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Your Wilmington Today: Municipality Steps Into Civic Campaign For New Industries

As the third in its series of objective articles dealing with the revitalized efforts to establish Wilmington among the fore of the leading business and industrial centers of the South, the Star-News today offers an account of the activities of a small group of men, who, under the name of the Economic Development committee of the City of Wilmington, are charged with the responsibility of directing exploitation of the community's resources—existing and potential.—Editor.

By KEN R. NOBLE Staff Writer

If it is the responsibility of Industrial Properties, Inc., to lend financial assurance and aid to industries wanting to establish in Wilmington, then it might be said that the responsibility for interesting industries to locate here belongs to the Economic Development committee.

Relatively new on the local scene, the Economic Development committee is the outgrowth of an idea that germinated among members of the City Planning board during the summer of 1945. The steps that led to the organization of the committee are interesting and worth review.

During the winter of 1944, members of the City Planning board began to make inquiry among some of the nation's top city planners for a lead that would produce a man pre-eminent in the field of city planning and economic-industrial research. Various leads led to the selection of George W. Simons, Jr., a Jacksonville, Fla., planning consultant with an excellent record of community planning and industrial development in a half-score southern cities. A contract was entered into with Simons on Jan. 5, 1945, authorizing the consultant to make two simultaneous surveys of Wilmington. One, the first, was to be of the economic assets and potentialities of this area. The second was to cover the compli-

Ranks Of Striking CIO Steel Workers Reduced

MANY FIRMS SIGNED Clothing Collection Scheduled For Today

Washington Parleys On Economic Affairs Adjourn Without Results

The ranks of striking CIO-United Steel Workers were reduced by 1,600 more this weekend with the signing of contracts by several individual steel companies, but a wage negotiation meeting between the union and the strike-bound Inland steel company adjourned without a settlement.

Both the union and company announced the meeting had failed. The union said it gave the company "a chance to agree to an 18 1/2 cent hourly increase" and the company refused. The company said the union asserted it would not discuss anything less than 18 1/2 cents.

This concluded the meeting," Inland's statement read, "with the company saying that if any time the union had other proposals to present, the company would meet with them promptly."

Sign Contracts Another 1,000 USW members yesterday had signed contracts with steel companies, bringing to more than 20,500 the number of employees who have returned to their jobs under such agreements since the nationwide steel strike, affecting 750,000 workers, began 13 days ago.

Some 50 firms, chiefly steel fabricating companies, have signed back-to-work contracts, most of which granted wage increases of 18 1/2 cents an hour or more.

In Washington, presidential conferences on domestic economic affairs, including the steel strike, adjourned yesterday with "no conclusive results," a White House official announced.

President Truman called in secretary of the Treasury Vinson, secretary of State Byrnes, Price Administrator Bowles and Reconversion Director John W. Snyder.

The president also conferred

Two Major Developments Projected At Southport

Southport's post-war expansion program, based chiefly on its boating and resort attractions, yesterday was well underway, with an announcement that E. G. Mallison, Tenally, N. J., plans to initiate work on a new, well-equipped yacht basin at the Cape Fear river town in early April.

Also planned for Southport, with a view to making it a game fishing center, is a large brick clubhouse for sportsmen. This undertaking will be sponsored by a northern corporation, it is understood, and will be separate from Mallison's proposition.

In conjunction with the clubhouse, for which a site already has been purchased, Gulf stream fishing cruisers will be available for charter.

Mallison was in Southport for conferences last week with representatives of several oil companies who are interested in bidding on oil and gas concessions for the yacht basin.

The basin, as yet undetermined size, will be located at Fiddler's Drain in the eastern sector of town. It will be equipped with slips and will be separate from Mallison's proposition.

"Forever Amber"



When the cameras start grinding in March to film "Forever Amber", Peggy Cummins (shown here) will star as "Amber". A 20-year-old Irish-born British stage and screen star, Peggy came to this country especially for the movie production of the book.

Twelve Killed In Cleveland Blast, Fire

Flames Sweep Through 1 Frame Catholic Home For The Aged 50 PERSONS ESCAPE Loss Estimated \$30,000; Thorough Investigation Promised

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Twelve of the 62 occupants of Jennings Hall, Catholic Home for the aged, died today in an explosion and ensuing fire which swept through the one-story frame structure.

Coroner Samuel R. Gerber reported all 62 occupants of the home had been accounted for and that a final check disclosed a death toll of 12. Previous estimates were that the toll might reach 40. Seven persons still remained in hospitals but the condition of only one was listed as critical by the coroner.

Five other occupants were given emergency treatment at local hospitals but later were sent to homes of relatives or friends.

Structure Engulfed The flash fire quickly engulfed the tar paper and thin frame walls of the structure shortly after an explosion at 2:15 p. m., (EST.) A "thorough investigation" of the blaze will be made, Coroner Gerber said.

Loss was reckoned by Elmer Cain, second assistant fire chief of Cleveland, at \$30,000. The one-story structure was completed June 1, 1942, and named for Msgr. Gilbert P. Jennings, late pastor of St. Agnes Catholic church, who left the bulk of his estate for erection of the home.

Some of the aged residents in the home perished when they became hysterical and resisted rescue efforts, Sister Hyacinth reported. She gave this account of the fire, the century's fourth major disaster in greater Cleveland.

"I was in my office and the nuns were having prayer period in a neighboring building when I heard the explosion. I rushed into the hall (Jennings). The smoke was so dense I couldn't see my hands in front of me. I rang a bell to alert the house and tried to help get occupants out. In two minutes after the explosion, everything was on fire.

Heat Intense "The Sisters felt they would suffocate, but kept trying to pull the occupants out of their rooms. I didn't see any flames because

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ALLIES BAN MORE REICH INDUSTRIES

Are Seeking To End Forever German's Ability To Conduct War

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The four-power allied control council, seeking to end forever Germany's ability to make war, today abolished nine more of the country's key industries.

Synthetic gasoline, rubber, ammonia, primary aluminum and magnesium, ball and taper bearings, certain war chemicals and even heavy farm tractors and heavy machine tools were among the items erased from the former Reich's industrial list.

Previously, under the Potsdam directive of Russia, Great Britain and the United States, Germany was forbidden plants capable of making munitions and other war implements, including aircraft and ocean vessels.

The council, however, qualified today's order with a provision making it "subject in certain cases to the necessity for providing exports to pay for imports and to availability in world markets."

Some progress has been made in converting Germany to an agricultural and light industry

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SCOUTS WILL MARK 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Cape Fear Council Plans Special 10-Day Program For Wilmington Area

Wilmington Boy Scouts tomorrow begin a 10-day celebration of the founding of the Scout movement which had its beginning in 1910.

The national celebration gets underway Feb. 8, and will continue through Feb. 14, using as a theme "Scouts of the World—Building Together."

The local program which has been announced by W. Eugene Edwards, district chairman, will include radio plays, window displays, Boy Scout Sunday, rallies, parades, parent's nights, civic service and other events, including a "Shirts-off-Our-Backs" campaign.

A court of honor has been planned for tomorrow night in the courthouse at 8 o'clock as the opening phase of the program.

Tuesday the scouts will meet in the local office at 3:45 p. m., at

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WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina—Fair Sunday; Monday increasing cloudiness followed by light rain beginning over west portion Monday afternoon; little change in temperature.

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

STEAMSHIP LINES PLANNING FLEETS

Intend To Place 89 New Vessels Into Service In Three Years

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The National Federation of American Shipping tonight disclosed plans of 11 major steamship lines to place 89 new vessels in worldwide passenger and cargo service within three years.

The \$500,000,000 program will start toward fruition the late President Roosevelt's long-standing dream of a "bold and daring" peacetime merchant marine second to none.

NFAS, representing 95 per cent of the country's shipping lines, said several ultra-modern, speedy ships, which will total 1,200,000 gross tons, already are under construction and others are scheduled to be delivered this year.

Having capacity for about 15,000 passengers and 700,000 deadweight

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Japanese Planned Plane Attack On Panama Canal

By DONALD J. GONZALES United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Japan outfitted three huge submarines with 10 bomb-carrying planes and planned to use them in an attack on the Panama Canal, the Navy disclosed tonight.

Information about the plan—foiled by the war's end—was uncovered in Japan by Naval intelligence agents after V-J day. Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, former commander of U. S. Pacific submarine operations, revealed de-

Area In Connecticut And New York Recommended As Site For UNO Office

Syria To Appeal To UNO Against Foreign Soldiers Within Levant

By JOHN A. PARRIS LONDON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Another international political issue loomed tonight before the United Nations Security Council, whose 11 members are hearing debate on Russia's complaint that presence of British troops in Greece is endangering world peace.

Faris Al Khoury, chief Syrian delegate to the United Nations, said he intended to appeal to the Security Council on Monday against the presence of French and British troops in the Levant.

"We have always been willing to discuss the situation directly," he said, "but no approach has been made to us and we have therefore decided reluctantly to appeal to the United Nations."

On Dec. 13 France and Britain signed an agreement providing for joint "evacuation by stages" of troops from Syria and Lebanon. France announced later that it would keep troops in Lebanon until the United Nations decided on the organization of "collective security" in the Levant, and protests came from both Lebanese and Syrian officials.

At the same time the Arab higher committee announced in Jerusalem that it had sent a request for United Nations intervention in support of self-determination, liberty and independence in the Holy land.

Meanwhile British and Russian delegates prepared for the second round of their debate on Greece, scheduled to be resumed at 10 a. m. E.S.T., on Monday.

Earlier today former Norwegian minister Trygve Lie of Norway was sworn in as secretary-general of the United Nations.

In an inaugural speech he pledged an "impartial approach" to all issues confronting the international organization.

The 50-year-old carpenter's son swore to support only "the interests of the United Nations" and not to take instructions "from any government or other authority external to the organization."

A few minutes later the United States and Soviet Ukraine avoided a floor dispute over the United Nations' labor policies, then went into committee where they continued the argument.

The controversy arose because

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PROPOSALS MADE IN LONG REPORT

New York City Is Suggested As Interim Office Of World Agency

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(AP)—A 40 to 50-square mile tract of land on the New York-Connecticut border was recommended today as first choice for the site of an international city in which the United Nations would establish headquarters.

New York City was suggested as interim headquarters until the international capital was constructed.

The recommendations were made in a 35-page report by a UNO site committee to the United Nations general assembly in London.

Dr. Stoyan Gavrilovic, committee chairman, said at a news conference at the Waldorf Astoria that the report also recommended Hyde Park, N. Y., and the Blue Hills and North shore areas near Boston as possible sites for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations. He said Boston and Atlantic City had been recommended as alternates for the interim headquarters.

Final Action Soon In London, where the site selection was made known simultaneously with the announcement here, the general assembly planned to hear the recommendations formally Tuesday and expected final action by the 51-nation body within a week.

When the site committee began inspecting the territory within 80 miles of New York City four weeks ago, Dr. Gavrilovic said "we have in mind a city built as Washington was built more than 100 years ago, only on not such a big scale."

Such a city would displace at first about 2,500 persons now living in parts of two Connecticut and four New York towns and cause the dismantling of some of the palatial estates which dot the wooded, rolling country of the site.

The center of the area is 33 miles from New York city. For many years wealthy New Yorkers have maintained fashionable estates in the section. The United Nations headquarters would cover some of Stamford and Greenwich, Conn., and parts of Harrison, Rye, North Castle and Pound Ridge.

Would Become Enclave The United States, under a treaty prepared for American signature, would receive a "fair price" for the site, which would become an enclave—a piece of international territory.

The treaty says: "The U. S. A. undertakes on the entry into force of this treaty to vest in the United Nations the full ownership of all land in the zone and of all buildings situated thereon at the moment of transfer."

The enclave will be unique because it will be owned by no one country, but will belong to the 51 United Nations. The United Nations will ask the United States to police the boundaries, and the UNO secretary will be authorized under the treaty to ask for American armed police to come into the zone when he feels it necessary.

Connecticut Attorney General William L. Haddon told Dr. Gavrilovic that the state's constitution presented no obstacles governing diplomatic privileges and extraterritorial rights. The land, Dr. Gavrilovic said, was reported as serious.

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Naval Captain Hints Conspiracy To Blot Out Tip-Off On Jap War

RE-HEARING ASKED IN SEVERANCE CASE

Noted Ship Damage, Cargo Loss Action May Go To U. S. Supreme Court

The circuit court of appeals in Richmond has granted R. R. Stone, as the Stone Towing line, until March 1 to file a petition for rehearing before that court, and has stayed judgment which last month held Stone solely liable for the loss of the S. S. Severance and its \$100,000 sulphur cargo at the Cape Fear river drawbridge, northwest branch, it was learned here yesterday.

Previously, the circuit court had rendered a unanimous decision reversing an earlier opinion by the U. S. district court at Elizabeth City, in which Stone was exonerated of responsibility for the ship and cargo. The district court opinion was rendered by Judge I. M. Meekins.

Wilmington legal circles, following the case closely, lieved yesterday that the defendants, if the petition for re-hearing is denied by the circuit court, would file a petition for certiorari with the Supreme court of the United States.

Stone and the Stone Towing company is represented by John W. Oake, Jr., Norfolk, and Carr, James, and Carr, Wilmington.

The plaintiffs, the Texas Gulf Sulphur company, inc., owners of the cargo, are represented by Hill, Rivkins, and Middleton, New York, and the Diamond Steamship Transportation corporation by the firms of Rountree and Rountree, Wilmington, and Macklin, Brown, Lenahan, and Speer, New York.

The circuit court's judgment in late December ordered a special master to be appointed by the Eastern North Carolina district court to fix the amount of damages assertedly due the Texas Sulphur company and the Diamond Steamship company.

SENTENCED

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Former Japanese prison camp commandant Capt. Hiroji Honda today was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment at hard labor for failure to prevent his men from committing atrocities against allied prisoners.

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SAFFORD TESTIFIES

Describes Disappearance of Records On Intercepted Radio Messages

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Capt. L. F. Safford told Pearl Harbor investigators today that "there is the appearance" of a War and Navy department conspiracy to blot out receipt of a tip-off on war with Japan.

The Naval officer, in charge of intelligence in naval communications in 1941, based his assertion on what he described as the disappearance of records on messages intercepted by east coast radio monitoring stations for the month of December, 1941. The Japanese hit the Pacific base Dec. 7.

In disagreement with numerous earlier witnesses, Safford insisted he had seen an intercepted and decoded Japanese message three days before the attack, which included the words "east wind, rain." Those words, under a Japanese code known here, would have advised Tokyo's agents abroad of a break with the United States.

Many Officers Knew Safford asserted that such a message was picked up by the Cheltenham, Md., station on Dec. 4, and "at least 20" officers knew about it.

"Why would any of these officers see, delete, purloin, destroy, cover up that message so people wouldn't know Japan was about to commence war?" demanded the committee counsel, Seth W. Richardson.

"It is human to try to cover up a mistake," Safford replied. Safford said "I prefer not to answer" a question as to whether he now believed that General George C. Marshall, wartime chief

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OUT-PATIENT AID PLAN NEARS OKEH

Officials Confer With Capital Vet Administration Authorities

The Wilmington - proposed Blue Cross plan sponsored locally to provide hospital and medical care for North Carolina veterans neared the contract stage yesterday.

A Tar Heel delegation, headed by Col. Wiley Pickens of the North Carolina Veterans' commission, conferred on the subject yesterday with administration officials, Wilmington American Legion officers were informed last night.

The VA is expected to sign a contract with the North Carolina Hospital Saving association, which will act as agency for the State Medical society and associate members.

Under the proposed plan veterans would be provided with beds in private hospitals and home treatment by civilian doctors at federal expense.

The medical, or out-patient, (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

DELAY ON STRIKE BILL ANTICIPATED

Senate May Approve Less Stringent Plan Than The Case Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Congressional leaders said today they expect several weeks—perhaps longer—to elapse before any strike-control legislation actually goes on the books.

Strategically placed members of both major parties, who declined to permit use of their names, expressed that view to a reporter.

The House expects to pass some sort of bill, next week. If it follows the lines of the case measure now under discussion, the leader said, the senate is likely to go slowly in making up its mind and, in the end, approve a less stringent bill than the House version.

Then will come an effort to reach a compromise. Frequently that is a long process.

Sponsors of the case measure hope for House passage Tuesday, they may not get a vote before Wednesday. Most republicans and a substantial bloc of southern democrats are behind them.

That became evident in two days of warm debate this week. The bill would create a federal mediation board to help settle disputes and ban strikes or lock-outs during a 30-day cooling off period. It would allow wider use of court injunctions against workers or employers, permit civil suits for violation of labor-management contracts and outlaw violence in picketing.

President Truman had recommended the establishment of Fact-Finding boards. Equipped with subpoena powers, to work during 30-day cooling periods. The House Labor committee stripped off subpoena and cooling provisions.

KILLED

HENDERSONVILLE, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Hubert Hyder, of Hendersonville, a passenger in an army primary training plane was killed and Sam Edney, also of Hendersonville, the pilot, was seriously injured late this afternoon when the ship crashed near here. Edney was taken to the Patton Memorial hospital where his condition was reported as serious.

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Confirmation Of Pauley For Navy Post Expected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Some Democratic sources were willing to bet tonight that Edwin W. Pauley will be confirmed as undersecretary of Navy despite charges that he tried to block a Federal suit to title to tideland oil with premises of big campaign contributions.

The charges—denied by Pauley—were made before the Senate naval affairs committee this week by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes and former assistant attorney general Norman Littlell.

They said that Pauley, a California oil man and former Demo-

cratic National treasurer, brought pressure against filing the suit in 1941. They quoted him as saying persons interested in tideland oil deposits would contribute heavily to Democratic coffers if they were assured the government would drop its title action.

The suit was held up for four years but eventually was filed and is now before the supreme court.

The Naval affairs committee, which is considering the nomination, was in recess until Monday when Sen. Charles W. Tobey, R.,

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