AROUND YUMA COUNTY With G. E. BLACKWELL

Agricultural Extension Agent

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Nineteen sixty-one comes to us full of potential. Potentials for war and potentials for peace.

Satisfied with our position of plenty, let's look at other countires where the basic daily diet is a problem. A shocking difference exists in both the quantity and quality of diets of the people of the world. They fall into two general groups.

One group consists of more highly developed countries which include North America, Western Europe and Oceania. Most of the people in these countries eat enough total food even though the nutritional quality may not always be desirable.

The other group of nations includes much of the Middle and Far East, Latin America and Africa. In general, they are considered to be underdeveloped and among the most populous nations in the world. Their diets are short of total calories and quality.

PRODUCTIVE GENIUS

American farmers using research technology and the free enterprise system are the best food producers in the world. So good in fact, that a problem of surpluses and depressed farm incomes has developed in spite of government controls and government subsidized surplus commodity export programs. This does not say that these programs are worthless because the surplus supply conditions would be much worse today had these programs not been used. What has this got to do with peace and war?

COLD WAR

Whether you are willing to recognize it or not, we are at war at this very minute — a war for the minds of men — a war of ideologies. Our opponent is lean, hungry, well disciplined and with a mission — a burning desire — a determination to sell the free world on his brand of thinking — at any cost.

Underdeveloped countries—hungry people, people with rising expectations of getting some of what people in well developed countries have — are ripe prospects to accept friendly overtures that promise help in satisfying these rising expectations — regardless of hidden or ulterior motives behind the friendly overtures.

FOOD-FOR-PEACE PROGRAMS

Since the 1940's, various programs have been used to encourage agricultural commodity exports. The most recent program (1954) is "Public Law 480". This law provides for:

—Surplus Commodity Sales for Foreign Currencies. $5.8 billion of farm commodities have been shipped to date under this provision.

—Emergency Relief Abroad. $5.8 million worth of commodities have been used to help disaster areas.

—Foreign and Domestic Relief. $1.8 billion in surplus commodities have been distributed through relief organizations such as CARE, UNICEF, Red Cross, and religious organizations.

—Barter for Strategic Materials. $1.2 billion in surplus commodities has been used to acquire useful materials.

—Long Term Credit Sales. No surplus commodity sales have been made under this provision.

FOOD-FOR-PEACE HAZARDS

To date, accomplishments of the program have been demonstrated and for the greater parts, the hazards have been avoided. Among recognized hazards are: avoid hurting economies of other agricultural exporting countries, beware of making countries dependent upon us for continuing help, avoid depressing recipient country's farm prices, avoid using their use of surpluses to rationalize continued unwise legislation and avoid burying our talent for agricultural production because there are hazards.

WHAT FOR 1961?

The image that the United States is building among the hungry peoples of the world is tangible. It cannot be blotted out with propaganda. By using food as a major instrument of foreign policy we are doing what the communists would like to do but can't.

Our agricultural science is superior to Russia's. Our system of agricultural education is better. Our farmers have more overall know-how than their Russian counterparts. Our farms are better equipped. Our soil and climate are more favorable. Most important, private ownership — which brings with it the profit motive and freedom of decision — gives our farmers a much stronger incentive than exists in Russia.

One U.S. farm worker today provides for himself and 24 other persons. The Russian farm worker produces for himself and only about four others. The ratio of productivity is five to one in our favor.

In the rivalry between East and West, agriculture is one area in which we have clear, demonstrated superiority. The Food-for-Peace program is giving us an opportunity to make that superiority felt.

One Killed, Seven Hurt as Huge Tank Of Water Bursts

PORT READING, N.J. (UPI)—Faulty work or equipment may have caused a petroleum tank containing 200,000 gallons of water to burst, pouring a tidal wave onto about 20 workmen, an engineer said today.

One of the workmen was killed and seven were injured, two critically.

According to operating engineer Richard Carlton, 52, of Point Pleasant, N.J., the seams of the tank split while water was being pumped into it for a leakage test at the Hess Trading Co.

Carlton said a release system designed to ease pressure in the tank probably failed.

One of the injured, James Egan, 35, of Toms River, N.J., said he heard what sounded like an explosion and started running. Then he fell down.

"I expected to get hit by part of it (the falling steel)," he said. "Instead I got hit by the water."

"I rolled around in the water. It was like getting hit with a wave at the beach."

The dead man, Frank Mascara, about 55, of Gloucester, N.J., was struck by part of the falling structure, which stood on stilts about 14 feet off the ground.

Yuma Students to Attend Nuclear Seminar, ASU

A vast, new world of the atom will be unfolded to the cream of America's high school science students at the Seminar on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, Jan. 7th, at Arizona State University.

More than 300 students and science instructors from about 60 Arizona high schools are expected to participate in the one-day program presented by Arizona Public Service Company.

Representing the Yuma area will be Lawrence Johnston, instructor, Joe Smith, Virginia Ashbacher, Jeannie Erickson and Earle McCaul, students, Kofa High School; Leon H. Machling, instructor, Jerry Ahdunko, C. J. Baker, Edward Eaton and Tom Nelson, students, Yuma High School.

Georgia's Last Civil War Agency Dissolved

ATLANTA (UPI)—The last Civil War agency of the Georgia state government went out of existence today. The state Department of Confederate Pensions and Records which handles pension payments to 172 widows of Confederate soldiers, officially became a part of the state Department of Veterans Service.

DEPUTIES IN UNIFORM — Sheriff Lee E. Echols (right) inspects Yuma deputy Jack Pierce (left) in the new uniforms Yuma County deputies will wear starting Sunday when Echols takes office. Standing in the back looking on is George Ferguson, undersheriff for Echols. (Sun Staff Photo)

Sheriff-Elect Echols Announces His Staff as New Regime Starts

Sheriff-elect Lee E. Echols was to take over office at midnight Saturday with about 30 deputies.

Echols defeated the incumbent T. H. (Pete) Newman in the Democratic primary and again in the general election when Sheriff Newman received a heavy write-in vote. Republican James Banks was also in that race.

Echols announced yesterday his staff will number the same as Sheriff Newman used and some deputies will remain.

Perhaps the most apparent change will be uniforms for all Echols' deputies. The uniforms are a tan western hat with bound edge, light tan shirt with a shoulder patch on both shoulders inscribed with Yuma County Sheriff Deputy in gold. The center of the patch is a green saguaro cactus with a blue sky background.

Deputies will wear a dark brown tie and pants with Wellington boots. Pistol belts measure one and one-half inches wide carrying a Colt .357 Mangnum pistol with a four-inch barrel encased in a "Blazer" quick-draw holster.

Seven Points

The new badges will display a seven pointed star with the green saguaro cactus. The uniforms were purchased by the deputies at a cost of $175 to $200.

Organizational changes will include two sergeants. One will be stationed in Parker and will have charge of the north end of the county and the other in Wellton, where he will handle the east side of the county.

Another change will be the addition of a juvenile deputy. Sheriff Echols explained the chief function of this deputy will be organization of youth groups in an attempt to stop juvenile problems before they arise.

Echols announced he is planning in-service training for all deputies beginning in about two weeks. He said the program will be co-ordinated by William Tony, assistant chief of the Immigration Border Patrol here. Echols said two FBI instructors will handle much of the training. Also Echols plans to have local attorneys help the deputies learn Arizona criminal law.

New Staff

The new staff of deputies include: George Ferguson, undersheriff; Val Quintero, chief criminal deputy; Bob Lee, chief civil deputy; Joe McGill, chief jailer; John D. Smith, chief identification officer; Dick Ogden, sergeant Parker; and Dale Wantland, sergeant Wellton.

Edward Higuera, Jack Pierce and Roscoe Ivey, Yuma deputies; Conrad Amavisca, Hyder-Roll deputy; Charles Wallace, Somerton deputy; Lowell Williams, Quartzsite deputy; and Floyd Baliette, Salome deputy.

Clyde Johnson, Exton (Red) Jones and Ed Galvin, Yuma jailers; Thomas McKechnie, Alvin Amelyenah and Bob Zeitz, Parker jailers; J. D. Camp, identification officer; James Mitchell, juvenile deputy; and Ted Kieling, radio repair.

Percy Ellison and James Lee, humane officers; H. A. Crow, tax collector; Chuck Williams, civil deputy; Mary Ann Baglio, fiscal deputy; Irma Gustafson and Rita Huling, secretaries.

Parents To Be Covered By Social Security in '61

About 25,000 parents working for their sons or daughters in a trade or business will be covered for the first time under social security beginning Jan. 1st, stated Paul J. Rank, resident representative, of the Yuma Social Security office.

Rank said the 1960 amendments to the social security law recently signed by the President make no change in the provision which says that work performed by a parent in the home of a son or daughter is not covered by social security and, therefore, cannot count toward the payment of social security benefits. However, work that a parent does for a son or daughter in a trade or business can now be covered, if a bona fide employer-employee relationship exists.

Rank went on to explain that such a relationship exists if the person for whom the "employee" works has the right to direct and control him in the way he works both as to the final results and as to the details of when, where, and how the work is to be done. The employer need not actually exercise control; it is sufficient that he has a right to do so.

Many parents whose employment will be covered under this new provision have already earned social security credits for other work they have done in the past and the change in the law will make it possible for them to earn additional credits towards retirement, survivors and disability benefits.

Rank advised parents working for their grown children in a trade or business who do not already have social security cards will need to apply for social security account numbers. The first report of their wages and payment of taxes due must be paid on or before April 30, 1961. The parents' name and social security number must be entered on that report.

For more information Rank asked that his office be contacted. The address is 242 1st Avenue, Yuma, and the telephone number is SUnset 2-1732.

Reds Suspend Quemoy Shelling for Holiday

TOKYO (UPI)—The Communist army will halt its shelling of the Nationalist Chinese offshore islands today and Sunday to enable the Nationalists "to spend a calm and happy New Year . . . as an expression of solicitude," the New China news agency reported today.

Scholarship Funds for H.S. Students Available

"There is practically no limit to the total amount of scholarship funds available to those students interested in obtaining aid to help them through college," announces YHS counselor Mary Saunders. "Last year, outstanding members of the senior class of Yuma High School received approximately a total of $12,000 in scholarship aid."

Besides those funds awarded through national testing programs, there are also scholarship aids available to the student who is interested enough to write to the college of his choice to apply directly for help, plus a fairly new system, the student loan program, which, according to Saunders, is growing increasingly popular with many students.

Local organizations contributing scholarships include: the Business and Professional Woman's Club which pays tuition of a senior girl to the Yuma School of Beauty Culture; the Delta Kappa Gamma which gives an award to an outstanding student who plans to major in education; the Kiwanis Club awards funds to a senior boy; the La Casera Homemakers Club makes an award to a boy or girl with no restrictions on the field of study, the University of Arizona Alumni usually awards a scholarship to a boy or girl planning to enter the U. of A.; the Yuma County Council of Parent-Teachers Association awards a scholarship to a boy or girl planning to major in education; the Yuma Mesa Homemakers Club gives aid to a senior girl planning to major in home economics; the Zonta Club makes an award to a senior girl, the Forty and Eight Nurses' Scholarship program makes a yearly award, and the Las Amigas Woman's Club also gives financial aid to a girl.

There are scholarships available on a state quota basis from the National Foundation to young people interested in nursing. This is a four-year scholarship. The Elks offer a Youth Leadership Award, which carries with it scholarship aid.

Arizona Academy of Science offers an award to an Arizona student graduating in the top 10 per cent of his class, who plans to major in science at one of the Arizona colleges.

Loan funds operate on a pay-when-you-graduate plan which carries a low interest rate. Some of the loan funds available are the Yuma Hospitals Auxiliary revolving fund, the State Medical Auxiliary loan fund, the National Defense Student Loan Program, the College Scholarship Service, the P.E.O. Loan Fund program, and loan programs sponsored by individual colleges.

Entry Blanks for Rodeo Parade Now Available

Entry blanks for the 1961 Silver Spur Rodeo parade are available now.

The deadline date for entering the annual event is Jan. 15th. Entries are divided into the following classes: group (children or adult); western pairs (youth or adult); single silver; single western (youth or adult); floats (commercial, service club or youth organization). All floats will conform with the theme, "Frontiers Forward".

The parade is planned for 10 a.m. Feb. 11th with the judging at 8 a.m.

Entry blanks may be obtained by writing Bill Lebrecht, parade chairman, P.O. Box No. 991, Yuma or the blanks may be picked up at the Junior Chamber of Commerce clubhouse at 18th and Arizona Avenue after Jan. 4th.

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