

Truman Sets Farm Safety Week Theme

CHICAGO, Ill. — Widespread adoption of safer ways of working and living and a continuing drive against practices which endanger farm people of all racial groups in their homes, in field, and on the highways were urged by President Truman in proclaiming the observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 24-30, 1949.

"I request all organizations and persons interested in farm life and welfare to join in this continuing drive, and I also urge each member of every farm family to study the hazards associated with rural life with a view to performing all tasks in the safest manner possible," the President said.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, in discussing plans for the observance pointed out that George Washington, the first president of the United States, considered farming as a splendid vocation. He said, according to Mr. Dearborn, "agriculture is the most healthful, most useful, and most noble employment of man."

"As a Pennsylvania farm boy, I agree thoroughly with our first president," Mr. Dearborn said.

But we must face the fact that farming in America today is more akin to industry than to the pastoral activities it was in Washington's day. For example, there are at least three million tractors on American farms plus about thirty-five million other pieces of machinery.

"This increasing industrialization of farming calls for greater attention to safe practices on the farm. President Truman strikes a vital note when he urges the performance of all farm tasks in the safest manner possible. National Safety Council surveys show that the majority of accidents to farm people involve one or more unsafe acts."

PITTSBURGH SHOWS SIGNS OF RECOVERY

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (Global) — When the coal mines in this area opened last week business in this city returned to nearly the same level as in the week before the try, according to the Bureau of Business Research, University of Pittsburgh.

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URBAN LEAGUE OFFICIAL FETED IN TEXAS

Miss Earlene D. Wright, interim executive secretary of the Fort Worth Urban League, was honored with a garden party at the YWCA Sunday afternoon, July 3, by the public relations committee of the local League. There was an excellent response to the six hundred invitations which were sent.

C. H. Hatcher was Master of Ceremonies for the program of unusual talent. The program participants included: Royce Petty, Willie Hargrove, Miss Arthulyn Davenport, Y. C. Shamblee, Roland Wyatt, Mrs. Mabel Lewis and Miss Winifred Perpener.

Stimulating remarks in the interest of promoting the League Movement were made by A. L. Nelson, Executive Director of the Fort

Worth Community Chest, Russell R. Kline, executive secretary of the Council of Social Agencies, and L. M. Johnson, president of the Fort Worth Urban League.

Miss Wright graciously responded to the warm greetings of Miss Revodia Frazier.

The beautiful floral decorations were donated by Odom's Floral Shop and arranged by Mrs. Vivienne Terrell of the Fort Worth League staff. Corsages were presented as a courtesy of the Rosedale Flower Shop.

Miss Wright, who is in Fort Worth indefinitely, is loaned from the Southern Field Division of the National Urban League, Atlanta, Georgia, where she has been operating in the field of Promotion and Publicity. She has had wide experience in Public Relations in California, Chicago, and Atlanta. Miss Wright, a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, has done graduate work in Sociology and Economics at the University of Southern California and holds a Master of Social Work degree from Atlanta

University School of Social Work.

Immediately following the close of the affairs, committee chairman, board members and officers of the League met with the interim executive secretary in one of the Council rooms of the YWCA to make committee reports and recommendations. The information received strongly indicates that there is a wide-awake spirit in the Fort Worth community, marching forward with the Urban League for social betterment of Negroes.

DURHAM, N. C. MAN WITH 8TH ARMY

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN SENDAI, Japan — Recruit Frank L. Ranes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ranes, 402 South Street, Durham, North Carolina, has been assigned to the Ninth Corps Training Battalion (Provisional) for completion of his basic military training. The Battalion is located at Lanier Field on the outskirts of Sendai.

Recruit Ranes is a former student of John Gram High School and entered the Army on January 21, 1949. He received his first cycle of basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and sailed for overseas duty in Japan on May 3.



UNUSUAL CHILD — Six-month old William Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Roanoke Rapids is an unusual child in that he has four grandparents and four great-grandparents living, but according to his parents he has an even greater claim to fame in that he spoke two words when he was only six weeks old.



DROWNING VICTIM — Isadore Stevenson Powell, 22-year old resident of Roanoke Rapids, who was drowned in the only Fourth of July fatality in Northhampton or Halifax Counties.

Young Stevenson was bathing in a gravel pit near Garysburg when he lost the inner tube which had been supporting him in water over his head.

Attempts at artificial respiration were futile.

