

Brief Review of State, National and World News During The Past Week

JAPANESE ADMIT TO EATING FILIPINOS

Manila — A grisly story of man-eating Japanese soldiers, who stalked Filipinos on cannibalistic forays and sometimes ate one another, came out of the jungles of Northern Mindanao.

Thirty-one of the Japanese, who surrendered last February, are held in a military stockade at Del Monte, Northern Mindanao, facing more than 40 murder counts in which cannibalism is involved.

The story was told by S. Melville Husey, Rayonne, N. C., of the army's legal section in Manila, who obtained confessions and interrogated witnesses in six weeks of investigation.

He styled it a chronicle "of cumulative horror with few parallels of surpassing brutality."

NAVY HAS MANY BOATS READY TO TRANSFER

Washington — The navy is ready to transfer four cruisers and 117 smaller vessels to Latin-American nations, officials disclosed, if Congress approves President Truman's hemisphere arms standardization program.

The navy has earmarked two light cruisers for Brazil and one each for Chile and Peru. The total of 121 vessels to be transferred includes 37 wartime combat ships now valued at \$9,286,750 and 84 noncombat ships at \$11,828,450. The combat ships besides the four cruisers are 33 destroyer escorts.

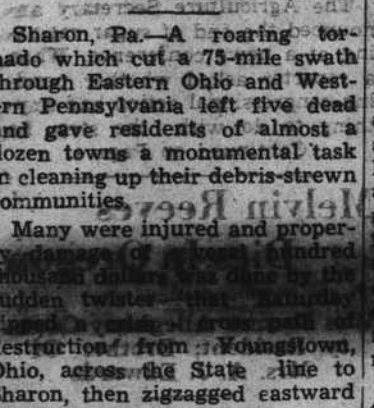
Secretary of the Navy Forrestal has estimated in a memorandum to the State Department that this \$21,115,200 would be the full cost of the navy's share of the program. The memorandum says the navy now is spending \$16,628,000 a month to maintain the ships that would be transferred.

FIVE ARE LEFT DEAD IN TORNADO PATH

Sharon, Pa. — A roaring tornado which cut a 75-mile swath through Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania left five dead and gave residents of almost a dozen towns a monumental task in cleaning up their debris-strewn communities.

Many were injured and property damaged. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of destruction from Youngstown, Ohio, across the State line to Sharon, then zigzagged eastward

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOODS HANNIBAL, MO.

Hannibal, Mo. — The rain swollen Mississippi River and its Iowa tributary, the Des Moines River, presented a picture of death and destruction as one town was completely inundated and communities from Ottumwa, Iowa, to Plouistiana, Mo., were partially submerged.

At Ottumwa, Herschel Lovelless, in charge of rescue operations, estimated the death toll would reach 20. No deaths were reported along the Mississippi.

River levees, between the mouth of the Des Moines and St. Louis, gave way under the river's pressure, covering an estimated 16,000 acres of farmland and the town of Alexandria, Mo.

Water was eight to ten feet deep in the town's streets just a few hours after the approximately 630 persons who live there left for shelter at nearby Wayland.

In Memory Of Miss Jennie Hudson

We have met this morning to pay a last tribute to respect to Miss Jennie Hudson, born April 10, 1888 and deceased May 14, 1947, at the age of 59 years. She was the daughter of Levi and Sallie Trull Hudson and is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Left Edwards, Sparta; Mrs. Martin Evans, Sparta; Mrs. Left Duncan, Glade Valley; and Mrs. Mac VanHoy, of Piney Creek.

For about 33 years she had resided in Sparta. She became a member of Sparta Baptist about twenty years ago, and her life was that of a loyal, devoted, and useful Christian. No one more often brought beautiful flowers for the church than she.

Good health and great industry had characterized her useful life, but in the early winter of 1946 it became necessary for her to have surgical treatment and she entered the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. There she received the most careful attention and it seemed that she would again be restored to health and the happiness of an active and long life. After a month of recuperation spent in Statesville, she returned to Sparta but grew much weaker in April of this year. She was carried again to the hospital in which she survived for a short period only. Everything that medical attention and careful nursing could do to restore her to health was provided. Those with whom she had been residing for many years gave her

very attention and consideration, kindness, and Christian sympathy and ministered, so far as was in their power, to restore her to health and relieve her suffering.

"The loneliest thing in all his world," says O'Henry, "is soul when it is making ready to go on its mysterious and far journey." Miss Hudson said she was not afraid to die. She was ready to go. "What a power has death to awe and hush the voices of the earth! How mute we stand when that power confronts us and we look upon the silence wrought in a human life! We can only gaze and bow our heads and creep with our broken, stammering utterances under the shelter of some great word that God has spoken and in which we see through the history of human sorrow and the outstretching and over shadowing of the Eternal arms."

The USDA has reported that the Commodity Credit Corporation has completed purchases of 154,700 bales of cotton for the UNRRA.

Truman Will Open Highway Safety Conference On June 18

Washington — President Truman will speak at the opening session of the Action Program Group of the President's Highway Safety Conference June 18, the White House announced today.

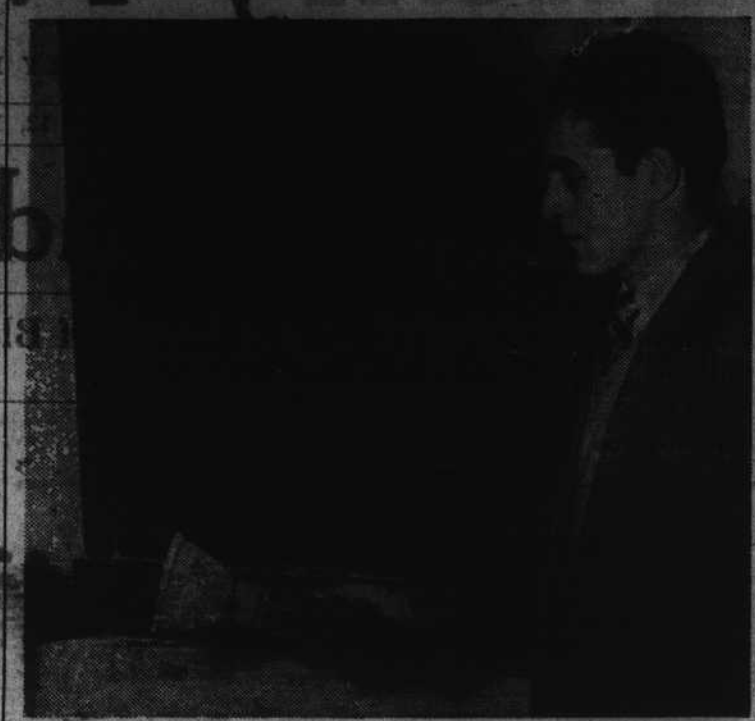
The Conference will be held June 18, 19 and 20 in the Interior Department Auditorium, Washington, D. C., where officials of the forty-eight States and the District of Columbia, and a large group of nonofficial organizations interested in highway safety will evaluate the results of the past year's battle against highway accidents and plan further safety activities. A goal of not less than 40,000 lives saved has been set for 1947.

Major General Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator and General Chairman of the Conference; C. W. Phillips, President of the American Association of Highway Officials; T. P. Sullivan, President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Earl Hall, Chairman of the National Committee for Traffic Safety; and Governor Millard F. Caldwell of Florida will preside over various sessions of the Conference.

Grand awards in the National Traffic Safety Contest, sponsored by the National Safety Council will be made by Congressman Clifford Davis of Tennessee and awards in the National Pedestrian Protection Contest, sponsored by the American Automobile Association, by Lou E. Holland, Chairman of the A. A. A. National Traffic Safety Committee.

Morgan Beatty, National Broadcasting Company; Winston Burdett, Columbia Broadcasting System commentator; and Thomas L. Stokes, newspaper columnist, will moderate panel discussions on "State Programs in Action," at which governors of each of the States or their representatives will report State progress in highway safety during the last year.

At the final session June 20, reports will be heard from the National Committee for Traffic Safety, W. Earl Hall, Chairman; the State Officials' National Highway Safety Committee, O. F. Messner, Chairman; and the Federal Committee on Highway Safety, General Philip B. Fleming, Chairman.



RADAR GUIDE FOR BLIND... Victor Twinsky, City College student, New York, is demonstrating the experimental "sound beam box," designed for the detecting of obstacles by blind persons. The box uses

Conservation Farming News

H. E. Singletary and T. R. Greene

Buster Murphy, of the Little Pine community, was assisted recently by the Soil Conservation Service in staking and building terraces on one of his fields. These terraces will check the gullying effect of run-off-water until a grass sod can be established.

Elmer Edwards, of the Glade Valley community, recently mowed his ladino clover meadow. This is the first cutting of hay on this field. The cool spring has caused the clover to be small for the first cutting, but the clover is already making rapid growth for the later cuttings.

Luther Edwards, of the Sparta community, has samples taken on his crop and pasture fields. He wants to know what his fields need for both crops and pasture. His strip cropping which was started this spring is helping to hold the top soil and protect his field from erosion.

Cleve Andrews, of the Edwards Cross Roads community, was assisted recently by the Soil Conservation Service in getting one of his pasture fields sampled. Cleve is planning to seed ladino clover on his pasture, after treating with lime and phosphate.

Clay Roberts, of the Pine Fork community, had lines staked for a fish pond on his farm. This pond will be stocked when finished with bream and bass.

At Home On The Farm With The City Cousin

Driving onto the farm of "Big John" Teague over in the Ellendale Community of Alexander County, Farm Agent H. C. Colvard and myself found the farmer-sawmill operator shading his eyes with his hands as he looked across the field.

"Morning, Cousin; howdy, Agent!" was the way he greeted us.

We asked him what met his gaze and he pointed to a six acre pasture sown last fall to what the agent said was Ladino clover and orchard grass.

"If it's pasture," I says, "where's the cows?"

"Oh, I've had 'em off for a while," Big John says, "Been waitin' for it to rain so the stuff'll grow."

Then the agent explained that when pasture gets low, it's a good practice to keep the cattle from grazing it too closely. "Overgrazing" is the term he used, I believe.

"See that field over there?" The farmer asked us, pointing in another direction. "Well, I want the farm agent here to help me get this same pasture established over there."

Then he told us that demand for lumber from his sawmill has begun to fall off, and that in a year or so he will again be depending upon his farm for a living. During this time he plans to seed additional pastures and hay crops.

"There's a man who'll be ready for any farm emergency," the agent declared, when we were back on the highway.

"That's a fact," I commented.

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Many New Books Received At County Library Recently

Alleghany County Library has received over 260 new books in the past two months. The following is only a partial list of the last ones received:

The Miracle of the Bells, Jenny; Omit Flowers, Please, Gainer; Mistress Masham's Repose, White; The Border Lord, Westcott; The White Dress, Eberhart.

The Plotters, Carlson; The Fighting Four, Brand; One Man Must Die, Cunningham; In The Hands of the Senecas, Edmonds; Dear Fatherland, Rest Quietly, Bourke White.

Toil of the Brave, Fletcher; Clattering Hoofs, Raine; Secret Passage, Cavonns; Green Grass of Wyoming, O'Hara; The Thresher, Krouse; New Guinea Head-hunt, Mytinger; The Herdsmen, Wilson.

Barabbas, Bekessy; East River, Asch; Thieves in the Night, Koestler; Time to Speak Up (for women speakers), Butler; So You Were Elected, Bailord; A Book About a Thousand Things, Stimpson.

The Street of The City, Hill; Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream-house, Hodgkin; South of Heaven, Rogers; Bring Along Laughter, Loyal; That Hagen Girl, Roberts; The Show Piece, Tarkington; The Dark Wood, Weston; Two Clues, Gardner; Where Two Ways Met, Hill; Banner of The Wayside, Adams.

Decorations To Be Held Sunday

The annual decoration service will be observed at the Chestnut Hill Methodist church on Sunday, it was announced by Rev. William C. Crummett this week. The program for the day is as follows; regular preaching service will be held at 11:00 by the pastor, dinner will be served on the ground at 12:30 and Rev. Herbert Caldwell will preach at 2:00 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service and are asked to bring a basket.

Rev. Mr. Crummett will fill his appointment at Nathan's Creek Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock, it was stated.

Rev. Mr. Crummett also announces and requests that all who attend Sunday school at the Mount Zion church to meet for Sunday school at 9:45 Sunday morning for the purpose of reorganizing the school.

Peden News

Mr. and Mrs. George Perry had as their dinner guest on Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Paul Phipps, of Grassy Creek and Mrs. Oscar Perry. Other guests in the afternoon included, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas and son, also Roy Douglas.

P. C. Edwards, Mrs. Annie Edwards and son, made a business trip to Sparta, Thursday.

Rev. W. C. Crummett was dinner guest of Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Williams, Friday night.

Little Jimmie Templeton is undergoing treatment in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Reeves and daughter, Mrs. B. H. Williams, also Mrs. Hazel Sturgill and daughter, attended the Memorial service at Maple Shade, Virginia, Sunday.

Pvt. Joe Perry, of Camp Lee, Virginia, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter

with relatives at Laurel Springs. J. E. Irwin and "Aunt" Alice Atwood spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murray visited George Mc. Irwin Sunday, who is confined in the Elkin hospital, following a very serious operation.

Clifford Sexton, Columbus, Ohio, spent a short while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sexton here last week.

Perry.

Miss Bessie Douglas returned to her work in Washington, D. C. after spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas.

Little Jerry Joe Caldwell spent last two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weaver had as their Sunday guest; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beman and children; Miss Zenna Beman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson, also Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Loggins and son.

Mr. Gearmon Blevins and friends of Winston-Salem visited, Mr. Bob Perry, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Weaver and Mrs. George Perry visited the big rocks, Thursday afternoon.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE OF LAND

As Trustee in a certain Deed of Trust Executed by W. Q. Higgins and wife, Docia Higgins, to the undersigned Trustee to secure payment of note to Ruben Hash, default having been made in payment of said note, and demand for the sale of the land having been made, I will offer for sale at Public Auction at the Court House Door in Sparta, North Carolina, on the 10th day of July, 1947, at 11:00 A. M. for cash the following described tract of land.

BEGINNING at J. M. Caudill and Ross Jolly's corner on the bank of Cherry Lane Mountain View Church road; then running with said road to Brush Creek; then down and with said Creek to R. F. Shaw's line; then with R. F. Shaw's line to a Spanish oak, R. F. Shaw and J. M. Caudill corner; then with R. F. Shaw's line to Richard Shaw's line; then with Richard Shaw's line to Jim Shaw's line; then with Jim Shaw's line to Ross Jolly's line; then with Ross Jolly's line to the beginning. Containing 150 acres, more or less.

This 10th day of June, 1947.
R. F. Crouse
Trustee.

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From where I sit by Joe Marsh

Where's the Argument?

You should have heard Ed Carey and Spike Spilke debating the merits of Guernseys versus Holsteins. Ed and Spike are both hard-core hardware — but to hear them argue you'd have thought that they'd been dining for life.

Finally they got it up to Sam Carter, who breeds dairy cows, 8 in heins and haws, and concludes there's a lot to be said for Holsteins, and a lot to be said for Guernseys. (I take your pack.)

Actually, Ed and Spike were like people arguing about—say, beer

versus buttermilk. Folks who've never tasted beer will sometimes get mighty vehement about their choice of beverages. And folks who've never tasted buttermilk will be equally big-headed.

From where I sit, it's in things we know nothing about that we get bigoted and stubborn. But when it comes to things we know a lot about, we're able to see both sides; to be tolerant and reasonable; and above all, understanding.

Joe Marsh