

Several New Plants Scheduled For South

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Plans for new plants and plant expansion in the Southeast to cost more than \$23,750,000 will largely "offset the depressing effect" of curtailed operations at war plants, the monthly report of the Sixth District Federal Reserve Bank said today.

The bank listed as the most difficult reconversion problem the disposal of the Southeast's aircraft, ordnance and shipbuilding plants. Manufacturers whose conversion problems are essentially a matter of shifting production from war to peacetime uses have made rapid progress, the bank said. Major handicap of these industries, notably textile establishments, has been reluctance of "workers to go on a peacetime basis immediately, whether they served in war plants, or in the armed services."

The problem of utilizing strictly war-purpose plants is complicated by the fact that large plants have not yet been made available to private operators and plants for their use, therefore, are only tentative.

Disposition of the Bell Bomber Plant at Marietta, Ga., the Bechtel-McCone Corporation at Birmingham, Ala., and the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation at New Orleans, La., was listed as the district's most stubborn problem.

The Bell plant, largest single manufacturing establishment the South has ever known, has so far failed to attract any enterprise that could use the entire establishment. Numerous firms, however, have expressed interest in renting portions of the approximately 4,000,000 square feet of floor space in the solidly-constructed, air-conditioned main plant.

Employment, which reached a peak of 28,000 workers, has dropped to 5,000.

The aircraft modification center at Birmingham offers similar difficulties, the plant employed 15,000 workers for the processing of more than 1,200 B-29's. A local committee is exploring the possibility of acquiring the facilities for use to a variety of small in-

dustries. At New Orleans employment in the consolidated plant has dropped from 6,200 to 400 and the company's plant at Miami also virtually is closed down. Peacetime use of the Miami facilities is hampered by the fact that it is near an airport and railroad facilities cannot be established without creating an aircraft hazard.

"Successful use of the district's ordnance plants is not at all promising," the report said.

White elephants in this field are the giant Coosa River Ordnance plant at Talladega, Ala., and the even larger plant at Childersburg, Ala. Neither has yet been declared surplus property.

A group of newspaper publishers have inspected the latter plant with a view to converting it to the manufacture of newsprint from southern slash pine by the herty process.

Facilities could be used for production of rayon and other cellulose substances.

Citizens of both localities are organizing groups to work out plans for use of the two plants which otherwise will stand idle.

"The shipbuilding plants in large measure will be peacetime casualties," the monthly report said.

The Southeastern Shipbuilding Corporation at Savannah has launched its last contract ship and it is probable that building will cease by the end of the year.

At Mobile, Ala., the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Company has only one ship remaining to be launched, although considerable repair work remains to be done.

The Delta Shipyard, at New Orleans, is virtually closed. Proposals to use the facilities on a multiple tenant basis are stymied at present by a Maritime Commission rule requiring that its shipyards must continue to serve Maritime purpose.

The St. Johns River Shipbuilding Corporation and the J. A. Jones Construction Company's plants at Panama City, Fla., and Brunswick, Ga., face the same prospects. A large glass manufacturer, however, has expressed in-

ADMIRAL KING HONORED BY HIS HOME TOWN



LITERALLY EVERYBODY IN LORAIN, OHIO, lined the city's streets to greet and cheer their home-town hero, Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, Chief of Naval Operations. Here the crowd is shown surrounding the admiral's car as it led the parade. In the rear of the car are (l. to r.): Fleet Admiral King, Governor of Ohio Frank Lausche, and the mayor of Lorain, Harry G. Van Wagner. The Admiral told a reporter that he expects to retire from the Navy "as soon as things settle down—about January first." (International Soundphoto)

terest in the Panama City yard. Listed on the brighter side of the re-conversion picture was the construction of several major peace time plants including:

1. Hercules Powder Company addition to naval stores plant at Brunswick, Ga., \$-250,000.
2. The Muscogee Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ga., has let a contract for a plant to cost \$250,000.
3. American Can Company, Tampa, Fla., expansion program to cost \$1,250,000.
4. Armstrong Cork Company plans for a pulp mill at Macon, Ga., to cost \$6,000,000.
5. O. B. Andrews Company, Chattanooga, Tenn., beginning a \$500,000 expansion program calling for a new container plant at Knoxville, Tenn., and additions at plants in Atlanta and Chattanooga.
6. Sherwin Williams Paint Company, a manufacturing plant at Atlanta to cost \$2,000,000.
7. Johns Manville Company, a \$40,000,000 nation-wide expansion program to include enlargement of facilities at Atlanta and construction of a new plant in Georgia.
8. Southern Railway system orders for new Diesel engines to cost \$10,000,000.

In 1941 the state of Alabama spent \$20,057,000 for highway maintenance.

WHITEVILLE YOUTH GAINS FREEDOM FROM JAPANESE COMPOUND

Robert D. Simmons, 24, machinist mate 2nd, U. S. Navy of Whiteville was released from a Japanese prison camp September 5 by American troops entering Tokyo, after three years and four months imprisonment it was learned recently by his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Simmons, 1506 South Third St., Wilmington.

Notice of young Simmons' release came recently from the Navy department when a telegram was delivered advising Mrs. Simmons that her son—a survivor of the Bataan death march—was "well and will soon be with you."

It is believed that Simmons was the first resident of Southeastern North Carolina to be rescued from a Jap prison.

Twenty-four years old now, Simmons enlisted in the Navy in February, 1940, after completing two years in Whiteville High school, and was in Philippine waters aboard the U.S.S. Canopus when Japan attacked on Dec. 8, 1942. The Canopus was scuttled by its crew in Manila bay and crewmen and officers joined American and Filipino forces on Bataan for the now-historic last-ditch fight against

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Trade was slow on beef steers and yearlings today but prices closed mostly steady considering the plained killing quality marketed. A broad demand appeared for choice yearlings and cows were strong to a quarter higher on buying influenced by the recent removal of ration points on lower grade meats.

Hog prices remained at ceilings and the 4,000 saleable offerings cleared early.

Native slaughter lambs closed strong to mostly 15 cents higher with good and choice grades selling for \$14 to \$14.40. Slaughter ewes finished fully steady to strong.

Salable receipts included 7,000 cattle and 1,500 sheep.

'NOISELESS' HORN

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo., Oct.—(AP)—A Thermopolis paper reported shortly before the end of the war that most of the automobiles around the town hadn't reached the jalopy state, but many had aged and developed a few rattles. As an example, a town resident was quoted as saying that the only thing "on my car that doesn't make a noise is the horn."

A sister, Mrs. A. E. White of Wilmington, resides at 2009 Metts avenue.

International Telephone Seeks 30 Million Loan

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. said today it currently was negotiating with a group of banks headed by the National City Bank of New York for a loan of \$30,000,000.

The concern said the loan would take the form of a 2 1-2 per cent serial note issue maturing in from one to 10 years.

It added proceeds from the loan plus cash on hand would be used to redeem I. T. and T.'s outstanding 5 per cent debentures due in 1955 at a call price of 105 and involving an amount of \$47,500,000. The company said interest savings on the operation would amount to \$1,426,500 annually.

President To Attend Clark-Heming Nuptials

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—President Truman is expected to motor to Winchester, Va., Saturday to be best man at the wedding of former Senator Bennett C. Clark of Missouri and Virginia Heming, British actress. Clark's first wife died two years ago.

Tentative plans for the President's trip were learned today in advance of formal announcement of the wedding plans.

VFW Will Meet Tonight In New Post Quarters

The James A. Manley Post 2573, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., will hold their first meeting at their new quarters, the Wilmington Officers Club at 121 1-2 Princess St., at 8 p. m. Wednesday, October 3rd, 1945. It is urgent that all members in good standing attend this meeting. All plans for operating our new Post Home will be the order of business.

The V. F. W. has leased this property and has purchased all equipment which is necessary to operate a Veterans Club. All members of the Armed Forces of World War II who hold membership cards in the V. F. W. are invited to attend. Watch your local newspapers for announcement of the official opening date. Post Commander Stanland will preside at this important meeting.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Wheat was in demand at today's session of grain futures trading and all deliveries advanced above yesterday's close. Buying said to be of an investment nature carried the deferred deliveries up more than a cent at times.

At the close wheat was 3-8 to 2-7-8 higher than yesterday's close, December \$1.74 3-4-7-8. Corn was 1-8 to 3-8 lower, December \$1.17 1-8. Oats were unchanged to 5-8 higher, December 66 1-4-3-8. Rye was unchanged to 1-3-8 higher, December \$1.54 1-8, barley was 1-3-8 to 1-3-4 higher, December \$1.14 7-8.

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AT A CONVOCAION commemorating the diamond jubilee of St. John's University, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn and university chancellor, confers the degree of Doctor of Military Science on Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Administrator of Veteran Affairs. Most Rev. Raymond A. Kearney looks on. (International)



"I thought I'd be relieved when he got out of the parachute troops, but in this game when he comes down all those players pile on top of him!"

I feel like shouting at the top of my voice and dressing up in my Sunday best when I tell you about my big ideas. Lately I've been spying around and reading the papers. It's stimulating to find out so many folks are designing modern, efficient homes. It's invigorating to hear of industries' big plans. I'm measuring all the ways I can help. I'll work with my indefatigable spirit. I'll be at your beck and call anytime you need me. We'll make a pretty picture of harmony and working together.

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