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NOTE: The following four articles indicate that the Joppa Road location was originally intended to be the new home of the Friez Division!

The Sun, January 15, 1939

Plans For Weather Observatory On Joppa Road Are Announced

Plans for the erection of new and larger laboratories and weather observatory on the Joppa road, east of Towson, for Julien P. Fries [sic] & Sons' division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation, were announced yesterday. . . . As a site for the building, the concern has purchased approximately eighteen acres from Walter C. Mylander. . .

The Sun, February 26, 1939

Meanwhile, working drawings are being made for the new laboratories planned by the Julien P. Fries [sic] & Sons' division of the Bendix Corporation

The Sun, March 12, 1939

The western half of the new laboratory planned for the Julien P. Fries [sic] & Sons' division of the Bendix Corporation, makers of weather instrument, etc. is shown in this architect's sketch of the building. . . . Building operations are expected to be started next month with completion in about four months from that time. . .

The Sun, April 23, 1939

Bids Asked On New Friez Plant

Plans and specifications for the construction of the new laboratory for the Julien P. Friez & Sons' division of the Bendix Corporation went to builders for bids as the week closed. . . . The proposed building will be situated on the north side of Joppa road between Towson and Loch Raven Boulevard, on an eighteen-acre tract of land. It will have a length of 380 feet, with a width of from 200 to 100 feet, Cost of the structure will be in the neighborhood of \$130,000 This industrial project is the first to be announced for the city for a considerable time.

Evening Sun, December 13, 1940

New Bendix Plant Nearing Completion

A new plant for the completion and assembling of aircraft radio and radio equipment, required for the national defense, is rapidly being pushed to completion by the Bendix Radio Corporation, a subsidiary of the Bendix Aviation Corporation, at a location on the

Joppa road between Towson and Baynesville. The new plant ultimately will employ between 1,100 and 1,200 men. Located on a tract of about 27 acres, the main structure of the new building will have approximately 127,000 square feet of floor space. . . In the construction of the Joppa road plant, the Bendix company is acting as agent for the Government. The plant is being erected with Government money and will be the property of the Defense Plant Corporation . . . Upon completion the plant will be leased and occupied by Bendix Radio . . . Officials said today they expect the work of construction to be completed early in the New Year, probably during February. . . The site of the new plant, purchased two years ago, formerly was known as the Mylander property. (Photo shows steel structure completed and front masonry halfway up.)

The Jeffersonian, December 30, 1940

\$600,000 Radio Plant Here To Employ 1200 Persons

Employment for twelve hundred persons will be offered at the Towson plant of the Bendix Radio Corporation soon after the first of the year. Construction was begun on October 25th, . . . Dimensions of the mammoth building on the East Joppa road, between Towson and Baynesville, which will cost nearly \$600,000, are 565 feet long and 220 feet wide. The two-story office . . . will be 360 by 60 feet, included in the foregoing dimensions. . . Day, night and Sunday work has been carried on by the Davis Construction Company of Baltimore, general contractors, in order that the plant might be completed as soon as possible. The speed with which it has sprung up has amazed local residents and visitors alike. . .

The Evening Sun, March 10, 1941

Bendix Plant Nears Completion

(Photograph of nearly-completed building.) This new plant of the Bendix Radio Corporation, located on the Joppa road, near Towson, cost approximately \$600,000. The company has a total of approximately \$15,000,000 of defense contracts. Machinery is being installed and operation will begin shortly.

Baltimore (magazine?), February 1942

The Bendix Radio Division of The Bendix Aviation Corporation is enlarging its Towson plant, containing 125,000 square feet of floor space, by erecting a 50,000 square foot addition to the north end of the building. . . . The company is also equipping a new unit, containing about 14,000 square feet of floor space, . . . in the two-story building at 4006-10 West Belvedere avenue; 18,000 square feet is being utilized in the building at 4000 East Monument street, where the original building on that site was doubled through new construction. A small unit is at 612 West Ostend street. The company's major manufacturing center in Baltimore itself is located on both side of the 900 block of East Fort avenue.

The Sun, February 1, 1942

Hands Used To Needle Weld Soldering Iron

Article, with photos, describes women training for, and working on, the production lines.

At the plant . . . at Towson . . . and at the plant . . . at Fort avenue, approximately one-fourth of the employees – or about 1,000 workers – are women. . .

Baltimore (magazine?), May 1942

The Bendix Radio Division of The Bendix Aviation Corporation, with offices at its Towson plant, has acquired and equipped for the manufacture of crates the former automobile sales plant located at the northwest corner of York Road and Washington Avenue, Towson. . .

The Sun, August 3, 1942

Bendix To Get “E” Pennant

Several thousand employees of The Bendix Radio Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation will gather . . . August 10 for the presentation . . . The company’s five local plants share in the production citation. . .

Baltimore, August 1942

Bendix Awarded Army-Navy “E”

Award of the combined Army-Navy “E” for quantity and quality of radio production was made to Bendix Radio, division of Bendix Aviation Corporation, on August 10 at elaborate exercises at the Towson plant of the company on Joppa Road. . . Production per month is forty times what it was two years ago, “a record unparalleled in America’s war effort,” five thousand employees and guests of the company were told by Hugh Benet, manager of the Towson plant. . . . Governor O’Conor praised the Bendix Radio Division for its part in Maryland’s war program and said no other Southern State, with the exception of Texas, was contributing as much to the war effort, “regardless of size.” Brigadier General Colton . . . hoped that in six months time and every six month period for the duration of the war, a star might be placed on the “E” flag for continued excellence in production.

The Sun, August 11, 1942

Bendix Plant Workers Get Army-Navy “E”

(The Sun’s version of the event.)

The Sun, August 12, 1942

Women At Bendix Enjoy Their Jobs

. . . Bendix Radio Division, a subsidiary of Bendix Aviation Corporation, has three times as many women as it did a year ago, it was revealed yesterday. . . Only twenty percent of its employees were women a year ago, and sixty percent is the figure now. The percentage is certainly going up, for the company at present is hiring three times as many women as men . . .

Baltimore, September 1942

The Bendix Radio Division . . . has leased approximately 11,000 square feet of floor space in a part of the Ditch, Bowers & Taylor, Inc. plant at McMechen Street and North Avenue for use in connection with its local operations. . .

Baltimore, January 1943

The Bendix Radio Division of The Bendix Aviation Corporation has leased the building, containing 12,000 square feet of floor space, at Mathews and 26th Streets, and will use it for warehouse purposes. This structure was formerly occupied by the National Radiator Company, . . .

Baltimore, April 1943

The Bendix Radio Division of The Bendix Aviation Corporation . . . has leased for manufacture approximately 20,000 square feet of floor space in the Stieff Building, Lafayette avenue and Aiken Street. . .

The Sun, August 5, 1943

Bendix Leases Two Buildings

A seven-story building in the 300 block of West Fayette street, owned by Butler Brothers, has been leased for use as a warehouse.

Former factory on Lafayette avenue to be used for manufacturing.

The Sun, September 11, 1943

Mary Churchill Makes Tour Of Bendix Towson Radio Plant

(The Sun's version of the event.)

Evening Sun, January 24, 1944

Timesavers Make Money For Women Radio Worker

Virginia Thieme . . . makes money by saving time. Her timesavers have netted her three cash awards from the company, with eight or nine additional awards pending. . . .

The Sun, January 27, 1944

Bendix Plant Awarded Army-Navy "E" Again

For the third time since August 10, 1942, the Army-Navy Production Award has been conferred . . . Hugh Benet, general manager of the division, said production of communication, navigation and detection equipment for the army and navy has been increased at the plant more than 71 times since 1940, although personnel has increased only 12 times, to reach a total of 7,800 employees in the Baltimore area.

Evening Sun, August 28, 1944

Bendix To Make Home Radios Sets Here

In one of the first post-war conversion plans announced for industrial firms in the Baltimore area, the Radio Division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation today disclosed it would manufacture home radio sets in its Baltimore plants "as soon as the military situation permits." . . . W.P. Hilliard, general manager of the radio division, said the company's Baltimore plants were producing more than 70 percent of the precision radio equipment required by airline companies before the outbreak of the war. Some 90 percent of the current production, which recently reached a \$200,000,000-a-year level, is in secret devices The Baltimore plants are currently producing 128 different kinds and types of equipment, he said. . . .

The Sun, August 29, 1944

Radio Plant To Drop 800 Before 1945

The Bendix Radio Division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation advised its employees yesterday that approximately 800 workers will have to be laid off by the end of this year. . . . The situation was credited to cutbacks in some contracts and to the fact that other contracts are about to expire.

Evening Sun, June 28, 1945

Bendix Awarded Fourth "E"

The Bendix Radio Division has been awarded its fourth Army-Navy "E" for war production achievement, William P. Hilliard, general manager, announced today. One of

the first radio and radar manufacturers in the nation to win the “E” award, Bendix delivered to the Army and Navy more than 300,000 systems of radio and radar communications between Pearl Harbor and V-E day, . . . At the time Pearl Harbor was attacked, the Baltimore plant was producing at the rate of about \$3,500,000 per month to meet British needs and defense requirements here. Peak production was reached in March, 1943, when the plant delivered more than \$21,000,000 in equipment to the armed forces, according to Mr. Hilliard. . . . With production requirements . . . less than the peak months of 1943 and 1944, the Bendix division will begin accelerating its postwar plans for marketing consumer radios, radio-phonographs and television receivers and railroad, marine and other radio communications systems.

Evening Sun, July 12, 1945

Bendix To Expand Towson Plant

A substantial expansion of Bendix Radio Division’s Towson plant to take care of the company’s anticipated postwar activities was authorized today. Funds for the expansion, which it is estimated will cost from \$250,000 to \$300,000 were voted this morning by the Bendix Aviation Corporation board of directors at its annual meeting here. . . . The directors . . . showed keen interest in the display of working models of radio sets for home use . . . Another product . . . expected provide employment for a large number of workers is railroad communications systems. . . Personal aircraft radio is another Bendix product which will be manufactured extensively in Baltimore . . Radar devices of a hush-hush nature were viewed by the Bendix directors, and they were assured that the company also anticipates much postwar business in this field.

Evening Sun, November 2, 1945

Bendix Is Buying Towson Plant From DPC

Bendix Radio Division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation is purchasing its Towson plant from the Defense Plant Corporation for approximately \$1,700,000 and starting additions and improvements to cost another \$500,000, W.P. Hilliard, general manager, announced today. . . .

The Sun, June 8, 1946

War Output Of Bendix Radio \$491,649,000

Commenting on activities of the Radio Division at Baltimore, Ernest R. Breech, president of the Bendix Aviation Corporation . . . stated that local war production of that division reached \$491,649,000 in the years 1942-45. Output went up from \$2,211,000 in 1939 to a peak of \$193,478,000 in 1943. . . . Also, the sales organization that would be required [for home radios] was virtually complete with 61 distributors and 12,000 dealers enfranchised. . .

Evening Sun, June 12, 1946

Color Television Sets Planned By Bendix

The Bendix Radio Division has been licensed to produce color television receivers under patents of the Columbia Broadcasting System, . . . an experimental color television transmitter will be set up at the research and engineering laboratories of the main Bendix plant in Towson in the immediate future. . . . The television equipment will augment the complete line of AM and FM and radio-phonographs now in production here and in the West Coast plant at Pomona, California.

Evening Sun, September 12, 1946

First Color Television Broadcast To Be From Towson

The first color television broadcast under a Federal Communications Commission experimental license will be made from the Towson plant of the Bendix Radio Division next summer. The Bendix broadcasting station . . . will feature full-color television equipment of the latest design. . . . The location . . . will give a range of 10 to 15 miles for effective broadcast reception. . .

K. Kidd, 5/7/06 (More to follow, later)
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