

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

JULY TRAFFIC SETS HIGH RECORD IN N. C.

Raleigh—A new all-time traffic volume record for July was set last July in North Carolina, topping even the pre-war July peak of 1941.

James S. Burch, engineer of statistics and planning for the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said that on an average day approximately 54,600 vehicles passed 20 counting stations located over the state where full-time electric eye recording machines keep a constant count of motor vehicle travel.

This total compared with 52,434 vehicles for the former July record month in 1941 when tires and gasoline were plentiful, he reported. There were 32,258 vehicles counted on an average day in July 1945 when the war with Japan was still in progress and gas rationing curtailed travel.

JOHN STEUART CURRY, FAMOUS PAINTER, DIES

Winchester, Kan.—John Stuart Curry, whose paintings on Kansas life and scenery first brought him international acclaim was buried Sunday in this tiny Northeast Kansas town just a few miles from the farm home where he was born.

Curry died last Thursday after a heart attack at Madison, Wis., where he had been artist in residence at the University of Wisconsin since 1936. He was 48.

Curry, with Missouri's Thomas Hart Benton and Iowa's Grant Wood, was one of the noted Midwestern triumvirate whose work brought both praise and critical conflict. Only Benton is still alive.

Approximately 500 persons crowded into the small Reformed Presbyterian church for the services. Rev. D. Howard Elliott, who conducted the rites, used "Our Hands and the Work of God" as his theme.

UNITED STATES MAY BACK UKRAINE MOVE

New York. — The New York Times says it has learned that the United States will vote to place on the U. N. Security Council agenda the Ukraine's charges that Greece, with British help, was stirring trouble in the Balkans.

Seven votes are necessary to place the case on the agenda and although it was not known how other delegates would vote, the Times said American support of the Ukraine made chances "much brighter."

The United Kingdom and The Netherlands have claimed that the charges should be supported by evidence before they are discussed.

WAR CRIMINALS WILL KNOW FATE SEPT. 23

Nuremberg — Twenty-one henchmen of Adolf Hitler will learn their fate Sept. 23, the International Military Tribunal announced after hearing them rant defiantly or plead for mercy in their last gestures to escape the gallows.

Defense attorneys said 12 of the defendants expected to be hanged, three thought they would escape, and six still "have hopes."

Some in their final statements turned savagely on Hitler, branding him the only real criminal; others reaffirmed belief in the Fuehrer. One wept. Some professed ignorance of Nazi excesses, or pleaded "duty" to the state. Some asked that even if they were not spared, the German people be acquitted so that Germany might again rise as a nation.

The 21 tired and mostly frightened men used 30,000 words in all excuses for executing orders that brought misery or death to 25,000,000 persons. Their statements concluded a trial which began Nov. 20, 1945, before British, French and American judges constituting the first international military tribunal in history.



JUST A JOCKEY AT HEART . . . Lanny, wire-haired fox terrier has no ambition to be a galloping gee gee, such as he sees his master, Mike Corona riding at Rockingham Park. He is happiest when master Mike lets him don his riding boots and jockey cap as shown here. Maybe Lanny is angling for a fast and furious ride around the track astride one of the "big fellas."

MEAT SHORTAGE FOR WINTER IS FORESEEN

Chicago.—The nation's dinner tables will be short of meat again this fall and winter, agriculture experts said.

But they added that the prospects for more steaks and pork chops by next spring were good. Some believed there would be more meat next spring and summer than at any time since World War II started.

The corn crop is the key to the meat outlook, they said. If corn is plentiful, farmers will feed more of it to livestock. Fatter animals mean more meat.

This year's corn crop promises to surpass all previous records. The bumper crop has been estimated at 3,442,202,000 bushels. Large crops of oats, barley and

hay also are anticipated, all of which adds up to more meat.

CIVILIAN PROPERTY IS SOLD BY U. S. TO CHINA

Shanghai.—The United States sold China the bulk of surplus U. S. civilian property in the Far East, a transaction which Chinese communists had asserted would only intensify civil warfare.

While the sale excluded weapons, aircraft and ammunition, the Communists had declared in advance it would give Chiang Kai-shek's government the economic sinews for two years of civil war.

Foreign Liquidation Commissioner Thomas B. McCabe and Premier T. V. Soong signed the agreement here earlier in the day and issued a statement saying the goods would speed China's economic recovery.

Draft Machinery Starts To Turn Again On Anniversary

Washington — The draft machinery started turning again Monday, by coincidence on the first anniversary of Japan's surrender, to keep the army up to its authorized strength.

Induction orders will send to army centers the first of a quota of 25,000 men between 19 and 29 to be supplied in September, after a two-month draft "holiday." Because of the Labor Day shutdown, however, actual physical examinations were not expected

until Tuesday.

Reports from local boards to national Selective Service headquarters indicate September and October calls will be met, but that new manpower difficulties are in prospect for late in the year.

Major Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director, told a reporter that "we built up a surplus in July and August, but it will be gone in a couple of months and then we will have to hunt."

Meantime, volunteer enlistments continued to run slightly ahead of War Department advance estimates, promising to reduce the official forecast that the draft may have to supply 185,000 men before the extended Selective Service Act reaches its termination date March 31.

The first three weeks of August enlistments totalled 28,000, whereas the War Department calculated 35,000 for the entire month. In July 42,162 signed up.

There was one case of smallpox reported to the North Carolina State Board of Health last year and 1,475 cases of diphtheria. Both are preventable diseases.

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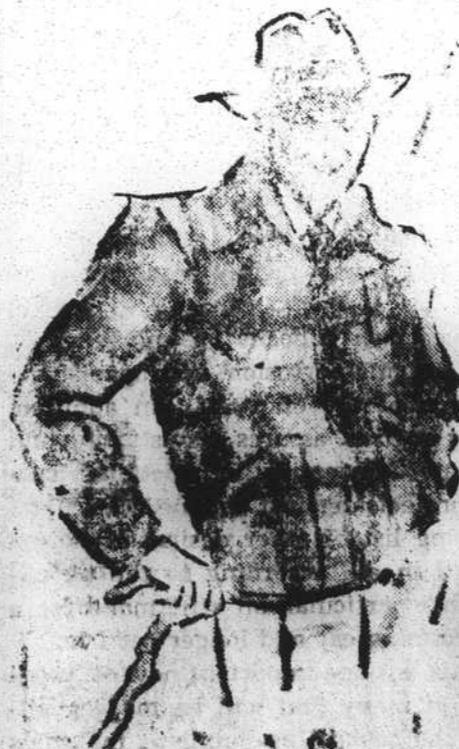
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