

Washington Notes

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Surgeon General of the U S Public Health Service recently held out the prospect that paralytic poliomyelitis, venereal disease, tuberculosis and rheumatic fever would be virtually wiped out by 1985. He also reported that the Salk vaccine shots had cut the incidence of paralytic polio by upward of sixty-seven per cent this year.

FOREIGN AID

The United States has provided more than \$51 billion in foreign aid in the last ten years, according to the Commerce Department. Of this total, \$40 billion was in the form of grants and the other \$11 billion as loans. Western European countries received nearly two-thirds of the foreign aid, or \$33,409,000,000, while the next biggest aid area, encompassed Asia and the Pacific countries, which received a total of \$9,468,000,000 in grants and \$685, million in loans.

INFLATION BAR

The Federal Reserve Board has recently started a double crack-down on credit in an effort to counter inflation. Effective on Nov. 18, the Reserve Board permitted six Reserve banks to hike the discount rate from two and a quarter per cent to two and a half per cent — the most restrictive lending cost enforced by the Reserve System in twenty years — since the first half of 1935. Up to then, until late this year, the Reserve Bank lending rate had never topped two per cent.

MERGERS

Staff economists of the Federal Trade Commission are somewhat alarmed at the number of business mergers taking place in 1955, which will break all records for a quarter of a century. Such "acquisitions and mergers" in manufacturing and mining will probably exceed 500 this year — a third more than in 1954, and the largest number since 1930, when there were 799. The peak year was 1929, when there were 1,245.

NEW HOUSING

The Labor Department recently reported that new housing starts in October showed a five per cent drop from September, which was "about as expected for this time of year." The October

count was 107,000, within four per cent of the record for the month, set in 1954. They brought to 1,161,000 the number of housing units put under construction during the first ten months of 1955 which compares to the January-October record of 1,215,000 starts in 1950.

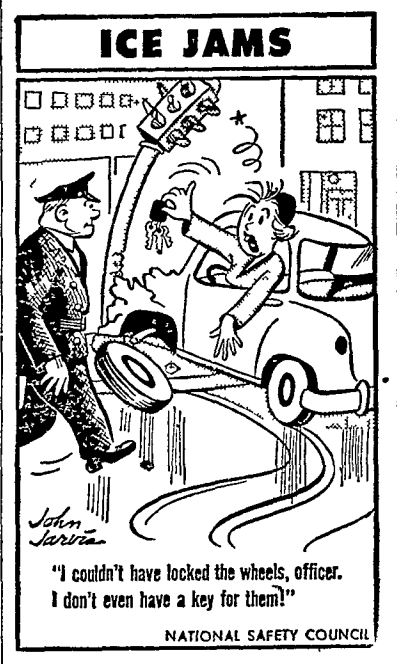
EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND

The Eisenhower Administration has decided to hold back as much as twenty per cent of the funds appropriated by Congress for economic and technical assistance abroad. The money thus saved, probably as much as \$100 million, will be put into an emergency reserve fund.

AIR TRAVEL

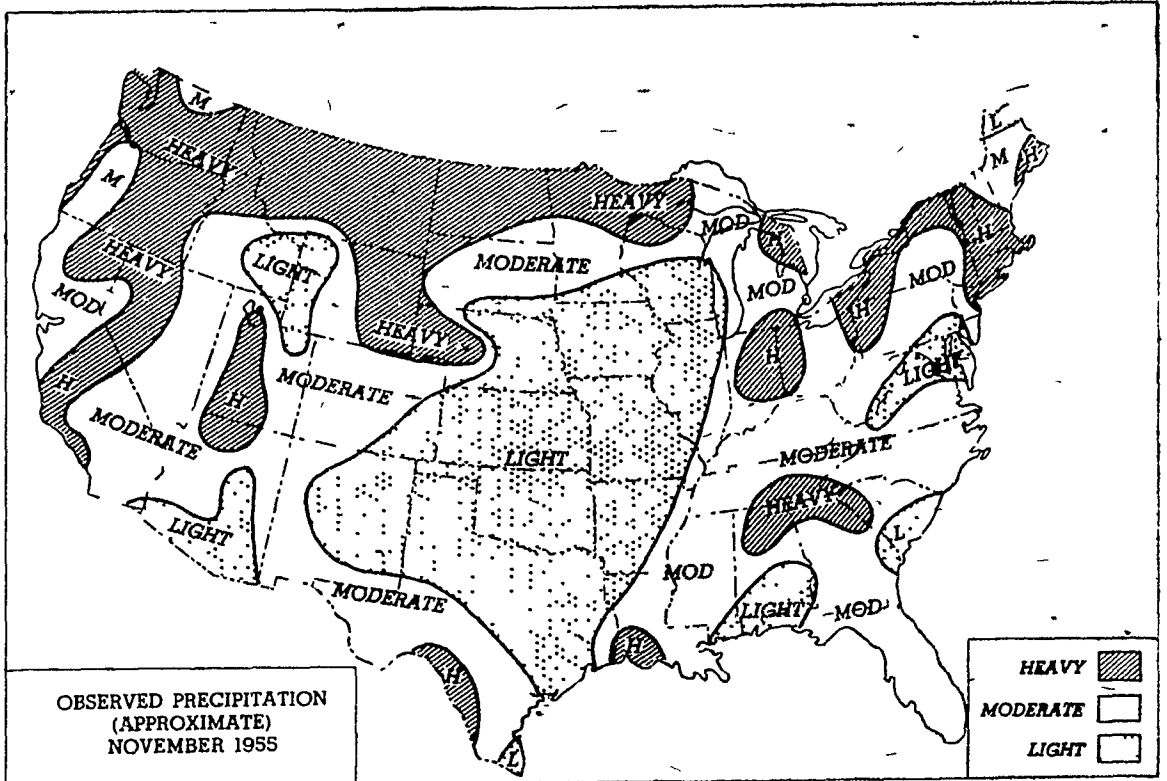
The Pentagon has announced it was preparing a list of all Air Force plane flights made by members of Congress since January 1, 1953. The information was requested on November 1 by the Senate Preparedness Investigating subcommittee. The list is expected to show who went where and who accompanied them in the Congressional traveling in the United States and overseas.

In order to attract more physicians and dentists into the service, the Army is offering them faster promotions than other officers. Medical officers would be eligible for promotion to the ranks of major, lieutenant colonel and colonel one year sooner than other officers. There is a critical shortage of Army doctors in the career category.



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

November Precipitation



This chart shows the general nature of the total precipitation which fell during the preceding 30 days to Dec 1, 1955. Precipitation is expressed in three classes, light, moderate, and heavy, and the precipitation amounts which determine these classes are obtained from an analysis of many years of record at many stations.

Farm Calendar

DECEMBER

Dec 5-10—Ice Cream for Supply Men Short Course, Pennsylvania U.

Dec 5-7—Farm Income Tax-Social Security short course, Pennsylvania U.

Dec 7-9—10th annual Seed Conference at Pennsylvania State University sponsored jointly by the departments of agronomy and horticulture.

Dec 9—Farm Women's Society 21. Christmas Party, Quarryville Fire Hall, 7.30 p. m.

Dec 10—"That Crazy Smith Family," Lancaster County 4-H Agricultural Council play, 8 p. m., Manheim Township High School Auditorium.

Dec 10—Farm Women's Society 14. Children's Christmas Party, Penry Fire Hall.

Dec 10—"Amahl and the Night Visitors," Gian-Carlo Menotti, presented by Lancaster Opera Workshop, Reynolds Junior High School, 2.30 and 8.30 p. m.

Dec 10—Bake sale for benefit Recreation Center, Lititz Firehouse, starting 8 a. m., sponsored by Farm Women's organizations of community.

Dec 11—Christmas Cantata, "A Star in the Sky," Chestnut Level Presbyterian and Quarryville Memorial Methodist choirs at Chestnut Level, 8 p. m.

Dec 15—Colerain Grange Children's Christmas Party, 100F Hall, Kirkwood.

Dec 15—Chester-Delaware County Poultry Assn. meeting, Coatesville YMCA.

Dec 15—Annual Stockholders Meeting, Lancaster Production Credit Assn. and National Farm Loan Assn, 11.30 a. m., Old Mount Joy High School.

Dec 15—(Evening)—Lancaster County Farm Equipment Dealers Christmas dinner meeting, Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy.

Dec 17—Farm Women's Society 9 Christmas Party, Gift Exchange, Marticville.

Dec 17—Friendly Circle of Rural Women Christmas Party, at the home of Mrs. P. W. Bowers, President, Bareville.

Dec 17—Entry closing date, 4-H beeves, 4-H sheep, Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Dec 18—Lancaster Chorus, "Christmas in the Air," Christiana Fire Hall, 3 p. m.

Dec 18—Christmas Cantata, "A Star in the Sky," Chestnut Level Presbyterian and Quarryville Memorial Methodist Choirs at Memorial Methodist, Quarryville, 8 p. m.

Dec 25—Christmas.

Dec 26—Fulton Grange Christmas party.

Dec 28—Farm Society 4 Christmas dinner party, covered dash

SAVES CHILDREN, DROWNS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Mrs. Hazel Wolin, 33, drowned but saved her children by holding their heads above water when they were trapped in a car that overturned in a canal. Mrs. Wolin and the children, Irene 6, and Roy 3, were trapped in the upside down car about fifteen minutes while her husband, Martin, got out through a window and tried to rescue them. The bottom of the car was tipped over and the children removed. Mrs. Wolin had already drowned.

Luncheon, 12.30 p. m., home of Mrs. Martin Greider, R1 Millersville.

Dec. 29—Farm Society 1. Covered dish supper, home of Mrs. Margaret Hopkins, Lititz.

Jan. 18—County meeting, Lancaster County Vegetable Growers.

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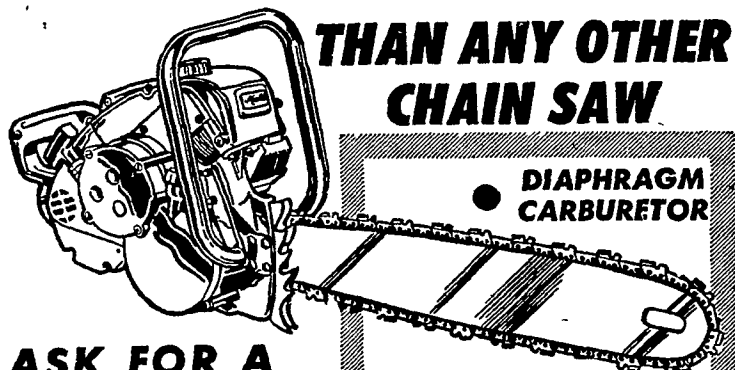
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