

Pianist's Musical Genius Concert

A mad pianist, as-... entral Hospital's psychiatric... expressionless, the... pianist's... of the music... otherwise... have played the same... years since the... pianist, a man of... public concert... the art... not be made public... was arranged by... hospital... to a con... the Music Teachers' Na... the mentally ill... hospital super... pianist has been... for eight years, unable... to converse or read even... His present... the physician... of improvement... described the argu... as a "form of argu... as a result, he said... personality which causes... Such a sufferer, the... to form mental associa... lacks a capacity to asso... other persons. The... of the musician's... inability to face real... added... to return to the piano... he just "poked at... he began to play a little... know if he enjoys it... say. But we hope music... him out of himself," the... added... Hanson noted concu... of the Eastern... Music at Rochester, N... during the concert, termi... "a genius."

High-toned Sweep



GAS. LEVESON-GOWER SWEEP. 14 LAKESIDE SLOUGH

13,000 Veterans Named John Smith

KINSMAN of the Duke of Sutherland and regarded as heir to a vast British fortune, G. A. S. Leveson-Gower has started in business for himself as a chimney sweep at Slough, England. (International)

WASHINGTON—This will explain to John Smith why the Veterans Administration is slow in answering his pension query.

There are 13,000 John Smiths on the Veterans Administration rosters, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, administrator, told the National Committee of the American Veterans of World War Two Feb. 23, and 8,000 of them have no middle initials—8,000 veterans named just plain John Smith. General Bradley told about the Smith problem in relating difficulties of his agency and added:

"We are beginning to see the light of day now."

He said the agency had been unprepared to handle peacetime veterans' problems when he became Administrator last year.

Noting that proportionately there are about three times as many unemployed veterans as civilians, General Bradley said former soldiers do not wish to accept employment in factories where strikes are likely since a veteran on strike is not guaranteed employment insurance.

Support to General Bradley was pledged by the National Executive Committee.

The resolution, adopted at the close of a meeting of the Committee and state commanders, said that the indorsement of General Bradley and the Veterans Administration was "contrary to the American Legion stand."

B. C. Case Among Enlistments in AAF

Among the recent enlistments at the Recruiting station in Asheville is listed B. C. Case, who volunteered in the Army Air Corps on February 7. He is the son of Mrs. Martha I. Case of Canton.

During 1945 collections of used kitchen fats made up about one-tenth of all this country's production of inedible tallow and grease.

Army To Use Pilotless Planes To Probe Secrets Of Storms

ORLANDO, Fla.—Pilotless aircraft—newest development of the Army Air Forces—are going to be sent up at the Air Forces Center here to discover the "flyability" of thunderstorms.

In most cases the standard injunction to pilots of all except the very largest aircraft, in the case of thunderstorms, has been "stay away!" But with their radio-controlled aircraft, the military forces now can send up unmanned planes into "nasty" weather into which they would never advise a pilot to fly.

The project, which is to be carried out beginning about March 1 jointly by the Army, Navy, and Weather Bureau, will get underway at Army and Navy bases in Florida. The Air Forces part will concentrate at the Air Forces Center at Orlando and the Air Forces Board at Egmont Field, Fla.

A portion of the actual flying project awaits the beginning of the thunderstorm period, which, according to Center weather forecasters here, starts about April 1. The maximum thunderstorm activity in the United States, according to the Center, occurs in an area some miles to the southwest of here. In the meantime, installation of the project equipment is proceeding.

A square mile is to be set off as the test area. Center weather officers said. At intervals throughout the area micro-barographs are to be installed. These instruments will record the minute pressure changes that occur during a thunderstorm.

During thunderstorm periods aircraft from the Center, equipped with barographic and turbulence recording devices, will be sent up to study the structure of clouds and the types of winds occurring during storms. Then ground and air barographic data will be correlated.

ground installations at various fields in Florida and along the Gulf Coast. More are being installed, it was learned, and the number will be augmented from time to time.

At each of these radar stations the operator looks at his scope hourly and sends in a report to the Center indicating the range and extent of cloud areas. Ellipses are, in fact, drawn around the most important areas and the carefully plotted location, direction, and speed of these areas are sent to the Center weather bureau.

**Tracking of Hurricanes**

After an inaugural test six months ago, Center weather officers now are set also to locate and track the next hurricane that comes sweeping up the Florida peninsula. From favorable reactions received from their reporting last September of a hurricane, Center officers foresee that a number of these radar reporting sets in the Florida and Gulf area may revolutionize methods of forecasting and plotting these storms, and possibly minimize damage.

To track and follow the hurricane the radar employed is a microwave "early warning" set similar to that used by the British in the days of the German blitz.

A set at Orlo Vista is recorded by the Center Officers as an ideal location. The station lies midway in Florida and scans an area extending from just a few miles north of Miami to slightly north of the Georgia-Florida boundary.

Weather officers here dramatically related the first radar tracking of a hurricane on Sept. 15, 1945. On that morning three AAF weather men and a radar crew huddled around their scopes when reports came that a hurricane was bound north in the general direction of Orlando.

The radar equipment consisted of a 30-foot revolving antenna mounted on a tower with two AAF radar sets coupled to it. One radar scope, in which a wiggly blue line oscillated from top to bottom, was a cloud height finder. The other was the early warning set whose electrical fingers could reach out about 220 miles in every direction.

During the day the radar scopes began to get the first "echoes" from the storm. Then, at eight o'clock in the evening, the scope showed that the storm consisted of succeeding concentric arcs each with a smaller radius of curvature.

Emphasis will be placed upon food production by the state's 92,000 4-H boys and girls in projects this year, says State 4-H Leader L. R. Harrill.

U. S. Ships May Be Chartered By Other Countries

WASHINGTON—The Commerce Department has suggested chartering of United States ships to other countries. It said that taking a "substantial volume" of United States merchant shipping out of operation now would result in "a scarcity of world tonnage and higher freight rates."

Because of record ship construction from 1939 through July, 1945, the department said, this country now has 40 per cent of the world's merchant tonnage, without taking into account 8,000,000 tons operated by the Army and Navy.

The department, in an article prepared for its Foreign Commerce Weekly, suggested chartering U. S. vessels for operation in trade among other countries as well as in trade with this country.

"A liberal supply of tonnage, reasonably low freight rates and diversified service will result in a larger volume of international trade and wider employment both within and outside of the shipping industry," it said.

DDT's Cousin Is Really Tough On Pesky House Flies

WASHINGTON—Congress has been told of a new insecticide seven times as effective against flies as DDT but lacking any such popular nickname.

It still is known by its full laboratory name, benzene hexachloride. Disclosure of the new material was made to the House Appropriations committee during hearings on the 1947 Agriculture department supply bill which went to the House floor.

Preliminary tests, department experts told the committee showed benzene hexachloride to be seven times more toxic to flies than its war-famed cousin, DDT, and effective against many insects not bothered at all by DDT.

"It has shown the most encouraging results on the whole group of cotton insects of any materials we have found," the department reported.

But not all the news about benzene hexachloride is good, the department admitted. It is "extremely toxic" to bees, while DDT is not.

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British At Standstill On Atomic Research

LONDON—The Daily Express reports that the United States army has "stopped the flow of atom research results to Britain" because the British "have nothing new to offer" in exchange.

"The British atomic project almost is at a standstill," the Daily Express said. "Progress in building and equipping the experimental station in Diddcot, Berkshire, is deadlocked for lack of staff."

"For more than four months our scientists have heard virtually nothing of the activities of nuclear physicists in the United States."

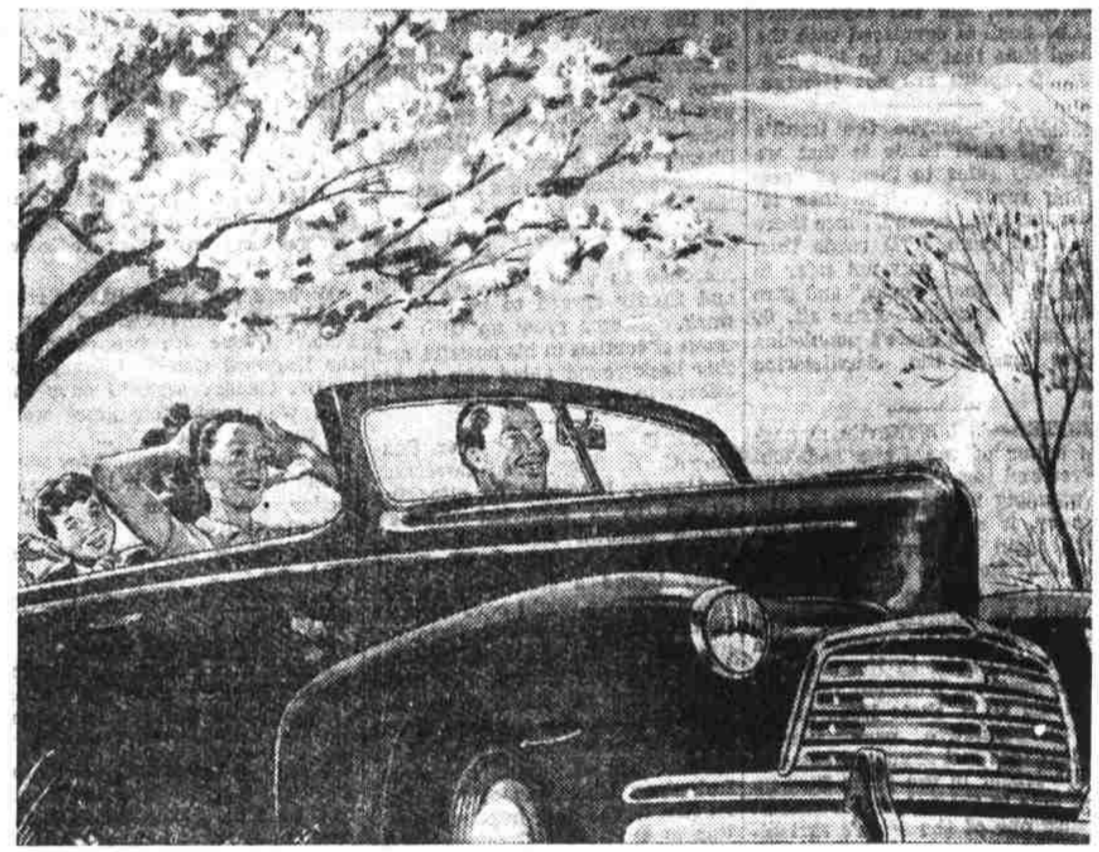
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