

Former Kings Mountain Citizen Reports On Missouri Flood Area

Loy Costner, former Kings Mountain citizen and now manager of a department store in Mound City, Mo., was singing the old song "River, Stay Way from My Door" during the recent floods.

In an interesting letter to the Herald, Mr. Costner relates that the Missouri River, ordinarily ten miles from his home, was only one mile away, and he praised the Red Cross for its work in aiding

those who lost all to the flooding river.

"It's just a line from me again. Thought I would drop a letter to let you know that I haven't received my copy of the Herald for Thursday, April 10th. I was wondering if it had been sent or lost in the mails. It sure is possible that it could have been lost as there has been a lot of excitement out in this part of the country, not that we have enjoyed it though as you have no doubt we have been having floods. The Missouri River is usually about 10 miles from here but now its less than a mile in some places. We haven't had any water right in town but about all the farmers got out of the bottoms almost a week ago. I sure never thought there could possibly be enough water to flood the whole valley but it sure is full. I'm sure glad that our town is in the bluffs instead of the flat country. The population of the town is over doubled now and will be that way for another week or two as its expected to be that long before the water goes back down and the folks can get back home. I have always heard a lot of talk about how the Red Cross operates and people criticize every move it makes. They sure have done nothing but good here. They keep emergency disaster headquarters here open 24 hours a day and have been for over a week now. They have also given orders for groceries, dry goods and every other type of goods that was needed. They have also served meals to the men working on the levees and dikes. There also has been units of the National Guard, Army and Coast Guard here to help patrol the dikes and get persons and livestock out of the flood. I'm enclosing the front page of our local paper, thought you might like to read it.

I note that Jack Early is playing ball with Minneapolis, Minn., again this year. I was listening to a game broadcasted from Kansas City today and he was catching for the Minneapolis Millers. Sure hope I'll be able to get to K.C. to see him this season when his team is playing there. I didn't get to hear the whole game but the part I heard Jake did right well. He got a double and a walk the 2nd time at bat while I was listening."

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Sixth Graders Learn Grocerying

Mrs. T. A. Pollock's sixth grade has recently carried its arithmetic to Floyd Paynes Grocery store at Loom-Tex mill.

The pupils made individual grocery lists, bills, and computed cost of groceries on lists.

Each child learned about the Grade "A" rating of the meat department.

Mr. Payne explained to the children the method of shelving groceries and other aspects of the grocery business.

Following the inspection, the children enjoyed cold drinks and ice cream.

VA Cuts Red Tape On Brace Repairs

More than 30,000 disabled veterans who have to wear orthopedic braces because of disabilities suffered in service may now get emergency repairs to those braces without prior Veterans Administration approval.

These veterans are suffering from a variety of disabilities including paralysis of arms and legs from spinal cord injuries, gun shot wounds, unmelded fractures, and polio.

VA Regional Offices already have begun to issue a new "Prosthetic Service Card — Orthopedic Braces" to each eligible veteran entitling him to this new service.

By using this card, a veteran will get prompt service from commercial concerns of the Veterans Administration when he needs emergency or major repairs to his brace.

The veteran upon presentation of the Prosthetic Service Card at any commercial brace or repair shop may receive emergency repairs up to a limit of \$15 for each brace.

George C. Warlick, Officer-in-Charge of the Gastonia VA Office, said the card will also establish on-the-spot eligibility for major repairs or emergency replacement of orthopedic braces at any of the 30 VA orthopedic shops located throughout the country.

Machinery Shields Needed For Safety

There is no excuse for not keeping power take-off and other machinery shields in place, says Howard Clapp county farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

It is much easier to be safe than sorry. The National Safety Council reports that too many farmers leave their shields in the implement shed or misplace them entirely.

Farmers who do not have standard power take-off hitches or shields for old tractors, should consult their local implement dealer. Hitches and adapter packages for power-driven implements may be obtained from dealers representing the manufacturer of the implement. The best shield that can be made gives no protection if it is not used.

For new farm equipment, manufacturers are providing non-removable power take-off shields to help protect the operator against his own negligence. The non-removable shields, may be opened for servicing and inspection of the power shaft. Most of them are built with a loop around the pipe connection between the universal joints or otherwise permanently attached so they cannot be removed entirely. If the drive is in use, the shield stays with it.

Don't overlook the smaller shields provided for fans, chains or gears. See that all shields are in place before an implement is taken to the field. When working without shields, the stakes are high, and when you lose it is too late to make amends.

Some two million tree seedlings have been distributed this season to landowners in 15 western counties. Of these, about half a million were planted by industrial concerns and the U. S. Forest Service, and about one and a half million by farmers.

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SPRING CLEAN-UP AT HOME

Safety experts say every farm family should have a spring clean up campaign at home, inside and out. Such a campaign would go long way toward eliminating fire and accident hazards, make a healthier place to live, and result in happier work days and more production.

Farm families alone lose about 3,500 lives and 100 million dollars worth of farm property annually by fires. About 18,000 farm residents are killed and a million and one-half others are injured each year in accidents.

Look into every nook and cranny. Get rid of any winter accumulation of trash, junk and discarded equipment from all buildings, and get rid of the dead grass and weeds near the buildings.

In the farm home and other farm buildings clean up all debris, trash, paper and other hazardous waste material. Oily rags and old paint brushes may cause spontaneous ignition.

In barns, shops and machine sheds get rid of old metal equipment. Discarded machinery may cause falls and other accidents. Rusty metal can cause tetanus (blood poisoning). Waste scrap metal, urgently needed for defense, will bring a cash dividend.

In all farm buildings fix leaky

roofs, cracked chimneys, rusty stove pipes, poor foundations, rotted sills, bad electric wiring and connections, and lightning rods. See that doors, windows, screens and furniture are in good repair. Watch for and repair broken or loose stair steps, board walks and the like. Remove nails, jagged boards and other items that might cause injury to people or livestock.

Keep your water supply sanitary and safe. Springs, wells and cisterns may need to be cleaned. Plan your water supply so that it will serve in case of fire.

Remove dry brush, weeds, grass etc., from along roadsides and near buildings. If the removal is by burning, use extreme care, for a fire that gets out of control can burn your buildings and may do damage to your neighbor's property. See that fire-fighting equipment — hand extinguishers, shovels, swatters, rakes, water containers, ladders, hose, etc. — is conveniently located and ready for use.

Two New Circulars Issued By College

The new circulars — one on planting forest trees and the other on farm retail produce markets — have just been published by the State College Extension Service and Experiment Station, and copies are available on request.

"Plant Forest Trees," issued as Extension Circular No. 371, was prepared by John L. Gray. Twelve pages in length, it covers the need for forest trees in North Carolina cost of planting, kinds of trees to plant, number of seedlings to set per acre, and all the steps involved in the actual planting. Easy-to-follow drawings are included.

"Farm Retail Produce Markets in North Carolina," issued as Experiment Station Bulletin No. 375, is a 28-page study of home demonstration and municipal markets in the State. It was prepared by John M. Cartis and Martin Abrahamson, who offer a number of suggestions for improving the markets, particularly in regard to organization, management, facilities, and selling practices.

Single copies of either publication may be obtained from the local county agent or home demonstration agent, or by writing the Publications Department, N. C. State College, Raleigh. The name and the number of the circular desired should be included in the request.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended April 26 was estimated at 305 million pounds.

Pfc. Hullender In Training Exercise

WITH U. S. FORCES IN AUSTRIA — Pfc. Bobbie G. Hullender, son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Burton, 300 Parker st., Kings Mountain, was part of a joint U. S.-French Army force that recently fought a week-long "battle" high in the Austrian Alps.

The training maneuver, titled Exercise Avalanche, was one of the first of several similar operations designed to improve military cooperation among the North Atlantic Treaty nations.

His outfit, the 510th Field Artillery Battalion, frequently moved its 105-mm. howitzers on roads cut through snow more than 20 feet deep. Icy slopes and cold weather sometimes slowed the artillerymen, and French jet planes and alpine troops proved to be persistent and tricky "enemies."

But as the exercise ended, the battalion had replaced its guns approaches to the famed Arlberg in position looking down on the

Training School To Begin June 1

May 15 is the deadline for young men wanting to become State Highway Patrolmen, Col. James R. Smith, the Patrol's commanding officer reminded today.

The patrol will start a training school June 1 at Chapel Hill. Between 50 and 75 applicants will be chosen to attend the school and 30 graduates will receive immediate assignments, Col. Smith said.

Applicants must be between 21 and 31; a U. S. citizen; have no criminal record and be of good moral character; have a high school education or its equivalent; weigh at least 160 pounds; Pass.

Private First Class Huiender, a mechanic, entered the Army in June 1949 and arrived in Austria in August 1950.

In civilian life he was employed by Jim Mayhew.

Evans' Unit Wins Army Merit Award

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN KOREA — Pfc. James T. Evans, route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., recently was awarded the Meritorious Unit Emblem while serving with the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Korea.

"The hospital was cited for its 'unmatched efficiency' in providing medical and surgical service for UN troops since September 1950.

and have no relative now employed by the Patrol.

Starting salary for accepted recruits is \$2,688 a year. Trainees will receive room and board but no salary while attending school.

Applicants may be secured from Patrol Headquarters in Raleigh or from Troop Headquarters in Greenville, Fayetteville, Salisbury, Greensboro and Asheville. Completed applications should be mailed to Col. James R. Smith, Commanding Officer, State Highway Patrol, Revenue Building Annex, Raleigh, N. C.

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