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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

See Picture On Page Five The city council put the mark of approval on two top items yesterday-the detail-000,000 municipal auditorium and the \$1,863,262.22 municipal budget for 1946-47. The auditorium plans, unveiled

by Lynch & Foard, local archi-They will be placed in the U. S. post office immediately for a 30day public display.

5.584 Seat Total

Based on a plan of proven poput the nation, the proposed audiheater separated by a two-way 12. stage. The hall seats 3,962 persons and the theater 1,622, a grand total

Although no federal funds are the structure, City Manager Benon said the government may make new federal grants by the time uilding materials are plentiful. These grants may be a loan or an outright gift, he said. In either vent, however, the city would have ance its end of the project, he ex-

To Compile Costs Lynch & Foard will start im-

The \$1,863,262.22 budget, the larg- 1946. est in the city's history, though approved yesterday, will undergo one nore public hearing on August 30. Then, after a 21-day advertising eriod, it will be legally adopted. This procedure is required by law,

Other Business

Yesterday the council also: a unit basis.

Directed Campbell to revise an old ordinance which prohibits the installation of canopies over the sidewalk in front of stores.

To Destroy Bonds \$446,701.25 worth of retired bonds. Instructed City Engineer J. A. tions in the vicinity of Sixth and Wright streets.

Polio Spreads

By The Associated Press

The worst wave of infantile within the next few days. paralysi; since 1916, reaching epidemic proportions in some localities, has struck scattered sections of the South, West and Middlewest. Health authorities took steps to check the spread of the disease as the U. S. Public Health Service reported a cumulative total of ,454 cases throughout the nation, Including all states but West Vir-

This total compared with 29,-000 cases in 1916, 2,913 for the same period in 1945 and 3,992 in 1944, the next worst year since 1916. In some of the worst areas, the number of cases rose to 10 times as heavy as a year ago.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

WONDUH HOW COME DE BIGGES' WIMMEN IS ALLUZ GOT DE LITTLES' DAWGS?



Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., 0.24 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 2.68 inches.

Scheduled To Arrive August 12

Possible employment of 500 to tectural-engineering firm, were ac- 750 persons from the Wilmington cepted by unanimous council vote. area in connection with operations of the Brunswick river laying-up basin was indicated by develop ments yesterday which consisted principally of statements from authroitive sources that the first in the basin are scheduled to ar-

Begin Next Week

late next week, according to information received from Washnow available for aid in financing ington last night, which was attributed to the Maritime Commission, when two war-built merchant vessels will move into the Brunswick river.

and 1,200 feet wide, has been made days of sunshine during which the o float a new bond issue to fin- possible by dredging 12,000,000 farmers have had a chance to precubic yards of river bottom, and pare their tobacco and get it to eventually will accommodate ap- the markets. proximately 500 ships. The fleet will consist of merchantment un- satisfactory sale yesterday, exmediately in compiling more exact needed in current ocean commerce pects to sell well over a million estimates on the structure's cost, and subject to disposition under pounds the merchant ship sales act of Charles B. Stafford, sales super-

Two More Tugs

Two additional tugs of the 100ton, so-called "sea-going" type, reached Wilmington yesterday, and were berthed alongside two others which arrived late Tuesday. The City Attorney W. B. Campbell ex- four tugs will be used in convoying and escorting the large number of Liberty ships and vessels of similar types which are to be Rejected all sewer extension bids decommissioned. Many units of which played an ir rected to make arrangements for ant part in the victory of the Allies NAVAL OFFICERS purchasing necessary material on over the Axis in the recent war purchasing necessary material on over the Axis in the recent war,

Desks, telephones and other of fice equipment were installed yesterday aboard the General Fred- Chapter Of RONS Formed Hodgson, a large former Authorized the destruction of Coast Guard vessel, which will be used as headquarters for the laying-up basin. Captain A. G. Ford Loughlin to relieve poor drainage of the Maritime commission, and various aides, are understood to be leaving this morning for South-

Employes Sought

750 persons would find employment if 500 vessels are sent to the

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500 MAY WORK AT LAY-UP BASIN Record Average Of \$57.50 Set In Sales In North

Carolina VOLUME HITS RECORD

> Largest Poundage Of Season Expected Today With Good Weather

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To New High

On Markets

By PHIL WRIGHT

North Carolina Border Belt o b acco markets yesterday BURNEY PRAISES sold nearly 3,000,000 pounds rium is a combination hall and rive in this section Monday, August of tobacco at an approximately average of \$57.50 per hundred pounds, an increase in Active use of the basin will begin average price of \$2 over the Superior Court Jurist Chief

Reporting the highest volume sold since Monday market officials said the steadily climbing prices were satisfactory to all growers. Big Sale Set Today

The largest sale yet is exected The anchorage, 17,000 feet long today as a result of the past two

> Fairmont, reporting its most today, according to

\$82 Top Fairmont Price

The market paid growers \$314,-184.08 for 546.530 pounds yesterday averaging \$57.49. Top price was \$82. William Maulin, Paul's farmer, sold 1,882 pounds

for \$66 er humdred. In Chadbourn, Garland Nobles

warehouse weight man, reported See TOBACCO On Page Five

SEEKING CHARTER

Here First In North Carolina

Naval Reserve officers of Wilmington, headed by John Wilson, duties had taken him into 54 counthe job. port to complete arrangements for a Navy veteran of Pearl Harbor arrival of the first ships of the and the Pacific fleet battles, ap- believe Wilmington has the best laying-in fleet. The Hodgson is ex- plied yesterday to national head- police department in the state. pected to be towed to Southport quarters of the Reserve Officers The average citizen doesn't appreof the Naval Services for a chart- ciate how much an efficient police er to establish a local RONS department means. It means that It is understood that already chapter here, the first of its kind he can enjoy a peaceable exist-

operations of the laying-up basin, chapter is to aid in a cooperative and that the local office of the way Wilmington's U. S. Naval Burney continued, "is not the one the lots will be 60 feet in width, United States Employment serv- Organized Reserve unit, which is who makes the most arrests on ice still is seeking more employes slated to be organized shortly, Wil- his beat, but the one who main-

transfer to the basin of various serve officers, both men and wom- exercised. employes of the Maritima com- en, living in Wilmington and vied to have a large membership

When the charter is granted, the chapter will operate like any other veterans' organization, with officing its activities.

Founded In 1945 The national organization was founded in September of 1945 to

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Attempt Upon Own Life Suspected Of Chicagoan

CHICAGO, Aug. 7. - (U.P.) -William Heirens, 17-year-old psycopathic killer who began his crime career at the age of nine, attempted late Wednesday through his unsuspecting parents,, to obtain a razor

take his own life.

Sheriff Michael Mulcahy announced that a razor blade had been found in one of four books which Heirens, who only Wednesday morning completed confession of his many crimes, had asked be brought to him in his county jail cell.

The books were among the University of Chicago youth's possessions and burglary loot which police seized in his college dormitory. It was believed he "planted" the razor blade

in the book. Wednesday afternoon his parents, George, 43, and Margaret, 40, heart-broken by his crimes, visited him in his cell. He appealed to them to ask Sheriff Mulcahy for the four books and listed the books

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OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

Red-Eyed Peace Delegates Approach New Fireworks, But Then Get Polite

ONLY SLIGHT DELAY FORESEEN IN PROJECT

TO DREDGE CAPE FEAR TO 32 FEET DEPTH;

TELECCO PRICE AVERAGE INCREASES BY \$2

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.

The personal hearing for the five ex-enemy states was adopted on the proposal of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes a Russian amendment providing that conference committees might also hear the satellite delegates if desired. Another Argument

Proceeding with almost pain-

Speaker At Depart-

Appreciation to Mayor W. Ron-

ald Lane, City Manager James R.

Benson and members of the city

council for improved working con-

ditions and increased salaries was

expressed by Judge John J. Bur-

ney, spokesman for the Wilming-

ton Police department, at a ban

quet tendered by the department

Judge Burney, principal speaker

Deeply Appreciative

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."

cycles, and now we have the mod-

radio. I don't know what's coming

Best In State

"Members of the department."

last night at a local restaurant.

tection.'

ment Banquet

ful politeness and unanimity after surviving Tuesday night a major crisis on voting prece-dure, the Rules committee adopted a series of proposals and then ran into another argu-

Chairman Paul - Henri Spaak moved that United Nations assembly procedure apply in all cases not specifically covered by special conference rules, Russia and Norway at once objected and Byrnes and Great Britain supported Spaak.

The agreement was brieflived. It was ended when on Russia's proposal it was agreed that principles and precedents of UN rules, if not UN rules themselves, should apply.

There was another mement when it looked as if fireworks might start. Spaak tried to end debate. Russian Chief Delegate Viacheslav Molotov, who usually speaks for 20 or 30 minutes at a time, demanded recognition. But he merely praised Wednesday's spirit of unanimity on rules. Black Shadow

Delegates met red - eyed,

yawning and anxious at 4:05 p. m. after their crisis ses-See PEACE on Page Two

LESS WORK ON THE RAILROAD

WORK OF POLICE ICC Figures Disclose 3,477 Layoffs On ACL

Reduction In Forces Over Entire System Attributed By Officials To Inadequate Allowance To Cover Increased Costs

Approximately 3,477 employes of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad system have been laid off temporarily, figures released by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington last night show. The reduction in forces is a result of action growing The "Rodeo," which has already

of the evening, said that members \$100,000 PROJECT of the department "pledge con-tinuation of their efforts to provide the City of Wilmington with adequate and honorable police pro-STARTED AT LAKE

159 Shore Lots To Be Developed At Waccamaw By Concord Man

Special to the Star amusing anecdotes, Judge Burney said he could remember when will provide 159 dakeshore lots along two miles of crescent-cur-"policemen of the city went about their delivery with the delivery wit their duties on horseback. Then came bicycles, followed by motorunderway. It is the largest single according to C. G. Sibley, general development ever undertaken at manager. ern patrol car with two-way this lake,

Promoting the undertaking is J. L. Sides, of Concord, who purchas- have asked for a 25 per cent in- gions on the East Coast. This, they ed the property several years ago crease in freight rates to meet have stressed, can be accomplish-Speaking in a more serious vein. from the H. B. Short estate. His what company officials term ris- ed only by a cooperative organizathe Superior court jurist said his brother, L. H. Sides, is engineering ing costs of operation. They were tion through which all the beaches

tending the full two-mile length of ence, with the very minimum of the development. From the lakebeen employed locally to aid in The prime purpose of the local fear from lawless depredations." Shore to the back of the canal, the distance will be 200 feet, while

Construction Underway Large Membership

ner. Neither too much severity er and from 15 to 20 men engaged.

With upwards of 150 Naval Renor too much leniency should be Mr. Sides estimated that it will probably take six months to complete the job.

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Along The Cape Fear

FOUR - WAY COIN - CROWN- the committee. But let's not for-

strong in will, To strive, to seek, to find, and with him. not to yield.'

tains his beat in an orderly man

Majority Present

During the course of the banquet.

1795, 1795, 1795, 1795-Yes, four specie. people have come up with coins So it seems of doubtful that any-Mr. E. E. Page of Acme.

Mr. Eduard Ahrens (1795 penny); competitors. Mr. Rex Willis (1795 penny); Mrs.

Mr. Harrell, you may observe is sort of in a class by himself with Mr. Warren Johnson, president of that ancient 50 center so let's that ancient 50-center, so let's make him a kind of chairman of See CAPE FEAR on Page Two

Thus spake Ulysses after his CONTEST'S END-Now, we hom famous voyage. Thus speak we estly believe that this ends the oldafter our search for the oldest U.
S. coins along the Cape Fear.
Notice, we said "coins," which
ters, says the United States didn't means, of course, that there are start minting coins in regular isseveral hereabouts of the same sue until 1793. Three coin presses date. Moreover, they are owned were brought over from Europe in by several people. Which means, 1792, and a few coins were struck further, that the old-age coin- in that year, but 1793 is the date crown must be split up four ways. coin collectors observe as the holy

older than 1795. If there were such and men will be utilized at once or more days had put the county Without further ado, let's get the a person he most certainly would to put the road leading in the road leading to the range site in coronation ceremonies over with. have come forward before now to site of the VHF radio range in such bad shape that heavy equip-The three kings and the queen are: wrest the crown from the other shape so that materials now in the ment can not be moved over it

E. A. Masters (1795 penny); and POSTAGE CURRENCY-But be-Mr. Frank Harrell (1795 half-dol- fore we put an end to our specie stories, we want to tell you about

out of a previous ICC ruling allowing ACL a 4.7 per cent increase in the local beach region, will give freight rates last July. The rate fishing season. A complete fishing hike was termed "wholly inade-quate" by ACL President C. McD. program, including prizes, will Davis shortly after it had been al-

Steady Reduction

The ICC figures released in felt need" by officials of the Washington yesterday disclosed beaches and Wilmington alike, will fice received direct orders from that in April of this year the company carried 25,619 persons on from each of the following: Wilits payrolls; in June the figure had mington, Kure, Fort Fisher, Long, until October 1 been reduced to 23,702 and by July Caswell, and Holden beaches; the 31 the number employed had drop- town councils of Carolina Beach, Wrightsville Beach, and Southport;

These figures show a reduction and the city council of Wilmington for the whole line. No breakdown

Railroads, including the ACL, granted a six per cent increase

would amount to only 4.7 per cent for the local company because "exduced the dimensions of the crease below those granted.'

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from Asheville to Salisbury was beth's captain to stop merchant derailed approximately three miles seamen from the American Rangeast of Hickory Wednesday night er from going aboard the damaged and an estimated 25 passengers American Farmer to bring her in-were hospitalized with injuries of

coaches remained upright.

Clark Expresses Belief Job May Get Green Lig

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

By LARRY HIRSCH

The million dollar project of dredging the Cap river channel to 32 feet deep and 400 feet wide, ori scheduled to start in late September or early October be only "slightly delayed" by the 56-day moratoriu posed Monday on almost all federal works projects conversion Director John R. Steelman, Congressman ard Clark of North Carolina informed The Star fro

BEACH BOOSTERS

Coordinate Efforts

On Agenda

set for 30 days after Labor Day.

be run at each beach during the

a total of 20 members.

Year-Round Resort

See BEACH On Page Two

Salvage Squabble

A concrete Southeastern North

home in Fayetteville last moratorium, order President Truman, is designed slice \$700,000,000 from le TO MEET TONIGHT

projects which have been drawn up but ! which no contracts have yelve let. Under the restrictions of site Permanent Organization To without federal permission. bank The Cape Fear project liesten

this category Disclosing that Steelman is mak-Carolina Beach association, com- ing a speedy and thorough study plete with officers, a board of di- of the stricken projects to deterscheduled to be formed tonight in mine which may be authorized to an effort to boost the region's go forward as scheduled, Congressbeaches as four-seasonal vacation man Clark declared, "It is my opinion that the Cape Fear river One of the first tourist-attrac- project will get the green light; it tion events slated to be sponsored is too important a thing to be by the new association is an an-dropped when it is so near to being nual "Fishing Rodeo," tentatively accomplished."

Specifications Approved

Specifications for the project were approved a few days ago by Army Engineer headquarters in Washington. They are expected to arrive here for printing late this week. Under the original schedule, advertisement for bids would have been published about August 15, award of contract made

The association, termed a 'long- about 30 days later. The local district engineers' of-

Office Optimistic

See CHANNEL on Page Five HERBERT O'NEILL

The prime purpose of the association, according to the officials RITES SET TODAY is to make the Southeastern North Carolina beach area one of the most popular year-round resort re-Well-Known Citizen Dies

After Fall Funeral services for Herbert L. O'Neill, 58, who died early Wednesday morning, will be held at the LONDON, Aug. 7 .- (P)-The Bri-Ward Funeral home at 5 o'clock remove her towlines from the this afternoon, with interment in

Unexpectedly Here

in- tish steamer Eizabeth refused to Oakdale cemetery. crippled food ship American Farm- The following active pallbearers er despite the wishes of the Am- have been selected: J. B. Hughes, Whether the retrenchment program for ACL has halted could erican owners and contrary to U. Frederick Willetts, E. C. Hines S. Naval advice, the captain of the Thomas Ames, Sr., J. Jarrell U. S. destroyer Perry said Wed-Skinner and Cecil Payne, with Frank Shepard, E. M. Beery, J. W. man serving as honorary pallbear,

WLI To Attend

ers.

All reserve corps members of the Wilmington Light Infantry have been requested to convene at the Seamen from the Ranger, a sis- WLI armory at 4 o'clock this at ter ship of the Farmer are bring-ernoon preparatory to attending the

ing the Farmer with its cargo of funeral in a body. members share the same throne cated that at least eight coaches towing the 8,000-ton Farmer, dam- 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and the second engine of a double- aged in a collision and abandoned at James Walker Memorial hos header had jumped the track. The 1,700 miles off England a week pital from a cerebral concussion according to Dr. J. B. Purcall of the hospital. He had been found

> unconscious two hours earlier by See O'NEILL on Page Five

And So To Bed

The Phalanx Fraternity thought this was so good that they didn't mind passing it on

The other night when they were playing a softball game with the Loyal Order of the Moose there was an aged but enthusiastic fan in the stands. He watched every play with the eyes of a combination playermanager-umpire-fan, and cried out his approval or disapproval of each play.

At one crucial moment when the Phalanx team made good play, he rose to his feet and shouted:

"Nice going there, Kleenex Fraternity."

The Weather

FORECAST

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

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

Temperatures

1:30a 77; 7:30a 75; 1:30p 83; 7:30p 74.

Maximum 84; Minimum 74; Mean 74;

Normal 78.

Humidity

Humidity
1:30a 91; 7:30a 89; 1:30p 69; 7:30p 98.

Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington High Low
6:51p 1:12a
6:51p 1:22p
Masonboro Inlet 3:55a 10:12a
4:40p 11:03p
4:15p, Moonset 1:24a,
River stage at Fayetteville at 8 a.m.,
Wednesday—14.3 feet.

ed plans of the proposed \$1,- First Reserve Fleet Vessels

ularity in various cities through- reserve fleet vessels to be stored

were constructed in Wilmington. Equipment Installed

approximately 75 persons have in North Carolina. for the work. Captain Ford, super- son said intendent of the laying-up basin. is understood to be expecting the

mission now located elsewhere to cinity, the local chapter is expectaid in the executive duties. Employment of only caretakers All reserve officers of the Navy or watchmen, instead of "skelr. Marine Corps, and Coast Guard ton" crews, for the vessels of the are eligible to join. reserve fleet, is indicated by unofficial statements that only an average of one and one-half per sons will be employed for each ers and a board of directors directship. On this basis, approximately

HEIRENS ASKS RAZOR BLADE

blade for a probable try to

specifically. The parents pass-

ties of North Carolina, and that "I 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. On the canal

> Actual construction is well underway, with a dragline, a bulldoz-

The lots will be located amid a

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birthday of the nation's metal

Seek 25 Per Cent Hike

Disputes Figures ACL President Davis contends the actual percentage of increase

Train Wreck Hurts 25

"At no time," he said, "did we see any violence, nor was any reported to us." He added that he refused a request form of the see any violence, nor was any reported to us." He added that he refused a request form of the see any violence, nor was any reported to us." He added that he refused a request form of the see any violence, nor was any results and the see any violence, and the see any violence, nor was any results and the see any violence, and the see ern railway passenger train bound refused a request from the Eliza-

varying degree. No dead were reported. Meager reports filtering back to the Hickory police department food into port under its own steam. Mr. O'Neill, one of Wilmington' "Made weak by time and fate, but get that the other three committee from radio cars at the scene indi- The 2,000-ton Elizabeth had started best-known citizens, died about

VHF WORK SPEEDED

Parker Seeks Way To Push Bluethenthal Schedules

To facilitate establishment of out that he had been informed that

additional schedules at Bluethen- all the equipment for the VHF thal field by National Airlines as range is now in the city, but that older than the 1798 penny owned by body around these parts has a coin quickly as possible, equipment incessant rainfall of the past 30 city can be moved thereon, Jesse Parker, manager of the airport told members of the Wilmington Kiwanis club yesterday. Equipment Here

ial on the job to repair the road During the course of an address so that the much needed equipof operations now going on at Bluethental Field, Parker pointed

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To Repair Road

To speed action on establishment

of the range, Parker said that he

plainned to place men and mater-