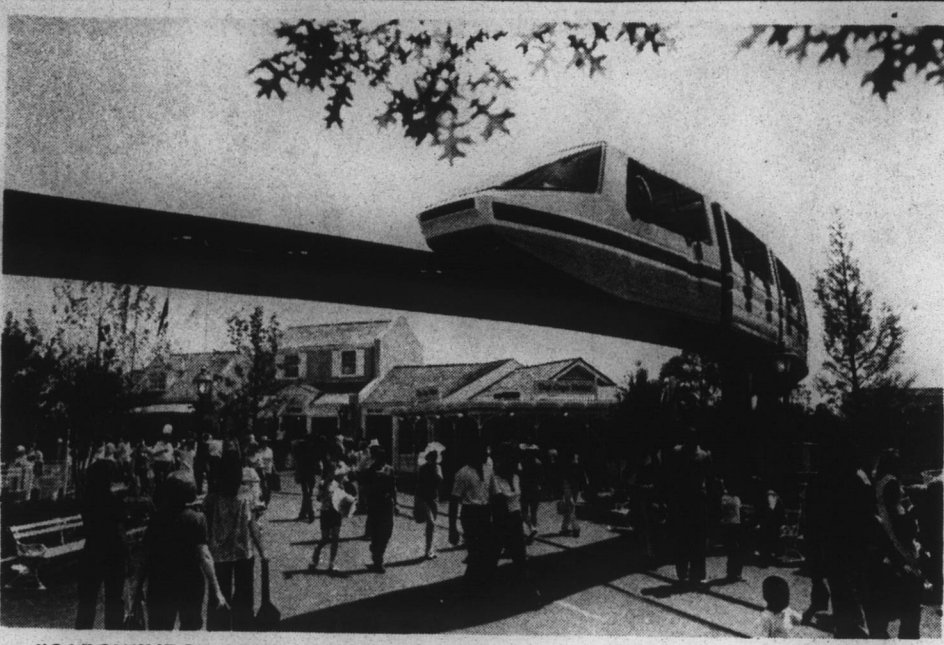


Industry Plans Participation In Bicentennial

Industry's observance in 1976, the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States, will be an important part of the nation's birthday celebration, according to E. Douglas Kenna, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. He expressed the Association's interest in serving as coordinator for industry's observance in cooperation with the Bicentennial Commission.

Among ideas being considered is the feasibility of preparing a Bicentennial kit which would enable companies to select programs which would be particularly suited for individual cities or areas. Other proposals under consideration are visits by students to manufacturing facilities, special literature detailing industry's contribution to the nation, and business and industry use of the official Bicentennial seal on letterheads.



"CAROWINDS" ATTRACTION—This sleek monorail train will ultimately make "pit stops" in the lobby of a new hotel being planned for the attraction on the North Carolina-South Carolina border south of Charlotte.

1975 Eyed As Completion Year For Hotel

CAROWINDS, N.C. - S.C.—The sleek monorail glides to a stop, and passengers step off into the hallway leading to the

lobby of the glamorous, new Hotel Carowinds, overlooking all the fun of North and South Carolina put together.

It's a view from early in 1975 when the doors open to the first 10-story tower in the hotel complex serving the Carowinds Theme Park. A second tower is in later plans.

The hotel complex will be located on Interstate 77 on the South Carolina side of the state line which divides the park.

Carowinds Corporation President E. Pat Hall said the first phase tower will cost more than \$6-million, and will include a heliport for access by air travelers.

A 2½-mile monorail, already in operation, will take hotel guests into the theme park for unloading at the Contemporary Carolinas station. Park guests may also visit the hotel complex via the monorail system.

Each of the hotel's estimated 400 rooms will offer a balcony with a magnificent view of Carowinds and the surrounding countryside. The rooms will be luxuriously furnished with decor recalling periods in Carolina history in the same manner as the adjoining theme park.

The hotel will contain a 1,500-seat convention hall with nine meeting rooms of varying sizes. A large area will be set aside for merchandise display booths. A restaurant and lounge on

the first floor of the hotel will provide guests a unique underwater view of the large swimming pool outside.

A penthouse supper club, with seating for 473, will feature live entertainment and an enchanting nighttime view over the theme park.

The top floor also will contain a number of executive suites.

These elegantly-furnished suites will provide special accommodations for executives visiting the Carolina Center, a planned office park complex extending from the hotel site along the six-lane Avenue of the Carolinas leading to the theme park entrance.

The center is to be developed as a headquarters for regional offices for many of the nation's largest corporations.

The Hotel Carowinds was designed by the Charlotte-based architectural and engineering firm of Grier-Fripp and Associates.

The Carowinds entertainment-office park-hotel complex is located on Interstate 77, midway between Charlotte, and Rock Hill, S. C. The theme park, now in its first season, is expected to attract 1½-million guests in 1973.

March, 1973, was the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Department of Labor, created in 1913.

Senator Sam J. Ervin Says

WASHINGTON—As every North Carolina housewife knows, the price of food has jumped skyhigh recently. The Committee on Government Operations, of which I am Chairman, and the Comptroller General of the United States have independently compiled very detailed hearings and reports on why this rise took place in order to prevent such drastic food price rises from occurring in the future. Both the Committee and the Comptroller General have attributed much of the recent jump on the cost of food to gross mismanagement of the Russian wheat deal by the Department of Agriculture.

I am certainly not against increased U. S. trade with foreign nations. I believe, in the case of U. S. — Russian trade, it could contribute to better relations between the world's two largest powers. Unfortunately, the mismanagement of the Russian wheat deal seriously depleted the supply of grain here at home and the price of wheat and feed grains went up. Therefore, the price of everything related to grain went up and that includes almost all the basic food Americans eat.

After discussing in great detail the mismanagement of the Russian wheat deal, the Comptroller General, a non-partisan, independent investigative office, concluded:

"Consumer costs attributed to the (Russian wheat) sales included higher prices for bread for flour-based products, increased prices for beef, pork, poultry, eggs, and dairy products resulting from higher costs for feedgrains, and a severe disruption of transportation facilities with attendant higher costs and shortages or delays in delivering certain supplies."

The facts surrounding the grain deal are as follows: in July and August 1972 wheat sales to Russia by six large American grain companies was largest single wheat sale in history, comprising over 25 per cent of annual U. S. wheat production. Much of the wheat sold to the Russians was purchased by the grain companies from U. S. farmers who did not then know of the huge Russian deal, and who sold at prices far below those that would have prevailed had the Russian sale been disclosed.

There is evidence, uncovered

by the Senate Government operations Committee, that the Department of Agriculture knew in early July of the existence and size of the sale by the grain companies to the Russians. The Department apparently felt no obligation to communicate these facts to the American farmer, even though the Agricultural Act of 1954 specifically directs the Department to assist "American farmers. . . to adjust their operations and practices to meet world conditions." The Comptroller General was equally upset about this failure to tell the American farmer the truth about the grain deal and he stated:

"Although Agriculture has fairly reliable data on general crop conditions and significant changes in worldwide supply and demand, farmers generally were not provided timely information. . . to help them make sound decisions."

In other words, the American farmer as well as the consumer suffered at the hands of the Department of Agriculture and the big grain companies.

Furthermore, knowing of the desperate Russian need for large quantities of wheat to cover their own shortages in 1972, and knowing that the U. S. was the only supplier in the world market at that time, the Department assured the grain

companies that the U. S. government would continue to pay them a subsidy on every bushel sold to foreign buyers and that such subsidy would continue at current levels indefinitely. Considering the information available to USDA at the time regarding conditions in the world wheat market, the Department's policy of continuing subsidy payments was at best a monumental blunder, a conclusion which is supported by the Comptroller General. Moreover, if the Department knew specifically of the size of the Russian sale, failure to disclose this information and maintaining the subsidy payments resulted in grave injuries to the farmer and the taxpayer. By the time the Department was finally forced by rising wheat prices to phase out the subsidy in late September the cost to the taxpayer was well over \$300-million. The Comptroller General concluded that " . . . Agriculture should have responded more rapidly to the available information and reduced or eliminated the subsidies sooner."

It is obvious that the American taxpayer, housewife and farmer are now paying painfully for the mistakes of the Department of Agriculture. With possible sales of grain to the Chinese now in the news, let us hope that the Administration has profited by the lessons of last year.

New Books At Local Library

New books received at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library include the following:

ADULT-FICTION

A Life for a Death by John Creasey.

Lydia: or Love in Town by Clare Darcy.

The Leopard Dagger by Constance Fecher.

The Hollow Hills by Mary Stewart.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Male Chauvinism! How it Works by Michael Korda.

The Law and You by Elinor P. Swiger.

The Campus Survival Cookbook by Jacqueline Wood.

State Census of North

Carolina, 1784-1787 by A. K. Register.

JUVENILE FICTION

The Secret Life of T. K. Dearing by Jean Robinson.

Good Ethan by Paula Fox.

A Day in the Life of Sea Otter by Kay McDearmon.

The film to be shown at study time next week will be Skater Dater—the growing up adventures of a young boy. At the Library 3:30 on Monday and at the Blades Community Building at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday.

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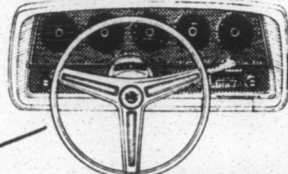
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