

FESTIVAL MARKS END OF HARVEST

Castle Hayne Growers Celebrate \$500,000 Crop On Wednesday

A mid-summer harvest festival in celebration of the completion of a \$500,000 vegetable crop was held yesterday by truck farmers of the Castle Hayne community. About 400 persons attended the festival, according to estimates made by A. Senda, president of the

Castle Hayne Growers and Shippers association.

The celebration, highlighted at 1 p. m. by a gigantic barbecue dinner, marked the end of the summer's harvesting of a vegetable crop termed successful in point of volume but not in point of profits. The season began about April 2 with the lettuce crop, of which \$250,000 worth was plowed under the soil for lack of a suitable market. The lettuce was followed by beans, beets, carrots, cucumbers, and squash, with the final harvest held about July 4.

The half-million dollar vegetable crop has been matched by a half-million bulb and flower crop so far this year, it was estimated.

As of June 1, traffic deaths in the United States had totaled 13,180. Traffic fatalities for the month of May came to 2410. The 13,180 death figure represents a 43 per cent increase over those killed in 1945.

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Food Prices Soar

WASHINGTON, July 25. —(AP)—The Bureau of Labor statistics reported Thursday that wholesale food prices since OPA expired have advanced 25 per cent and now are a third higher than a year ago.

BLS reported this in an announcement of its weekly index of wholesale prices of 900 commodities. The index rose 2.9 per cent during the week ended July 20 to 124.2 per cent of the 1926 average.

The index has risen 10 per cent since OPA expired and 18 per cent since the war ended. It is 41.9 and 28.7 per cent higher than in the corresponding periods of 1937 and 1929, respectively.

For the week ended July 20, average wholesale prices for farm products advanced 3.4 per cent and for food products 6 per cent, BLS said. The average prices of other commodities included in the index, including manufactured products, advanced only .8 per cent.

BLS did not say what part of the food cost rise was accounted for by withdrawal of subsidies.

Thugs Steal Sugar

ATLANTA, July 25.—(U.P.)—City police Thursday tackled one of the sweetest cases in the city's crime history.

Thieves, believed to be bootleggers, broke into the Dr. Pepper Bottling company Wednesday night and made off with 6,500 pounds of sugar, which they hauled away in two of the company's trucks. One of the trucks was found Thursday.

The intruders also damaged an additional 1,500 pounds of sugar.

Ready To Quit



Renable sources report that President Higinio Morinigo (above) of Paraguay had asked permission from the armed forces to resign and leave the country. Morinigo's entire cabinet also presented their resignations. (International).

Battleships of the U. S. Navy are named after states of the union.

Truman Stands Pat On American Plans

WASHINGTON, July 25. —(AP)—President Truman Thursday reiterated his advocacy of the American plan for control of atomic energy internationally, notwithstanding Russian rejection of it at a United Nations commission meeting earlier this week.

Asked at his news conference for reaction to the Russian views stated by Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, the president said he had no comment except that he was still behind the American plan.

Mayor Favors Plan

"I am 100 per cent in favor of giving all city policemen, and firemen one day off per week," Mayor W. Ronald Lane said yesterday, "on the condition that no extra city funds are required to provide for the six-day schedule."

The city council and City Manager J. R. Benson have also expressed favor for the proposed plan with the same reservation on allocating additional money in support of it.

If the plan proves unfeasible, a new schedule of at least two days per month will be worked out, city officials said.

The policemen and firemen currently get only one day per month off.

Pilot-training under the GI Bill of Rights is expected to produce 1,300,000 civilian pilots in the next five years, which is 6-12 times the number trained for military flying during the war.

TODAY'S VETERAN

The veteran seeking a local job today is married, 32 years of age, a high school graduate and has studied two years in college.

He has just been released after 12 months in the Army which time was spent as a general clerk. He performed duties of filing, interviewing personnel and making personnel assignments to their various jobs.

Prior to entering the Army, he had nine years experience as a hotel manager and prior to that spent one year as physical education director in which job he planned exercises and recreation for 350 boys.

He is interested in a job as athletic director or one as hotel manager, and local employers with jobs which will use this veteran's highest talent, have been asked to contact Graham K. Cottingham, veterans representative, U. S. Employment Service.

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Eire Would Join

DUBLIN, July 25. —(AP)—The Dail (parliament) unanimously voted Prime Minister De Valera the power Thursday to seek membership for Eire in the United Nations. De Valera said the application would be made soon and that the United Kingdom would be the sponsor.

The prime minister said he believed Eire would have a better chance of avoiding future war by joining the United Nations, which

he described as "not so valuable as it might be, but the best that can be got at the moment."

Myrtle warblers eat large quantities of fruit and seeds of poison oak, or ivy.

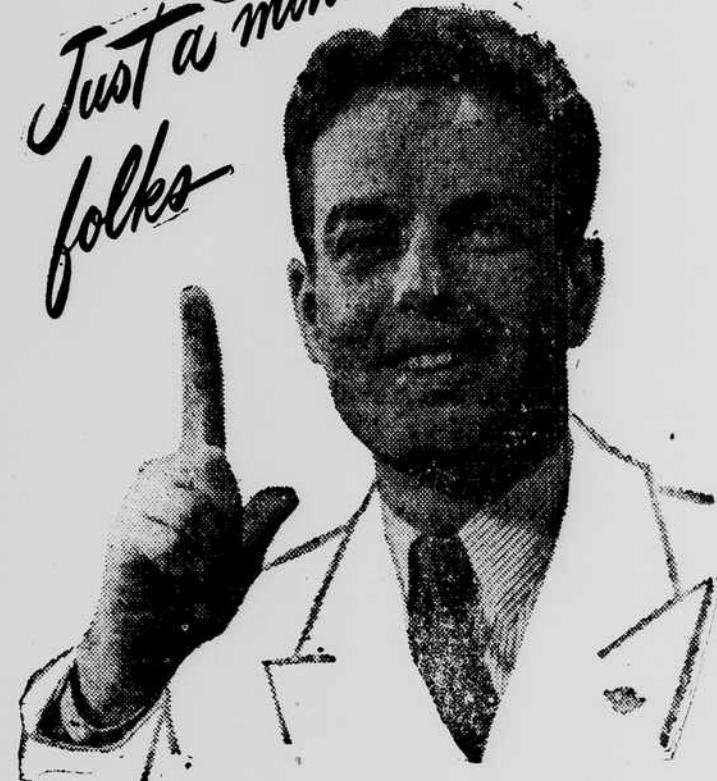
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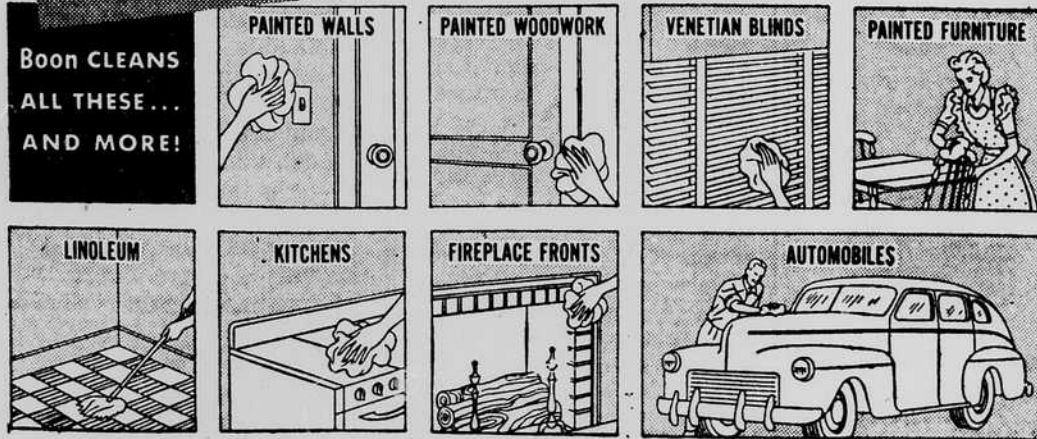
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