

Tunnel Gets A Long Tile Strip

NEW YORK —(AP)—New York's new \$80,000,000 Brooklyn Battery tunnel is getting the longest tile lining ever installed in the United States. Seventeen teams of tile setters are already working on the ceilings of the two tubes. Their job alone will require about six months, according to engineers of the Tri-Borough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, under whose direction the tunnel is being built. Another six months will be needed to give the tunnel walls their tile finish. When completed, the tunnel's

lining will extend 9,117 feet, or 580 feet longer than the tile work on the Holland tunnel, now longest in this country. The tile, a total of 780,000 square feet, or enough for 6,500 average size bath-rooms, is being installed to simplify cleaning and to diffuse light for motorists, according to engineers. Scheduled for completion in 1950, the tunnel will accommodate 16,000,000 cars a year.

Basketball Association of America teams will play double-headers in New York, Chicago, Indianapolis, Boston, St. Louis and Philadelphia this season.

Agent Jameson

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country, pointing out that the Northampton County allotment is only 700 acres, of which he said 450 acres were planted during the past year. On the basis of an approximate yield of 1,200 pounds to the acre and a market average of 45 cents a pound, the gross tobacco income for the county would be about \$243,000. Jameson said the income totals and averages would show great increase over 1947, pointing out that in cotton and peanuts the price has been better and the yield has been greater. He said, generally speaking, prices are better on all farm commodities. He was quick to point out, however, that the millions of dollars are not all profit. He said, for instance, that the cost of cotton picking alone has advanced to about \$42 per bale, leaving little cash for the grower.

He said he was optimistic over the future of farm incomes, pointing out that better methods of production and increased yields are placing the farmers in a better position to produce more farm products which are always in demand.

Summarized income estimate totals for Northampton County: Peanuts — \$5,670,000
Cotton — \$3,740,000
Corn — \$1,680,000
Hogs — \$1,250,000
Tobacco — \$243,000

India's Leader Worries About Palace Luxury

NEW DELHI — (AP) — The paradox of one of India's simplest and most austere men, a devoted friend and disciple of Gandhi, living today in a palace that was the symbol of the grandeur of the British Raj is beginning to worry the country's leaders.

Questions are being asked in Parliament and in the press.

It is proper that Governor-General Chakravarti Rajagopalachari should occupy a 340-room mansion, former residence of the British Viceroy, "where his foreign predecessors luxuriated, and draw more than 100,000 rupees (about \$3,000) monthly in salary and allowances?"

Indians expected a new way of life at Government House when the slight, quiet, 70-year-old Rajagopalachari (called "C. R." for short) moved in last June as the first Indian Governor-General. A man who dresses always in homespun cotton, a vegetarian, a non-smoker and a teetotaler, C. R.'s preference for the simple life was well known.

While bids were sent in to clear the famous viceregal wine cellar, C. R. substituted simple Indian vegetarian meals for lavish banquets. He ignored most of the spacious apartments of Government House and, with a widowed daughter, a widowed daughter-in-law and four grandchildren, set up housekeeping in one corner of the palace.

But there has been no real reduction in the size of the governor-general's establishment. Approximately 5,000 persons live on the estate. These include servants, guards, the governor-general's office staff and their families. The mansion alone, excluding its 30 acres of grounds and famed mogul gardens, require 400 servants to keep it in order.

C. R., who as premier of Madras cut his own salary down to 500 rupees (about \$160) per month, now draws more in salary and expenses than either the President of the United States or the governor-general of Canada.

The \$4,000,000 viceregal mansion contains the magnificent Durbar Hall (throne room) more than a painting in the mogul manner Gandhi once suggested it would be better for India if the great red and white sandstone pile were transformed into a hospital.

It probably would suit C. R. fine if the government accepted that suggestion now.

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Mr. and Mrs. Draper served a three course dinner to the following Miss Pat Rhue, of Roanoke Rapids; Miss Mary Turner, of Roanoke Rapids; Mr. Jack Thorne and Mr. Wesley Draper.

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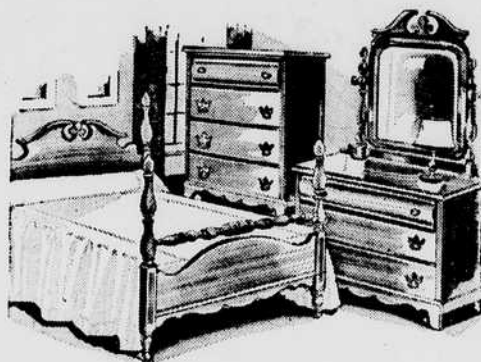
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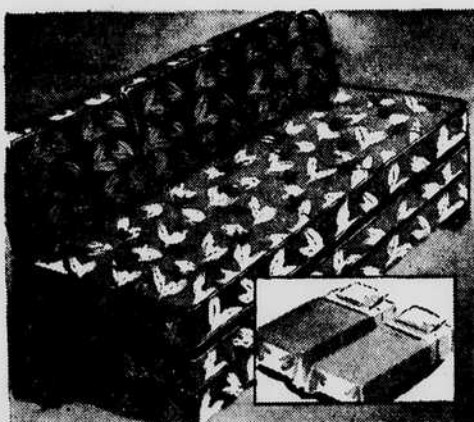
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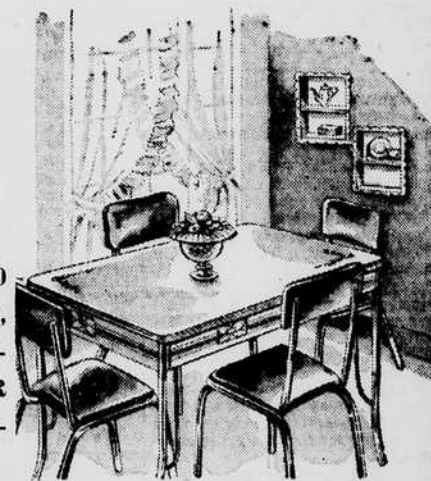
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