

Tire firm to provide Burlco jobs

By ED CHELLAND
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MOUNT HOLLY — A used tire shredding company, which will eventually employ 347 persons, will begin operations in several months in a section of the former Burlington City ammunition plant.

The new industry for Burlington County was revealed yesterday by Paul R. Casavina of Chesire, Conn., who appeared before the freeholders in executive session to try to interest them in a solid waste disposal system his company, Solid Conversions Systems Inc., is promoting.

Casavina, president of the firm, said the shredding operation will be the answer of what to do with the millions of used tires that are blemishing the countryside and causing undue concern for officials and the rubber industry.

He said his company would begin interviewing applicants for jobs at the plant, located on Keim Boulevard, next week. Initially, he expects to hire 37 employees and increase the number to 100 in six to 10 months.

He expects a full complement of workers to be on the payroll in 18 to 24 months. Casavina said the company will open with six production lines and increase the number to 16 in the 100,000 square feet of floor space leased from the General Services Administration. The ammunition plant is owned by the federal government.

The plant will be shredding 400,000 tires in a six-month period. He said his company has already firmed up contracts for tire disposal with New York City, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Firestone and Armstrong Tires. He said negotiations are under way with Uniroyal.

IN NEW JERSEY alone, Casavina said 13.2 million tires are discarded each year, representing 2.2 million cubic yards of solid waste. That is the equivalent of 2.9 trillion BTU's of energy or 285 million kilowatts of power, according to a pamphlet prepared by the company.

Casavina said the company is already storing tires in the Burlington plant, but mobile tire shredders also will be a large part of the companies operations.

He said the mobile tire shredders, with a capability of shredding 2,000 tires a day in an eight-hour shift, or 10,000 tires weekly, will be sent to landfill sites, large tire storage areas and even to company sites that discard huge amounts of used tires annually.

The final operation in the shredding will produce about 12 sizes of "crumb rubber" in sizes called meshes. A nine-inch mesh means the particles will pass through a screen .093 inches in diameter.

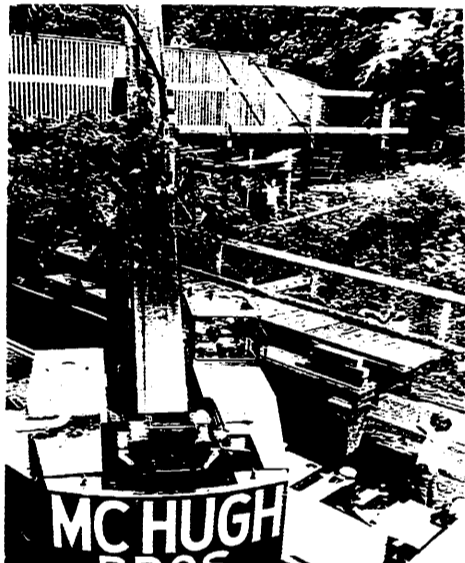
The byproduct could be used as an additive to coal, increasing the BTU energy output. The byproduct also could be used in paving roads giving the users a longer road base life and extra non-skid surfaces, Casavina said.

He said the crumb rubber could be used for outdoor tracks for schools with the advantages being less wear on feet, fewer shin splints, easier maintenance and less out of service time because of simple drainage systems.

CASAVINA POINTED out that major rubber companies are anxious to get out of the reclaimed rubber business because of costs. Using a 30 mesh rubber, toy manufacturers could partly offset cost hikes in resin and petro chemicals by making wheels for cars and trucks from reclaimed rubber.

Two years ago officials of the company appeared before the free-

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While work crews move as fast as they can to complete walkways and parking lots at Washington Crossing State Park, they won't have it all ready in time for the Fourth and the flood of expected visitors.

Park won't be ready by 4th

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Nearly \$1 million is being spent on improvements to Washington Crossing State Park — but most of the work won't be finished by the Fourth of July.

The expected flood of tourists this weekend will find:

- The new visitors' center won't be finished, but the toilets may be working;

- The new entrance from Route 546 will not be open, but the five

existing entrances will be usable;

- Two new parking lots might be finished if it doesn't rain today or tomorrow; and

- A pedestrian walkway over Route 29 won't be open.

"I don't think the Department of Environmental Protection, which runs the park) ever said it would finish construction by the Fourth of July," said West Denman, a DEP spokesman.

"As I remember it, we set July 4 as the target date for completion, but the department never said the work

would be completed. There was a limited time to do a lot of work."

John Kraml Jr., director of planning, said that although July 4 is an important date for the park, he feels that the December celebration of the 10 critical days is more important to the park, "and the park will be in shape for that occasion."

The main delay in the project was due to complications in the bidding in early April. All bids came in well over the state's estimate of \$580,000, and the state finally agreed to pay \$920,000 for all the improvements.

Hunterdon dairy princess

Farmer's daughter crowned

STANTON — Debbie Case, 18, of West Amwell Township has been crowned Hunterdon County dairy princess for 1975-76.

Both Miss Case and the runner-up, Gail Lachenmayr, 17, of Readington Township, are now eligible to compete in the state Dairy Princess contest at the Flemington Fair in September.

The new princess is a 1976 graduate of South Hunterdon Regional High School and will attend Mercer County Community College to study television production. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Case Sr., operate a 250-acre farm in West Amwell.

Miss Lachenmayr was graduated last week from Hunterdon Central

High School and plans to study agricultural sciences at Cook College in preparation for operating her own dairy farm.

The winners were chosen from a field of five. Miss Case was crowned by the current state Dairy Princess, Donna Baker of Milford, who was last year's Hunterdon County runner-up.

Lightning kills Annandale inmate; another burned

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ANNANDALE — One inmate at the New Jersey Correctional Institution here was killed and another was critically burned by lightning during a severe thunderstorm yesterday.

The dead youth is Juan Antonio Matos, 19, of Paterson.

In critical condition in the Hunterdon Medical Center is Albert Lozano, 17, of Jersey City.

The two were struck as they were walking, reportedly in a group of others, from one of the reformatory cottages to the mess hall at about 12:30 p.m.

A correction officer, Harry Potts, 26, of Hillsborough, also was injured, but was treated and released from the hospital.

HUNTERDON WAS among seven counties that bore the brunt of the thunderstorm that lashed the northern part of the state, downing power lines and tree limbs. In addition to Hunterdon, a tornado watch was in effect in Warren, Sussex, Morris, Somerset, Middlesex and Passaic Counties.

according to Edward Ramsey, information officer for the state De-

partment of Institutions and Agencies. Matos was serving an indeterminate sentence at Annandale for a break-in.

He was taken, along with Lozano and Potts, to the medical center by the Lebanon Township Rescue Squad and was pronounced dead there at about 1:15 p.m.

LIGHTNING IN yesterday's noontime thunderstorm also knocked out the main consoles in the new Hunterdon County communications center at Cherryville, Franklin Township, for about 12 hours.

The infant network, which now is serving 10 police departments, four fire companies and three rescue squads, remained on the air, however, using mobile units and back-up equipment, according to Director Alan Armitage.

A ConRail spokesman said the storm interfered with the signal systems on the Morris and Essex Line and the Gladstone Branch west of Summit. Delays of up to 30 minutes were reported.

A funnel cloud was sighted at 3 p.m. in the vicinity of Maplewood in Essex County. Power was cut in part of the town when a lightning bolt hit a transformer.

\$684,150 okayed for 8 Burlco towns

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MOUNT HOLLY A Community Development grant of \$684,150 has been tentatively approved by the Burlington County freeholders for distribution among eight municipalities in the county.

The money will be used for upgrading water and sewer lines, recreational purposes, street improvements, relocation assistance, street lighting, home rehabilitation and other locally designated projects.

There are 26 municipalities out of 40 in the county eligible to participate in the federally sponsored program. However, Charles Bishop, director of the program, said only eight applied for financial assistance.

They are Beverly, Willingboro, Riverside, Mount Holly, Pemberton Township, Wrightstown, Moorestown and Delanco.

Bishop said the executive committee of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee approved the requests several weeks ago. The freeholders are expected to give formal approval at their July 14 meeting. Bishop said the municipalities will probably get the money this fall.

THE EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES asked for a total of \$1,167,165 but only got the \$684,150. Bishop said some requests were not covered by the program.

There was \$1,187,000 available. The balance will be given to the county for such projects as sewer and drainage improvements and for recreational purposes.

The municipalities will use \$508,000 for locally determined activities: \$102,900 for relocation assistance; \$25,000 for rehabilitation programs; \$25,000 for sewer and water programs and \$24,050 for local option activities.

Beverly City is getting \$28,750 to stop land erosion along the Delaware River and for developing a comprehensive redevelopment plan.

Willingboro will get \$75,000 for

acquisition of a site for a new firehouse. The municipality asked for \$380,000 for renovations to a firehouse and for the purchase of new fire equipment. Those items are not part of the program.

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP will get \$177,000 for putting in additional parking areas in the central business district.

The \$50,000 Mount Holly will receive will go toward intersection improvements (downtown business district) and repaving several township streets.

Pemberton Township will receive \$115,000 for drainage improvement and additional parking spaces in the business district. The township also plans to provide a senior citizens and juvenile recreation building with the money.

Wrightstown will get \$69,900 for land acquisition and site improvements for the development of a senior citizens housing complex.

Moorestown will receive \$146,000 for lighting, drainage, sewer and water service improvements in the renovation of the Beech Street area.

Delanco will receive \$22,500 for the installation of a storm drainage network in the northeast section of the township to alleviate flooding conditions.

Next year, Bishop said, the county would receive about \$1.7 million under the development program.

Jack Lemmon booked on drunk driving count

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Actor Jack Lemmon was released on his own recognizance early today after he was booked for investigation of drunken driving on the Pacific Coast Highway, authorities said.

Sheriff's Sgt. Larry Tedesco said the 51-year-old actor was stopped shortly after midnight by a California Highway Patrol cruiser while driving north on the coastal highway in his Rolls Royce.

Water, water everywhere...

A solitary figure peers out at the calm, flat waters of Barnegat Bay. It is a day for relaxation, and even the fish must wait for the heat to break. Come sunset, however, and the stillness will be broken by boats heading toward shore.



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