

ARAB WAR COUNCIL MEETS



CAIRO, EGYPT — SOUNDPHOTO — left to right are: Haj Amin El Hussein, ex-grand mufti of Jerusalem, who worked for Hitler during the last war; Prince Amir Faisal of Saudi Arabia and the Egyptian Premier, Nikrashi Pasha, are pictured as they attended a luncheon in Cairo called by the Arab League. The meeting of the Arab "war council" was called to combat the decision of the UN to partition Palestine. Their plans call for a "holy war" against the Jews and others who think in terms of partition.

South Dakota Farmers Save
Of the many ways in which South Dakota farmers increased gross returns by applying research results are cited by the South Dakota station as follows: Increased yield of oats through planting of newer varieties, \$16,770,000; saving in feed consumption and increased meat production through adoption of improved feeding practices for cattle, sheep and swine, including practical use of soft corn, \$20,200,000; and adoption of improved breeding, feeding and management practices for poultry, \$1,552,000; a total of \$38,522,000.

Almond Hulls for Cows
To determine the value of dried almond hulls as feed for dairy cows, tests are being conducted at the University of California. Early tests showed that although hogs refuse to eat almond hulls they are eaten readily by dairy cows.

Atoms for Metals
Scientists of an electrical manufacturing company are using radioactive carbon atoms to pry open metallurgical secrets that may lead to ways to increase the lifespan and strength of metals.

Nicaragua's Volcanoes

Destroy Their Coffee Land
Cerro Negro (Black Hill), erupting after several quiescent years, rises to 3,200 feet above sea level a dozen miles northeast to the city of Leon in the chain of 23 or more volcanoes along the west coast of Nicaragua.

The cone that has buried a big coffee-growing area under black sand, heaping four inches upon Leon itself, is part of a group known as Las Pilas. The name is taken from a somewhat higher crater three miles to Cerro Negro's east. Cerro Montoso and Asuncion are other crests of the Las Pilas cluster, says the National Geographic society.

Eruptions in 1550, 1867, 1914 and 1923 considerably changed the shape of Cerro Negro and the contours of the countryside. They temporarily paralyzed the agriculture which thrives on the fertility of volcanic ash, just as the current eruption has done. In addition to coffee, cotton, beans, castor and sesame seed, and teatime are grown. The latter is a tall grass that may be the ancestor of maize, or Indian corn.

Leon, philosophical about the recurrent fury of nearby Toluca, Las Pilas, and Momotombo of the volcanic chain, is Nicaragua's second city, counting 50,000 residents. A farming center and junction for Corinto, the Republic's chief west-coast port, Leon preserves the atmosphere of early colonial days. It is built around the pre-conquest Indian village of Subitaba.

Salvage Necktie

Many a necktie, now hanging limp and soiled, could be salvaged. Many silk ties are fast in color, so wash successfully, but the specialist advise first testing a bit of fabric cut from the underside of the tie. If the fabric is not washable, the tie may be dipped in non-inflammable cleaning fluid. The lining of the tie frequently gives trouble in cleaning and pressing. Anchor it in place, because it is likely to slip out of position and become lumpy during washing and cleaning. In pressing, the lining may mark the outer fabric. To avoid these difficulties, run basting threads up and down the tie to hold the lining in place before washing or dipping. Remove basting when the tie is ready for pressing, and slip a piece of cardboard, cut in the shape of the tie, between the lining and outer fabric. Press the cardboard. If the tie is silk, a pressing cloth or tissue paper should be used between fabric and iron.

Grease for Wheels

American farmers produce 20 million pounds of beef tallow each year, used to lubricate the axles of the driving wheels on railroad locomotives.

FARMINGTON SGT. INSPECTS PERCY JONES GIFTS

Kilting in neighborly fashion the other day, Staff Sergeant Lynn D. Rexford of Pontiac and Sergeant Royal L. McCormick of Farmington, of the U. S. Army Recruiting Office at 53½ West Huron in Pontiac, dropped into the Red Cross offices next door to see the Christmas packages for Percy Jones General Hospital. In the midst of a huge pile of gift packages, Mrs. Harold Lee Ward of Pontiac was busy wrapping gifts for hospitalized G.I.'s, with the able assistance of Mrs. Aaron Riker of Orchard Lake, Mrs. Brooke Staehler and Mrs. Howard Barker, both of Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. Basil Brown of Pontiac.

Impressed with the three hundred gift packages piled all over the Oakland County Chapter office, Sergeant Rexford exclaimed: "They sure look pretty. We got some overseas Christmas gifts and they were swell. But by the time they reached us, they did look a little beat-up!"

Both sergeants are veterans of overseas service in European theaters during the war. Rexford was formerly with the 9th Air Force and McCormick with the 5th Division in the Third Army. Sergeant McCormick was interested in the piles of Junior Red Cross materials for the hospital Christmas parties, made by the children in the Oakland County schools for hospitalized veterans; nut cups, favors, etc. They were both curious about the room containing hundreds of Junior Red Cross gift boxes piled high — each one filled with toys and comfort articles. When they found out that they were really for shipment to St. Louis, and thence overseas, they asked where they were to go. The stack of letters, only a small part of those received by Oakland County Schools, was their answer — from little children in France, Belgium, Holland, and many other European countries and the Philippines, who received similar boxes last spring. Absorbed in the translation of the letters or in the quaint phrasing of the children who wrote thank-you letters in English, both sergeants would exclaim frequently, "Why, I remember that little town. I was stationed near there once."

The gifts for Percy Jones Hospital range from toilet article kits to fountain pens and cigarette lighters. Funnis for these gifts, as well as many of the gifts themselves, have come not only from the Red Cross but have been contributed by many local organizations. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

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The Greeks had their settlement on the water front, around the port, and on the slopes of Mont Boron and the hill which the castle was built later. After the Greeks came the Romans, who further developed the town and established on the heights of wooded Cimiez a patrician colony, with a palace for the emperor, Julius Caesar, temples to Diana and Apollo, luxurious baths and an amphitheater, ruins of the latter still exist. After the fall of the Roman empire, Nice suffered many vicissitudes; it was pillaged, ravaged, taken and retaken by warring factions throughout the Middle Ages and the centuries following, until in 1860 it was definitely ceded to France by the House of Savoy.

As a holiday resort, both in summer and winter, Nice is ideal. Luxurious palace hotels are mostly to be found facing the lovely Bazo die Anges.

Scouring Powder Danger

Home management specialists warn that coarse, gritty scouring powder used for cleaning bathtubs, washbowls, and sinks may leave permanent scratches on an enamel surface. Once the surface has been damaged in this way there is no means of restoring the original finish by the housewife. The surface will always be difficult to clean thereafter. Some scouring powders are safe cleaners for enamel, but others are too rough. Powdered chalk, also called whiting, is a safe scourer and is relatively inexpensive. The powder is made into a paste with either water or kerosene and applied with a soft cloth.

Sunflower and the War

The sunflower contributed an important part in winning World War I. Once considered a weed, the sunflower provided much needed food during the past emergency. In 1918, the sunflower was decreed by the legislature to be the official Kansas flower. It was brought to Kansas—the historians say—in dipping to be a source of seeds, oil and fiber. Early settlers, who first planted the sunflower for its beauty, later discovered the seeds and stalks were good for cattle feed.

Co-Op Radio Station

The first radio station owned by consumers, the WREB of Radio Farm Bureau Cooperative association, is now in operation.

ON THEIR WAY TO THE ROSE BOWL



DETROIT, MICH. — Some of the Michigan boys leaving for the Rose Bowl game took along their wives to see them play. Left to right: rear, Jack Wisenberger, Bob Chappius, sitting, J. T. White and wife and opposite is Mrs. Kiesel and George Kiesel, all aboard and on their way to the big game.

Flint Done Away With

Flint and steel were no longer necessary to fire a rifle after invention of the Forsyth gun locks in 1807.

Home of Cotton

The original home of the cotton plant is believed to have been India or Arabia.

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Friedrich Frobel founded in Germany the first kindergarten in 1840. Elizabeth Peabody of Boston, after studying Frobel's plan, led the movement in the United States.



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