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Again during the month of June, Kent County had a perfect record as to injuries resulting from automobile accidents. The records show no accidents, no injuries, no deaths. Although the speed limit in the State remains at 50 and 55 miles an hour pending the coming session of the Legislature, there has been a decided effort to make people agree to the 40 mile limit. Many of the States in the east have passed war-time emergency laws to this effcet with the result that the accident rate is being reduced proportionately. People are realizing that, in addition to safety factor of a 40 mile limit, there is also a great saving in gasoline, oil and tires.

bor, the elaborate preparations for war and the fact that a large portion of the population is taking an active part in civilian defense all are probably responsible for the lack of the usual farewell and welcome that is usually shown to members of the armed forces. While elaborate entertainment features are held in some twons and cities at great expense, this is not necessary but there should be an organized program of farewell to the men who are going into the service. Two weeks ago, when more than thiry white men left the induction center on High Street in Chestertown, a part of the Fire Company Band turned out and gave them the best send-off yet. This week, a group of more than thirty colored men boarded a bus for camp and while a large group of the colored population of the town turned out the send off was very flat. Under the present system of induction the men are sent away for examination an dthen return for a two weeks period before actually going into camp. A farewell program on the occasion of this final departure for camp may have a decided effect upon the morale of the men. Their future task is not a pleasant one and their destination may be anywhere in the world. Our country is taking them from their homes and daily life, let us at least give them a royal send-off. A local service or business organization might well take the lead in the preparations. It will not only help the men who are going to camp but it should also help those who stay at home by creating a little enthusiasm about this war. Up to the present time people have probably taken the job ahead seriously but there has been a total lack of enthusiasm. If it takes a brass band and an organized program to do it let's have it. In spite of the fact that the headquarters of the selective service have placed a rigid census as to the dates of departure and the names of those who are going to camp, we will make every effort to let you know when, if you will turn out the band for the send off.

SCRAP SALVAGE

President Roosevelt reported the recent scrap ruber collection drive added 454,000 tons to the Government's stockpile—exclusive of rubber in small piles still at service stations and junk dealers. WPB Chairman Nelson asked State and local governments to lend their trucks and workers to local salvage committes to help transport scrap material collections before winter sets in. To keep steel furnaces going at full capacity, more than 750,000 freight cars will be required to carry scrap iron and steel, most of which must be moved by trucks to rail points.

The WPB extended the tin can salvage program to 104 cities in addition to 36 metropolitan areas previously announced, because de-tinning plant capacity requirements have been increased from 250,000 to 400,000 tons. The Board said the Government will requisition from junk dealers all useless automobiles—those that cannot be repaired on a practical basis—to maintain the present peak movement of automobile scrap to mills. On the basis of a questionnaire to 350 firms, the Board estimated 100 million pounds of essential chemicals could be realized in the next 18 months if manufacturers of war equipment began now to recover wasted spray paints.

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The Nation At War ★

A complete coverage of the week's news on the all-out effort of the United Nation's fight for freedom.

The U. S. overall output of planes, tanks, ships, guns and ammunition during June was nearly three times that of last November, the month before Pearl Harbor, War Production Chairman Nelson reported. Mr. Nelson stated, however, "too much boasting about production progress is altogether premature—the biggest part of the job is still ahead." Any letup now, he said, "would mean years more of war and hundreds of thousands more lives."

Chairman Nelson, as an index of the nation's productive effort, estimated that approximately 36 percent of the U. S.'s record breaking income during the first six months of this year went into military channels. This compares, he said, to the 50 to 75 percent of total income being spent by Great Britain and Germany.

The War Production Board announced it will concentrate production of civilian goods in certain plants and regions as much as possible. The Board said, as a general rule, small plants will be kept in civilian production and large plants will be required to suspend civilian production. Civilian production will be restricted or suspended in regions where labor is urgently needed in war plants or power shortages are likely to occur.

RATIONING

Price Administrator Henderson reported gasoline coupon counterfeiters had been peddling bogus ration books in the East and stated these "saboteurs attacking our war program" will be prosecuted promptly and vigorously. All persons found to be in possession of the counterfeit books, he said, are liable to have their regularly issued ration books either revoked of withheld. Because of delays in obtaining gasoline rationing coupon books, the OPA said service stations may sell gasoline on a "coupon credit" basis until midnight July 31.

The OPA increased tire and tube quotas for August and said 90,000 bicycles will be made available for rationing in August as compared with 45,000 in July. The Office said only trucks engaged in services essential to the war effort or public health and safety will be entitled to recapped or new tires after July 28 under a drastic revision of the tire rationing regulations. The OPA published names and addresses of field representatives who may be called upon by tire dealers, recappers, truck operators and other users of tires for aid in solving problems arising under the rationing regulations.

MAXIMUM PRICES AND RENTS

Price Administrator Henderson reported "Government controls of prices and rents, where they are in effect, are doing a good job of holding down prices, but uncontrolled food prices are showing a definite inflationary tendency." He said "the total cost of food to city families advanced by 1.4 percent between May 15 and June 15, continuing the steady upward price trend of the previous 14 months and offsetting the benefits of price control on all foodstuffs covered by the general regulation."

War Bonds Guard Home Front

This new color poster, which soon will be seen throughout the United States, emphasizes a new theme in the War Bond sales campaign. The present goal of the Nation wide drive is to persuade all citizens to invest 10 percent of income in War Bonds and Stamps. *U. S. Treasury Dept.*

Mr. Henderson said housewives and other members of the buying public will acquire the legal right, beginning July 31, to bring civil suits for damages against any storekeeper who charges more than OPA regulations permit. The purchaser is entitled to recover $50 in damages plus attorney's fees or triple the amount of the overcharge plus attorney's fees, whichever is larger. Similar suits may be filed in defense rental areas against landlords who collect rents above those permitted by OPA orders. The Office reported it has designated 370 areas as defense rental areas and by August 1 rent regulations will become effective in 94 of these areas.

Agriculture Secretary Wickard announced a price adjustment and subsidy program designed to ease the temporary shortage of meats in Eastern States and some parts of the mid-West. The OPA asked livestock and meat packing industries to maintain a supply of meats in all normal trade channels rather than concentrate shipments to large cities where ceiling prices are relatively high.

THE WAR FRONT

The Navy reported U. S .submarines in Far Eastern waters have sunk another Japanese destroyer, a medium-sized tanker, three cargo ships, and possibly a fourth cargo ship. The Navy said all of its large submarines are being fitted with cameras designed to fit over the eye piece of the periscope to record the results of submarine attacks on the enemy. Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Commander of the Air Forces in the Middle East, said American air forces caused heavy damage to enemy docks and port installations at Tobruk, Benghazi, Suda Bay and Crete.

President Roosevelt said Admiral William D. Leahy, former U. S. Ambassador to Vichy France, has been called back to active duty to serve as Chief of Staff to him as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. Gen. MacArthur reported from Australia that the new 2,500-man Japanese invasion force landed in the Buna-Anbasi-Gona area in New Guinea on July 22 has been subjected to such damaging raids that few, if any, Japanese ships are left in the vicinity of the invasoin. The Navy announced 17 more United Nations merchant vessels have been lost to enemy submarines.

The nine Army Corps Areas were reorganized and renamed "Service Commands." The reorganization will further decentralize the operation of Service of Supply activity and eliminate duplicating facilities. War Secretary Stimson said 28,000 jaundice cases developed among Army personnel in the U. S. and abroad between January 1 and July 4, apparently due to the use of yellow fever vaccine. Sixty-two deaths resulted. "There has been a change in the form of yellow fever vaccine now used which the Surgeon General thinks will eliminate the whole trouble," Mr. Stimson said. Director Hobby of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps said 20 companies of 150 women each will be trained by the end of this year and 25,000 women will be trained by April, 1943.

TAXATION AND PROFITS

The House passed and sent to the Senate the War Revenue Bill, estimated to yield about $6,300 million, providing a 45 percent normal and surtax income rate on corporations and a 90 percent excess profits tax. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, however, said a tax program of less than $8,700 million of additional revenue would be inadequate. He recommended removal of these "special privileges": tav exemption for State and municipal securities, exemption from taxation of 27½ percent of income from oil wells and mines, and separate income tax returns by married couples.

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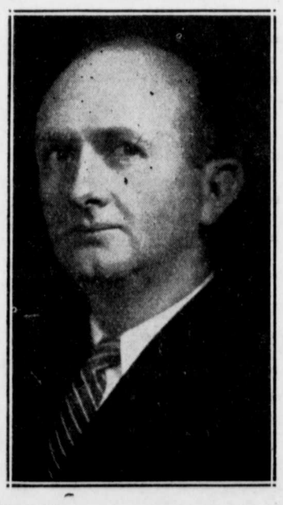

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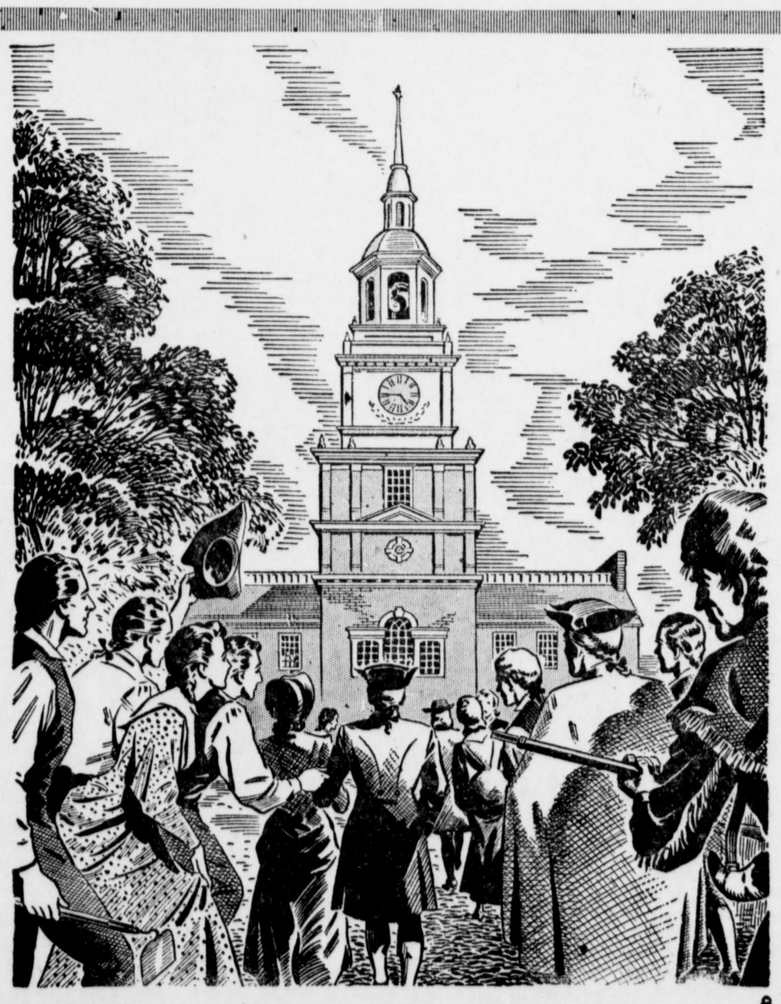

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