Muggs and Skeeter

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Tomlinson's News Notes

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CIO Urges Segregation Ban

The CIO urged President Eisenhower last week to withhold Federal funds from public or private housing projects that do not ban completely racial or religious segregation.

The CIO further asked that Federal housing bids be used to make new housing available "to those most in need because of the accumulated years of racial discrimination in home building activities."

The union said it was "increasingly concerned" about the exclusion of Negro and other non-white families from slum clearance projects "in spite of the evidence that substantial profits to private builders and lenders are made possible because of various liberal Federal aid."

The letter, signed jointly by CIO President Walter Reuther and Vice President James G. Thimmes, offered full support of the CIO in the implementation of a national housing policy that recognizes "that wherever the Federal Government is clearly involved, there is no place for any form of discrimination, segregation or restriction based solely on race."

Negro Named Page Boy

A 14-year-old Negro Boy, Charles V. Bush, has been named a page boy to the United States Supreme Court. He is the first of his race ever to hold the position.

This will be, in a way, the first implementation of the Court's ruling that segregation is unconstitutional.

The youth will attend the Capitol page school along with the pages who serve the senators and representatives. He will be the first Negro ever to attend the school. He will begin his duties as one of the court's four page boys for the term starting Oct. 4.

$60 Million Loan to Japan

The Export-Import Bank last week extended a 60-million-dollar credit to the Bank of Japan for the purchase of United States cotton. Japan has been the largest export market for U. S. cotton in recent years.

Three similar credits totaling 140 million dollars have been made in favor of the Bank of Japan.

The new loan, available through July 31, 1945, will permit the financing of 330,000 bales of cotton at current prices, the Export-Import Bank said. Sales will be through commercial trade channels and financed by letter of credit.

Japanese to Fight

According to dispatches from Tokyo last week, Japan's coast guard has decided to fire on any foreign ships which, without showing their nationality, try to capture Japanese fishing boats on the high seas.

This apparently referred to Red China's small ships which have captured 136 Japanese fishing boats and 370 fishermen, often at points more than 100 miles from the China Coast.

Allies Slash Trade for Reds

Britain, United States and other countries agreed last week to cut strategic controls on the export of goods to the Soviet bloc, excluding China, by one-third from August 16.

In brief, the unanimous agreement is that as from August 16 the present embargo list will be reduced by one - third from about 250 to 170 items and the quantitative control list will be drastically cut from 90 to 20.

Immunity to Witnesses

A bill designed to persuade witnesses to testify before congressional committees, courts and grand juries by granting them immunity from prosecution for what their testimony reveals, won approval of a House Judiciary subcommittee last week. The vote was 3-2.

The measure, one of several to help the government crack down on Communists and subsersives, would give the attorney general a veto over the granting of immunity.

Under the bill the immunity would not be brought into play until after a witness refused under the Fifth Amendment to answer questions. Then immunity could be recommended and this recommendation would go to the attorney general to decide whether the granting of immunity would be in "the public interest."

If the witness still refused to answer questions, after being accorded immunity, he could be prosecuted for contempt.

First Woman Diplomat

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Rohde, America's first woman diplomat, died recently in Copenhagen, Denmark, after a heart attack.

Mrs. Rohde, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan and a former U. S. Congresswoman, served as U. S. minister to Denmark from 1933 to 1936.

Loan To Italy

The United States has granted to Italy the sum of $20,000,000 to stimulate industrial growth in the south and in the islands. The allotment was made, said Washington officials, by the Foreign Operations Administration under the U.S. mutual security program.

The fund is to be used to purchase raw materials for industry, to encourage the introduction of advanced production in new industries and to help small businesses.

Air Academy Site

Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott announced recently that Colorado, has been selected as the site for the proposed United States Air Force Academy.

The site consists of 15,100 acres, and the academy's cost is expected to total about $126,000,000. The academy is intended to be for the air force what West Point and Annapolis are for the army and navy.

The air force expects the academy eventually to provide about half the 1,200 regular officers it needs each year. One of its objectives is to relieve the drain on the military and naval academies which supply part of the air force's officers.

The first class of 330 cadets, for which the air force already is accepting applications, will begin at a temporary academy at Denver in July, 1955. They will transfer to the new academy when it is completed, probably some time in 1957.

Secretary Talbott's statement said that 255 of the first 300 cadets appointed to the new academy will be selected on the basis of competitive examinations from candidates nominated by members of Congress. Each Senator and Representative may nominate up to ten candidates. Allotments will be divided among the forty-eight states, each state receiving a number in proportion to its total representation in Congress. Another 45 cadets will be chosen from nominees from other sources.

A Bit of Humor

The teacher in elementary arithmetic looked hopefully about the room. "Now, children," she said, "I wish you to think carefully before you answer my next question."

The small pupils sat eagerly awaiting it, wide-eyed.

"Which would you rather have, three bags with two apples in each bag, or two bags with three apples in each bag?"

While the class cudgeled their budding wits to figure out the best answer to that one, a boy in the rear shouted, "Three bags with two apples in each bag!"

"But why would you prefer that arrangement?" queried the teacher.

"Because there'd be one more bag to bust."—World Call.

A young soldier from Washington, D. C., home after three years of duty in Hawaii, was caught driving too fast on one of the capitals boulevards.

Deciding to outsmart the cop, he answered the question, "What's your name?" with "Kamahameha Haleakala Laupahoehoe."

The policemen moved closer. "What's that again?"

"Kamehameha Haleakala Laupahoehoe," repeated the soldier.

"Look, bud," the policeman said, "Kamehameha was a king, Haleakala is a mountain, Laupehoehoe is a town—and I was an MP in Honolula. Now, quick, what's your name?—Washington Star.

Two friends were discussing their automobile troubles. "What model is your car?" asked one.

"It isn't a model," retorted the other. "It's a horrible example."—Baptist Observer.

Farmers Take Advantage Of Farm Price Supports

North Carolina farmers had put 464,481 bushels of 1953-crop corn under price support as of June 15, F. R. Keith, chairman of the state ASC committee, said today.

This compares with a total of 82,204 bushels of 1952 - crop corn put under support through June 15, 1953. Of the total put under price support this year, about 100,858 bushels have been either redeemed or delivered, leaving 363,623 bushels still under the program.

Nationally, farmers put 469 million bushels of the 1953 corn crop under price-support loans and purchase agreements through June 15, 1954, compared with 415 million bushels of the 1952 crop through June 15 last year. Of the total 1953 crop now under support, about 365 million bushels are under farm-stored loans.

Leading states in quantities of 1953-crop corn under support (in millions of bushels) are: Iowa, 160; Illinois, 92; Minnesota, 63; Nebraska, 49; South Dakota, 36.

Price support on the 1953 corn crop was available through February 28, and loans matured in North Carolina on July 31.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

Whiteville Tobacco Market

By R. G. MAULTSBY

Whiteville Tobacco Warehouses have been restocked with millions of dollars placed in storage awaiting the arrival of the thousands of tobacco growers who have learned through years of experience that in Whiteville you get more dollars per pound for that golden weed. Yes, in 1953, Whiteville led all markets in price per pound, winning the distinction of being "THE WORLD'S HIGHEST TOBACCO MARKET." The year 1953 was certainly a year for "new" records, and Whiteville led the parade. An all-time high of 41 and a quarter million pounds were sold on the Whiteville market for an all-time high of $58.94 per hundred pounds. It is felt that 1954 is another banner year for opportunities, and we have our sights set on an even greater season than 1953. On August 2, warehouses will again open their doors for the 1954 season, and predictions are that Whiteville will again set the pace because everybody likes to join a leader.

The Whiteville market this year has three complete sets of buyers, over a million one hundred thousand square feet of floor space, and 16 giant warehouses, one new, the Big Dixie, with a sale in each warehouse every day. So, Mr. Farmer, Whiteville is continually adding facilities to make your selling and buying chores more pleasant than ever before. Both our warehousemen and merchants feel a definite obligation to you for past patronage and want to do everything possible to serve you adequately and efficiently. The title, "The Leader", enjoyed by the Whiteville market has been awarded to our town by the ever - increasing number of farmers who have from year to year sold their entire crop on the Whiteville tobacco market.

Sixteen giant warehouses operating daily are now ready to serve you. The reputation for high prices, service and fairness of the operators of these warehouses is well known and praised by tobacco growers throughout North Carolina and the border states. Most of them have been in Whiteville for years and apparently have pretty much the same experienced staff from year to year to serve your every need. This certainly speaks well for the stability of our market. These men are both experienced and respected throughout the entire industry and know how to get the farmer the high dollar for his crop. The warehousemen and their operators are: Raymond and Gaither Crutchfield at Crutchfield's, John and Oliver Nelson at Nelson's No. 1 and 2, Norwood Newman, Bill and Harold Perkins operating Perkins - Newman, A.H. (Bert) Moore, C. E. Jeffecoat, and Charlie Mason in Moore's, Blair and Latane Motley running sales at Brook's and Motley Bros., J. W. (Buck) Peay and A. O. King, Jr. at Planters No. 1 and 2, Townes Lea and Louie Love at Leas No. 1 and 2, Jack Neal and Dial Gray at Tuggles, Farmers, and Columbus County, and Jimmy Morgan, Lubert Barefoot, and C. R. Roberts at the Big Dixie.

In 1953, the warehouse operators in Whiteville paid to the farmers selling on the Whiteville Market over 24 million dollars, the highest all time average for any market, anywhere, and that's one of the reasons farmers are shifting from other markets and heading to Whiteville where price, service and fair play are first in the minds of every one concerned. Experience is a great teacher, and growers each year are becoming more familiar with the many advantages offered by the Whiteville Market. Spacious warehouses manned by experienced personnel get your tobacco on the floor quickly making it possible for growers to make long trips to and from home daily. Then, too, every warehouse operator has a sale every day.

The over-all picture for another banner season is excellent. The tobacco crop is good, both in quality and all the evidence reaching this office points toward keen competition, and strong bidding among buyers for our type of tobacco. So, with 5 1-2 hours of selling time daily increased floor space, experienced warehousemen, it certainly seems that the Whiteville market is the most ideal point within a wide radius for tobacco growers to market their tobacco. Mr. Farmer, for the high dollar, service, and courteous treatment, sell in Whiteville:

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A Cly Of Modern Stores

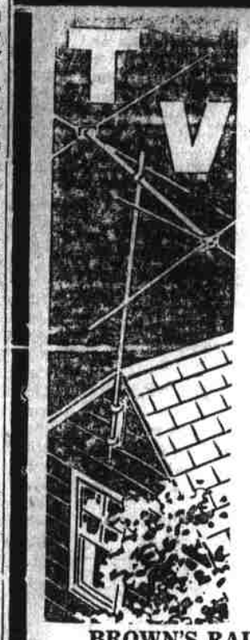
Shopping is indeed no burden in Whiteville for the shopper, as it is famous for its modern, well-lighted, and air - conditioned stores and wonderful display of well - known quality products. Merchants have gone all out to make the shopping convenient and new fall merchandise is arriving daily.

With only approximately 5,000 persons in Whiteville, it gives the air of being a little "big city" with eating places, banking establishments and stores to please any shopper.

Merchants Association and Tobacco Board Of Trade Office

Whiteville boasts one of the most modern and convenient offices for its Merchants Association and Tobacco Board of Trade to be found in any town. The offices are spacious and comfortable and the welcome mat is always out for visitors. The Credit Bureau and Chamber of Commerce is also operated from these offices.

Mr. R. G. Maultsby is the newly elected Executive Secretary and Sales Supervisor, having held this position since July 1. Miss Dixie Wilson, who has been associated with them for nearly five years will be assisted in the office by Mrs. Betty L. Neilson of Lake Waccamaw. These folks are at the service of Whiteville's friends and are always ready to assist them in any way.



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