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Norris, Late of Univac, Mum on 'New Venture'

Future plans of William C. Norris, resigned general manager of the Remington Rand Univac division of Sperry Rand Corp. in St. Paul, were the object of speculation today, centering about a possible new business venture in the Twin Cities.

Reached at his home, Norris declined to confirm or deny the reports but indicated he may have an announcement to make in the near future.

Norris has been general manager and a vice president of Remington Rand, Inc., since October, 1955.

He was associated with Engineering Research Associates, St. Paul, since its formation in 1946 by John E. Parker and 40 scientific and engineering men who had worked as a navy technical team in World War II.

The firm was purchased by Remington Rand, Inc., in 1952.

Meanwhile, Univac announced the promotion of three officials Thursday.

Dr. Thornton C. Fry, consultant who joined the firm earlier this year, has been named vice president and director of Univac Systems Engineering for the Remington Rand division.

Robert E. McDonald, general manager of the company's seven St. Paul plants since last year, is to be manager of the Univac military division.

And George S. Hanson, department manager for data systems since 1955, is appointed chief engineer of the Univac military division.

Dr. Fry will direct all research, development and product planning of commercial and military systems and equipment, including the St. Paul, Philadelphia and South Walk, Conn., locations.

This will include responsibility for two multi-million dollar contracts now under way in St. Paul. One is development of a guidance system for the air force's intercontinental ballistic missile program, the other a computer system for the navy's sea surveillance system in the North Atlantic.

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Historic Shovel To Break Ground

A pioneer-day wooden shovel will be used to break ground for the new two-million-dollar Remington Rand Univac division plant at W. Seventh and Norfolk Wednesday.

The shovel, loaned by the Minnesota Historical society museum, was selected to revive memorable events in Minnesota history related to the plant site.

The land is part of the 100,000 acres bought by Lt. Zebulon Pike from the Sioux Indians in 1805, near the site of the first white man's settlement in the St. Paul area.

Fort Snelling, built in 1820, is across the Mississippi river from the Univac plant site, and Pike island, named for Lt. Pike, is just below the bluff. Southeast of Pike island, on the bank of the Minnesota river, are Mendota and the Sibley House, where Minnesota's first governor, Gen. Henry H. Sibley, lived.



Delores Farquer of 623 Ashland, tourist information secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, displays the wooden shovel to be used in ground-breaking ceremonies Wednesday.—Staff Photo.

The wooden shovel will be used by William C. Norris, vice president of Remington Rand and general manager of the Univac division, at the ceremony at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The shovel was "dug up" at the Historical society museum by the public relations department of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, which is assisting in arranging the program for the ceremonies.