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800-Acre Washington Bottom Site Selected for Huge Du Pont Plant

Property Involves Nearly Mile Along Washington Bottom Road; Out of High Water

E. I. du Pont de Nemours and company of Wilmington, Del., will erect a huge post-war chemical plant on an 800-acre site at Washington Bottom, eight miles south of Parkersburg, it was learned from authentic sources today.

The company, it was disclosed, has taken options on large farm tracts bordering almost a mile of the Washington Bottom road and already has negotiated for the installation of gas, electric power and additional railroad trackage along the Ohio river division of the B. & O. railroad.

Between 300 and 400 acres of the plant site, all above Ohio river flood levels, are owned by the B. & O. railroad, and the acreage will extend south along the Washington Bottom road to the Moellendick farm lands.

The size or cost of the new plant has not been announced, although it is expected to be one of the bigger units of the huge du Pont industrial empire, one of the largest in the world. The site was selected, it was reported, because of favorable topographical conditions and satisfactory water supplies, transportation and nearby natural resources.

Route 2 Work Expected

The selection of the site and the anticipated early start of construction work, now that World War II is over, is expected to hasten the building of a new state route No. 2 south of Parkersburg through Washington Bottom, Belleville and Ravenswood to Point Pleasant.

The du Pont firm, it was learned, obtained options on several proposed plant sites in the local Ohio valley district a few months ago. An option taken on the Washington Bottom grounds at that time was permitted to expire, but it was renewed later and ultimately selected by du Pont engineers as the most attractive site among the several which were considered.

All of the tracts optioned by the company extend from the Washington Bottom road to the Ohio river.

suffered in an automobile accident, will be buried today.

Another Picture Of Home Front

Washington, Aug. 18.—(UP).—Here is another picture of the home-front scene reflecting developments of the last two days:

Wartime Restrictions

Rationing—Canned fruits and vegetables ration-free; end of all food rationing except sugar and fats seem possible in few weeks.

Wages—"Little Steel" formula virtually scrapped; employers may now grant wage increases not requiring higher prices without asking WLB.

Production and material controls—Most controls dropped on copper, steel and aluminum; controls revoked on sales of plumbing, heating and cooking equipment; no immediate prospect of lifting newsprint controls; all but 30-40 remaining WPB controls to be gone by Monday.

Transportation—Restrictions on sports travel, group travel and sales of tickets to travel agencies ended; ODT promises early end to 35-mile-an-hour speed limit; ends restrictions on sightseeing charter bus service, effective Aug. 31.

Gasoline—Now ration-free; PAW ends ban on production of high-test gas for civilians.

Prices—OPA suspends price control over imported spirits not including whiskey.

Telegrams—Restrictions on congratulatory and greeting telegrams ended; singing telegrams may now be sent.

Armed Forces

Redeployment—War department corrects false impression that no more troops will be sent from U. S. to Pacific. Low-point men to be sent for occupation of Japan and to relieve long-service soldiers.

Reconversion

War contracts—Cancellations since Japan's fall now total \$31,500,000,000 for the army and

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