IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Meat Ceilings Postponed:

Maximum prices on beef, veal, lamb, and mutton sold at retail will not become effective until May 17. OPA suspended ceilings scheduled to go into effect April 15 in order to be sure that the prices were in line with other living costs.

Raise Corn Prices:

A ceiling price five cents per bushel higher than present maximums, estblished April 14, will be effective until September 30, 1743. According to OPA, which acted upon instructions from Stabilization Director Byrnes and Food Administrator Davis, there will be no further increases in corn prices during the 1943 market season. The price raise is designed to relieve the present acute market shortage of corn for livestock feeding and industrial processing.

New Rules On Selective Service:

Chief effect of the recent changes in selective service classifications is the elimation of dependency deferment except for:

(1.) Those who maintain bona fide home with children.

(2.) Those whose induction would cause extreme hardship to a wife, child or parent, and—

(3.) Those with dependants who are necessary to and regularly engaged in agriculture.

Men formerly classified inIII-A and III-B who had been deferred because of dependents will be reconsidered. Class III-B is eliminated entirely, A child born after September 14, 1942 is not recognized as a "dependent" in classifiing a registrant in class III-A. The new classification, III-D, will contain all men whose induction, in the opinion of their local boards, would create extreme hardship of privation for a dependent wife, child, or parent.

War Cost Go Higher:

A new high of more than 7 billion dollars was reached in war expenditures during March, when the average amont spent each day was $263,-400,000. To meet these mounting costs of the 13 billion dollar Second War Loan is part of 70 billion dollars that must be raised during 1943.

"This is a people's war, so all the people ought to have a part in financing it," said the Secretary as he warned that "ten per cent is not enough."

Sales By Farmers To Retailers:

A farmer who sells butter or any other rationed food to a retailer must collect ration points for the sale, just as he has done in selling to consumers since March 29, according to OPA. All farm sales must be made at current point values and stamps collected must be turned in to local ration boards with a report made on OPA Form R-1609. This form will be available to all local boards during the last week in April.

Women's Land Army:

Plans are forming for the recruiting of a land army of about 60,000 city and town women - - a part of the U. S. Crops Corps - - to help meet the farm labor shortage. Ten thousand of these are expected to enroll for year around farm work and about 50,000 for seasonal work one month or more. In addition, some three hundred thousand women will be placed by country agricultureal agents for short-time emergency jobs on farms- - women who can spare week-ends, a few days, or a few weeks. Women who wish to contribute their services should await the local call.

Sugar For Canning:

Sugar for home-canning of 1943, fruit crops will be available to housewives on approximately the same basis as last season. Details of the program will be issued within the next few days.

Farm Values Up:

Farm real estate values on March 1, 1943, showed an increase of nine percent over last year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced. This is the most substantial gain that has occurred since 1920. Land value increases during the past year were widespread, with some advance reported for each of the 48 states.

Safe Canning Methods:

The steam pressure canner is the only method recommended b the U. S. Department of Agriculture for preserving certain types of vegetables. Such vegetables as beans, peas, corn, spinach, and asparagus, as well as meats, should be cooked in a steam pressure canner to kill organisms which cause food to spoil. Fruits and tomatoes, rhubarb, and pickled beets may be safely canned by the boiling water-bath method. To be safe, these products should be boiled for at least ten minutes before they are eaten or tasted, even though there is no sign of spoilage when the jar is opened.

Ceilings On Fresh Vegetables:

Retail ceilings for cabbage, carrots, lettuce, peas, snap beans, spinach, and tomatoes will be established beginning April 22, through the use of uniform mark-ups over the retailer's net cost, according to OPA. For each vegetable except cabbage, the retailer will determine his ceilings by multiplying his net cost by 1.39. On cabbage, where spoilage is greater, the mark-up is 1.65 for independent retailers having an annual volume of $250,000 or less, 1.54 for chain retailers with an annual volume under $250,000, and 1.50 for any retailer with an annual volume over $250,000. Retailers will determine their ceilings each Thursday by applying given mark-ups to the net cost of the vegetable based on the largest single purchase of the preceeding week.

"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money"

Exempt Small Sales By Farmers:

A farmer who sells not more than $75 worth of food per month to country shippers or to consumers is exfrom price control recently established for seven fresh vegetables. If the farmer is a country shipper, he is subject to the price regulations.

Revised Tire Regulations:

Tire rationing regulations have been tightened to prevent bootlegging and violations of tire inspection requirements. Changes ordered by O PA are:

(1.) Tire inspection record must be kept in the vehicle while it is in operation.

(2.) Tire inspectors will report serial irregularities to the local ration board.

(3.) If an applicant does not have a tire inspection record showing all inspection requirements completed, the local board may grant his application if an inspection was made 60 days before the application was filed.

(4.) Dealers need not hold tires turned in for 30 days as now required if, before that time elapses, the tires are examined by an OPA representative and their disposal authorized.

Fuel Oil For Canning:

Housewives are assured of enough range oil or kerosene for their home canning. O P A has authorized the granting of fuel oil rations for operation of oil-burning cook stoves used for home canning purposes. Local ration boards have been instructed to issue necessary ration coupons if the consumer asks for ten gallons or less. If more than ten gallons is needed the ration will be determined according to the number of hours the stove will be used.

"On The Farm" Wiring:

Farmers can now install farmstead wiring for operation of equipment at the same time utility service connections are being made. A farmer eligible for electric service under Order U-1-C, and who has been certified by his U. S. Department of Agriculture County War Board, can purchase up to 75 pounds of wire plus necessary accessories, from any supplier, and is granted a perference rating of AA-3 to obatin it.

Point Values Lowered:

Because some perishable meat products were moving very slowly OPA reduced by one or two points the ration values of sausage (including weiners, bologna and pork sausages), scrapple, chitterlings, and pork necks and back bones. Dry and semi-dry sausages - - such as hard salami, hard cervelat, pepperoni, soft salami, thuringer, and mortadella - - were not afby the action.

This Week Of The War Showing Progress Of The All Out Effort

Since the occupation of Sousse by the British Eighth Army and the fall of Kairouan to a combined Allied force, the battle for Tunisia has moved out of the cat-and-mouse phase into a phase of seige. The race up the coast, which began on April 6 when the British drove Rommel out of his Mareth Line defenses, has ended, and Rommel and Von Arnim are now entrenched in the mountain - clad triangle of Tunis-Bizerte.

Storming these defenses is the immediate job facing the Allies in Tunisia, and it is not likely to be an easy one. The so-called Enfidaville Line which runs, roughly, from Enfidaville on the east coast west to the mountain range (the Grand Dorsal) and then north to the Mediterranean coast, is a mountianous one, with natural defenses that Allied tanks and armored divisions will find hard to penetrate. Along this line the Allied armies are massing for a full-scale, concerted assult. Already some important hill positions have been taken from the Axis.

NUMBER OF AXIS TROOPS

From the start of the attack on the Mareth Line to the middle of last week, the Allied forces in Tunisia have taken more than 30,00 Axis prisoners, over 20,000 of these captured by the British Eight Army alone. Secretary of War Stimson said that the Axis armies besiegd in the Tunis-Bizerte corner still number between 175,000 and 200,000 and there is no evidence that they are planning a major evacuation.

AIR FORCE ACTIVE

American and British air forces contiue their bombing attacks on enemy airfields in Tunisia, Sardinia and Italy. Wednesday's Flying Fortress raids brought down 19 enemy fighter planes without loss, and wrecked or badly damaged many more planes parked on the three airfields. Thousands of bembs were dumped on hangers and buildings, and the damage caused was extensive.

The day Sousse fell--Monday, April 12--Allied headquarters announced that over 1,250 Axis planes have been shot down during the campagin in this theatre. This figure includes planes brought down by Allied anti-aircraft gunners as well as those destroyed in combat by the Northwest African Air Forces.

JAPANESE BUILD AIR STRENGTH

A communique from General MacArthur's headquarters said that Allied victories, such as the victory over the 100-plane Japanese force that raided Port Moresby last week, have checked the enemy's developing air offensive. The communique described the attack on Port Moresby as a "complete defeat" for the Japanese, although the largest blow ever aimed at this Allied-held New Guinea base.

The latest Japanese aerial assult, launched with upwards of 100 planes against Milne Bay at the eastern tip of New Guniea, cost the enemy another 30 planes. According to Lt. Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, the Japanese are gambling for mastery of the skies in this area according to Secretary of the Navy Knox, these raids indicate a set-up of Jap air activity but not necessarily a large-scale drive. Secretary of War Stimson admitted the Japanese have recently become more aggressive, but said Allied air forces have remained qualitatively superior.

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Buy More War Bonds Today

Bids On Fuel—

The Board of Education of Kent County, Chestertown, Maryland, at its meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 1943, beginning at 10 a. m., will open sealed bids for fuel for use next year in schools throughout the county, and sealed bids for hauling coal from the railroad stations to the several schools.

A detailed statement of the conditions under which bids are to be made and the kind and quality of fuel on which bids are desired will be sent

The Board of Education reserves to any interested bidder upon request. the right to reject any or all bids.

By Order of the

Board of Education of Kent County
Louis C. Robinson, Secretary. 16ap2t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of James A. Bowman 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 16th day of October, 1943, 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 13th day of April 1943.

John H. Skeggs and Chas. H. Brice
Administrators

W. Paul Joiner
Registre of Wills

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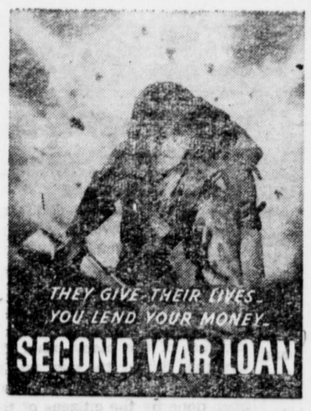

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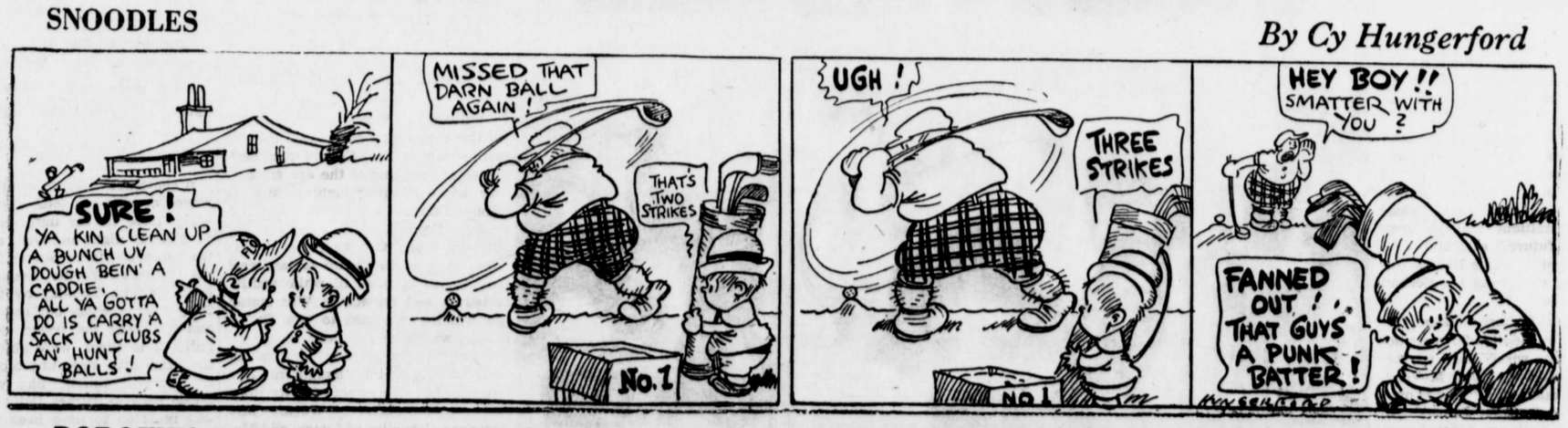

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