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According to an announcement by Mr. Charles Wheatley, Chairman of the sales committee for war bonds and stamps, Kent County's quota for the month of May is $24,200. This sum at first seems large and is large but it has been done and can be done again. The record shows that during the month of December, which was the same month as the disaster at Pearl Harbor, residents of this county purchased $36,389 in bonds and stamps. January was $38,303 and February was $20,471. Just to show that these purchases were inspired by the war effort, the month of November which was before the war, only $6,000 in bonds and stamps were sold. The purchase of bonds and stamps at this time serves three purposes; first it is a good sound investment; secondly it finances the war effort and third it keeps much of the high wages received by labor, out of circulation which is the surest preventative of inflation. Bonds and stamps may be secured at any bank, at the post office and in many mercantile establishments.

The Chestertown Business Men's Association, at the regular weekly meeting on Wednesday, voted in favor of an investigation into the payment of unemployment benefit claims in Kent County. A committee was appointed to endeavor to find out why there are able bodied men and women in Kent County receiving weekly checks because they are out of work and unable to secure employment, while at the same time industry and agriculture is clamoring for labor. There has been much discussion about a work or fight law. It may be best to first adopt a policy of "no work, no pay," as the basis of all work is to supply the human needs. This business group in Chestertown does not need outside information as to whether or not pay checks are being handed out to people who claim they are unable to secure employment. They see and cash the checks; they talk to the presentors of these checks but what the committee will try to find out is "Why." When one realizes that this pay can continue for a period of sixteen weeks it comes in the class of "Nice Work If You Can Get It." One of the chief answers one gets to "Why", is this or that particular man or woman is trained for some particular kind of work for which there is no opening at this season of the year.. We know that there are at present about 500 people working at the defense plant at Chestertown, most of whom never saw the inside of a factory three weeks ago; that hundreds of men are working in other defense work who a few weeks ago were farm laborers. These are times when everyone can do some effective work toward helping to win this war and it is no time to pay people for loafing. It is necessary to make a complete job of loafing in order to get an unemployment pay check and those who are most skilled in this art get the pay over the longest period of time. Investigations must be made by the public because they are the ones who are paying the bill and at the same time suffering for the lack of help. Who are these people, who at this time are able to be paid for remaining idle? The only reply is "Try and find out, we can't." It is against the rules of the office to divulge the names which makes the investigation that much harder.

The first registration for rationing was held this week and thanks to the efforts of the Kent County School Teachers and their co-workres, everything went along nicely. While this first registration was primarily for sugar, it may be the basis of other rationing yet to come. It is true that no one likes to be on a rationed, particularly in this country where there has always been plenty of everything to eat and wear but if there is a scarcity, which there apparently is, the rationing method is the fairest method of distribution. It is an outstanding war effort and everyone should cooperate. Don't try to beat it, if you must do any beating save it for the Axis. Rationing is one of the sacrifices that the civilian population must endure and they have been promised that there will be plenty before it is all over.

Governor O'Conor has issued a proclamation in which he calls on the motorists of Maryland to reduce their speed to 40 miles an hour. This proclamation is an appeal rather than an order as the Legislature controls the laws that regulate the motor vehicle law. In some States the Legislatures have given the Governors emergency powers but this is not true in Maryland so if you drive at a speed in excess of 40 miles an hour you are not necessarily violating the law but you are not cooperating fully with the best interests of the war effort as outlined by both national and state authorities as to the best use of tires and gasoline. If people will cooperate fully without law enforcement it will prevent the necessity of changing the law. If it is necessary for the Legislature to take action it might mean that motorists may be confined to a 40 mile speed limit after the emergency is over but before the Legislature meets again. This lapse of time may be more than a year. Although one may be in the privilege group that rates tires, it does not mean that they should take advantage of this privilege.

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SEED OATS—Best varieties for this section.
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Chestertown, Md. Phone 80

THIS WEEK OF THE WAR SHOWING PROGRESS OF THE ALL OUT EFFORT

Price Administrator Henderson issued a general price regulation placing rigid Government controls over retail and wholesale prices for the duration of the war.

Beginning May 11, manufacturer and wholesale prices may not exceed highest March 1942 levels for each individual seller. Beginning May 18, retail prices may not exceed highest levels charged by each seller during March. Beginning July 1, no one may change more for services sold at retain in connection with a commodity than he charged during March. All retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and sellers of services must preserve for pricing purposes existing sales records made during March. Every retail store as of May 18 must disply publicly the ceiling prices for "cost-of-living" commodities.

Agricultural commodities are excluded from the order. Various other items which do not conform with the Price Control Act's definition of a "commodity" are exempt also. In addition Mr. Henderson issued orders for rent stabilization in 300 areas of 46 States and Puerto Rico, housing more than 76 million persons. Four-fifths of the rents will be frozen as of March 1, 1942. The remainder were ordered cut back to early 1941 levels.

President Roosevelt said the cost of living has advanced about 15 percent since the autumn of 1939, and "we must now act to keep it from soaring another 80 percent or 90 percent during the next year or two—to hold it to somewhere near the present level." The President said "the only effective course of action is a simultaneous attack on all of the factors which increase the cost of living. . .prices, profits, wages, taxes and debts."

RATIONING

The Office of Price Administration said five different gasoline ration cards will be distributed during registration in 17 Eastern States and the District of Columbia May 12-14. One card will be for nonessential users and the other four will designate varying degrees of essential users. Commercial and Government users of gasoline will be exempt from the card rationing plan, OPA said, and such vehicles need not be registered if they are plainly marked.

The OPA announced appointment of 60 specialists to OPA offices throughout the country to serve as technical aides in handling problems arising from the sugar rationing program. Motor vehicles in essential services may not have new tires if recapped ones will serve their purposes, the agency said. New and used typewriters are not under quota restrictions but are available to eligibles who can establish their needs for them, OPA reported.

WAR STRATEGY

The President in a radio address said American warships are in combat in the Arctic, Mediterranean and in the North and South Pacific. American troops are at stations in South America, Greenland, Iceland, the British Isles, the Middle East and the Far East,(the continent of Australia and many islands of the Pacific. American planes manned by Americans are flying in actual combat over all the oceans and all the continents, he said, and Flying Fortresses will soon be fighting for the liberation of Europe, Australia, New Zealand and much other territory will be bases for offensive action, the President said, and the U. S. is determined that the territory which has been lost will be regained.

THE WAR FRONT

Admiral William Stark, commanding U. S. naval forces in European waters, said the submarine menace off the U. S. Atlantic coast is being beaten. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reported a six-day aerial offensive by United Nations bombers against Japanese bases north of Australia destroyed more than 50 enemy places, san kone transport and inflicted heavy damage on enemy ground installations. Air raid alarms on Corregidor Island passed the 250-mark, but the attacks began to lessen in intensity. U. S. gunners in the Manila Bay forts shot down five bombers and damaged two others, sank an armed Japanese vessel and scored hits on troop and truck columns and supply dumps.

ARMY AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

The War Department established an Eastern Military Area, including all of the Atlantic seaboard. Secretary Stimson said no mass evacuations of citizens are contemplated, but vital areas will be policed to prevent potentially dangerous persons from entering them. The Army announced establishment of "Port Agencies" in principal U. S. seaports to coordinate and speed shipment of war supplies to all United Nations. Mail to American prisoners of war in the Far East whose names have appeared on official lists of the Provost Marshal General may be sent postage free, the Red Cross said.

College students enrolling in advanced ROTC courses will be required to enlist in the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps if they have reached the age of 18, the War Department said. The Department reported 327 Negroes are now enrolled in Officer Candidate Schools. Selective Service Director Hershey said men who registered last February 16 will be included in June calls of every SS local board.

NAVY

The Marine Corps announced its maximum enlistment age is now 33 instead of 30, and height requirements range from 63 to 75 inches, instead of 64 to 74. The first submarine completed in the Great Lakes was launched at a Wisconsin port. The Navy Department reported Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard casualties from December 7 to April 15 totaled 6,393, including 2,991 dead.

PRODUCTION AND CONVERSION

War Production Chairman Nelson said although the U. S. is "over the hump" in war production and United Nations output exceeds that of the Axis by a considerable margin, the real production war has just begun because of the head start of the Axis. More than 1,000,000 men and women are working in war plants where joint labor-management Production Drive Committees have been set up, he said. The War and Navy Departments announced jointly the establishment of a Price Adjustment Board in each Department to review financial setups of war contractors whenever there is reason to believe excess profits are being made.

WAR LABOR SUPPLY

President Roosevelt said plans to register women for war work have been abandoned for the present because there are more women workers now who want jobs than there are jobs available. He said any woman wanting to get into war work may register at a U. S. Employment Service office. War Manpower Chairman McNutt said the number of persons employed in war work by the end of 1942 may reach 17,500,000 compared with 1,500,000 at the beginning of 1941. He said a million or more additional women will be employed in war industries this year. Mr. McNutt issued directives to the 1,500 Employment Service offices in regard to the placement of women and of men over 40.

WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

The President told his press conference he hoped people would buy War Bonds and Stamps out of current earnings rather than from cash reserves. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said investments of employees in firms operating under the Payroll Savings Plan must be raised at once to a minimum of 10 percent of the gross payroll. He said the number of employees purchasing Bonds regularly must be doubled, and average purchases raised from $7.50 to $20 per month.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Director Eastman asked the 48 Governors and the mayors of all cities of 10,000 population or more to institute systematic staggering of business, school and working hours, planned group us of private cars and improved regulation of local traffic to increase efficiency of passenger vehicle movement and mas stransportation. President Roosevelt asked departmental and agency heads to draw up a transportation program for employees that will "substantially reduce" the number of cars necessary to take men and women to and from work. He asked that similar programs be planned by State and local governments.

PUBLIC SALE
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COMMUNICATED

The following is a copy of a letter written Mayor Wilmer by Colonel Barrett in reply to the letter which was published in this paper last week. This copy was presented to the Transcript Office with Colonel Barrett's authority to publish it:

May 1, 1942

Honorable Phillip G. Wilmer
Mayor of Chestertown
Chestertown, Maryland

Dear Mayor Wilmer:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 24th and must say that I was very much surprised to receive such a letter from you after the fine reception that was tendered me and the wonderful turnout for the meeting on Thursday, the 23rd.

At no time is it my intention to nurt anybody's feelings, but I have a job to do and I am trying to do that job and I believe I have accomplished much in the State of Maryland through the wonderful cooperation that I have received through the entire State.

It is not my intention to get into any argument with you relative to your setup for Civilian Defense in Kent County. I know what it is. I know that you are lacking in certain things, but there is one thing certain: that those in charge of Civilian Defense in Kent County are directly responsible for the protection of the people in the County in the case of an emergency and I am going to do everything in my power to assist them and I feel sure that I will get the support of the people in the County.

I would like to inform you—perhaps you don't know it—that after the meeting any number of people came up and congratulated me upon my talk. I also received congratulations from some people of Queen Anne's County who attended the meeting; so, therefore, I do not think that you represent all of the people in Kent County.

Now, please understand this Mr. Wilmer. If the people of Kent County do not want to be adequately warned and protected, all right; that is their funeral—not mine, but my job is to help in every way possible.

I sincerely hope you will appreciate the spirit in which this letter is written as I have no intention of having any quarrel with you under any conditions. I have too much to do to engage in such things and I want to try and retain the good feeling of everyone.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,
Colonel Henry S. Barrett,
State Director, A. R. P. Services

More Phones Than Axis

The United States has seven times as many telephones for every 100 people as the Axis powers, according to a survey of the latest available world telephone statistics recently completed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. America's six largest cities contain all told more telephones than German and Austria combined. New York City has more than the entire Japanese Empire, although the latter contains nearly twenty times as many people. Texas alone has more telephones than Italy.

The three Axis powers and their pre-war dominions average only 2.34 telephones for every 100 inhabitants, whereas on January 1, 1941, this country had 16.56 telephones for every 100 people.

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MON. - TUES. - WED.
MAY 11 - 12 - 13

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Notice To Creditors

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters Testamentary on the personal estate of

FLORENCE R. PACA

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of October, 1942, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 21st day of April, 1942.

RUTH PACA WOODBURN,
Executrix.

Edna Elliott, Register of Wills.

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