

Present legislation in wrecking Uncle Sam's Good Neighbor Policy, says Sumner Wells, former Undersecretary of State, in an authoritative discussion of the situation today's News. Turn to page 4-A.

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Leaf Prices Average \$50 Hundred

Producers Reported Satisfied At Receipts

Top Grades Bring \$60-\$68 Hundred

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
First return from Border Belt tobacco markets today indicated an early average price of close to \$50 per hundred, with growers reported satisfied.

All of the seventeen market cars in North Carolina and South Carolina were crowded with tobacco farmers and their families. The estimated average was slightly higher, but the average for the \$24.48, but some markets reported the quality was good. The top grades were bringing \$60 to \$68.

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A Charleston radio station (CHAS) was the first to announce the scene and transmitted the action of the auctioning and bidding over the air.

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The first two rows sold at Tabot City yielded an average of \$60.40. Quality was rated good. Farmers were described as "very satisfied."

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Mistaken For Airport Four Die When Plane Punges Into Warehouse Of Oil Plant

EVERETT, MASS.—(AP)—A small airplane plunged out of a fog-shrouded sky early today into a flaming waste-gas burner of a manufacturing plant—carrying to their death the ship's four socially prominent occupants as the pilot apparently thought he was shooting down into bright-lit Boston Airport.

The dead were Thomas Mandell, 46, treasurer of the Carrier-Mandell Air Conditioning Corporation of Boston and son of the late George S. Mandell, publisher of the old Boston Transcript. Mandell's two debutante daughters—Anne, 22, and Harriet, 20, both of Boston. Pilot Nelson Peil, 32-year-old veteran fisherman member of a socially prominent Long Island, N. Y., family.

Believed Lost
Flying the Mandell back from Montreal, Peil is believed to have become lost in the murky early morning fog and to have mistaken the night lighting also near gasoline tanks of the Beacon Oil Company for those of an airport. Peil officials said.

Witnesses said that the small aircraft in its motors sputtered—dropped into the mouth of the chimney-like furnace "like a dumb pigeon" after narrowly missing several towering tanks containing high explosive petroleum products. Witnesses described a huge brick wall—about 50 feet in the middle of the oil plant. The small plane was completely swallowed up as it dropped into the 20-foot-wide opening.

An explosion rocked the area as the plane crashed. The body of one girl fell between the outer and inner walls of the great twin-walled brick and steel cylinder. The other three plunged beyond recognition within a few minutes. It was the third in a series of tragedies that has virtually wiped out one of the island's oldest and best known families.

While a handful of speculators at the Boston Airport, shouting good wishes, Odom, pilot of the "Ray-Bombardier," started off on the twice-around flight with a bag of chicken sandwiches and some fresh oranges and tomatoes.

The plane, with about a two-thirds load of gasoline, gained altitude, circled the field, and headed toward the runway. It was the first scheduled flight, set aside by a 30-mile an hour tailwind.

Odom, who set a round-the-world flight record with a crew of four in 14 1/2 minutes in April, is shooting for a 20 to 24 hour solo record.

RECORD SET
Pest's record, which still stands was 186 hours. The weather was reported good to fair and observed a solid overcast. If he passes up Paris, he plans to land at Rome.

It feels much better up here in this most cool air," Odom said, as he tookoff. Odom said he had attained a 220 mile an hour speed at 5,000 feet and had observed a solid overcast over Lake Michigan.

FOODSTUFFS TO GERMANS
BERLIN.—(AP)—Germans in the combined Anglo-American occupation zones received 488,200 tons of foodstuffs valued at more than \$1,000,000 from the United States during July, the U. S. Military Government announced today.

Rising U. S. Prices Bad For Britain

By ED CREACH
LONDON (AP)—A British official blamed rising American prices and "the rapidly increasing surplus of U. S. exports over U. S. imports" today for the sudden worsening of Britain's economic crisis.

Britain's plight is linked to a "sovereign dollar fund" caused by America's selling to foreign countries more than twice as much as she buys, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hugh Dalton, told the House of Commons today.

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HUGHES ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON.—Howard Hughes, left, was greeted by reporters after landing at the National Airport in Washington, D. C. to testify before the Senate War Investigating Committee regarding his warplane building contracts. (AP Wirephoto).

Merit, Not Seniority Army Promotion System Altered

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army's archaic system of promotion by seniority went out the window today with President Truman's signing legislation setting up a permanent promotion-by-merit program for the Army and the Navy.

One of the toughest and most controversial bills enacted by the 80th Congress at its first session, the legislation is the outgrowth of months of study by committees.

In addition to setting up a new promotion system, the Army and Navy legislation will authorize the Navy's existing advancement system, the bill cuts down on the number of high-ranking officers in both services and abolishes in peacetime the wartime rank of five-star officer. However, it does not effect the rank of the right officers now holding five star rank.

Affecting directly or indirectly the status of an estimated 17,000 officers in both services, the legislation is intended to encourage the best-qualified men and to weed out through a process of elimination those unfit for command.

It will take several years for the entire new program to get into full operation, for some parts of the new law will become effective only after 1951 though most are effective immediately.

The new plan provides for promotion of officers by selection on the basis of rank, with boards of officers determining the qualifications of applicants for advancement. The Navy has met the advancement qualifications twice in succession, as the bill said, will automatically drop an officer from the list.

Heretofore the Army has promoted its officers largely through a seniority system—a man's rank usually being contingent upon the length of service rather than his qualifications. The Navy has followed a system of selection, with modifications, for years.

In its report on the bill, the House Armed Services Committee said it will bring more rapidly to the attention of the public the progress of officers who have been held in service the capable men already in uniform, and economical promotion will be made from a budgetary standpoint.

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MIDSUMMER MADNESS

No danger of madness these midsummer days when you serve cooling meals to your family. And you'll find splendid values in fine foods every Thursday in the Charlotte News. Plan your week-end shopping before you buy, with The Charlotte News food pages.

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

Don't Let Birthdays Scare You

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
AP Service Editor
NEW YORK.—(AP)—The "Year's Luckiest" list by Dr. Winston Johnson, of the Home-Gray School of Medicine of New York, is a list of people who have had a "miraculous" escape from death. The list is a list of people who have had a "miraculous" escape from death. The list is a list of people who have had a "miraculous" escape from death.

You Can Live Pleasantly After 50

diseases most frequently overlooked in old people. 1. A stiff in the leg, usually believed by laymen to be merely a result of age, is actually a sign of inflammation of a muscle between the hip and the knee. Such a stiff would constitute a serious condition, and if not treated, it could lead to a sprain of the hip.

Death Halts Plane Theft

ASHEVILLE.—(AP)—Noah Cecil Rhodes Jr. of Wilmington, sixteen-year-old Mars Hill College student was shot to death by the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport night watchman, J. R. Calton, at 2:11 this morning in what was described by police as a bizarre attempt to take an airplane.

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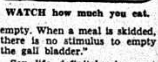
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WATCH how much you eat. empty. When a meal is skidded, there is no stimulus to empty the gall bladder.

Sex life definitely does not end with the menopause, he says.

Dr. Johnson thinks that bromide drugs are the most frequent cause of indigestion.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and moderately high temperatures through Saturday. A cold front will pass over tomorrow afternoon.