



MINDA MAE MENDENHALL (above) has a lot of friends she doesn't even know. Minda Mae, convalescing from an accidental shotgun wound that gave her a narrow brush with death, was showered with gifts by the Eighth Street Gang, a group of businessmen who are always ready when helping hands are needed. Members of the gang won't allow their names to be used.

Nine Die In Flaming Home

SUMMERVILLE, S. C., (U)—Two mothers and seven children burned to death before dawn Tuesday in fire that destroyed their five-room frame home one mile south of here.

"The whole house was afire and we couldn't get up to it," said firemen Ted Limehouse, who arrived on the Summerville fire truck at 5 a.m., in a light rain.

"An old couple—grandparents of all the children—were the only ones who got out," Limehouse added.

Tusbands of the two women had left home shortly before for work at a sawmill.

The dead: Mrs. Lewis Cook, 25, her three daughters Ruby Ann, 10, Linda, 3, and Mary, 1, and son John, 7; Mrs. Evelyn Still, 24, and her two daughters Susan, 7, and Ogretta, 5; and Barbara Ann Still, 6, a cousin of the children, who was visiting at the home for the night.

The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Still, were brought to Dorchester hospital here but their burns were thought to be not serious.

"There was no way to tell how it started," Limehouse asserted. "Everything burned up. There probably was fire in the house, all right, because the two men had had breakfast."

Matching Funds Decision Reached

SALEM, (U)—State funds for matching federal appropriations to buy civil defense equipment can't be spent until the federal money is made available, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Tuesday for the state finance department.

The civil defense agency had wanted to go ahead and buy the equipment, and then bill the federal government for its 50 percent share of the cost. But Neuner said this would be illegal.

Governors Hear Of Steel Lack

WASHINGTON, (U)—State governors heard from top defense mobilization officials Monday there will be little steel through most of the coming year for schools, highways and hospitals.

Governors of 15 states came in person. Most other governors sent representatives. They conferred on steel needs and possibilities with Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett and Defense Production Administrator Manly Fleischmann.

What they heard gave "darn little" encouragement, said Gov. John S. Battle of Virginia. Battle added:

"Mostly it was an explanation of why steel isn't available."

Beef Testing Interest Up

Interest in the grading and performance testing of beef cattle is on the increase in California, reports Farm Advisor Ken Baggett, Tulare.

This year the five counties of Sonoma, Solano, San Joaquin, El Dorado, and Mendocino have herds cooperating in this project. In counties that have been carrying on this work for several years, a number of new herds have been added.

So helpful has this work proved to beef cattle herd owners, that breeders of purebred sheep also are becoming interested in a similar program, Baggett reports.

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Britain Asks American Aid

WASHINGTON, (U)—Britain was reported Tuesday to have requested about \$600,000,000 in American economic aid during the next six months to prevent a new financial crisis.

But the informed officials who reported this said the U. S. probably will grant Britain no more than half that amount. The officials asked that their names not be used.

They said a delegation representing Prime Minister Churchill's government outlined Britain's need for American dollars during talks here last week with the economic cooperation administration.

Americans the British talked with, the officials said, made no promises. But, after studying Britain's case Americans dealing with British-U. S. finances reportedly have concluded Britain urgently needs American help.

Last month Churchill was reported to have said he does not intend to ask financial assistance when he comes here next month for talks with President Truman.

Britain has been getting no direct financial aid from the United States since last January when it dropped out of the American-financed Marshall plan for European recovery. However, there is still in existence an ECA mission to Britain, cleaning up matters hanging over Britain's ECA days.

Rising prices, appropriations for rearmament, and the loss of revenue from British sales of Iranian oil, have combined to worsen Britain's financial position.



THOMAS SCHWEIGER—(above), son of Konrad Schweiger, 526 Lytton, is home on leave. Young Schweiger is a three-striper with 14 months service. He recently served in Cuba. He was graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1949.

Stamp No In For Police Search

BUFFALO, N. Y., (U)—A city judge has refused to issue a search warrant for police to enter the home of a man who has obtained a federal wagering stamp.

City Judge Michael Zimmer said he denied the request of Police Capt. Charles F. Schulz for a warrant because of "insufficient cause and proof." Zimmer said he would have to have more facts in the form of an affidavit.

He also told Schulz: "You have to describe the gambling equipment you want to seize."

The judge remarked that in the prohibition period, warrants were sometimes issued on the basis of smell.

"This is a test case," Schulz said. "Although the man is an admitted gambler, he lives in a private home. Only through a search warrant could we enter unless we saw a crime committed or attempted. Then we could arrest without a warrant."

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Crop Spraying License Needed

SALEM, (U)—A new manual to guide aircraft operators who spray farm crops will be distributed about January 1 by the state department of agriculture.

Under a 1951 law, persons who spray crops by air must be licensed by the department. They will have to take written examinations.

Frank McKennon, chief of the division of plant industry is in charge of enforcement.

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MEETING
SAN FRANCISCO, (U)—The walnut control board met here Tuesday to discuss crop and marketing developments and possible amendment of the federal marketing agreement. A public hearing on the marketing agreement is expected to be held early next year. Earlier the agriculture department set the 80 percent with 20 percent destined as surplus and diverted to the export market.

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