

Wilmington and vicinity: Not quite so warm Thursday; occasional showers.

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ESTABLISHED 1867

City Council Okays Budget For New Year

Plans For Municipal Auditorium Also Approved At Regular Meeting

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE Construction Of New Building To Await Easing Of Material Laws

The city council put the mark of approval on two top items yesterday—the detailed plans of the proposed \$1,000,000 municipal auditorium and the \$1,863,262.22 municipal budget for 1946-47.

The auditorium plans, unveiled by Lynch & Foad, local architectural-engineering firm, were accepted by unanimous council vote.

Other Business Rejected all sewer extension bids as being too high. Benson was directed to make arrangements for purchasing necessary material on a unit basis.

Polio Spreads

By The Associated Press The worst wave of infantile paralysis since 1916, reaching epidemic proportions in some localities, has struck scattered sections of the South, West and Midwest.

HARBONE'S MEDITATIONS



The Weather

FORECAST North and South Carolina: Thursday partly cloudy with scattered showers and not quite so warm.

500 MAY WORK AT LAY-UP BASIN

First Reserve Fleet Vessels Scheduled To Arrive August 12

Possible employment of 500 to 750 persons from the Wilmington area in connection with operations of the Brunswick river laying-up basin was indicated by developments yesterday.

Two More Tugs

Two additional tugs of the 100-ton, so-called "sea-going" type, reached Wilmington yesterday.

Equipment Installed

Desks, telephones and other office equipment were installed yesterday aboard the General Frederick Hodgson, a large former Coast Guard vessel, which will be used as headquarters for the laying-up basin.

Employees Sought

It is understood that already approximately 75 persons have been employed locally to aid in operations of the laying-up basin.

Large Membership

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HEIRENS ASKS RAZOR BLADE

Attempt Upon Own Life Suspected Of Chicagoan

CHICAGO, Aug. 7. —(U.P.)—William Heirens, 17-year-old psychopathic killer who began his crime career at the age of nine, attempted late Wednesday through his unsuspecting parents, to obtain a razor blade for a probable try to take his own life.

ONLY SLIGHT DELAY FORESEEN IN PROJECT TO DREDGE CAPE FEAR TO 32 FEET DEPTH; TOBACCO PRICE AVERAGE INCREASES BY \$2

Weeds jumps To New High On Markets

Record Average Of \$57.50 Set In Sales In North Carolina

VOLUME HITS RECORD

Largest Pounding Of Season Expected Today With Good Weather

By PHIL WRIGHT

North Carolina Border Belt tobacco markets yesterday sold nearly 3,000,000 pounds of tobacco at an approximate average of \$57.50 per hundred pounds, an increase in average price of \$2 over the previous day.

\$82 Top Fairmont Price

The market paid growers \$314,184.08 for 546,530 pounds yesterday averaging \$57.49.

Deeply Appreciative

"Members of the department," Judge Burney said, "are deeply appreciative of all that Mr. Lane, Mr. Benson and the council have done for them, and shall continue their efforts to give the best services of which they are capable."

NAVAL OFFICERS SEEKING CHARTER

Chapter Of RONS Formed Here First In North Carolina

Naval Reserve officers of Wilmington, headed by John Wilson, a Navy veteran of Pearl Harbor and the Pacific fleet battles, applied yesterday to national headquarters of the Reserve Officers of the Naval Services for a charter to establish a local RONS chapter here, the first of its kind in North Carolina.

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Majority Present

During the course of the banquet, See BURNERY On Page Two

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN Red-Eyed Peace Delegates Approach New Fireworks, But Then Get Polite

PARIS, Aug. 7. —(U.P.)—The peace conference rules committee Wednesday night invited Italy, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Finland to present to the full conference Saturday their pleas for changes in the draft treaties prepared for them by the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers.

BURNEY PRAISES WORK OF POLICE

Superior Court Jurist Chief Speaker At Department Banquet

Appreciation to Mayor W. Ronald Lane, City Manager James R. Benson and members of the city council for improved working conditions and increased salaries was expressed by Judge John J. Burney, spokesman for the Wilmington Police department, at a banquet tendered by the department last night at a local restaurant.

40-Foot Canal

Blue print plans call for the construction of a 40-foot canal directly to the rear of the lots where boats may be tied up.

Steady Reduction

The ICC figures released in Washington yesterday disclosed that in April of this year the company carried 25,619 persons on its payroll; in June the figure had been reduced to 23,702 and by July 31 the number employed had dropped to 22,142.

DISPUTES FIGURES

ACL President Davis contends the actual percentage of increase would amount to only 4.7 per cent for the local company because of "exceptions in certain categories increased the dimensions of the increase below those granted."

Train Wreck Hurts 25

HICKORY, Aug. 7. —(P)—A Southern railway passenger train bound from Asheville to Salisbury was derailed approximately three miles east of Hickory Wednesday night and an estimated 25 passengers were hospitalized with injuries of varying degree. No dead were reported.

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Messenger reports filtering back to the Hickory police department from radio cars at the scene indicated that at least eight coaches and the second engine of a double-header had jumped the track. The coaches remained upright.

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"At no time," he said, "did we see any violence, nor was any reported to us." He added that he refused a request from the Elizabeth's captain to stop merchant seamen from the American Ranger from going aboard the damaged American Farmer to bring her in to port.

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Seamen from the Ranger, a sister ship of the Farmer are bringing the Farmer with its cargo of food into port under its own steam. The 2,000-ton Elizabeth had started towing the 8,000-ton Farmer, damaged in a collision and abandoned 1,700 miles off England a week ago.

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To facilitate establishment of additional schedules at Bluetenthal field by National Airlines as quickly as possible, equipment and men will be utilized at once to put the road leading in the site of the VHF radio range in shape so that materials now in the city can be moved thereon.

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Equipment Here During the course of an address in which he covered most phases of operations now going on at Bluetenthal field, Parker pointed out that he had been informed that all the equipment for the VHF range is now in the city, but that incessant rainfall of the past 30 or more days had put the county road leading to the range site in such bad shape that heavy equipment cannot be moved over it.

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To speed action on establishment of the range, Parker said that he planned to place men and material on the job to repair the road so that the much needed equipment can be moved and constructed.

Clark Expresses Belief Job May Get Green Light

Meanwhile, Under Economy Order, Dig Of Channel Ordered Temporarily Held In Abeyance

By LARRY HIRSCH

The million dollar project of dredging the Cape Fear river channel to 32 feet deep and 400 feet wide, originally scheduled to start in late September or early October, will be only "slightly delayed" by the 56-day moratorium imposed Monday on almost all federal works projects.

BEACH BOOSTERS TO MEET TONIGHT

Permanent Organization To Coordinate Efforts On Agenda

A concrete Southeastern North Carolina Beach association, complete with officers, a board of directors and a program, is being formed tonight in an effort to boost the region's beaches as four-season vacation resorts.

Specifications Approved

The local district engineers' office received direct orders from headquarters yesterday to "hold up" on the project and "sit tight" until October 1.

Office Optimistic

The office, however, was optimistic. See CHANNEL on Page Five

HERBERT O'NEILL RITES SET TODAY

Well-Known Citizen Dies Unexpectedly Here After Fall

Funeral services for Herbert L. O'Neill, 58, who died early Wednesday morning, will be held at the Ward Funeral home at 5 o'clock this afternoon, with interment in Oakdale cemetery.

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Along The Cape Fear

FOUR-WAY COIN - CROWN—"Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will." To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

CONTEST'S END

Now, we honestly believe that this ends the old-age coin contest. Mr. Ahrens, who is quite an expert on moolah matters, says the United States didn't start minting coins in regular issue until 1793.

POSTAGE CURRENCY

But before we put an end to our specie stories, we want to tell you about some old paper money owned by Mr. Warren Johnson, president of

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