

### Washington Notes

**AIR SAFETY**  
 "Deeply concerned" over the recent series of tragic aviation accidents, President Truman has appointed a special five-man board to examine and promote the safety of air transport operations. The board is headed by James M. Landis, chairman of the Civil Aeronautics board.

**INVENTORIES**  
 Since the middle of 1946, business inventories have increased about \$10,000,000,000, according to the Commerce Department, which states that the increase reflects higher costs as well as greater physical volume.

**SULFANILAMIDE**  
 The War Assets administration has put on sale 2,000,000 packages of sulfanilamide crystals to chemical and drug manufacturers, hospitals or exporters. The crystals, which originally cost \$100,000 are packed in sterile, sealed paper envelopes and are in "excellent condition." The only catch in the offer, however, is that each competitive bidder must agree to buy not less than 50,000 packages.

**NOT TOO HARSH**  
 An independent board investigated charges that army wartime punishments were too harsh, reported to the War Department that its two-year study showed the War Department was fair in its treatment of military offenders. About 84,000 men were sentenced to confinement by general courts-martial during the war and, as of April 30, 1947, about 14,000 offenders were still held in prisons and disciplinary barracks.

**RELIEF CASES**  
 Public assistance problems are "becoming critical throughout the nation," according to the Public Health Welfare Association. Total general relief loads for the country in February was reported to be 344,000. However, this load was far below the 1,687,000

of February, 1940.

**NEW PLANE**  
 The army air forces has announced the award of a contract for the design of a airplane that would be capable of flying faster than 2,200 miles an hour and reaching a height of 35 to nearly 60 miles. The proposed craft would be the third of a series of supersonic planes, or those capable of traveling faster than the 723 miles an hour of sound. The contract was awarded to Douglas Aircraft Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif.

**JAPANESE TRADE**  
 Business men who may desire to visit Japan may now do so, according to the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce. Entry into Japan will begin on Aug. 15, and visits up to 21 days will be allowed. Longer periods will have to have the approval of the army authorities in Tokyo.

**FINLAND**  
 Finland made another semi-annual payment on its debt to the United States during this month, reducing its balance due this country to about \$8,000,000.

**PEACE**  
 In a speech made during his trip to Canada, President Truman declared that the United States desires peace with "every nation." "Unless there can be the single objective of peace in the world for the benefit of all peoples in the world, those Americans who died in both world wars will have died in vain," he declared.

**WHEAT**  
 Farmers will be asked to reduce their wheat acreage next year because foreign demand for American wheat is expected to decline, according to Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson. A record domestic wheat crop of 1,409,800,000 bushels has been predicted for this year. No surplus is expected, however, in view of heavy export demands and a small carry-over from last year.

### State College Hints For Homemakers

Asparagus in season brings its own cooking problem of giving delicate tips and firm stalks their due share of heat, and no more. This springtime favorite deserves a better fate than to lose flavor, color, and vitamin C by overcooking.

Home economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture give the following directions for cooking asparagus to conserve its goodness. To prepare asparagus, trim off any tough ends. Remove scales along the stalk that hold grit. Wash stalks thoroughly. To cook whole stalks: Stand them upright in a saucepan or kettle in enough boiling, salted water to come about a third of the way up the stalks. Cover and cook 10 to 25 minutes, or until asparagus is just tender. If the pan is not deep enough, another pan may be inverted over it for a tall cover, so that tips may cook in steam.

To cook cut-up pieces: Cut asparagus into 2-inch lengths. Drop the lower-stalk pieces into a small quantity of boiling, salted water. Cover and cook 5 to 10 minutes. Then add tips and continue cooking until the pieces are tender. Very fresh young asparagus may be ready in 10 minutes after cooking begins; less tender stalks may need 20 to 25 minutes.

Many people like asparagus best served in the simplest ways: freshly cooked and seasoned with melted table fat or strips of crisp bacon, or chilled to make a salad with lettuce and dressing. For variety, serve asparagus on toast or in patty shells with cream sauce, cheese sauce or hollandaise; in asparagus omelet or cream of asparagus soup; asparagus scalloped with spaghetti or potato and hard-cooked egg.

The water in which asparagus cooked holds flavor, vitamins and minerals and deserves use as part of the liquid in creamed soup or sauce. The tough ends trimmed off are good additions to the soup pot.

### Hi School Boys May Take Air Training Courses

High school graduates may now apply and be selected for training in certain specialized Army Air Force training courses of their choice before they enlist in the Army, according to an announcement made today by Sgt. Francis M. Darcy, of the Lenoir sub-station of the Army recruiting service.

Any young high school graduate may apply by writing direct to the Commanding General, ATRC, Barksdale Field, Louisiana, giving his full name, address, age, race, a summary of any previous military training he may have had, a transcript of high school credits, and three letters of recommendation. He should also list three training courses he would like to take. These should be listed in order of preference; first choice, second choice, and third choice.

The courses open for direct enlistment are: fabric and dope mechanic, airplane woodworker, aircraft welder, airplane and engine mechanic, control tower operator, parachute rigger and repairman, bombsight mechanic, small arms weapons repairman, airplane armored combines courses, remote control turret repairman and mechanic, radio general course, radar fundamentals course, telephone and telegraph cable splicer, telephone and telegraph equipment repairman, telephone mechanic repairman, photographer, carpenter, draftsman and draftsman topographic, powerman, electrician, plumber, surveyor, refrigeration mechanic, water supply technician, construction mechanic, diesel mechanic, operating engineer, machinist, sheet metal worker, combination welder and blacksmith, tabulating machine operator, clerk typist, cryptographer technician, army air forces military police, fire-fighter, ammunition supply technician, and medic-

corpman. Upon receiving a letter of application, the air training command will review the application, and notify the applicant of his selection or rejection. If the applicant is selected, he will receive a letter authorizing his entrance into the course of his choosing, provided he meets enlistment requirements.

This entire procedure takes place before the man is enlisted in the Army. After receiving his letter of authorization, he may then enlist in the Regular Army through a recruiting station or sub-station in the usual manner. The letter accompanies has records when they are made out, so that he will automatically be assigned to the proper school.

For further information contact U. S. Army Recruiting Sgt. who will be at the local Post Office every Monday from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and at Post Office Building, Lenoir, each week Monday through Saturday, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Motorists bound for Europe may drive their car directly aboard the motorship Batory of the Gdynia American Line, park them in its twenty-car seagoing garage and drive ashore on reaching the other side of the Atlantic

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Dents in a food can, unless so deep as to cause leakage, do not indicate that the food has been harmed, according to scientists of the American Can Company.



Money certainly seems to melt these days (and not from the heat either!) That's why I'm more grateful than ever for the values I find at the A&P... and the quality of everything is always dependable. Marketing there regularly is my pet economy. Try it! And try the money-saving suggestions below, too!

**THRIFTY THOUGHTS**  
 To get almost twice as much juice as usual from a lemon, steep it in hot water a few minutes before you squeeze it.

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To freshen stale rolls, sprinkle them with water, wrap in brown paper and warm in a hot oven.

**LOTS FOR LITTLE**  
 My favorite day is WOMAN'S DAY—that grand magazine you can get at A&P Stores and nowhere else. It's filled with new recipes, delightful menu suggestions, fashions and movie news, as

well as fascinating fiction. I'd call it a bargain at five times the nickel it costs. What's more, WOMAN'S DAY saves me plenty with its budget-stretching ideas. Get a copy at your A&P. You'll love it!

**CEREAL SWEETS**  
 The nutty flavor of SUNNY-FIELD WHEAT PUFFS from the A&P is delicious in cookies made like this: Beat 2 egg whites with ¼ tsp. salt till foamy. Add ½ cup sugar gradually, beating till whites stand in peaks. Beat in ½ cup peanut butter. Fold in 2 cups SUNNY-FIELD WHEAT PUFFS and 2 tps. grated orange rind. Drop by teaspoonful on cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven 375° F., about 12 minutes. Makes 3 dozen cookies.



### Will the 4th of July be "Labor Day" for you ?..

Lots of things could go wrong to spoil that wonderful weekend trip you've planned. Big things... like tire or engine trouble. Little things... like windshield wiper failure during a summer storm. Troublesome things... like a burned-out headlight. Upsetting things... like the wrong road without a good road map.

notch running shape for that big 3-day weekend or vacation trip you're starting.

**JUST A WORD OF ADVICE**—don't wait too long. You can avoid the last-minute rush by taking the car to your Esso Dealer's now... today. While you're there, get a free, accurate Esso Road Map of the roads you plan to travel.

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