

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allies Storm River Barriers To Mount Twin Drives on Reich; Thousands Homeless From Floods

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Flood waters spilling over the banks of the Ohio river and its tributaries again made thousands homeless and threatened war production. Aerial view shows Newton, Ohio, with a population of 2,000, isolated by the inundation.

EUROPE: Span Barriers

From the west and from the east the great battle for Germany was begun, with a sorely pressed Nazi command, which once marshaled its legions in triumph, desperately attempting to stem the Allied tide.

PACIFIC: Stubborn Foe

Despite the loss of over 225,000 men in the Philippine and Iwo Jima campaigns, the Japs continued to offer stiff resistance to American clean-ups in these sectors.

FLOODS: Thousands Homeless

Familiar but tragic scenes were reenacted again as the Ohio river and tributaries rose over their banks to flood surrounding lowlands and send thousands of homeless refugees scurrying to safety.

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Wounded Pet Revives Stricken Master

This is the story of "Skippy," a Boston terrier that shared in the heroism attending the saving of an American freighter bombed off Leyte.

CIVIL AVIATION: On Upgrade

Reflecting the nation's increasing air-consciousness, and the prospects for greatly expanded civil aviation after the war, no less than 51,000 student pilot certificates were issued during 1944 as compared with 35,000 the year previously, the Civil Aeronautics board revealed.

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Wind Strip-Cropping Halts Blowing of Soil

Time at Hand to Plan For Future Protection

FARMERS are making more and more use of wind strip-cropping to help protect the soil and increase food production in areas where bare, dry soils are subject to blowing by constant winds of high velocity, according to the War Food Administration. When the fertile topsoil is



Plant Windbreaks Now.

removed, productivity of the affected land is immediately lowered, and will continue to decrease from year to year unless some means of stopping the depletion is employed. Wind strip-cropping is the use of alternate strips placed at right angles to prevailing winds, or in a continuous "S," so that the winds cannot blow parallel to the rows.

Alternate strips of summer fallow and grain shorten the distance that loose soil can move during "rest periods." When fallow and wheat are stripped together, for example, the stubble left after the wheat has been harvested will protect the fallow land while it renews its fertility in preparation for the new grain crop.

In many areas where it is especially suitable, wind strip-cropping has replaced the earlier method of alternating entire fields of fallow and crops. The movement of soil exposed during winter and spring months is greatly reduced when the land is planted in alternate bands rather than in fields which would be open to the wind.

The danger and severity of the winds must be taken into consideration in planning the width of the strips. The stronger the blowing, the narrower the strips required to counteract its effect.

Many barren wastes in America could be completely salvaged by proper wind strip-cropping.

Agriculture In the News By W. J. Dryden

CORK OAK TREE

Cork oak tree cultivation is limited in the United States by two factors, drought and severe winter temperatures. The tree has withstood a minimum temperature of five degrees below zero along the Atlantic seaboard. It is believed to have survived even lower temperatures in the mountains of Spain.

The federal government's forest service is encouraging the planting of cork trees. Not only do they serve a national need, but prove valuable additions to pastures and general shades for the farmstead.

Pre-Calving Care

First calf heifers need more grain than cows, because they must continue to grow after they begin milking. The quantity of grain to feed such heifers beginning about three months before freshening should depend somewhat upon the character of the roughage. Two pounds a day is enough at first. This should be gradually increased until five or six pounds are eaten. The plan must be to have the animals in good flesh but not fat.

FARMS-RANCHES FOR SALE

Farms, Ranches, and personal property turned quickly into cash. 22 years of successful selling, in all parts of Nebraska. The larger holdings and estates our specialty. If you wish to sell, write us today. Nebraska Realty Auction Co., Central City, Nebraska. M. A. Larson, Sales Manager.

WEED BURNER

FARMERS—End thistle, corn stalk, combine straw drudgery. Patented, self-feeding wood weed burners. Use no gas or oil. G. M. SKARPHOL & COMPANY, Soursis, North Dakota.

HEARTBURN

Relieved in 5 minutes or double money back. When excess stomach acid causes painful suffocating gas, sour stomach and heartburn, doctors usually prescribe the fastest-acting medicine known for symptomatic relief—medicines like those in Bell's Tablets. No laxative. Bell's Tablets comfort in a 15 or 20 minute money back on return of bottle to us. See at all drugstores.

CHEST COLD to Ease Sore, Aching Muscles RUB ON MENTHOLATUM

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

Overloading has been responsible for much lost tire mileage on commercial and farm motor trucks. Loading of a truck or trailer so the weight is evenly distributed to all load-carrying wheels will prove an important rubber conservation measure. It pays to check loads.

If the average rubber consumption in China, Russia and India were brought up to American rubber consumption standards, they would require 4,500,000 tons of rubber a year, nearly twice as much as the anticipated world supply of natural and synthetic rubber offer the war, B. F. Goodrich officials declare.

B.F. Goodrich FIRST IN RUBBER advertisement with logo and text.

Olivia de Havilland CALOX TOOTH POWDER advertisement featuring a portrait of the actress.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666 advertisement for cold preparations.

FARMERS Say advertisement with a large graphic of a farmer.

IT PAYS BIG TO INOCULATE WITH NITRAGIN advertisement for crop insurance.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

A farmer in Indiana swapped a two-year-old horse for 15 cartons of cigarettes. Apparently he would rather burn up the carpet than the road. The Germans have a new rocket that looks like a stove-pipe. Well, they have thrown up everything else but the kitchen sink and the sponge—the latter is overdue.

Large vertical advertisement for FARMERS Say featuring a farmer and various agricultural products.