

Plenty Of Smoke Went Up In U. S. During Past Year

The manufacture of cigarettes during 1945 reached an all-time high with 335 billion fags being produced—an average of 6.6 cigarettes each day in the year for every man, woman and child in the United States according to W. P. Hedrick, tobacco specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

after the end of the war and the drop in industrial employment due to reconversion and strikes. Consumption of other tobacco products such as chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco, and snuff also hit a high rate but not an all-time peak of consumption. Consumption of tobacco products in 1946 will probably be less than in 1945, Hedrick said, but only to the extent that the general level of consumer purchasing power declines. Flue-cured tobacco stocks declined 1,152 million pounds during 1945, indicating the disappearance of just about the same amount as growers produced in 1945. "Flue-cured stocks in storage for manufacturers and dealers last January 1 totaled 1,496 million pounds. This supply of flue-cured tobacco is an all-time high. However, the buying of flue-cured for export this past season has been particularly heavy," said Hedrick.

N. C. Farmer Now More Independent

Observations completed in several counties throughout the state in the closing months of 1945 show that rural families have greatly reduced their indebtedness during the war, that they are financing more of their own farming operations with their own funds than before the war, that they are improving their general living conditions, and that the majority have accumulated wartime savings, it was reported by Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service.

farm operations. Increased incomes have greatly reduced the number of farmers who previously had gone to the bank for crop loans. The breeds of livestock have been improved in the state. Dr. Schaub observed, and many labor-saving implements have been bought.

SYMPHONY

(Continued from page 1) entire 65-piece Orchestra at any place in the State. First number of the evening concert was "Symphony No. 5 in B-Flat Major" by Schubert, a composition in four movements which is noted for its remarkable melodies and which was written when the author was only 19. Next were Rogers' "Soliloquy" for the flute, and a cello piece, "After a Dream." Then followed the impressionistic "Deep Forest" by Daniels, which, with Strickland's "Child's Play" and Strauss' "Vienna Life" waltz, proved especially popular with the audience. "Child's Play" is a musical joke, the humor being achieved with pizzicato or plucked-string effects. "Romance" by the Polish composer Wieniawski was typical of the Victorian period. Encores were Knipper's "Meadowland," based on a Russian army song, and "Cripple Creek," a moun-

Britain Increases Pay Of Services

London.—By announcing considerable increases in pay for officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, Britain's labor government has once more made "the services" into a real front-rank career. Thus, the wheel has turned a full circle. For the ancestors of the present-day Britons used to put their sons into the Army and Navy because it was a "most gentlemanly" profession. With the help of private incomes—some large, some small—the Army and Navy officers of those times led a pleasant, sporting life between wars in which they distinguished themselves with great valor.

Times changed. The services were democratized, private incomes faded away and service-pay remained so low that officers could not live on their pay. So the Army, Navy, and Air Force have become discredited as a career.

Now almost paradoxically it has been left to the labor government to draw back the best talent in the land into the fighting forces.

The main reason is that it wants to sustain Britain's military strength by a voluntary system rather than by conscription.

The Labor Party has always been opposed to compulsory military service. Now that it is in office it is being embarrassed by having the prospect of maintaining a peacetime force of about 1,000,000, or more than twice the pre-1939 level.

Greater opportunities will be offered in the future for men in the ranks to gain a commission. The same applies to the other two services. Meanwhile, the pay of Tommy Atkins himself has been raised recently. A trained infantryman, who, before the war, was paid 21s. weekly, now has twice that in pay, plus a 35s. marriage allowance.

Back Wages Paid

The Western Union Telegraph company is now paying retroactive wages to local employees represented by the American Federation of Labor, and also, by special decision of the company, to all employees not in collective bargaining units. It was announced today by Miss Marie Satterfield, local manager of the company.

Retroactive wage payments to over 60,000 employees of the company except general offices will, when completed, total about \$81,000,000.

tain folk song composed by Lamar Stringfield, a North Carolinian.

ROBBERIES

(Continued from page One) Pitt's office, a lock was broken and a desk ransacked. Roxbury police are convinced, from some small clues which they have discovered, that all these break-ins are the work of the same man or men. So far no arrests have been made, but all cases are being investigated thoroughly, Chief Robinson said.

It has been more than six months since a similar series of robberies has occurred here.

Any girl who can put on slacks, back up near a mirror and take a good look over her shoulder and then go out with them on has (a) slim and neat figure or (b) bum eyesight.

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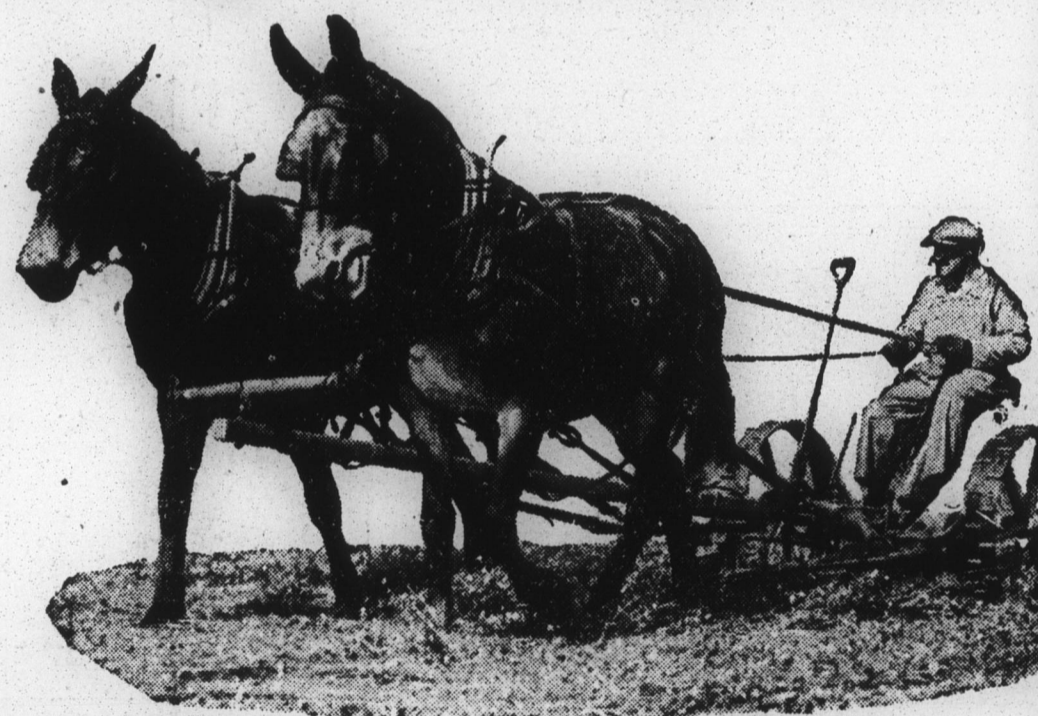
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