

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

ARMY OFFICERS TO BE RAISED ON MERITS

Washington—All army officers will have to prove their right to be promoted, rather than rely on seniority to advance them, under a new law signed by President Truman.

The promotion-by-merit law also covers admirals. The system already was in effect for other grades in the navy.

The law is intended to weed out the less fit and replace them with the better qualified.

The legislation, in the words of the House Armed Services Committee, "will offer careers satisfactory enough to attract capable men, promising enough to hold in service the capable men already in uniform."

It provides for promotion of army officers based upon the recommendations of boards of officers passing on their qualifications.

Officers in the grades of first lieutenant, captain, major and lieutenant colonel heretofore have been promoted automatically after specified length of service, and finally to the rank of colonel as vacancies occurred.

ODOM COMPLETES A WORLD RECORD FLIGHT

Chicago—Endurance flier William P. Odom, who almost cracked over in a battle against sleep over the Canadian Rockies, triumphantly landed the Reynolds Bombshell here Saturday for a new round-the-world solo flight record of 73 hours 5 minutes and 11 seconds.

The three-day flight, which fulfilled the 27-year-old pilot's boyhood dream to circle the globe faster than anyone in history, nearly ended in disaster early yesterday when he dozed off for an hour and 40 minutes on a hop from Anchorage, Alaska, to Fargo, North Dakota.

He woke up to find his plane losing altitude and hurtling past a mountain whose peak rose above him.

"I woke up with a jar," Odom said, "Right off my right wing I saw a huge white mass. I knew it wasn't a cloud. I pulled the control wheel right straight into my belly and shot up. I cleared the mountain by only a few hundred feet."

LONG HEAT WAVE IS BROKEN; MANY DEAD

Washington—The Midwest's longest and most severe heat wave was virtually broken Thursday as deaths attributed to the heat and humidity rose to 133 across the country.

Cool, dry air from Canada provided the relief, however, and the sun-baked Corn Belt still was in need of general soaking rains.

The cool air spread from the Great Plains states to Central Illinois and Northern Indiana Thursday and forecasters said it still was moving southward and eastward.

After four successive days of 100-degree heat, temperatures were in the mid-eighties in most Midwest states Thursday.

LEAF PRICES ARE DOWN IN BORDER BELT

Opening-day prices for sale of flue-cured tobacco on the South Carolina and North Carolina Border Belt yesterday ranged from 75 cents to \$1.10 per hundred below last year's all-time record first day sales of \$52.48.

Majority of losses for the 1947 opening were from \$2 to \$4, the Federal-State Department of Agriculture said. The slight drops were attributed to inroads of blue mold and unusually cool summer weather.

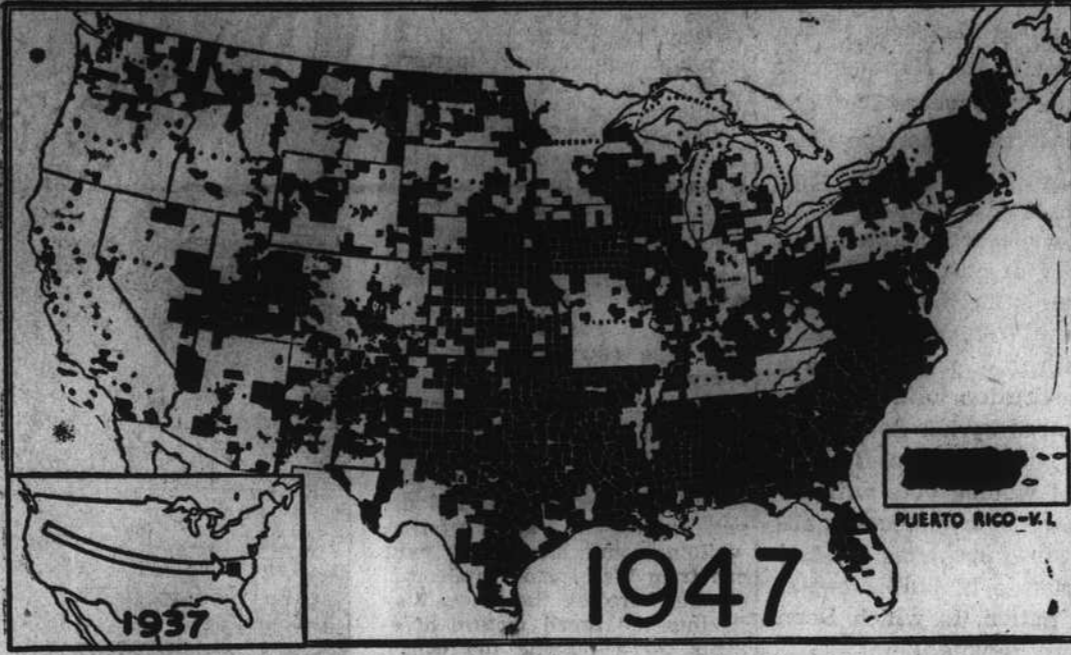
Biggest declines were for the better quality of the tobacco, with choice orange lugs and good orange primings dropping \$9 and \$11, respectively.

Extreme prices ranged from \$2 for the poorest thin nondescript, which was carried without commodity credit Corporation support prices, to \$62 for good lemon cutters. The range on 1946 opening-day sales was from \$8 for nondescript to \$71 for lemon cutters.

While he was asleep his plane swerved off its course and "almost flew in a circle."

Odom set the Bombshell down at Chicago Municipal Airport before a cheering crowd of 10,000. But before landing he flashed across Douglas Airport here where he started at 12:53:29 p. m. (e.s.t.) last Thursday—for timing purposes.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS' BIRTHDAY



On the 10th anniversary of the first farmer-voted and farmer-managed soil conservation district—organized Aug. 4, 1937—there were a billion acres and 4 1/2 million United States farms in 1,900 districts. The first district established under state soil conservation district enabling law was the Brown Creek District in Anson County, North Carolina (Inset).

Much Progress Shown In Ten Years Of Soil Conservation

Farmer-supervisors of the New River Soil Conservation District this week joined the supervisors of 1,900 other districts throughout the Nation in observing two major events in soil and water conservation history.

First is the 10th anniversary of soil conservation districts; second is the reaching of the billion-acre mark in soil conservation district organization.

"The Nation's first soil conservation district was created by landowners in North Carolina August 4, 1937," said Chairman Wade Eller of the local district. "That district is the Brown Creek Soil Conservation District which includes the farm where Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, now chief of the Soil Conservation Service, was born and reared."

Chairman Eller said that the soil conservation district movement made much faster progress

than the pioneers in soil and water conservation first thought possible.

"We had no idea, when the first districts were being organized by farmers, that in ten years we would have districts covering a billion acres," he said. "I believe that here is proof that landowners, when given an opportunity, will take the leadership in solving their own soil and water conservation problems. Each district is organized by farmers and controlled by them under authority of a state law."

Farmers in 1941 voted to organize the New River Soil Conservation District. Since that time, Soil Conservation Service technicians assigned to the district have assisted 1183 farmers to plan and begin a complete farm soil and water conservation program on 99,024 acres.

Serving with Mr. Eller on the board of supervisors are: J. W. Gambill, J. C. Little of Ashe and Alton Thompson, Dillon Edwards of Alleghany county.

"Farmers in the Southeast took the lead in the district movement from the beginning," said District Chairman Eller.

Today, according to reports by Dr. T. S. Buie, Southeastern regional conservator of the Soil Conservation Service, 317 soil conservation districts cover more than 206 million Southeastern acres. These districts contain more than 83 percent of the farms in the nine southeastern states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

In the 10 years since the Brown Creek Soil Conservation District was formed, technicians of the Soil Conservation Service have assisted 194,054 Southeastern farmers to start complete soil and water conservation programs on almost 33 million acres.

"The district program is making greater progress now than ever before," Chairman Eller said. "During the past year, 45,888 farmers in the nine Southeastern states were assisted in starting soil conservation work on seven and a half million acres. That's almost one-fourth of all the farmers assisted during the 10 years since the first district was organized."

The oil base for DDT used for industrial purposes is inflammable; therefore it is wise to put out all open fires when spraying with DDT.

B. And T. Drug Co. Given Award

The Certificate of Merit, awarded by the Rexall Drug Company of Los Angeles, California, for exceptional community service, was received today by B. and T. Drug company, at Sparta.

Dr. T. Roy Burgess, owner of the drug store, said that the certificate is awarded each year to a few selected Rexall drug stores by the International Association of Rexall Clubs and the Rexall Drug Company for outstanding performance during 1946.

The certificate will be hung on the wall of his drug store, it was pointed out. It states that the store and its staff have rendered exceptional service to the community, and to fellow Rexallites, through unselfish participation and wholehearted cooperation in the ideals of drug store service.

2700 Visitors Climb Whitetop

Alleghany people were among the 2700 who visited the 5520 foot scenic Whitetop Mountain during the month of July, it was learned through a report this week. Cars from thirteen states and the District of Columbia were among those to make the trip. States represented included Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Florida, South Carolina, Indiana, West Virginia, Georgia, Michigan, Maryland, Illinois and the District of Columbia.

Improvements have been made on the road to the top of the mountain and it has also been widened, it was pointed out. Cottages have been repaired and approximately 20 guests can be accommodated overnight. The lodge is also open and serves food. Visitors may also tour the radio station WOPI-FM.

family visited Rev. and Mrs. Claude Bartley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Earl Wheatcroft, of Richmond, Va., is visiting friends here.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended May 31 totaled 267 million pounds, according to a USDA announcement.

Twin Oaks News

Mr. and Mrs. Nick King and daughter, Dixie, and Mrs. Leo Irwin and daughter, Sandra, of Indianapolis, Ind., arrived here Monday to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Bays Hash, who was recently discharged from the U. S. Marines arrived here Friday to spend sometime with his mother, Mrs. Mary Hash.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Copeland, Mrs. Ruth Cunningham, and son Don, Miss Velia Crouse, returned to their home in Baltimore, Md., last week after spending a few days vacation with relatives in Sparta and North Wilkesboro, called on friends, here.

Miss Bettie Ruth Farmer is spending this week with friends in Statesville.

Mrs. Earl Farmer gave a bean party last week. A large crowd attended and reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. David Higgins visited friends here, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bower A. Irwin, New Egypt, N. J. arrived here Sunday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Irwin and son, Carl Wilson, attended the stock car races at Elkin Sunday. Atty. Sidney B. Gambill, Pittsburg, Pa., who is spending a few days vacation relatives in Sparta and North Wilkesboro, called on friends here, Friday.

Bill Gambill, Elkton, Md. is spending a few days with relatives, here.

Miss Addie Reeves, Nottingham, Pa., is visiting her sister Miss Callie Reeves, Sparta, Route 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joines expect to leave Sunday on a camping trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Anders and children spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Anders, Sparta Route 3.

Cherry Lane News

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miles were: Mr. and Mrs. June Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. John Mac Miles and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miles and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earn Hanks, also James and Bidly Miles.

Jane McCann is spending this week with her grandmother, Mrs. Eddie Woodruff.

Mr. J. E. McCain was carried to the hospital Sunday night and is in a critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miles and

MOOS OF THE MOMENT
BY UNCLE BOB
of the Kraft Dairy Farm Service

Soft Corn Makes Good Silage



Before very long, many cows will be going dry. And that's an important time—a time when they need special feeding and attention. The care they get during their dry time and at calving may mean the difference between ordinary production and good milk production later on.

Extension dairymen are agreed that the dry cow should get from two to eight pounds of grain daily, in addition to high grade pasture, top quality hay or silage. The question of how much grain exactly depends on the breed and condition of the cow.

I suggest you get in touch with your county agent or dairy plant fieldman on the subject. They'll have some literature and can give you valuable suggestions on feeding.

You can do yourself and your cows a big favor by getting to work now on pasture renovation or seeding for fall or winter grazing. The work you do on run down native pastures in the next few weeks will boost your milk income next year. A few acres of small grain seeded at this time will pay off before winter sets in. Dollars spent this way bring back many more dollars in increased milk volume.



BUILDING REPAIRS HELP QUALITY

About this time of year there generally comes a time when you aren't pushed quite so hard on jobs that have to be done, and you can get at some of the things that are not so urgent, but mighty important.

Repairing buildings is a job that shouldn't be neglected too long. Repairs get more costly the longer they wait, it seems. So maybe if you're hit a slack time, you can look over your barn, silo, milkhouse, loading shed and whatnot, stop up cracks, take care of sagging doors, mend leaks and so on.

Such repairs are dollars in your pocket in more ways than one. Leaky silos leak money, since they cause spoilage and waste. A tight barn makes for better working conditions, keeps cows more comfortable in winter and can help milk volume as a result. A good, tight milkhouse helps your sanitation program and cuts down milk losses.

Uncle Bob

Some of my so-called pals accuse me of getting a lot of "corn" in this column. So I'll give them some of the real McCoy this time.

Weather around the countryside in spring and early summer was a bit tough on the corn crop. Much of the corn got in late. If this is true on your own farm and you're worried whether it's going to make, there's a good reason to stop worrying.

The answer is, of course, to make it into silage. Do that and you'll get back in milk dollars what you may figure to lose if the corn does not mature.

This is a good time to be thinking about the question, anyway, and getting ready by building some sort of a temporary silo, if you need one to hold the extra silage. Welded wire fence and special paper do a fine job of holding extra silage. So do trench silos, slat fence silos or any one of several other types.

You can get some help from your dairy plant fieldman or county agent if you need aid in getting supplies, or suggestions on the type of silo to use.



DRY COWS NEED GRAIN IN RATION

A dry subject seems pretty much in order in August, but I think this one is interesting despite its dryness.

More and more dairymen have turned to fall freshening, because they've found out the many advantages of having cows calve in the fall of the year. Among these are greater and more even milk production throughout the year.

Box Supper
Saturday Night, August 16
8:30 P. M.
Courthouse
Prizes To Be Given
LADIES ASKED TO BRING BOX SUPPERS
String music to be furnished
Sponsored by
Sparta Baseball Team

Summer CLEARANCE

Buy And Save At Smithey's

1 Lot of Men's Summer Wash Pants
Pair 50c

Men's Blue Sanforized Work Pants
Reduced from \$3 to \$2.75

One Table Boy's Navy Suits
One - Half Price

One Lot of Children's Red Sandals
Reduced to \$1.29 Pair

\$1.00 Off
on Children's White Oxfords & Sandals

One Lot of Ladies' Handkerchiefs
Special at 5c

All Ladies' \$1.69 & \$1.48 Plastic aprons
Reduced to 98c

Smithey's Store
Sparta, N. C. "The Place For Bargains"