

Probe Asked Of Tobacco Problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department Thursday weighed a tobacco industry advisory committee recommendation that the department engage in research that might help determine

whether there is any connection between smoking and cancer. The request was made at a time when suggestions have been published that there may be such a connection and also when consumption of cigarettes has been reported declining.

The advisory committee, at meetings here this week, recommended specifically that the department attempt to develop new and improved analytical methods for determining the components of tobacco and tobacco smoke.

Department officials said the recommendation was not necessarily made with the cancer question

in mind. They said, however, that it would be useful in a lot of ways to have a better knowledge of what is in tobacco and tobacco smoke.

Such knowledge, they said, could be of value to those public or private agencies interested in the cancer angle.

Meanwhile, the department, in a report on the tobacco situation, said Americans consumed 2 per cent fewer cigarettes last year than in the previous year. Most of this decline came, it said, during the last half of the year. It was in this period that suggestions were published that there might be a connection between smoking and some forms of cancer.

The department report made no reference, however, to these suggestions. It did emphasize that the amount of tobacco used in cigarettes consumed last year was down very little from the previous year because of a continued trend toward the longer "king size" cigarettes.

Rain, Snow From Coast To Midwest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
More wet weather was the outlook Thursday for wide areas from the Pacific Coast to Central Ohio. Clear weather was in prospect for most of the Southern and Eastern sections of the country.

Heaviest snowfalls were in the Northern and Central Rockies, with falls up to 8 inches from Southwestern Montana to Northern Utah. There also was rain in some parts of the Rockies.

Light snow fell from Eastern North Dakota southeastward through Southern Wisconsin to Central Ohio. There was rain in the southern parts of Indiana and Ohio.

Showers continued over much of the Pacific Coast.

It was mild in Texas again after record high readings for the date in many cities Wednesday. High mark was 99 in Laredo. Coldest weather was in lower Michigan with a low of 10 above at Pellston. Colder air also moved into areas west of the Continental Divide and sent temperatures below freezing in Nevada and Utah, to near freezing in Washington and to the 40s and 50s in Southern California.

Readings were above 70 in parts of Texas early Thursday. Other early morning temperatures included 34 in New York; 53 in Atlanta; 60 in Miami; 69 in Fort Worth; 45 in Denver; 32 in Bismarck, N.D.; 42 in Billings, Mont.; 26 in Reno, Nev.; 32 in Seattle; 53 in Los Angeles and 34 in Chicago.

Portland Woman 103 Today

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Liza Kelly who says her pleasures now are smoking a pipe and watching television, observed her birthday quietly here Wednesday. She said it was her 103rd.

The tiny woman, who still manages to get around by herself, said she was born in a slave cabin in Alabama in 1851. She lives now at the home of one of her four surviving children, a 64-year-old daughter.

Paper Blames Red Fishermen

MOSCOW (AP) — The fish may be clever in Soviet waters—especially down south in the Sea of Azov—but the government says that's no reason why Soviet fishermen can't catch as much as they're supposed to.

The government newspaper Izvestia, in a recent article, said it's the result of poor organization and planning when this sort of thing happens.

"Last year the whole fleet was concentrated at one shore of the fishing field in the Sea of Azov,"—and the fish went along the opposite shore. By the time the fleet had moved to the other shore, the fish had circled around and gone to the place where the fleet had waited in vain for them several days."

The fishermen, said Izvestia, will have to learn to outsmart the fish by improved reconnaissance. Izvestia's three-column excursion into the realm of Isaac Walton was part of the continuing Soviet campaign to prod ministries lagging in their 1954 production plans.

Veteran Forester Dies At Home

PORTLAND (AP) — Theodore P. Flynn, 53, who invented many of the forest devices now used by the Forest Service, died at his home here Tuesday.

These include devices for road and trail building, fire suppression, and forest and range replanting. He was with the Forest Service 23 years, and headed the regional forest equipment laboratory when he retired in 1949.

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English Back French Plan

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — Malcolm MacDonald, British high commissioner for Southeast Asia, said Thursday that Gen. Henri Navarre's plan for winning the Indochina War "is being successfully accomplished."

He added that "later this year the victories should begin."

Britain's top official in this corner of Asia expressed his optimistic views on the long and bloody war after a month of on-the-spot conversations with French and Indochinese leaders here, in Northern Indochina and in the kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia.

He told a news conference that "no one in his senses would suggest that the Vietnamese are not still a very potent danger to the whole of Indochina and to neighboring countries. But I am confident that by military, political and diplomatic action the French, Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian forces and the governments of France and the associated states, firmly supported by America and Britain, can avert the threat, restore peace and ensure the freedom of the Indochinese peoples."

Red Cross Meeting Held

Home Service Committee of the local Red Cross met March 10 for review of cases handled in February. Mrs. Orth Sisemore is chairman of the committee.

During the first two months of the year, service was given to 183 local cases, 95 active servicemen, 82 veterans and 5 civilians. Types of assistance include social histories for military authorities, verification of emergency leaves, extension of leaves, assistance in obtaining pensions, family allotments or other governmental benefits, reporting, and counseling. Red Cross service.

Direct financial assistance to those whose need was related to military service or disaster caused totaled \$927.12.

The local chapter is not participating in the national organization's fund campaign of the Red Cross, as their budget is covered by the successful United Fund-Red Cross campaign of last October.

Volunteer members of the Home Service Committee include Mrs. Sisemore, chairman; Mrs. Alma Sweetman, Julius Guinioni, Haaby Bechen, Dr. Hugh Swaney, the Rev. D. L. Proett, Mrs. Charles Hahn, and Mrs. E. A. Geary.

SPY SHIP

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — A third Russian cargo ship steamed into this strategic NATO harbor Thursday for lengthy repairs, adding to police concern over what they have called "legitimized spying."

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K. F. Building Figures Told

With 336 per cent increase in value of construction in February, 1954, over the same month last year, Klamath Falls tops the cities in the state, according to figures just released by the Equitable Savings & Loan Association's statistical department, Portland.

Building value in the 47 largest Pacific Northwest cities pushed February's total up 13 per cent over last year and 1 per cent over January.

Big project listed for February for Klamath Falls was the library, museum and community lounge, at a cost of \$185,000.

February construction in Klamath Falls this year totaled \$235,100 compared with \$13,300 in January, 1954, and \$50,460 in February, 1953.

Baker showed the second largest increase with 168 per cent; Grants Pass had an increase of 168 per cent. Total Oregon cities showed a decrease of 23 per cent in February, 1954, over February, 1953.

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Glamor Girl Spared In Court Case

NEW YORK (AP) — Glamorous Brenda Frazier Kelly, pictured on the verge of a "psychotic state," has been spared giving testimony in the assault trial of Pierro Francesco Mele, Italian movie director and society playboy.

The 30-year-old Mele is accused of battling and battering police men who tried to escort him from Mrs. Kelly's Park Avenue apartment last Nov. 10. Mele apparently had entered the apartment despite the objections of the dark-haired society belle, 1938's debutante of the year. The couple had spent the evening nightclubbing.

The trial opened Wednesday in special sessions court with testimony by Mrs. Kelly's chauffeur and three patrolmen.

The chauffeur, Gerald Kelly, said Mele wanted to go upstairs for a good-night drink but that Mrs. Kelly said "no." He said Mele went up anyway.

Patrolmen Duncan Christie and William Murray and Sgt. William Kelly all told of Mele's battle in the apartment and out into the street.

The prosecution's star witness was expected to be Mrs. Kelly. But an affidavit by Dr. Louis Hausman, noted neuro-psychiatrist, presented before the three-

judge bench asserted that Mrs. Kelly had been under his care for "underlying depression" since February, 1953—many months before the Mele incident.

Hausman's affidavit said his patient had been getting along well until the Mele affair, and that last Friday she became hysterical while discussing her subpoena with an attorney. As a result, the affidavit said, Mrs. Kelly had to be placed under the care of two psychiatric nurses.

Mrs. Kelly, 32, mother of a seven-year-old daughter, is separated from her husband, John (Shipwreck) Kelly, whom she married in 1941.

Hiding Ostrich Style Not Good

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Two juveniles, spotted by police yesterday, jumped from the stolen car they were riding in and ducked behind a house.

But officers D. B. Pearson and A. E. Zukosky had little trouble locating their quarry.

The youths had ducked their heads ostrich-fashion beneath a tarpaulin in the back yard. The rest of them was clearly visible.

BIRTHDAY

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — King Frederik of Denmark celebrated his 55th birthday Thursday, following tradition, it was a private affair.

EAGLES NOTICE

By Laws changes will be read and voted upon Fri., March 12, 1954, 8 p.m.
Harold E. Hurley, Secretary

Fossil State Rep. Not To Run Again

FOSSIL (AP) — State Rep. J. P. Stewer of Fossil does not intend to seek re-election this year. He said he would support Rep. Charles A. Tom of Rufus, also a Republican, who held the other seat allotted to the Sherman-Mor-year.

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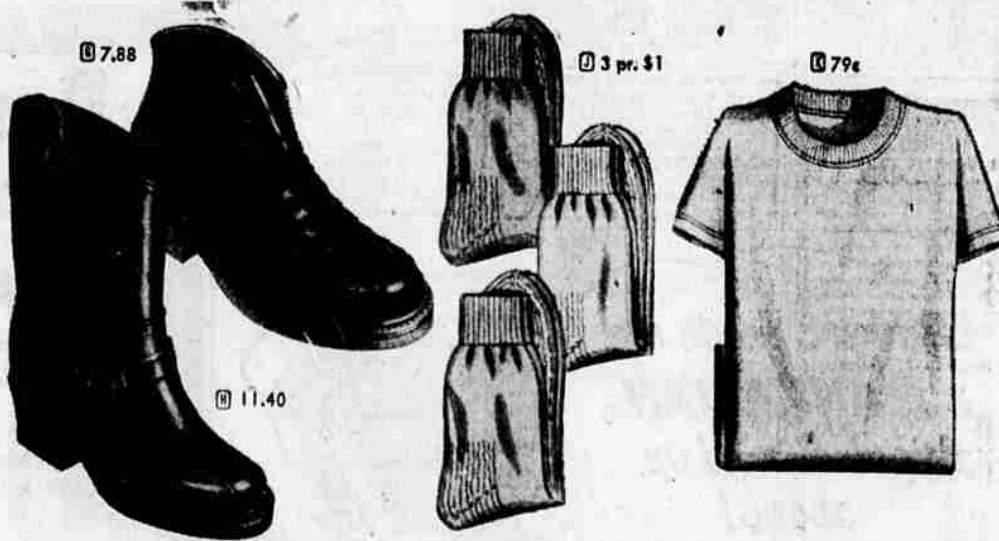
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