

Beautiful Mess Hall of a Soldiers' Home



A striking view of the new modernistic mess hall at the National Military home at Sawtelle, Calif. This attractive building replaces an old frame structure which burned down, and is part of the program costing \$1,000,000 of the \$2,100,000 government appropriation for replacing old buildings with new brick, concrete and steel construction.

Experts Plan Aid for Drought Area

Seek Methods of Providing Water and Feed for Cattle in Dry Seasons.

Wilmington, Del.—The use of dynamite is pointed to as a practical means of helping farmers to help themselves in obtaining relief from the effects of the prolonged drought of the summer months. By the proper and prompt use of the explosive, feed for cattle and water for farm animals can be made available, according to agricultural authorities who are surveying the situation in many states included in the severe drought area.

One of the measures being advocated by county agricultural agents and others engaged in helping farmers in the construction of trench silos to be filled with ensilage made from corn, the growth of which was retarded by the extreme heat and lack of rain and other available farm materials.

The trench silo consists of a trench excavated in the earth and covered when filled with cut straw or chaff and surmounted with a roof composed of poles with a 2-foot covering of straw. In some cases woven wire is stretched between beams to add strength to the straw roof.

Water holes or earth tanks are being looked to as the only possible way for farmers in many localities to provide water for dairy herds, beef cattle, hogs, sheep and horses. These reservoirs are being hastily constructed to catch the run-off of such rains as may fall or to store the flow of a spring, or that of a small stream. It is realized that wells which have gone dry may remain so for an indefinite period.

In view of the fact that, to be of the greatest benefit, the salvaging of feed materials in the form of ensilage and the accumulating of a supply of water must be done quickly, dynamite has been resorted to for excavation purposes.

To assist in obtaining the necessary relief, the Du Pont agricultural extension section has put the services of its corps of explosives experts at the disposal of county agricultural agents, agricultural colleges and county and state agricultural authorities to demonstrate the use of dynamite in the construction of trench silos for feed storage and the excavation of water holes for the conservation of water for farm live stock.

With a view of facilitating the work and reducing the cost, special methods of blasting, using a low-cost farm explosive, have been developed for use in breaking hard, dry ground to permit its quick and easy removal by means of teams and slip scrapers in the construction of trench silos. Also, a recently developed dishing dynamite has been made available for the blasting of water holes which, mostly,

may be excavated with the dynamite alone.

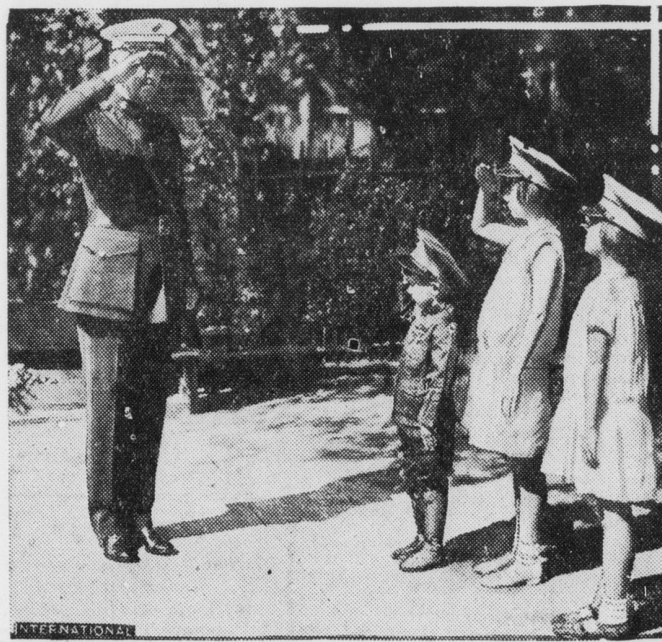
Trench Silos Valuable.

As a result of study of reports from the field, Larry F. Livingston, head of the Du Pont agricultural forces, is of the opinion that trench silos should be especially valuable to farmers in many localities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arkansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. The University of Missouri is among those urging farmers to avail themselves of the use of these silos in the present feed emergency. Besides the Missouri college of agriculture, others which have issued bulletins or circulars on trench silos include the Colorado State college of agriculture, the North Dakota agricultural college and the University of Minnesota.

At a silo meeting held at Colorado Springs, Colo., it was agreed that the trench silo leads the field from the standpoint of economy in construction and operation.

Rumanian Merchant Held for Burning Seven Stores Galatz, Rumania.—Johann Marku, a Galatz merchant, was arrested for arson when an investigation revealed that in order to collect insurance he had set a fire which destroyed not only his own business premises but also six adjoining houses.

Young Marines Report to the Boss



Catherine, Mary and Edward Fordney, children of Major and Mrs. C. L. Fordney of Saginaw, Mich., "reporting for duty" to their grandfather, Maj. Gen. Benjamin H. Fuller, who also happens to be the commandant of United States marines. The children were visiting their grandfather in the marine barracks in Washington. Major Fordney is also in the marine corps.

GREEK BLUEBEARD ACCUSED OF DEATH OF SEVEN WIVES

Wiped Them Out After Spending Dowry; Caught With Prospective Eighth.

Athens.—The "Dragon of Hamelo," Peter Kulaxides, a Greek refugee from Pontus, accused of murdering his seven wives after spending their dowries, was arrested while at a tete-a-tete dinner with a beautiful young widow whom he had enticed, under a false name, to be his eighth wife. His arrest was effected one day before his new marriage.

Evidence against the "Dragon" exists only as regards his last wife who was found about a month ago in an acri of the old Macedonian trenches, in a state of decomposition, but bearing signs of brutal violence. On the discovery of the body Kulaxides fled. This aroused the suspicion of the police who, after investigating his past, found that he had

married seven times and that all his wives, with the exception of the last, had been reported by him as having died "in the country."

To the judge who made the first inquiries, Peter admitted he killed his last wife because she was "unfaithful" to him, but dodged all accusation for the death of his other wives. Regarding his first wife, Peter said that she died "of Joy" on hearing of his release from a prison term.

It is expected that the "Dragon's" trial before the Criminal court of Salonica will be sensational.

Black Cats Blamed as Wagon and Auto Collide

London.—A wagon and a motor car collided when both sought to avoid two black cats that were fighting in a road.

Nine Boy Gangsters Admit 20 Robberies

Los Angeles.—Confessing more than a score of theater and service station burglaries, nine boys between the ages of six and twelve were being investigated by the sheriff's office.

According to Deputy Sheriffs Fleming and Dougherty the "gang" was uncovered through the tracing of stolen articles in pawnshops.

Cat Worth \$5,000 When It Is Shot by Dentist

Lexington, Ky.—A dentist who shot a tomcat which disturbed his slumbers with nocturnal antics on the back fence has been made defendant in a \$5,000 damage suit brought by the pet's spinstor owner.

Miss Mary Brent Hutchcraft charges that her neighbor, Dr. W. W. Aylor, inflicted on Jerry a "severe and dangerous wound."

Accompanying the damage suit was a petition for a restraining order to prevent the dentist from further molesting Jerry.

Child Buried by Ton of Concrete; Found Unhurt

Monticello, N. Y.—Notified that a child lay crushed under a concrete block which weighed nearly a ton, six men worked frantically to raise it. After considerable labor the block was jacked up. Underneath, the youngster was found uninjured. He had been caught in a depression of the block, and escaped its weight.

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Bolt Kills Baby in Mother's Arms Marietta, Ga.—Robert Baswell, two years old, is dead, his life snuffed out by a bolt of lightning which struck him as he slumbered in his mother's arms. Mrs. Baswell was knocked unconscious by the bolt.

MAN SURVIVES OWN "DEATH" TO SLAY

Case Recited of Bungled Italian Execution.

London, England.—The case of a man who survived his own execution and lived to commit a murder afterward was described recently to a house of commons committee considering a bill for abolition of capital punishment.

The witness was Sir Simon van der Aa, a Dutchman whose British title was conferred in recognition of his services as secretary of the international prison congress in London, 1925. He told of the case, which he said occurred in Italy at the end of the Eighteenth century, and in which the executioner aided the "executed" prisoner in order not to lose his job after he had bungled.

"It seems peculiar," Sir Simon said "but it has been the case. The man was hanged, but not in a direct way. When the executioner came to take him off, he found the prisoner had lost his senses, but was alive. The executioner gave him money so that he might escape. The man became a servant at a hospital and three years later, in an excess of fury, he killed a patient."

Sir Simon, who is a member of the International Prison committee and who is an opponent of capital punishment, said the last execution for ten years before capital punishment was formally abolished.

"A great impression was made on the public mind by one particular occurrence," Sir Simon said. "It was a murder committed by a man who had witnessed an execution only two days before."

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The boy fled to a railway line nearby and tried to throw himself under a train. Railway employees stopped him. Escaping from them, he reached a river and tried to throw himself in. Passersby, observing his distracted appearance, rushed and seized him and eventually he was handed over to the police.

The hearing of his case has been attended by several postponements and all that stood between him and bail at the last session was his known intention to commit suicide if once he was set free.

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Pines to Be Planted in Reforestation Plan

Open fields at Camp Lee, near Petersburg, Va., where thousands of men received their training during the World war, will be covered with in the next year with between 35,000 and 50,000 yearling "lob-lolly" pines as a part of a reforestation program set by H. M. Sears, supervisor of Natural Bridge national forest, of which Lee military forest is a unit. The pine seedlings have been set out in nursery beds in the forest, and work of replanting them will probably be started next spring. This type of pine is particularly noted for its rapid growth and ability completely to reforest denuded areas in five or ten years. It is also capable of being used for saw or pulp wood purposes within from 40 to 45 years.

Record That Somehow Made No Hit With Dad

Speaking about records, one of the Hunter brothers, who made a flying endurance mark, declared that knowledge was the prime requisite for success. "Whatever it is, you have to know your stuff; have had plenty of experience and above all, know what to do in case something goes wrong. I am afraid that there are too many record chasers like Billy Jones. "A friend stopped Billy's father on the street one day and remarked: "I thought your boy was going to set up a record with that new motorcycle of his." "He did," snorted the father, "eight times in the hospital in two months."

Organ Made Famous by Bach Is Rededicated

The famous Schmitzer organ in the Church of St. James (Jacobi-Kirche) at Hamburg, Germany, has been put in order and rededicated with a concert of works by Johann Sebastian Bach. This organ is the only one in existence upon which the great master played. Bach was so entranced by the beauty of the organ's tone that he applied in 1720 for the post of organist in the Jacobi-Kirche. He played once on trial, and so pleased the church committee that his appointment seemed to be certain, but a competitor who made a contribution to the church was chosen instead.

Breaking It Gently

It was the scent of summer in the air that sent a certain business man hurrying to his tailor. During the winter months, however, his figure had altered. No longer was he tall and slim. His tailor spotted the change, but, knowing his customer, kept a discreet silence as he measured skillfully. "About the same as last year—eh?" queried the business man, as the measuring process came to an end. "Oh, yes, sir," replied the tactful tailor. "Chest a bit lower, 'praps, that's all."

Population of World

A memorandum published by the League of Nations states that the population of the world increased about 35,000,000 between 1925 and 1928, which is an average increase of about 1 per cent a year. The rate of increase was greatest in South America.

As the son is bent, the father is inclined to go broke.

How the Time Was Spent

Artist—You'd be surprised to know how much time was spent on this painting. Friend—Yes, I've heard that people stand here by the hour trying to make out what it represents.—Pathfinder Magazine.

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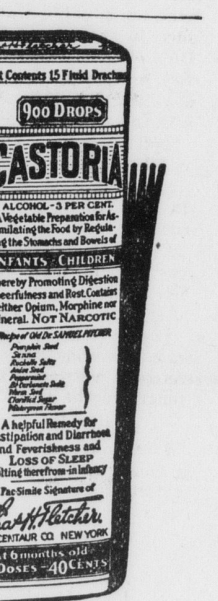
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