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Michigan Prison Has Six Bands

Jackson, Mich. (AP) — When they play "If I Had the Wings of an Angel" at Southern Michigan Prison, it's liable to come out in any of six arrangements.

The prison has six bands—a 40-piece concert orchestra, a 16-piece dance band, a dixieland band and a progressive jazz band of 10 pieces, an eight-piece hillbilly group and a seven-man polka band. Prison officials say it helps to ease tension for players and listeners alike. The bands include professional musicians and even one man who taught music in public schools for 18 years.

The prison also offers music for beginners. Each fall two groups of 35 men each enroll in classes where they learn to play the instrument of their choice. Prison officials say it teaches the men to work together.

Tar Heel Ranger To Receive Plaque

Raleigh—A North Carolina forest ranger, who almost lost his life in a woods fire that was deliberately set, has been selected from among Southern forest fire fighters to receive a plaque typifying work they do.

Paul Holland, who suffered loss of all his fingers on both hands in a forest fire near Asheville in October 1952, is the ranger chosen to receive the award during the Southern Forest Fire Prevention Conference at New Orleans, La., April 13-14, State Forester Fred H. Claridge announces.

Now foreman of workers at the Little River Nursery owned and operated by the Department of Conservation and Development's forestry division near Goldsboro, Mr. Holland's expenses will be paid by the conference.

Mr. Holland, for two weeks was in a coma in an Asheville hospital, after having suffered severe burns on his hands and body in the fire in which he was trapped in a mountain area.

The New Orleans conference, sponsored by numerous organizations seeking to curb and control wildfires in southern and border states, is anticipating an attendance of approximately 1,000 law enforcement, public officials, and private citizens.

Austria was freed in 1955 from 17 years of foreign occupation, first by the Germans and then by the four Allied powers.

Do's and Don'ts of Home Repair

By ANDREW C. LANG

Removing Wallpaper

DO...wet the old paper with warm water, using a wide brush or a sponge; then scrape off the paper with a putty knife.

DO...work in vertical strips from top to bottom, re-soaking the paper when it does not come off with only moderate scraping pressure.

DO...on heavy or varnished wallpaper—where the water does

not soak through easily—sandpaper the surface before applying water.

DO...for especially tough jobs, consider the use of a commercial wallpaper remover (usually a powder to be mixed with water) or a rented steaming machine.

DON'T...forget that if you add washing soda to the water, it will aid in softening the wallpaper paste but will mar adjoining woodwork if you are not extra careful.

DON'T...make the two most common mistakes—failing to allow the softening agent time to penetrate and failing to re-soak the paper when it doesn't scrape off easily.

DON'T...fail, after the paper has been removed, to wash the walls with clear warm water to remove any remaining traces of paste and paper.

DON'T...forget to apply glue sizing to the walls before putting on new wallpaper.

Authority Warns of Danger From Radioactive Farmland

Farmers who are concerned with the task of producing crops from soil contaminated by radioactive fallout if the nation ever suffered a nuclear attack, received support recently from a veteran of the World War II Manhattan Project which developed the atomic bomb.

Dr. Stafford L. Warren, dean of the UCLA Medical School and an outstanding authority on radiation, called for an intensive research program to develop a plan to enable the nation to feed itself if necessary with produce from radiation-contaminated soil.

Food grown on soil covered by fallout could convey a poisonous element called radioactive strontium, giving off beta radiation to those who consumed it.

No enemy attack, even a mass assault with nuclear weapons, would produce fallout that would poison all of this nation's farmland. Nevertheless, thousands of acres of fertile land, lying in the fallout path of strikes on major cities, could be contaminated.

Scientists have determined that sufficient rainfall would cut down some of the radioactive punch. Deep plowing would further restrict its capacity to harm. However, there still would be risk in consuming produce of the fallout-affected soil.

In an interview at Federal Civil Defense Administration headquarters at Battle Creek, Mich., Dr. Warren called for a research program, designed to conquer this problem as "the long-haul phase of radiological defense."

He sees it as an essential part of the great plan to "reconstitute society" following an atomic attack. It would be, said the wartime adviser to the commanding

general of the Manhattan Project, just as important to the survival of the nation as the task of coping with radioactive fallout in the first hours or days after an enemy attack.

Killer Name Rejected

New Delhi (AP) — The mountains which separate Afghanistan from Soviet Russia have been named by the Afghan government, according to a report reaching here. The mountains, known as the Hindukush, should be called the Hindkoh, the report says. In Persian, Hindukush means killer of Hindus, and Hindkoh means Hindu Mountains.

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