

The best safety rule in handling bulls is to handle them as little as possible, says David S. Weaver, head of Agricultural Engineering department, State College.

Gas has more than 21,000 industrial uses, such as vulcanizing, welding, refining lead and silver, pressing clothes and pasteurizing milk, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Wilkes Man Given Parole By Cherry

Raleigh, March 31.—Eight prisoners, including two convicted of second degree murder and one convicted of manslaughter, were paroled today by Governor Cherry.

Those freed: Ernest Wilson, sentenced in April 1939, to 30 years for murder in the second degree; Dewitt Francis, sentenced in Ashe in April, 1945, to 10 to 12 years for murder in the second degree; Dr. M. P. Wichard, sentenced in Cherokee last August to two to three years for manslaughter; and

George Peebles, sentenced in Wake last October to 12 months for using motor vehicle without consent; G. O. Brandon, sentenced in person last October to 1 1/2 to three years for embezzlement; Luther Johnson, sentenced in Caldwell last September to 18 months for assault on a female; James Tyndall, sentenced in Duplin last February to 12 months for forgery; and James Church, sentenced in Wilkes in August, 1945, to three to five years for housebreaking, larceny and receiving.

Hecla Hurls Rock At Nosy Airplane

Reykjavik, Iceland, March 31.—Molten rocks shooting 1,000 feet into the air from a new opening in erupting Mt. Hecla today hit a light observation plane flying sightseers over its belching craters.

The plane limped back to its strip, five miles away, its fuselage torn and dented. None was injured.

In medieval England on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, the king was required to wash the feet of as many poor men as he was years old, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Reinstate Vets Insurance With No Examination

The veteran who has converted his National Service Life Insurance to a permanent plan, as well as the veteran with the original term NSLI, may continue to reinstate his lapsed policy without taking a physical examination, it was pointed out today by the North Wilkesboro Veterans Administration Contact Office.

Recent Congressional legislation, VA explained, extended the deadline for such reinstatement by a "comparative health statement" from February 1 to August 1. Some veterans are apparently not aware that the extension applies to converted NSLI policies as well as term insurance.

The only difference in reinstating permanent plans of insurance from reinstating term insurance is that all past due premiums, plus interest, must be paid to reinstate a lapsed converted or permanent plan policy. Interest is at the rate of 4 per cent since August 1, 1946 and 5 per cent prior to that date.

In the case of term insurance, only two premiums need accompany the "Comparative health statement." One of these is to pay for the first month after default—the period of grace—during which the insured was covered although no payment had been made. The other is to cover the premium month in which the payment is made.

A "comparative health statement," it was explained, is simply a statement by the veteran that he is in as good health on the date of application for reinstatement as on the day his insurance lapsed. Regardless of the length of time the insurance has been in a lapsed state, the comparative health statement may be used—provided the veteran acts before August 1.

Marshall Criticizes Red Stubbornness

Moscow, March 31.—Secretary of State Marshall blasted at Russia's uncompromising stand on German reparations tonight and warned that the United States opposes "policies which will continue German as a congested slum."

In his bluntest speech to the Council of Foreign Ministers, Marshall said the four powers could never reach agreements "on the basis of an ultimatum." He added that the United States "categorically rejects" the Russian stand that "acceptance of reparations from current production is an absolute condition of economic unity."

Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, whose proposals also were attacked by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, made no concessions on reparations, but expressed hope that differences among the four powers could be reconciled.

In referring to the Potsdam agreement and discussions here on reparations, Marshall told Molotov:

"It looks very much to us as though the Soviet Union is trying to sell the same horse twice."

Molotov replied: "We did not approach this problem of reparations from a point of view of merchants, but we do not want other merchants selling our horse at a low price without our consent."

Molotov made other similarly biting replies to some of Marshall's points, but his general tone was described as mild in comparison with some of his previous speeches.

Hit Sawdust Trail

East Liverpool, Ohio.—Judge Frank E. Grosshans dismissed charges against four habitual drunks after the quartet heeded his order and delivered lectures on the evils of drink to 30 grade-school children visiting the county jail.

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House Votes Down Co-Operative Tax

Raleigh, March 31.—Representative Henry C. Fisher's modified co-operative tax proposal was still objectionable enough to precipitate long and warm debate which was climaxed with defeat of the substitute measure on second reading in the house late today.

Even those speaking against the Buncombe man's bill agreed that the co-operative tax situation should be carefully analyzed by experts, and suggestion was made that such study be undertaken by the Department of Tax Research. A resolution calling for a study and recommendations to the 1949 General Assembly may be introduced before sine die adjournment.

The committee substitute beaten today was a much less radical proposal than Fisher's original co-op bill which brought approximately 5,000 farmers to Raleigh for public hearing. Proponent of the substitute claimed that it was designed solely to tax the co-operatives more equitably. They argued that the new measure would not hurt the "pure" co-ops.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has discontinued payment of 1946 crop cotton loss claims under the crop insurance program.

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