

A Week of The War

President Roosevelt sent a directive to all Government agency heads ordering them to "determine those employees who may be promptly released" for work in the agencies most directly involved in the war.

Congress completed action on a \$500,000,000 appropriation for aid to China, and the President signed it. The Agriculture Department said Lend-Lease agricultural commodities delivered to the British Government totaled more than 3,300,000,000 pounds up to January 1, 1942—enough to fill 69,000 freight cars and make up a train 575 miles long.

RATIONING

Price Administrator Henderson announced nation-wide rationing of re-capped and retreaded tires will begin February 19. The rationing will be carried out through the same machinery now employed to ration new tires and tubes. Mr. Henderson said it is probable there will be no crude rubber available for retreading except for the small number of vehicles already eligible to obtain new tires and tubes.

He said sugar rationing will be put in effect as soon as War Ration Book No. 1 is printed and distributed. The books contain 28 stamps and each stamp will entitle the holder to a specified amount—probably three-quarters of a pound per person—each week. When the books are issued an appropriate number of stamps will be removed for and hoarded sugar in the family—as shown by a certified statement. False reports of sugar supplies will carry penalties up to \$10,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

OCB Director Landis said the OCB will be completely reorganized. He said "each person must have a clear and definite function; every person must be qualified to perform that function."

Gas masks are being distributed to

the entire population in Hawaii, shelters are being rushed to completion, and 1,000 reserve beds have been set up. The House approved an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the OCB. The War Department cautioned civilians to keep away any military aircraft, friendly or enemy, grounded in civilian territory because such planes often carry live bombs or ammunition.

THE WAR FRONT

The Navy announced U. S. attacks on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, January 31, inflicted enemy losses totaling 16 ships and 41 planes, and destroyed storage, ammunition supplies, hangars and other facilities of the Japanese. The Navy said the power and surprise of the attack was emphasized by destruction of approximately 85 per cent of the large Japanese bomber force on the islands and between 60 and 80 per cent of the shipping sighted.

U. S. losses were 11 scout bombers missing and superficial damage to two ships. The State Department announced that at the request of the Netherlands Government U. S. Army forces have been sent to Curacao and Aruba to assist in defense of the islands and their oil refineries.

The Army reported a week of sporadic fighting in Bataan and said reinforced Japanese troops were preparing for new assaults. During the week the Army and Navy reported at least 20 enemy planes were destroyed. U. S. losses included three tankers sunk in the Atlantic, an Army transport sunk off Hawaii and a submarine sunk off Panama after collision with another U. S. vessel.

ARMY

President Roosevelt asked Congress for 23 billion dollars in supplemental appropriations for the Army. The War Department announced the Army Air Force will be expanded to 1,000,000 officers and men this year and 2,000,000 in 1943. The President ordered all personnel of the reserves to active at dates to be set by War Secretary Stimson.

Secretary Stimson announced all Army men will be immunized against yellow fever to make them available for service in areas where it is known to exist. He said to relieve the people of Ulster from added strain the American Forces in Northern Ireland will be supplied with food and equipment from the U. S., except for some fresh food products available in Ireland.

SHIPPING

American shipyards now launching ships at the rate of one-a-day, will double production within 60 days and triple it within six or seven months, the Maritime Commission announced.

President Roosevelt asked Congress for almost four billion dollars in cash and contract authorizations to expand the merchant fleet.

The Commission awarded a contract for 36 Liberty freighters. Twenty-three American yachts, formerly owned by prominent U. S. citizens, have been presented to the Navy, Coast Guard and Maritime Commission.

NAVY

The President signed the Navy Supply Bill carrying 24 billion dollars in cash appropriations and four billion dollars in contract authorizations.

a bill authorizing expenditure of \$750,000,000 for facilities to build 1,800 minor combat, auxiliary and patrol vessels, and legislation authorizing expenditure of \$450,000,000 for naval shore facilities.

The Navy asked for loan of binoculars meeting service requirements, either 6x30 or 7x50, and said they would be returned after the war is over. The Navy lowered the minimum age limit of mechanic-learners from 18 to 16 years.

PRODUCTION

The WPA ordered all radio manufacturers to convert their facilities to war production within four months. The industry did \$200,000,000 of civilian business last year, but already has had its civilian output cut 40 per cent. War Production Chairman Nelson said "conversion is the only straight, fast road to victory. This will be our principal goal for the next six months."

The Department of Commerce estimated production for military purposes will constitute approximately 53 per cent of total U. S. industrial output in 1942, compared with 21 per cent last year. In durable goods about 80 per cent of total production will go for war purposes.

The WPB announced war funds already authorized or now pending in Congress total approximately 116 billion dollars. The Board said the Axis produced approximately 45 billion dollars worth of war goods in 1941, and to win decisive victory, the U. S. must outproduce the Axis 2-1 to 1.

A drastic reduction in the manufacture of tin cans was ordered in order to save approximately 40 per cent of the 40,000 tons of tin used by the canning industry last year. Small-sized cans and non-essential cans, including those for beer, tobacco, dried beans and dog food, are eliminated entirely after this month.

The ban on sales of new trucks and trailers was extended to February 28. Prime war contractors and public health and safety officials may obtain immediate delivery of new automobiles by applying directly to the Office of Price Administration in Washington.

N. C. Leads Region In Farms Signed Up For New Program

North Carolina led the other states in the East Central Region in number and percentage of eligible farms placed under provisions of the 1942 Agricultural Conservation Program. The region includes North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

According to E. Y. Floyd, AAA Executive Offices, out of the 237,494 eligible farms in the state, operators of 226,364, or 95.3 percent, "signed up." This number is expected to grow because, all the farmers have not yet been contacted.

Placing second to North Carolina in percentage obtained was Delaware where the record was 8,843 farms out of a total of 9,388; or 94.2 per cent.

Kentucky was third with 191,877 farms out of 211,779 eligible units, or 90.6.

In the entire region 827,834 operators were signed—88.2 per cent of the total. Those signing have agreed to plant allotments and to carry out soil building practices, such as seeding legumes and grasses, using limestone and phosphate, restoring old pastures and creating new ones, and plowing under green manure crops.

County Wide Meetings Aid Garden Campaign With Free Movies

A series of meetings is being held throughout the County to aid farmers and "Victory Gardeners" in securing maximum yields. Those attending will be given advice on seeds and fertilizers. There also will be free movies.

A meeting is scheduled for 7 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Peachtree school, and on Friday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the Marble school. A big meeting also will be held in the Court Room, in Murphy at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Addresses will be made by County agent Ketner, Assistant Agent Snodgrass, and Mrs. Aline R. King.

Remember Pearl Harbor

DRUNKEN DRIVING AND SPEEDING TO BE STAMPED OUT

Letter To Commander Of Highway Patrol Demands Action

The following letter, of vital interest to every motorist, and also to every pedestrian has been received by Major J. T. Armstrong, commanding the State Highway patrol. The letter written by Highway Commissioner T. E. Ward, marks the beginning of an intensive campaign to stamp out drunken and reckless driving.

Copies have been sent to every Highway Patrolman in North Carolina. The text follows:

"Dear Major Armstrong: Am writing this as a result of a recent conversation I had with Governor Broughton.

"The Governor wrote each member of the Highway Patrol, because of his intense concern and alarm over the high rate of fatalities and injuries on our highways in 1941. He is insistent, and so am I, that every possible effort be exercised by each member of the Patrol to apprehend all violators of the Motor Vehicle Laws in this State, with SPECIAL EMPHASIS being placed on such violations as DRUNKEN DRIVING, HIT AND RUN, RECKLESS DRIVING and SPEEDING, which account for more than 75 per cent of all fatalities and serious injuries.

"Our patrolmen must ever be vigilant and on the alert to see that these violations are greatly curtailed. It is the responsibility of our men to see that the deplorable traffic situation that took place in North Carolina in 1941, is not repeated this year, but that it shall be greatly improved. To this end we must all put forth renewed and more vigorous efforts than ever before. Our Patrol could not ask for better cooperation than it is receiving from Governor Broughton, and it is up to us to give him equally as good support.

"We should likewise not overlook the fact that of the 1,285 fatalities which took place last year, 380 were pedestrians—and of this number—102 were within the confines of municipalities.

Due to radically changing economic conditions we will likely be confronted with a greater pedestrian and bicycle traffic problem than ever before. Our patrolmen should give special attention to these two factors and make a continuous practice of stopping this kind of traffic when not proceeding properly, and direct how it should proceed at all times to avoid danger.

"I would like to request you to is-

sue an order that each patrolman keep an accurate daily record and mail to you here, at the end of each month for compilation showing actual and final disposition of such cases as DRUNKEN DRIVING, HIT AND RUN, RECKLESS DRIVING AND SPEEDING and where a warrant is changed, show by whom, and whether or not the prosecuting witness (patrolman in most instances) was consulted. I am especially anxious to know exactly what is happening to the specific violations mentioned. This information will be most helpful to this Department later on.

"It is definitely the policy of this Department that the enforcement of all Motor Vehicle Laws shall be administered uniformly, yet courteously, and without regard to class, color or creed.

SEED

Steps are already being taken to insure an adequate acreage of vegetable crops for seed in 1942, in view of the present shortage from the 1941 harvest.

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