

Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

N. C. HOSPITAL NEEDS NOW BEING STUDIED

Raleigh — Chairman of the State Hospital Board of Control, Dr. H. O. Lineberger, said that an extensive study of the needs of the institutions under its direction is being made.

The findings will be presented to the North Carolina general assembly at its next session.

Lineberger said one of the major problems facing the board at this time is hospitalization in Raleigh and Morganton—whether to enlarge present facilities or build another hospital in some other city.

This and other matters will be discussed at a meeting of the board and the advisory committee to be held in Raleigh during February.

Plans for permanent building work at Morganton now calls for expenditure of approximately \$300,000. Lineberger pointed out, but due to adverse building conditions, the prospect of early construction is not favorable.

The champion 4-H dairy food preparation team for 1945 in North Carolina was composed of Jean Hackney and Glenna Duncan of Chatham county.

The labor situation in fertilizer plants is critical. Order fertilizers early and take deliveries when offered.

HANCOCK IS NAMED MAN OF THE YEAR

Raleigh—Frank H. Hancock, of Oxford, who retired November 15 as head of the Farm Security administration, has been selected by the Progressive Farmer as 1945 "man of the year in service to North Carolina agriculture."

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the south-wide farm publication, said the award was granted Hancock in recognition of his "superb work as head of the FSA to help worthy tenants become homeowners."

The former Tar Heel congressman was cited "for introducing greater efficiency into the administration of FSA, and helping small farmers help themselves." He was especially praised for his handling of more than \$4,500,000 in farm loans to returning veterans.

VETERANS ARE TO GET MOST OF NEW HOMES

Washington—Veterans are expected to get the lion's share of homes built under the government's new housing program.

Federal officials working out details of the program said that this was just what President Truman had in mind when he ordered that veterans be given a preference in the sale or rental of new homes costing \$10,000 or less.



CHAMPION BERKSHIRE HOG—Frank Trainer, 21, of Pontiac, Ill. shown with his Berkshire Barrow that won the junior grand championship at the Chicago Market Fat Stock show, held during the National 4-H congress.

79th Congress Adjourns First Session; Has Made History

Washington—The 79th Congress closed its first session on Friday with the summation of Speaker Rayburn that "we have a right to be proud of ourselves." The session wrote history, in war and peace. But on many important matters which President Truman urged, it did not write laws.

Back in April on a warm day, Congressmen had given thunderous applause to Mr. Truman when he first stood before his former colleagues as President and proposed to carry forward the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt "with you help."

In the months that followed, Congress ratified the United Nations Charter and provided for this nation to play its part in the international organization. It enacted the Bretton Woods monetary pacts, and extended the reciprocal trade agreements. It continued the draft until May 15 and price controls until June. It cut income taxes. It empowered the President to reorganize Federal agencies. It made new provisions for veterans.

It was a busy Congress, and an inquiring one. It opened investigations of the Pearl Harbor attack, of atomic energy and many other matters. The Pearl Harbor inquiry, conducted by a joint committee of the Senate and House with all the stops out, continues into the second session—into the year of congressional elections.

But between the cherry buds of April and the snows now crusting the Capitol, Mr. Truman recommended much other action which Congress has not taken.

Many farmers favor the Ogden and Volstate varieties of soybeans for both hay and beans.

Gen. Geo. Patton Dies In Germany

Heidelberg—Gen. George S. Patton Jr., "The Old Man" to the million troops he led to victory and lasting glory, died peacefully in his sleep at 5:50 p. m. (11:50 a. m., e.s.t.) Friday in the 130th Army Hospital here, amid the Rhineland battlefields where he blazed his name in military history.

Patton's grief-stricken wife, who flew here from the United States after he suffered a broken neck in an automobile smash Dec. 9, decided that her soldier husband should be buried "over here" with those of his men who gave their lives in the cause he fought so brilliantly.

Patton died of a pulmonary embolism—a blood clot which his heart pumped into his lungs, causing gangrene. The condition deprived that part of the lungs of blood and the affected lung tissue died. The embolism caused his stout heart to fail.

The tough old soldier who went unscathed through bloody campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, France and Germany had fought gallantly for 12 days for his life. He astonished his physician in the way, though he was 60 years old Nov. 11, that he ought the paralysis which his broken neck caused. Mrs. Patton was planning to take him home soon.

It was Patton's age which beat him. Complications such as his are common in older people after spinal injuries. When he was younger he suffered pulmonary embolisms twice after a broken leg but he recovered easily.

Many Changes To Come In Farming

Now that the war is over, many changes in farm production in North Carolina will be necessary if heavy losses, similar to those suffered after the last war are to be avoided, says the sixty-seventh annual report of the Agricultural Experiment Station, recently released by Director L. D. Baver.

The report cites the 30 per cent increase in peanut acreage as compared with pre-war years as a good example of what has taken place in many phases of crop production. The acreage devoted to truck crops has been increased by about one-half.

The increase in hens and pullets has been considerably more than 50 per cent, and indications now point to a large surplus of eggs and poultry meat during the coming year.

"Tobacco growers should be on the alert for ways of increasing the quality of the crop and of reducing production costs," the report suggests. "This holds true not only for tobacco but also for all crops and livestock products."

"At the present time, additional attention must be given to producing that quality of cotton most

needed by the domestic market." The report calls attention to the need for more dairy cows in North Carolina but suggests that a large portion of the increase in the number of animals be used for family milk cows to improve the general diet of the farm population.

tobacco from 500 pounds per acre up to 4,702 pounds on a two-acre field.

Nineteen Union County farmers in the State Five-Acre Cotton Contest averaged more than 2 bales per acre on all the contest acres.

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New Year 1946 Greetings!

ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER YEAR!

For the day, all the joy and gladness that the New Year holiday can possibly bring. For the year, all the blessings that can be treasured up for you in 365 golden days.

Come in and see us so we can wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR with a friendly shake of the hand.

Higgins Barber Shop
SPARTA, N. C.



1946 WELCOME

New Year's

Is More Than A Day!

It is the spirit of men and women who throw off the impediments of yesterday and determine to make a better start for today.

As we enter the year 1946 we raise a toast to our many good friends, with the hope that each succeeding day may bring you nearer to coveted goals.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

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To Wish you Health and Happiness



We've seen a great many changes in our day... changes in styles, changes in customs, and changes in transportation. But one thing has remained unchanged during all these years—our determination to lead the way at all times in value-giving. We enter 1946 fully pledged to stand by our time-honored custom.

Happy New Year, friends!

Jay Hardin's Store

SPARTA, N. C.



A good beginning for the New Year, we believe, is a good wish—and a good resolution.

Our good wish is for you—more health, more happiness and prosperity!

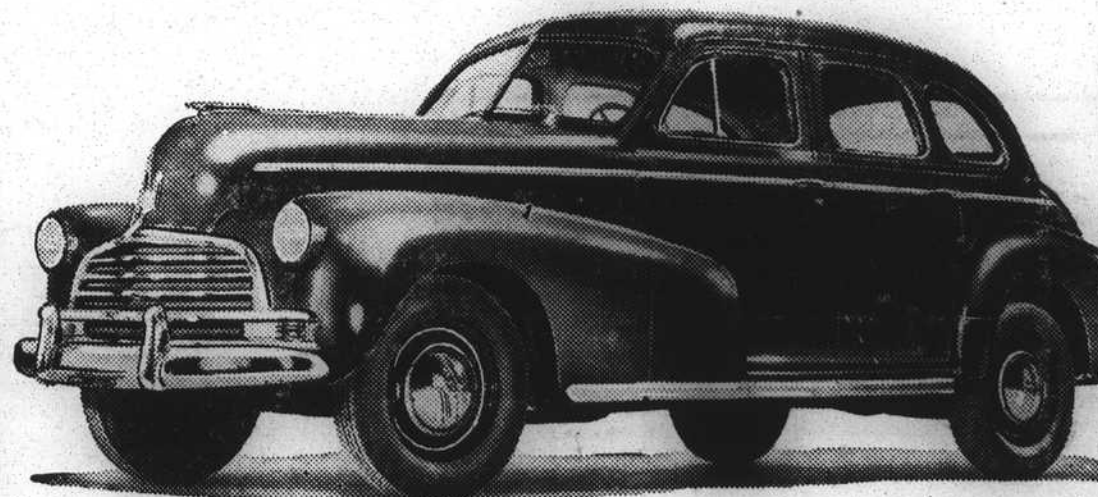
And our resolution—resolved to give you still better service in

1946

Sparta Garage

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