

National Four-H Week Being Held

National Four-H week, which began Saturday and will continue through Sunday, March 10, is being observed throughout the nation. Main theme will be "The Local Four-H Club in a Changing World".

Significantly, its chief objective will be to encourage 1,700,000 club members to strengthen their own local 4-H programs to help in solving home-front problems of peace as effectively as they did those of war. Ten 4-H "guideposts" and a new goal of "3,200,000 members by 1950" will be emphasized in the week's program.

and conducted under the direction of the Federal and State Extension Services.

Build Ships Of Ice Say Leaders Of War Department

Washington, March.—Out of the super-secret files of the war today came a project for a 2,000,000 ton aircraft-carrier—built of reinforced ice.

Seriously considered by the combined chiefs of staff, but abandoned due to the progress of the war, the proposed "iceberg" was to be more than one-third of a mile long with torpedo-proof walls 50 feet thick and keep itself from melting away to a puddle by self-contained refrigerating machinery. A 1,000-ton model was built on a Canadian lake and escaped the hazards of ice picks, cigarette butts and blow torches for six months before being scrapped.

Designed for the frigid waters of the North Atlantic, the overgrown ice cube was suggested as a practically invulnerable floating air base for hunting down German submarines and to provide air cover for the European invasion.

Ordinary ice was found to be too weak and brittle, said the announcement issued simultaneously from Washington, Ottawa and London. A mixture of ice and wood pulp capable of withstanding a terrific impact was substituted.

The success of anti-submarine tactics plus the technical difficulties of building a structure "which had to be protected against melting and enemy action," the report said, led to abandonment of the project.

The British originated the idea, dubbed the "Habbakuk Project" late in 1942, specifying a man-made iceberg 2,000 feet long, 300 feet wide, 200 feet deep, weighing 2,000,000 tons and costing approximately \$70,000,000. Propelled by electric motors fastened to the outside skin, the sea-going ice cake was to have mounted anti-aircraft guns on deck.

The test of a good farm mortgage loan is one in which the farm offered as security will produce sufficient income to pay operating and living expenses plus principal on the loan.

Tax Deductions On Gas Allowed

Motorists of North and South Carolina may deduct on their Federal Income Tax returns this year the money paid out in state gasoline taxes in 1945, according to a statement issued by the Carolina Motor Club today. The state tax rate is 6c per gallon for both states.

"It must be added, however," said T. E. Pickard, Secretary of the Motor Club, "that any deductions, whether based on State gasoline tax or on other items, may be made only when the taxpayer reports his income in detail on form 1040. In the main, no deductions may be claimed by those who file a Withholding receipt as a return, or who use Form 1040 and take advantage of the tax table or standard deduction. The blanket allowance granted in the latter cases is deemed to be sufficient to cover allowable personal deductions."

"Assuming that the car-owning taxpayer itemizes his income on the long-form Form 1040," he went on, "there are a number of deductions he may claim. These include registration fees, driver license fee, and personal property tax. The Federal Use Tax is not deductible except when the car is used in the operation of a trade or business or in the production of income from rents or royalties. The Federal gasoline tax and other Federal excise taxes are not deductible, since they are taxes imposed on the manufacturer."

Merit System Report Made

The North Carolina Merit System's annual report to the Governor for the period January 1, 1945 through December 31, 1945 was released today by the Merit System Office, Durham. This report is a detailed account of all merit activities for the past year and includes

a resume and summary statistics on all aspects of merit system administration.

The North Carolina Merit System was established in 1941 to serve as the central personnel agency for the Unemployment Compensation Commission, the State Board of Public Welfare, the State Board of Health, and the State Commission for the Blind. This organization has continuously given examinations for positions with these agencies and has established registers of eligibles from competitive examinations to serve as a reservoir to fill existing vacancies. The annual report includes an account of all examinations given during the past year, the establishment of registers, certification made from registers, all personnel actions, and the maintenance of classification and compensation plans.

Unusually large stocks of certified seed sweet potatoes are available for planting in 1946.

World meat production in 1945 was 59.3 billion pounds, a decline of about 6.8 billion pounds from 1944 production.

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"JES' AIM NATCHEL, SONNY!"

From original color painting used for 1936 Uncle Nat's Calendar

FIGURING THINGS OUT "Natchelly"

Awhile back I was learning Sonny how to handle a shotgun so he could figure out where Br'er Rabbit natchelly was going to be on his next jump. Sonny got the idea mighty quick for a boy his age. Maybe it's because he's noticed how us farmers always tries to do things the natchel way. For instance, it just comes natchel to use Chilean soda to give our crops a quick start and keep 'em growing strong and healthy.

Us farmers has been using natchel soda for more than a hundred years. Seems like just being natchel makes it different from any other kind.

Maybe folks won't be able to get all the soda they want this season, but if we're careful with what we get it may do.

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Coming Attractions At PALACE and DOLLY MADISON

Dolly Madison, Wednesday, Mar. 6



CHAPTER NO. 9—"SECRET AGENT X-9"

Dolly Madison—Thurs.-Fri., March 7-8



with BYRON BARR - OSA MASSEN
DON DOUGLAS - RICHARD LOO
KEYE LUKE - LARRY YOUNG
H. T. TSIANG and
LOTUS LONG as "TOKYO ROSE"
Directed by LEW LANDERS
A PINE-THOMAS Production

Special morning show Friday 10:30; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 15-30c; Evenings daily 7:15-9:15; Adm. 15-35c.

PALACE THEATRE

Mon.-Tues.-Wed., March 4-5-6

Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck in Alfred Hitchcock's

"Spellbound"

No madder love ever possessed a woman... fleeing with a man without a name... living in the shadows... risking everything in one reckless experiment to unlock the secret in the darkness of his tortured mind!

★ FOX METROPHONE NEWS—NEWS OF THE NATION
★ SHORT SUBJECT—UNUSUAL OCCUPATIONS

Special morning show Monday 10:30; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 15-35c; Evenings daily 7:15-9:15; Adm. 15-40c.

Thursday & Friday, March 7-8

Vivian Blaine, Dennis O'Keefe, Perry Como, Carmen Miranda, Martha Stewart, Michael Dunne and Reed Hadley in—

"Doll Face"

She's the doll face that's a perfect revelation! The entertainment that tells all... shows all... tops all! With sights to fill your eyes... and the Hubba-Hubba-Hubba song to thrill your heart!

★ HEARST METROPHONE NEWS—NEWS OF THE DAY
★ SPORTS REEL—"CADET CAGERS"

No morning shows; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 15-35c; Evenings daily 7:15-9:15; Adm. 15-40c.

DOLLY MADISON THEATRE

Wednesday, March 6

Sidney Toler as Charlie Chan, with Fortunio Bonanova and Benson Fong in—

"The Red Dragon"

The case of The Atomic Murders! Chan tracks down a gang seeking to steal the secrets of the atom bomb!

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No morning show; Afternoon 3:15-3:45; Adm. 15-30c; Evening 7:15-9:15; Adm. 15-35c.

Thursday & Friday, March 7-8

Byron Barr, Osa Massen, Don Douglas, Richard Loo and Lotus Long as "Tokyo Rose" in—

"Tokyo Rose"

Men... lonely for love... listened to her... and paid with their lives—until one man braved all Tokyo to quiet forever the most dangerous woman in all the Pacific!

★ THIS IS AMERICA—"AIRLINE TO EVERYWHERE"

Special morning show Friday 10:30; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 15-30c; Evenings daily 7:15-9:15; Adm. 15-35c.

Palace—Thursday & Friday, March 7-8



No morning shows; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 15-35c; Evenings daily 7:15-9:15; Adm. 15-40c.

PALACE—Saturday, March 9 D. MADISON—Saturday, March 9



EPISODE NO. 2 "THE PHANTOM RIDERS" FINAL EPISODE "PURPLE MONSTER STRIKES"