

Ports Survey Almost Ready

SPA Members Make Announcement Following Manteo Inspection

MANTEO, May 26.—(AP)—A survey of North Carolina's potential water born commerce is expected to be completed by the Frederick B. Harris Engineering Corp. of New York in the near future, members of the North Carolina State Port Authority said here today as they reached the climax of their five-day inspection tour of the state port and waterway resources.

Began approximately a year ago, an interim report on the study was made available during the latter part of the last General Assembly. The study, financed by part of the grant of \$90,000 from the WPA, will disclose the amount and type of import and export commerce which could be shipped through North Carolina ports with tremendous trade savings to the interior of the state.

It will also show exactly what terminal facilities development and improvements are needed to accommodate this anticipated increase in volume of traffic.

Plans for establishment of general offices in Wilmington shortly after July 1, when a \$50,000 annual state appropriation becomes available, were discussed further here today by authority members.

Consideration of their plans for the ensuing year has been marked by the renewal of determination to acquire the now idle Wilmington ship yards from the U. S. Maritime Commission for conversion into a deep water terminal and heavy port industrial sites, in seeking to further this effort the next meeting will be held with the Tarheel Congressional delegation soon, it was said.

Following an inspection of Manteo harbor this afternoon some authority members prepared to fly to their homes in the interior while others intend to return to Wilmington.

RESIDENTS AGAIN URGE ROAD WORK

Small Page Creek Artery Request Bobs Up Again Before Commissioners

A seven-year-old request for the improvement of a small road along Page's creek in the Middle Sound region popped again yesterday at the weekly meeting of New Hanover county board of commissioners and once again the commissioners agreed to attempt to persuade the state highway commission to place the road on the map as the first step in improving the thoroughfare.

W. T. Devone, Middle Sound resident, appeared before the commissioners as a spokesman for residents residing along the road.

"I've been asking for improvement of this road since 1940," he told the commissioners. De are not asking a hard surface if that is impossible. But the road is impassable at certain seasons of the year."

Addison Hewlett, board chairman explained that the commissioners have tried to have the state highway group place the road on the map but without success. On motion of Commissioner Louis Coleman, the board agreed to go to the state highway department again.

A communication was received from H. M. Roland, school superintendent, seeking to have circuses, carnivals and the like barred from showing on property adjoining the Washington Catholic school.

Augs. Meyland, county clerk of courts, was granted permission to hire one additional clerk, to allow other employees to take vacations.

The commissioners will sit as a board of equalization on Monday, June 9 to consider tax complaints and make reassessments where necessary, members decided.

The bid of Edward C. Craft, public accountant, was accepted for the annual job of auditing the county books. The board voted not to pay him "in excess of \$1,500."

In keeping with the closing of city offices next Friday Memorial day, the commissioners decided that county offices also will remain closed.

Bear licenses were granted George Camoutas, Kure Beach; Paul Puskas, Castle Hayne; T. C. Lewis and M. J. Peach, P. L. Nathan, Club at Carolina Beach; W. C. Sutherland, Loop B on a c; Alexander, L. S. Seabreeze; K. R. Boehm, Cape Fear Country Club and Sara Matt, Princess street, road.

The Weather

FORECAST: North Carolina — Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday, not much change in temperature.

South Carolina — Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Tuesday, continued warm Wednesday.

Metropolitan Area Weather Bureau Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

April Brought End To Business Upswing

Commerce Department Sees Possible Turn In Economic Tide Of Nation; Profits May Be Hit By Drop In Volume

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—A possible turn in the economic tide was called by the Commerce Department today with a finding that the long business upswing halted in April.

Meanwhile a Federal Reserve board analysis declared that even a "moderate" drop in the volume of operations or the level of prices would hit business profits more than it would the wage-earners employed by business.

The Commerce department noted that business activity still is at a high level, but its declaration that expansion had stopped pointed up contentions from some government and business analysts that a move toward a moderate recession is underway.

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Senate Votes Tax Cut Green Light; EAL Seeks Route Into Wilmington

Formal Brief Goes To CAB

Proposed Certificate By Examiners Gives City Capitol Link

Morning Star Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, May 26.—The possibility that Wilmington would become one of Eastern Airline's major stops on its routes five and six was seen today in a formal brief filed with the Civil Aeronautics board.

The brief urged the board of examiners' approval of a scheduled flight to Wilmington as part of a far-reaching flight schedule and rerouting.

With this proposed service by Eastern and the granting to Colonial Airlines a pending application for service from Washington to Wilmington, Charleston and Bermuda and a new route by National, Wilmington would have air service second to none in the state.

(Meanwhile, a prominent Wilmington business man who has long been prominently identified with the air progress of the city, said it was possible that Delta Airlines would seek a route through Wilmington linking Charleston, Augusta, and Asheville with Chicago.)

It was pointed out in Eastern's proposal that approval of the route would make Wilmington a major stop on Eastern's main trunk routes five and six, which now carry more than 70 flights daily directly over Wilmington en route from Boston, Providence, Hartford, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Louisville, St. Louis, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Mexico City, and Puerto Rico and some 60 other major cities.

The petition today was filed preliminary to an oral argument hearing to be held before the Civil Aeronautics board in the next few days.

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SOUTHERN SEEKS TO CUT SERVICE

Railway Company Asks Permission For Slice In Two Schedules

RALEIGH, May 26.—(AP)—The Southern Railway today applied to the State Utilities commission for authority to discontinue train service on its Asheville to Murphy line and to reduce passenger service between Raleigh and Goldsboro by two-thirds.

The commission announced that dates for public hearings on the applications would be set later.

The Southern asked for permission to discontinue trains 17 and 18 between Asheville and Murphy—one train a day each way, and trains 21, 22, 111 and 112 between Raleigh and Goldsboro. If the authority is granted, only one passenger train a day each way would be operated between Raleigh and Goldsboro.

Heavy Losses In its application, the railroad said that its revenue losses on the Asheville-Murphy trains had been "frightful." It submitted figures to show that in the month of July 1946 cost of operating the two trains had exceeded income by \$9,532.35.

In the month of November 1946, the railroad contended, it lost a total of \$5,835.91 on the trains it proposes to discontinue between Raleigh and Goldsboro.

Approximately 30 protests have been received by the commission since the Southern posted notices in its passenger stations on May 11 that it planned to ask for permission to discontinue the Asheville-Murphy trains. These protests came from nearly every point along the line.

INDUSTRIAL SITES — Hundreds of acres of land along the banks of the Cape Fear river, admirable for factories and other industries, still remain vacant. Most of those lands are owned by New Hanover county firms and individuals. Many of the locations are easily accessible to rail connections and all available to shipping by water.

RAILROAD CONNECTIONS—A large number of Wilmington's present industries are situated along the belt line of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. The belt line is used for switching and the trackage is able to take care of hundreds of cars that can be "spotted" at advantageous points for loading and unloading. Factories and industries situated along the belt line also have the advantage of a waterfront and highways in addition to rail.

INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS — Wilmington has three public commercial and industrial organizations to furnish information to persons and companies interested in obtaining sites. They are the Wilmington Port-Traffic association, the Wilmington Port Com-

mission and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Port-Traffic group handles traffic and rate adjustments with the purpose of keeping Wilmington on a proper parity with other ports. It endeavors to remove discriminations in transportation problems.

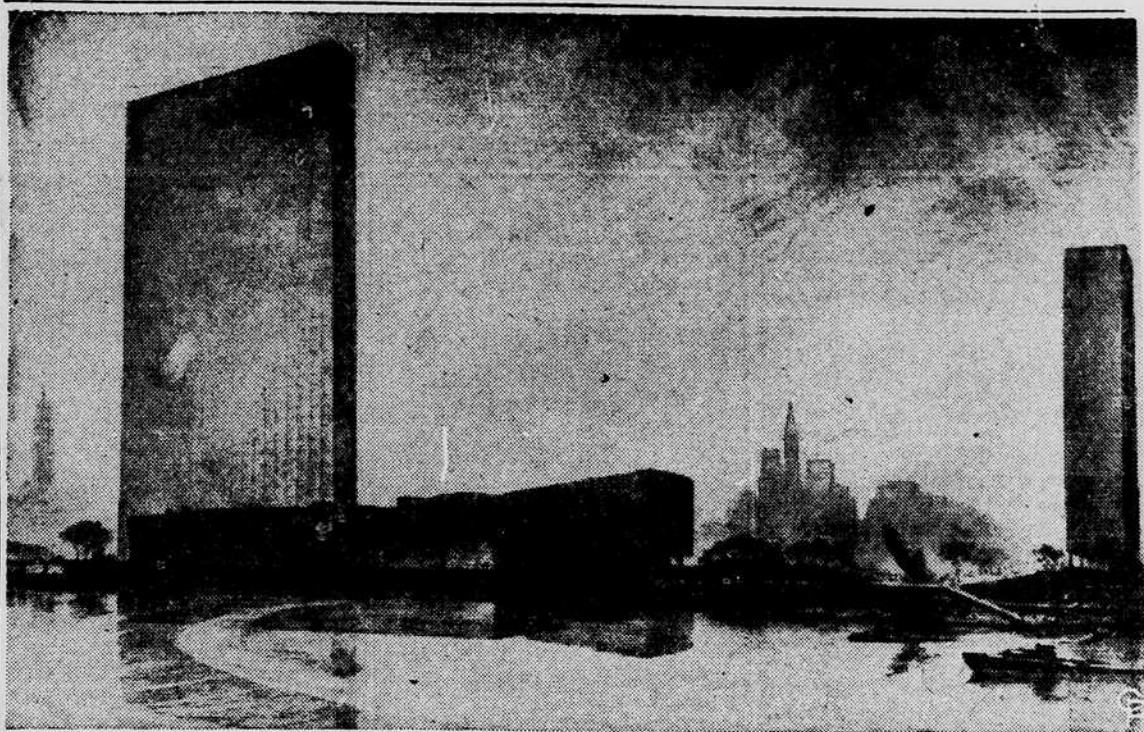
Representatives of the organization handle legal matters before the Interstate Commerce commission, the United States Maritime commission and the North Carolina Utilities commission.

The Port Commission's duties are soliciting and obtaining commerce for the port of Wilmington. It handles port developments and encourages and promotes the general work looking to the growth of the port.

The Chamber of Commerce, like all similar bodies throughout the nation, has a purpose of making for the growth, development and a greater and better community.

PORT DISTRIBUTION — The port of Wilmington has a distribution of 92 per cent of the population of area of North Carolina at a lower cost than any other com-

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RELEASED FOR THE FIRST TIME is this architect's drawing of the proposed East River site for the United Nations to be erected in New York City. This view, looking to the west, shows the 45 story secretariat building (extreme left). Directly in front of this is the flat meeting hall building, while jutting out to the right is the General Assembly Hall. At the extreme right is a building, approximately thirty stories high, which will house member delegations and specialized agencies of the United Nations. (International)

Customs Bureau Wins Funds; Hoover Backs Relief Plans

Former President Writes Rep. Taber Favoring 725 Million Fund

NEW YORK, May 26.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover today backed the War department's proposed \$725,000,000 program for relief in occupied countries and at the same time charged Russia was delaying rehabilitation in the former Axis nations.

In a letter to Chairman John Taber (R-NY) of the House Appropriations committee outlining suggested methods of restoring the German and Japanese economies to lighten the load on American tax-payers, Hoover wrote:

"The reasons for continuous obstruction by Russia to every effort which would restore production have at least some expression in the Russian press as a method by which the United States can be bled white by relief measures. We should wait no longer. Russia will not make war about it."

Hoover told Taber, leader of the G. O. P. Congress' economy drive, that he favored approval of the full \$725,000,000 requested for food and other needs in Germany, Japan and Korea in the next fiscal year.

"These enormous sums," he wrote "are inescapable for the next year unless millions of people under our flags are to die of starvation."

The former President vigorously criticized the Soviet for actions which he said had hindered rehabilitation of the former enemy countries. He recommended sharp modifications in United States policies affecting these nations.

The former Chief Executive's letter was written in response to a request from Taber for Hoover's views on the War department's requests and on "measures which might ameliorate these demands upon our taxpayers."

Hoover said the requested appropriations "are about the same as during the present fiscal year and this year's experience demonstrates how near starvation is in these countries."

However, he pointed out that "in the two years since the war the United States has spent upwards of 14 billions in free relief, government loans or loans from agencies dependent upon the United States for their survival" and that "already we are practically committed to five billion during the next fiscal year."

INVESTIGATE DEATH STATESVILLE, May 26.—(AP)—Police today investigated the death of a 31-year-old war veteran who bled to death last night from wounds received in a fight following an automobile accident on a lonely country road.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—The Agriculture department announced today that a third 1947 sugar rationing stamp good for 10 pounds will be validated "not later" than Aug. 1.

It announced also that spare stamp No. 12 in consumer ration books may be used immediately, instead of June 1 as announced two weeks ago. This stamp, good for 10 pounds, was originally intended to become valid July 1.

The department said today's action assures household consumers of the full 35 pounds of sugar promised under the Sugar Control Extension act of 1947.

It said in a statement that if improvement in sugar supplies continues, additional sugar above the 35 pounds will be made available to consumers.

Spare stamp No. 53 good for 5 pounds, was made valid on January 1 and expired March 31. On April 1, spare stamp No. 11 was validated for 10 pounds. It will expire on October 31 as will stamp No. 12.

FLOOD PROJECTS MAY BE REVIEWED

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—Chairman Dondero (R-Mich) today called a meeting of the House Public Works committee for tomorrow to discuss "deauthorization" or cancellation of navigation and flood control projects.

Among them is the \$46,000,000 Clarks Hill flood control, navigation and hydroelectric power program authorized by Congress in 1944 in the South Carolina and Georgia Savannah River valley. Preliminary work is under way.

Action on this project, members of the committee told a reporter, may be the pattern for a decision on Dondero's suggestion that some

DRASTIC MOVE

OTTAWA, May 26.—(AP)—Moving to protect Canada's dwindling supply of United States dollars, Finance Minister Douglas Abbott today announced a tightening of foreign exchange control regulations reducing from \$100 to \$10 the amount of U. S. currency any Canadian may hold or take out of Canada without a travel permit.

In effect, the announcement was an order to Canadian residents to turn in to their banks any amounts of U. S. money they hold in excess of \$10.

AAA OFFICIALS GET STOP ORDER

RALEIGH, May 26.—(AP)—AAA officials in this state were notified today to cancel immediately all lime, phosphate, mixed fertilizer, seed, and terracing purchase orders not yet delivered. The order followed action of the House Agriculture sub-committee in cutting by \$136,105,710 funds for the agricultural conservation program.

G. Tom Scott, state director of the Production and Marketing Administration, said that passage of the bill in its present form would mean a 32 per cent cut as compared

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FOUR CHILDREN SHOT TO DEATH; HUNT ON FOR NEIGHBOR BOY

IMLAY CITY, Mich., May 26.—(AP)—Four children were shot to death while picking flowers near their farm home late today and a state-wide alert was put out for a 16-year-old neighbor boy.

Dead were Stanley Smith, 14, and his three sisters — Barbara, 16, Gladys, 13, and Janet, 2.

Barbara was shot three times in the head and Coroner Lester Smith (no relation) said there was evidence she had been criminally assaulted. The other three had been shot once, also in the head.

Their bodies were found by an older sister, Ella Mae, 19, who left the supper table to search for them.

Tantrums By Husbands Not Cricket In Russia

MOSCOW, May 26.—(AP)—When a husband has a temper tantrum over his wife attending a meeting of the Young Communists' organization it's time for that group to inquire into such lapse from domestic bliss, the newspaper Komsomol Pravda said today.

That kind of behavior might be expected from a husband in a "Bourgeois" state, but is entirely improper in the Soviet Union, the newspaper declared. Komsomol is the name for the Young Communists' organization in Russia and the newspaper is its official organ.

Pressure Campaign Gets No Credit For Hike By Senators

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—The Customs bureau won a \$1,500,000 increase in funds from the Senate Appropriations committee today, but Senator Cordon (R-Ore) made it clear this action came in spite of—and not as a result of—what he termed a "reprehensible pressure campaign."

Cordon told reporters the committee raised the customs funds to \$34,000,000 for the year beginning July 1 largely because it is convinced that some inspection offices will have to be kept open 24 hours a day to accommodate international air travelers.

Notices of discharges to 1,470 patrolmen and employees were sent out by the bureau when the House voted to hold its funds to \$32,500,000. This brought a wave of protests to members of Congress, particularly when the Canadian border was stripped of patrolmen.

Cordon told reporters the committee had found that 421 of the dismissal notices were rescinded and that those who received 498 others could have been rehired under the funds allowed by the House. He said these probably will be reinstated in the service.

Money Bill Approved Voting approval of a \$3,243,000,000 money bill for the Treasury

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ATTORNEY GIVEN LAND TAXES CASE

Commissioners Differ Over Removal Of Penalties On 900 Acres

Matters flared at the weekly meeting of the New Hanover county board of commissioners yesterday when Attorney S. E. Loftin appeared to ask the removal of penalties on 900 acres of what he described as "sand hills" in Federal township.

Commissioner Louis Coleman promptly moved that the request be denied, the matter be placed in the hands of the board's attorney and that foreclosure proceedings be taken, if necessary.

But Commissioner George W. Trask moved that the request of Mr. Loftin be granted. Finally upon suggestion of Commissioner Addison Hewlett the matter was handed over to the board's attorney for further investigation.

Attorney Loftin traced the history of the ownership of the property dating back to 1913 when it came into the hands of J. J. Laughlin, who was killed in the first World War. Since then it has been the property of that man's heirs, said Loftin.

But he contended proper taxes were not being paid on the property and that the county was neglectful in not placing the property on the tax books under its rightful ownership.

And So To Bed

Many peculiar things occur in barber shops, but this one takes the cake.

Early the other morning, in a local tansorial parlor, which has four chairs, the first chair was occupied.

A customer, who had been in the habit of having his work done by the barber in the third chair, went to the fourth chair and took his seat.

"Say, fellow," the third barber yelled, waving a razor, "what's the idea going over there?"

"Now, lets not be hasty," the surprised customer said. "We will match for the job."

The two barbers, almost bursting with laughter, flipped a coin to decide who would trim the customer.

George Loses Delay Motion

Republicans Hold Party Lines Tight To Assure Passage Of Act

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—The Senate voted 48 to 44 today to go ahead immediately with a bill to slash individual income taxes July 1.

The vote slapped down a motion by Senator George (D-Ga) to postpone consideration of the measure until June 10.

It also practically assured passage later this week of legislation for a graduated tax reduction, ranging from 30 per cent in the lowest income brackets to 10.5 per cent in the highest.

The vote already has approved a similar reduction, but voted to make it effective as of last Jan. 1.

Defeat of the George motion leaves the bill open to amendments, including a proposal by Senator Lucas (D-Ill) to postpone any reduction until next Jan. 1. But with their membership publicly committed on the roll call, the Republican leaders are confident of beating of this and other amendments.

Party Line Holds In debate on the George motion, Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky) contended no one believes Congress will cut President Truman's \$37,500,000 budget by even the \$4,500,000,000 pledged by the Senate, much less the \$6,000,000,000 voted by the House.

Holding their own party members well in line, GOP leaders mustered a four-vote margin to defeat the proposal by Senator George to postpone consideration until Congress knows more about the extent of government spending for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

This presaged senate action possibly Wednesday or Thursday, on a measure lopping about \$4,000,000,000 off the yearly liabilities of the nation's taxpayers.

Senators Morse (R-Ore) and Wilson (R-Iowa) were the only members to cross party lines in the close vote. Morse and Wilson voted with the Democrats to delay action.

Before the vote, Senator Lucas (Ill) the Democratic whip, protested that the Republican leadership had refused to cooperate in lining up pairs of Senators to overturn the roll call.

However, McKellar arrived from Bethesda, Md., Naval hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment, before the roll was called.

Under the practice of pairing, a Senator forced to be absent on a vote arranges with another

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IMPROVED GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 26.

Word of some improvement came today from the bedside of President Truman's critically ill mother as she amazed her son by a determined show of vitality.

The plucky little woman, holding tenaciously to life, encouraged her son's physician to say in a 4:30 p. m. (EST) bulletin:

"Mrs. Truman's condition during the day has shown some improvement."

N. C. LIONS OPEN 1947 CONVENTION

Over 1,200 Delegates Register For Silver Jubilee Meet At Asheville

ASHEVILLE, May 26.—(AP)—The 25th "Silver Jubilee" anniversary convention of North Carolina Lions got under way here today with more than 2,000 persons, some 1,200 registered, attending.

Dr. J. F. McGowan, president of Asheville Lions club, called the meeting to order in the city auditorium this morning.

The highlight of the opening session was an inspirational address by James F. Daniel, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., a director of Lions International, and introduction of the retiring governors of the three Lions districts in the State: D. R. Mauney, Jr., of Cherryville, district 31-A, who is the presiding officer of the convention; Ben Q. Foreman of Salisbury, district 31-BB, and Littlejohn Falukner of Wilson, district 31-C.

Lions, their wives and guests (See N. C. LIONS Page 2)

Anderson Passes Buck On Spuds To Congress

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today reminded Congressmen criticizing the destruction of surplus potatoes that he asked them last year to suggest changes in the Price support program but got no response.

His later today went to Rep. August H. Andersen (R-Minn) of the House Agriculture committee

who last week charged the department with "wanton destruction" of potatoes.

Failing to get and recommendations from Congress, Anderson wrote, his department went ahead with the price support program for 1947 along lines somewhat similar to the one a year ago. The price (See ANDERSON PASSES Page 2)

50,000 SHRINERS FILL ATLANTIC CITY TO OVERFLOWING

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 26.—(AP)—More than 50,000 Shriners and their guests filled this resort city's guest facilities to overflowing today at the opening of the 73rd annual session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Some delegates bunked in sleeping cars at railroad sidings while others roomed at hotels in Ocean City and Philadelphia. Resort officials said the Shriners and their friends would spend an estimated \$10,000,000 or more during the week-long convention.

The Shriners imperial council will hold its first business session tomorrow.