes sank four launches near Woleai in the western Carolines.

NOT IN LINE OF DUTY LAPORTE, Ind., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Police Sgt. Charles Olson, working his usual midnight-to-8 a. m. station trick, read a Chicago newspaper account of an appeal for rare type 3 blood to save the life of a hospital patient. He left for Chicago as soon as he got of work, returning minus a pint of blood, in time to begin the next day's work without sleep.

The birch tree bug of the British Isles watches over its eggs until they hatch and then covers them as a hen covers her chicks.

Seven Up



Thank the press agent of screen actress Toni Seven for the flash that she's the favorite pin-up of G. I. editors. His recent survey of service publications indicated that her photo, usually the one above, appeared three times as often as pictures of other top pin-ups, including such barrack-wall flowers as Lana Turner, Betty Grable and Carole Landis.

Social Security Change Aided By Wilmingtonian

Elderly people throughout the nation who have come from retirement to work in war jobs owe a debt of gratitude to James Kerr, 71-year old Wilmington pharmacist, through whose obduracy many of them will derive bigger Federal old age benefits than they could otherwise have received.

Kerr, a Spanish-American war veteran who came to Wilmington in 1902 and has been a registered pharmacist since 1909, is one of a few retirement-aged people, divided geographically but united in purpose, who served as test-cases in the upward revision of Social Security benefits which had been frozen in pre-war years.

Following official advice, Mr. Kerr had readied his account to be drawn on shortly before the war. It was frozen at a level set by the comparatively low wage he was earning. His intention was to retire.

"With the onset of the war, being hale, healthy and patriotic, he sloughed off the vacation—urge and went to work in western North Carolina. Owing to a growing manpower shortage, his pay rose.

With an eye to the future, pharmacist Kerr went to the Social Security representative in the neighborhood and asked to have his account "thawed", so he might contribute more to it and, subsequently, draw more out of it.

The S. S. man shrugged him off, pointing out that it would take an Act of Congress to change his account.

Unlike other elderly war-workers who had broached the same question, Mr. Kerr did not boggle at this. (Rarely, Mr. Kerr avers, has a bogger cropped up in the history of the Kerr family.) Shortly after his return to Wilmington, where he

FROM TILES TO WAFERS ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 1.—(UP)—A local manufacturing plant diverted use of its peacetime production machinery into a strangely related field where wartime restrictions on materials necessitated conversion. The National Tile Co. is turning out compressed cocoa wafers for GIs instead of compressed wall and floor tiles for domestic use. V. M. Alexander, general manager, said the company decided to produce D and K field rations for the quarter-master corps overseas.

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PIPELINE TESTS NEAR COMPLETION

The test flow of water into Wilmington through the 20-mile concrete-steel pipeline to King's Bluff is "about over", City Manager A. C. Nichols reported yesterday, while prospects for regular operation of the line appear unlikely in the near future.

The hold-up in the switch over to the new line is due to the delay in arrival of a gasoline engine, which officials explain is necessary as a stand-by for emergency use. Latest information received from the manufacturer is that it will be shipped "about the middle of January."

"As far as operation of the line is concerned," Nichols explained, "there is no reason why we shouldn't go ahead, except that irregular service might develop without the emergency engine. We want it on a permanent basis when the switch is made."

Since last August, City officials have been awaiting delivery of the engine. Advice as to its shipment in the near future has repeatedly been received from officials of the Morris Machine Works, Baldwinville, N. Y., on notification from the manufacturer, the Climax Engineering Co.

All other equipment incident to completion of the King's Bluff pumping station has been delivered here. Installation was done by the general contractor, the A. H. Guion Co.

The last link in the pipeline was laid September 20 with a minimum of ceremony at which Mayor W. Ronald Lane officiated.

Completion of the line to King's Bluff, a project for which the City officials sought for many months, represents an important phase of Wilmington's over-all waterworks improvement program, achieved at a cost of more than \$2,000,000 and with the financial assistance of the Federal Works Agency.

Tokyo Reports Superfort Over Kagoshima Navy Base

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(UP)—Three American Superfortresses started fires with incendiary bombs in individual flights over the Tokyo area during the night, and two Superfortresses based on China flew for the first time over the Kagoshima naval base in southwestern Japan, enemy broadcasts reported today.

The Superfortresses which bombed Tokyo flew singly, enemy reports said—one after 10 p. m. Sunday, one soon after midnight and one about 5 a. m. today (4 p. m. Sunday EWT).

The Superfortresses which flew over Kagoshima—the first enemy plane ever sighted there, Tokyo said—dropped no bombs, according to the enemy broadcasts, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

RESIGNATION

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 1.—(P)—James W. Osborne, local supervisor of District No. 7, Census of Agriculture Survey with headquarters in Shelby, has resigned his position due to ill health. C. C. McGinnis, area supervisor for the State, announced today.

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TAX LISTING The Machinery Act provides that poll and tangible property tax returns shall be made to the list-taker during the month of January under the pains and penalties imposed by law. OWNERS OF AUTOMOBILES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE TAX LISTERS FULL INFORMATION AS TO MODEL, YEAR, OF MANUFACTURE AND STATE LICENSE NUMBER. Wilmington township tax listers will be on the main floor of old court house daily 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., (Sundays excepted), beginning January 2nd, 1945. County tax listers will meet their usual appointments as advertised. Cape Fear, Federal Point, Harnett and Masonboro Listers will meet at the court house January 25th, to 31st, inclusive. J. A. Orrell, County Auditor.

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