

Plant Plans To Expend Half Million

Trenton Potteries Co. Project Will Speed Up Production

The Trenton Potteries Company is undertaking a \$500,000 plant improvement project to speed its manufacture of equipment for GI homes. The objective is a 60-percent speed-up in output by the North Clinton Avenue concern.

Ten drying tunnels, 100 feet long, are being built in one large room to reduce this phase of the process from three and four days to eight hours. Conveyors are being installed to eliminate much handling of the heavy sanitary ware as it advances from the casting benches to the dryers and the glazing. Heating of the dryers will be by steam, with a controlled humidity.

The plan was conceived by E. S. Aitkin, company president, and perfected by Harry A. Rydstrom, secretary-treasurer, assisted by Carl Rinck, maintenance engineer, and Hugh R. Van Selver, products engineer. Preparation for the improvements began 18 months ago.

In addition, the shipping department is being rebuilt to provide a large, protected area for loading freight cars and storage of finished products. The area, 180 feet by 300 feet, was made by raising structures of the old Empire and Ideal potteries.

Use of the conveyor system will do away with much heavy lifting and hand hauling. It will add to the shortening of the time for turning out closets, sinks and lavatories.

The company is devoting almost its entire productive capacity to items that will go into GI homes. The project is part of \$2,700,000, 600 housing program of the Federal Public Housing Administration and Expediter Wilson Wyatt. It gives indication of lasting for two or more years, after which the company plans to continue its production for the civilian commercial field.

The Fowler-Thorne Company has the contract for the construction of the new facilities. While there has been some difficulty over materials, the work is advancing rapidly with some of the drying equipment ready for use.

State Prison Inmate Stabs Shop Worker

The stabbing of a State Prison convict by another inmate Friday was disclosed yesterday by Principal Keeper George W. Page. The victim was identified as Robert Smith, 27. He was struck with an improvised blade by Edward Dean, 32, a fellow work-er in the license tag shop, Page said.

Smith is in fair condition in the prison hospital and Dean, serving a double-life sentence for the murder of two men in Hudson County, has been isolated, Page added.

Widow Of Physician Failed To Leave Will

Mrs. Grace B. McDonald, widow of Dr. J. O. McDonald, who died July 8 at Mercer Hospital, left no will providing for the distribution of an estate valued at \$10,000. This was revealed in a petition by Fred H. Stout of near Freehold, to Surrogate Connor for appointment as administrator of the estate. He is the uncle of Mrs. McDonald's three children, Charles F. McDonald of Brooklyn and Miss Margaret E. McDonald and Mrs. Charles H. Saams of 115 West State Street. The children have renounced their right to serve in the administrative capacity.

City's Paving Specifications Sustained By Court Decision

Trenton's paving specifications requiring contractors to have asphalt mixing plants within the city limits is not unreasonable, Supreme Court Justice Ralph W. E. Donges held yesterday.

His opinion discharges a petition of the Kingston Bituminous Products Company and two taxpayers, Donald T. Morrissey and William S. Armstrong, to review the action of the City Commission in rejecting the Kingston concern's bid on five Trenton streets.

Justice Donges declared the paving specification seemed reasonable to assure durable asphalt streets. Further he held that the reading of the testimony did not establish that the Kingston Company, the taxpayers or the city had suffered injury through the bidding specifications.

Fatally Injured



James Lerette Jr.

Boy, 7, Dies After Being Hit by Auto

Accident Occurs Near Home On South Olden Avenue

James Lerette, 7 years old, died yesterday afternoon shortly after police say he ran into the path of a car near his home at 529 South Olden Avenue.

The boy suffered injuries to his head and left side, examination at St. Francis Hospital indicated. He died a few minutes after admission.

Police said the boy was struck by the car of Donald Paterson, 63, of 12 Klein Avenue, a kiln operator with the Star Porcelain Company. Paterson told police he was unable to halt in time to avoid the boy. Lieutenant James J. Egan of the Traffic Bureau said the brakes of the car were found in good condition immediately after the accident at 2:40 p. m.

Radio Patrolmen Tonne and Nablger of the Second District investigated, assisted by Patrolman Walsh.

The boy leaves his parents, James E. and Susanne Belyung Lerette; three sisters, Catherine, Marlon and Susanne, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Belyung, all of this city and his paternal grandparents, William and Margaret Lerette of Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.

The funeral will be held from Mrs. Belyung's home, 585 Emmett Avenue, Tuesday at 9 a. m. Mass will be offered at 10 o'clock in St. Anthony's Church. Burial will be in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery under direction of George F. Ultrich.

Mother And Baby Hurt In Mishap On State Street

An auto driven by a woman motorist hit two parked cars last night when her child put her arms around her head as she drove past the postoffice on East State Street.

Slightly injured in the crash were Mrs. Nettie Cox, 25, of 105 Rosemont Avenue, and her daughter, Donna, 18 months. They were taken to St. Francis Hospital in the police ambulance and treated for minor cuts of the face. Both were released.

The collision occurred 50 feet from Carroll Street intersection. A car driven by Mrs. Cox first hit the auto of Guy B. Hankins of 340 Walnut Avenue. In turn, the Hankins car hit that of Henry Hanson of 235 South Logan Avenue.

Two soldiers across the street heard the crash and went to the assistance of the woman. They were Private Donald Williams, 18, of Indianapolis, who telephoned police for an ambulance and Private Donald Cowrey, 18, of Boston. They were from Fort Monmouth.

Police radio crew and three patrolmen from the First District kept the heavy theatre hour crowd moving past the accident scene.

Taylor Street Opening Is Assured This Week

Residents of East Trenton have been assured by the City Commission that Taylor Street between North Olden Avenue and Webster Street will be opened to the public this week.

Four Issues Top Vote Bid In November

OPA, Housing, Beach Control, Police Standards Bob Up

By Legislator
Four issues have emerged on which much will be heard in the November State election campaign.

The list is topped by the OPA and price control situation. While national in aspect, both sides intend to dwell upon it in the Governorship fight as well as the Congressional contests.

Housing, with emphasis on the plight of veterans, is next. Then come proposed State control of Jersey beaches and increased standards of eligibility set by the Civil Service Commission for such jobs as policeman and fireman.

Last week's special legislative session on State rent control, since nullified by the new OPA bill, provided a forecast of the flood of words to come. Each party charged the other with responsibility for the lapse of price regulation. Confusion in the wake of the revived but greatly modified Federal act offers an opportunity neither will neglect to elaborate the theme.

Lack of concern for the little fellow in business and everyday life will be flung at the Republicans, along with an alleged deliberate plot to wreck price regulation. The reply will lay scrambled economic conditions on the doorstep of Democratic ineptness. The subject has endless ramifications. All steps will be pulled in playing it.

Governor Edge hit back yesterday at the attempt to saddle the Republicans with a do-nothing policy on housing. His remarks are carried in another column. Mr. Hansen, Democratic candidate for Governor, has characterized the Republican attitude as "ice cold." The Governor retorts it is a Federal rather than State problem on which Congress should act without delay.

The suggestion of Hansen for State control of beaches was answered from another quarter. Mayor Tighe of Margate City was the spokesman this time. Others will join later in blasting the idea. Here the Republicans think they have something on which to go down as champions of home rule. The Democrats are just as confident the idea can be capitalized to their advantage.

Supreme Court Justice Heher will hear argument tomorrow on the recent civil service requirement of two years of high school for admission to police and fireman examinations. It is being attacked by Jacob Singer of Jersey City, past State commander of the New Jersey Disabled American Veterans, as counsel for two Newark veterans. Associated with him is Charles A. Rooney, corporation counsel of Jersey City.

If a review is allowed, the case will come before the October term of court. The term opens the first Tuesday in October, just a month preceding the November election.

Explaining the interest of Mr. Rooney, Mr. Singer states he is participating at the request of Mayor Hague of Jersey City. The Mayor is fearful, he adds, the effect of the requirement may be the disqualification of thousands of war veterans.

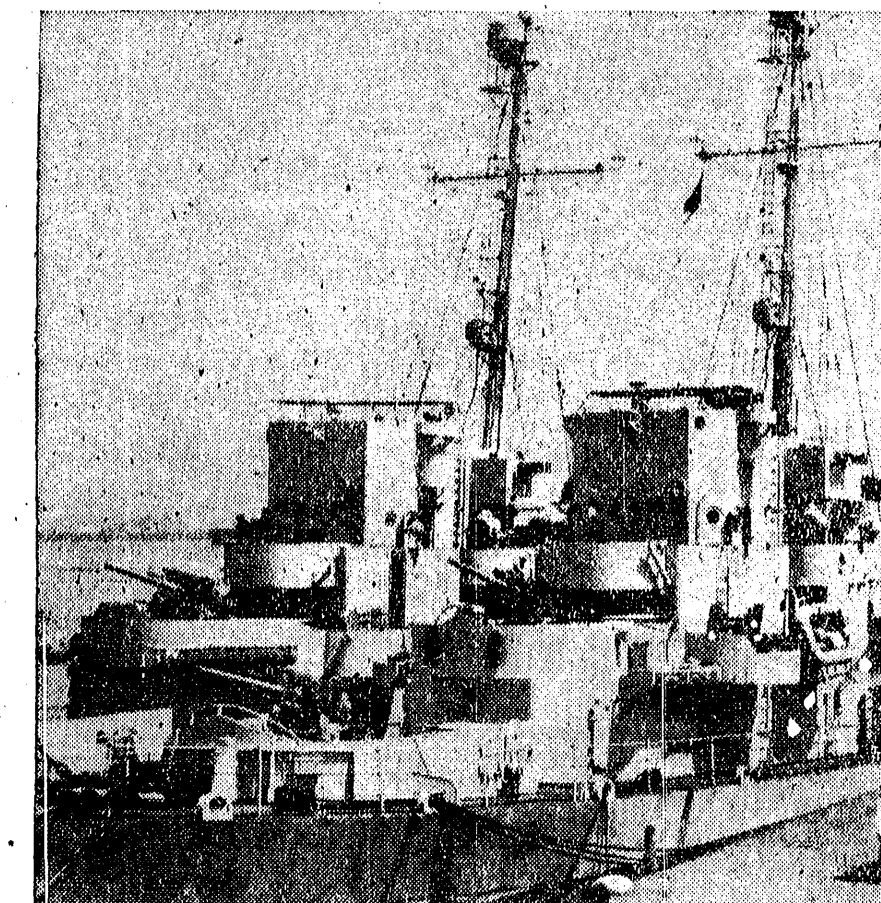
In support of this claim an affidavit by Daniel Casey, Jersey City public safety director, is presented. Mr. Casey cites more than 75 percent of 1,596 members of the city police and fire departments during the last 10 years did not complete two years of high school.

With these issues and charges picturing Mr. Driscoll, Republican nominee for Governor, as a dry and reformer, opposed to racing, the campaign will probably produce more sound and fury than first thought.

Mr. Driscoll is holding his fire for the present. He will sum his bid for office in a series of speeches over a six or eight week period beginning in September. His program, it is understood, calls for amplifying a number of the party platform pledges in specific manner, as well as dealing with the Democratic thrusts.

Governor Edge will give him active support, as indicated by several statements since his return from vacation. He does not propose to allow criticism of his administration, which has been made a point of attack, to go unchallenged.

Now They'll Fight For China



These two destroyer-escorts are the first of eight warships to be turned over to the Chinese government by the United States. Chinese Gen Ho Ying-chin, former chief of staff to Chiang Kai-shek, inspected the vessels in Yokohama harbor, Japan. Here the Chinese crew lines up by side the vessels at Yokohama docks.

Display of Aurora Borealis Stirs Awe and Wonderment; Communications Blackout

An unusually clear display of the Aurora Borealis Friday night gave residents in this section a mingled feeling of wonderment and the jitters.

And that wasn't all. The flashing light snapped international radio communications for three consecutive days and Press Wireless, Inc., Mackay Radio and RCA reported a total blackout on communications to Europe.

It disrupted teletype wires and interfered with shortwave radio communications here. Long distance telephone lines were not affected.

The Aurora Borealis, also known as Northern Lights, appeared in southern skies as far south as Texas in a display the weather bureau called "rare" in the summertime.

Nature put on a better show than man-made exhibition of fireworks. Awed spectators saw three parallel beams of light running from east to west and one illuminated island in the sky. White and delicate green beams dipped and soared while thousands of upraised faces watched with intense interest.

The display was so brilliant that an alpine pilot flying over Rockford, Ill., 100 miles northwest of Chicago, radioed that he could read a newspaper by the illumination.

Many persons, unaware of what caused the exhibition, swamped New Jersey newspapers with calls. Atlantic City had an excellent view of it and older residents said it was the brightest in memory.

Dr. Roy K. Marshall, director of Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, predicted that the Aurora would last for three or four nights, probably growing more intense and more disruptive of communications.

Auroras always follow large sun spots, Dr. Marshall said. Although popular superstition has it that Auroras are caused by the reflections of icebergs, actually the Aurora results when the atoms of the sun are ionized. As they swirl around, they create an electrical, magnetic field. Particles are shot out 93,000,000 miles in the earth.

Envious Of Pal's Easy Job, Boy Poisons Him

COLUMBUS, O.—AP—Delinquency charges were filed yesterday against Warren Rose, 15, of Columbus, who said in a signed statement that he gave a poisoned candy bar to Daniel Enslow, 16, because he was jealous of easy work the State Bureau of Juvenile Research assigned to Enslow.

Enslow, Rose and two other wards of the State bureau escaped from the institution, July 20. The Enslow boy's body was found in a quarry pit.

'Best People' Balk Georgia Lynch Probe

MONROE, GA.—AP—The head of the Georgia State Police told newsmen yesterday that he had been hampered in his investigation of the massacre of four Negroes near here Thursday because "the best people in town won't talk about this."

"They have an idea who it is," the police head, Major William E. Spence said. "We've been out on things like this before, but never anything like this."

"When I get back to town (Atlanta) I'm going to ask the Governor to appeal to every Congressman to help pass federal legislation against mob violence."

Major Spence met newsmen shortly after the release of a man who he said fitted the description of the leader of the armed band which waylaid J. Loy Harrison, a prosperous farmer, and the Negroes on the banks of the Apalachee River.

Spence said Harrison failed to identify the man and said the leader of the mob was "20 pounds heavier." The state police leader said he had several other leads, but added that he was getting no cooperation from local authorities.

Governor Ellis Arnall announced he was offering rewards totaling more than \$10,000 for a solution of the mob killing of two Negro farm hands and their wives. Grimly, he said "I am directing the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to keep its investigators in Walton County until the guilty parties have been identified and turned over to law enforcement officers."

Meanwhile, preparations for the burial of Roger Malcolm, his wife, George Dorsey and his wife, victims of the lynching, were attracting scores of visitors to the funeral parlor in which their bodies lie.

Philadelphia Girl, Reported Missing, Is Located Here

A 30-hour search by police for pretty Dorothy Mae Barrett, 14, missing from Browns Mills ended last night when she was found standing outside the box office of the Lincoln Theatre.

The girl was recognized by a neighbor from the Burlington County resort, Charles Diment, 31, of Philadelphia. She was with two juvenile boys from Summit, N. J., who were standing in the line with her.

Diment took the three children to nearby police headquarters. One of the boys identified himself as the son of a Summit police officer. He said he and his companion, students at Summit High School, had hitchhiked to Trenton last night and struck up an acquaintance with the girl shortly afterward.

The girl was attractively dressed in a red and white print dress, apparently newly purchased with \$20 she had been given to purchase groceries Friday morning by her mother, Helga. The girl went towards Browns Mills and disappeared. She wore a two-piece bathing suit at the time.

State police of Fort Dix were notified immediately by Lieutenant John Miloszar and the search was called off. Every available trooper, civilian volunteers and men with grappling hooks had dragged Mirror Lake at Browns Mills in a search for the girl.

She is the adopted daughter of a North Philadelphia undertaker, H. M. Barrett. The family lives in wealthy Oak Lane and has a Summer home at Browns Mills.

Truman Appoints Decontrol Board 'Men of Fairness'

Thompson, Mead, Bell Named—Have Final Say On OPA Ceiling Items

WASHINGTON—AP—President Truman yesterday named the men of "judgment and fairness" who will form the decontrol board set up under the new price control act.

Roy L. Thompson, chairman. He is a southern banker and economist professor and has been president of the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans since 1939.

George H. Mead. He is a middle western industrialist, organizer and board chairman of the Mead Pulp & Paper Co. of Dayton, O. He was chairman of the industrial advisory board under the NRA and later an industry member of the War Labor Board and member of the advisory board of the Office of War Mobilization.

Daniel W. Bell. A veteran Treasury Department official, he finally became acting Director of the Budget and Treasury under-secretary, resigning to take a position with a Washington bank.

These men, subject to Senate confirmation, will have the final say on what items shall or shall not be under price ceilings and. They will be paid at the rate of \$12,000 a year.

The decontrol board is charged with determining whether meat, dairy products and the other items conditionally exempt from ceilings shall continue free of controls after August 20.

Truman, in his message to Congress after signing the bill Thursday, had promised that the board members would be "men of whose judgment and fairness the Congress and the country will have complete confidence."

The OPA meanwhile gave industry and consumers their first clear view of sweeping exemptions which removed about half of all foods products from price control under the OPA revival act.

Ceilings are knocked out. Price Administrator Paul Porter revealed, on all items containing 20 percent or more by volume of meat, poultry and eggs, dairy products, or cotton seed and soy bean derivatives. The law bars ceilings on anything made in substantial part from these farm products and OPA decided 20 percent is "substantial."

This lifts the price lid from most mayonnaise, salad dressings, margarine and vegetable shortenings; animal gelatin and lard; canned chicken and powdered eggs, butter, cheese and ice cream; soy bean food products and soy flour and bread.

Earlier in the day, Porter told consumers that the new price law would "prevent runaway inflation" but food and clothing prices will climb.

Children's Gifts Boost Ice Fund

Profits Quiz Probes Sale Of Influence

Eyes Report Munitions Firm Head's Son Got Army Protection

WASHINGTON—AP—Senate war profits investigators turned their scrutiny yesterday on a reported sale of Washington influence on war contracts to a firm that did not get the help it paid for.

Another focus of Mead committee interests was a story that superior officers had instructions to shield the son of a munitions manufacturer from harm during his war service.

Members disclosed that these reports had been turned over to the staff of the war investigating committee with instructions to determine the truth or falsity of both reports.

At the same time Chairman Mead announced that Lindsay C. Warren, the Comptroller General, has been summoned to a public hearing to explore the possibility of checking on improper war profits through facilities of the General Accounting Office.

Senator Ferguson Michigan Republican, disclosed that a Detroit concern had been mentioned in the reported transaction with a Washington purveyor of "influence."

"If there's anybody in my state that was in on these deals," he said, "I want it exposed just the same as anybody else, and it doesn't make any difference what his politics were or are."

From another member of the committee, who declined to be quoted by name, it was learned that the committee had received a report that an individual had offered to obtain a war contract for a fee and had then reneged on his part of the transaction after getting the money.

This member said that the contract was reported as not involving the companies in the Garsson munitions combine currently under investigation by the committee, but he added that some of the same individuals mentioned in that investigation were concerned in the "entirely new" report.

Committee members said the report did not say whose "influence" the Washington man had purported to use in obtaining contracts, but declared that this was one of the things they would seek to bring out in the investigation.

The second of the two new lines of inquiry resulted from a request by Senator Kilgore, West Virginia Democrat. It was based on a statement by Joseph Garsson, formerly a captain in the Chemical Warfare Service, that throughout his Army career his commanding officers were under instructions to "take care of Garsson."

Garsson is the son of Murray W. Garsson, one of the promoters of the munitions combine.

Shoup Improved

LOS ANGELES—AP—Paul Shoup, 72, former president of the Southern Pacific Railroad, was reported slightly improved but still not out of danger, following an attack of coronary thrombosis.

Dr. William L. Weber said his patient spent a restful night and his pulse is now regular. Shoup is president of the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers' Association.

Byrnes Off For Paris Parley; Bevin Ill, Attlee To Take Over

WASHINGTON—AP—Secretary of State Byrnes set out yesterday for the peace conference opening tomorrow in Paris, leaving behind a statement that "the hope of avoiding some new and terrible war" depended on quick removal of frictions left over from the recent conflict.

Senator Connally, Texas Democrat, drew the assignment to read the Secretary's statement before the entire country "in his efforts to get a just peace for the world."

In this statement Byrnes called for the earliest withdrawal of Allied occupation troops consistent with world security, settlement of "exclusive" boundary disputes, final decisions on reparations—over which the United States is currently engaged in argument with Russia—and maximum progress in providing people everywhere with "more food and houses and clothing."

LONDON—AP—Ernest Bevin, blunt, outspoken Foreign Secretary, fell sick yesterday and his mild-mannered chief, Prime Minister Attlee, stepped into his shoes as head of the British delegation to the peace conference.

The last-minute shift, giving Attlee the foremost role in a comparatively unfamiliar field of direct across-the-table dealings, was announced by the Foreign Office, which said the hard-working Bevin was "slightly indisposed" and had been ordered to take at least a week's complete rest.

PARIS—AP—Top diplomats and a sprinkling of military experts from 21 nations will meet in the Luxembourg Palace tomorrow to open debate on peace treaties to shape the future of 83,000,000 inhabitants of five former enemy countries. Convoled by the United States, Russia, Britain, and France, the Paris peace conference offers 17 invited nations the chance to make recommendations—both recommendations only—on pacts with Italy, Romania, Finland, Hungary and Bulgaria.

The treaties already have been drafted by the foreign ministers of the four major powers. Among other details, the pacts would limit the former Axis satellites to armies totaling 495,000 men for all five, and would exact total reparations of more than \$1,000,000,000.