

### War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

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said that these rumors caused grounds for concern lest they bring about a slackening in the nationwide salvage drive. This we cannot afford, this we cannot tolerate. Already, in some factories, production has slackened because of a shortage of materials. Anyone who contributes to this shortage of scrap, anyone who knows of the existence of a scrap pile and does not act to see that it gets back to the furnaces, is helping our enemies.

One by one the metals and materials were drafted for war. One by one their use has been prohibited except in the most necessary civilian production. Until, as scarcities grew, only gold and silver—ironically—remained as metals worthless for the job which is today our only job.

Last week gold stood alone in the strong box reserved for useless metal. Silver took its place in the war effort with the issuance by WPB of an order restricting civilian use of foreign silver and directing supplies of that metal into essential production. Domestic silver, purchased by the treasury as monetary metal, was not affected by the order except that silver produced before July 1, 1939, and secondary metal produced since and sold by the processor were included in the category of foreign silver. But the order did not forbid the purchase of silver by private users.

**Silver Goes To War**  
The silver which is going to war will replace scarce copper and scarce tin in many uses. It will turn up in soldiers, in engine bearings, in non-corrosive machinery parts, and in electrical installations. Two months from now foreign silver may not be used in making silverware, watch cases and jewelry, badges and insignia, hooks, and eyes, buttons and snaps, pens and pencils, toilet sets, musical instruments and church goods. Until October 1, manufacturers of such articles may be limited to using either 1-12 of the weight of the silver they used in 1941 or 1-6 of the weight they used in the first six months of this year.

We are not fighting this war for gold or silver or even for the values these metals traditionally represent. The peoples of the United Nations are fighting together to preserve their freedoms.

#### Anglo-American Pact for Production

The unity of purpose of the United Nations is matched by unity in action. Last week Great Britain's deputy to the newly combined Production and Resources Board, Sir Robert Sinclair, arrived in Washington with full authority to cooperate toward welding a single industrial war machine out of the joint resources of the U.S.A. and Britain. Canada's war production already has been linked to ours, and Canadian boats on the Great Lakes will carry ore between U. S. ports this season so that we both may have more steel.

#### Nazis Fear Food Shortage

None of the United Nations which have been overrun by the Axis has really been conquered. Last week brought new testimony to the unconquerable spirit of our Allies in the form of a communique from the Yugoslav army under the command of General Draja Mihailovitch. In this communique, confirmed by Axis admissions, the Yugoslavs said they'd retaken a lost territory in "occupied" Jugoslavia and had captured 1,200 prisoners. Badgered and harassed by the continued resistance

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of the peoples of occupied Europe, the Nazis now are afraid of a food shortage, according to an enemy broadcast from Germany. Apparently the Nazis are having difficulty in taking all the bread from the mouths of the enslaved countries and Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo has moved in on the German food front—presumably to silence complaints in the manner the Gestapos know so well.

#### Seasonal Commodities Rise On Price Scale

On our own food front foods not under OPA control have risen sharply in price during the past few months. Lamb, for instance, the price of which is not controlled, went up more than 10 per cent between mid-May and mid-June and roasting chickens went up nearly 9 per cent in the same period. Apples, which aren't controlled, went up 25 per cent in that period and this fruit now sells at prices 50 per cent above those of last March. On the other hand, the price of controlled beef, veal, and pork, fell off and prices of other foods which are under the price ceilings either remained steady or dropped. Price Administrator Leon Henderson says that Government control of price and rents where they are in effect are doing a good job of holding down the cost of living, but that uncontrolled prices show a definite tendency toward dangerously high levels. Nevertheless, Henderson said, "The President's program will prevail and the battle against inflation will be won."

#### Coal To Replace Oil As Winter Fuel

The next few months are the months in which we must prepare for winter. They are the months in which we must lay up a store of coal and of fuel oil to keep our industries going and our homes warm. With the East Coast under strict gasoline rationing—OPA says the new rationing system has taken many cars off the roads in the East—the Office of Defense Transportation is making every effort to get fuel oil to the Seaboard States. In a few weeks now, oil will be moved from the oil fields in solid 60-car trains running on fast schedules, and throughout the Middle West great gangs of men are busy laying new pipe lines.

With all fuel deliveries for operating heat and cooling equipment suspended between August 3 and September 15th, and fuel oil for hot water heaters restricted, the Atlantic Seaboard is in a position to begin building a stock pile against the home owners in that rationed area to convert to coal if they can, and stock up with coal immediately, too. Now is the time for home owners on the Atlantic Seaboard who can't convert and use coal to take every possible step to reduce oil consumption, by weather stripping and by making sure that their burner operates at full efficiency.

It is obvious that our railroads are carrying a staggering burden, and carrying it well. What's not so well known is that that goes for bus service, as well. Buses now are carrying 50 per cent more passengers than formerly and the Office of Defense Transportation recently pointed out that the need for buses is as great as the need for railway cars. ODT now is checking local bus and rail passenger service for duplications and to release cars and buses for other services.

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### Grow Wheat in Public Squares in Italian Cities



This photo, just received from London, was taken in Naples, Italy. It shows a couple of laborers tending grain in one of the big flower beds in the Piazza del Municipio, principal public square in that city. It is reported that every piece of available land is cultivated in the Axis nation as the spectre of famine spreads. This year's crops are said to be far below par. (Central Press)

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For the third consecutive week no automobile accidents, at least no serious ones, were reported on the highways of this county. When the motorists in a whole county travel for three weeks without an accident, they have really accomplished something and are really making news. It will be recalled, however, that the number of accidents was held to a small figure during the three corresponding weeks in 1941.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

31st Week Comparison				
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge				
1942	0	0	0	000
1941	1	0	0	35
Comparison To Date				
1942	44	27	1	\$ 5,943
1941	54	44	2	17,210

### Offer Latest Tips On The Times . . .

National Industrial Conference Board, surveying 25 manufacturing industries, finds total payrolls for May at an all-time high, 31.1 per cent higher than for May a year ago, and 77.8 per cent higher than in 1929. Average weekly earnings in these industries have risen 36.4 per cent since 1929. The meat shortage will be only temporary. Department of Agriculture studies of some time ago foresaw periodic shortages and tight squeezes in certain types of meat, but showed that our total meat supply—even after prodigious lease-lendings—will be only one per cent below that of 1941, which was an all-time high, and 15 per cent higher than the average through 1931-40. The trend is definitely away from any further rationings of consumer goods—at least until after the elections.

### Joins Up Again at 80



Official U. S. Navy Photo

A veteran of the days when iron men fought in wooden ships, Chief Boatswain's Mate George Sanderson, 80 year-old veteran, is shown after reporting at the Washington navy yard for duty. He was a gunner in the Spanish-American War and would like to see action again in that post, but the U. S. Navy rules on age forbid it.

### Group Leaving Soon Largest To Be Sent From Martin County

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- Benjamin Franklin Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Harvey Holleman Yates, Williamston, and Minniwaska, N. Y.
- Rannal Taylor Gardner, RFD 1, Williamston.
- Robert Urbin Gurganus, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Jim Brown Holliday, Jamesville, and Triangle, Va.
- Charlie Birt Wynne, Williamston.
- Clyde Buie Bailey, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Henry Herbert Pope, Jr., Robersonville.
- William Clayton Whitley, RFD 1,

### ADOPTED

Meeting in regular session last evening, the local town commissioners handled the little business in a hurry and ran for the open air. It was one of the most listless meetings the board has held in many months.

The proposed budget, calling for a \$2.40 rate, was formally adopted. Official action was limited to the one business item.

Robersonville.

Rupert Russell Rawls, Oak City.

Alonza Hassell, Williamston.

Major Barber, RFD 1, Williamston.

Chester William Edmondson, RFD 1, Oak City.

Lester Sylvester White, RFD 3, Williamston.

Dayton Bryant, Parmele.

Luther Gordon Leggett, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston.

Chifford Neville Mobley, Oak City.

Eugene Mayo Hardison, RFD 3, Williamston, and Norfolk.

Leandrew Hardison, Jr., RFD 1, Jamesville.

James Garland Barnhill, Williamston.

Frank Saunders Cherry, RFD 2, Williamston.

Thad Mayo Roberson, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Louis Henry Gardner, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Mack Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston.

Earl Leamon Ward, Robersonville.

Elie Lenwood Williams, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Edwin Horace Carson, Jamesville.

Simon Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston.

Jesse Wed Curtis, Robersonville.

Carlyle Lanneau Cox, Greenville.

Jimmie Jackson Sills, Oak City.

Vernie Walter Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston.

John Garland Hardison, RFD 3, Williamston.

Ellis Saunders White, RFD 3, Williamston.

Joseph Payton Sykes, RFD 1, Jamesville.

James Norman Hollis, RFD 3, Williamston.

### Sugar Consumption About Equal To The Available Supplies

#### Stocks Have Been Reduced About 16 Percent in The Past Year

America's sweet-tooth, under rationing, is consuming sugar at only slightly less than our rate of production and imports, the Office of Price Administration revealed July 12th.

The small excess of supply will enable the Nation to bring its carry-over stocks, now considerably below normal, back to a sound level. Then, if there is any remaining excess, additional ration allowances can be distributed to the consumers.

The figures reveal also that the sugar rationing plan is working well throughout the country, and has already prevented a national sugar disaster by bringing sugar consumption within the sharply curtailed limits of our supply. It must be continued on approximately its present basis in order to assure everyone of a fair share of the commodity, OPA said.

Basing its estimates on the figures supplied by the War Production Board, the Department of Agriculture, the Shipping Priorities Committee and upon its own studies, OPA said the Nation, under the present rationing plan, is consuming about 475,000 tons of sugar per month including Lend-Lease and the armed forces, and is being supplied, out of its own crops and all imports at the rate of about 504,523 tons per month. The bulk of this supply is brought to this country in ships from Cuba and Puerto Rico in the Caribbean and as long as we are able to maintain the rate of imports of the first half of 1942, our sugar situation, with each customer on a restricted ration, will be considered basically sound. If warfare cuts down this rate of import to any great extent, for any length of time, or if the 1942 U. S. mainland yield falls short of expectations, then the rationing system will have to be tightened, OPA officials said.

Giving the over-all picture of our sugar situation, under rationing, OPA said visible sugar stocks on hand now are 1,654,000 tons against 1,968,000 tons at this time last year, a decrease of 16 per cent. In May and June, however, we imported about 200,000 tons more than rationing officials had counted on. When the War Production Board recently reported that 3,435,000 short tons of sugar would be available for distribution to civilians between July 1 and December 31 of this year, OPA ordered an extra allotment of sugar to all consumers, totalling 200,000 tons.

### Respected Colored Woman Passes Here

Ida Spruill Whitley, respected colored citizen, died at her home here on Griffin Street Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock following a two-year illness. Her condition had been critical for nearly a month. She was 59 years old.

She leaves two children, James and Ollie Whitley and several grandchildren, two brothers, Joe and Hezekiah Spruill, and a sister, Rachel Purvis.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow and burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here.

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### Russia Stiffening Its Defenses Along The Eastern Front

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lessening danger to the supply line to China. A showdown in the Indian situation is expected within a few days, and telling action on the outcome in the battle of Asia will follow within the next six or eight weeks.

An isolated area of Iceland was bombed by a German plane, but the damage was dismissed as being slight.

The fate of the eight German saboteurs is in the hands of President Roosevelt who is studying the trial reports and sentence. It is unlikely that a decision will be made public today, some quarters believing that the sentence will be carried out before public announcement is made.

A shake-up in the War Production Board is due, and as a result all industry not directly connected with the war effort can expect further curtailments in the delivery of steel goods. Steel shortages are now admitted to be threatening production goals, making necessary increased collections of scrap metals and the cancelling of important ship-building contracts.

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