

Women Urged To Help Curb Black Market

An urgent appeal to the women of King Mountain to help curb black markets in meat by using calling price lists posted in all food stores and by paying no more than calling prices was made today by W. E. Blahely, chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board.

Mr. Blahely emphasized that without patronage, black markets cannot continue to exist.

"Through checking calling and never paying more," Mr. Blahely urged, "women of King Mountain can do much to combat the nefarious traffic in Black Market meat."

AMERICAN HEROES

POSTHUMOUSLY a Silver Star was awarded to Pvt. Willie V. McFarland, St. Louis, Mo. When attempting to establish a beachhead on the Rapido River, Italy, Pvt. McFarland's unit was halted by enemy artillery fire. Dropping to the ground, he crawled over the shell-blasted shore to cut buried wire, discharging his automatic rifle as he went. Thus he advanced through barbed wire entanglements until severely wounded. He gave his life fighting to free Italy, and the purchase of War Bonds will help continue that fight until all of the world is liberated from the Axis yoke.

U. S. Treasury Department



Fixed Laws

Economic laws are laws of nature, rigid. They are divine laws in the same sense that the law of gravity is a law of God. Such laws were in force long before the first man-made statute was ever written, and no natural law was ever repealed by act of parliament. Natural laws can be broken but they all carry within themselves suitable penalties for violation; hard to escape.

Under natural law, every producer earns a profit when he serves the public well; takes a loss when he serves the public poorly. When manipulators, government planners or any other kind, use artificial price controls, they violate natural law. It makes no difference whether the aim is greed or to protect "lame ducks" from loss. Price controls encourage incompetence.

Wheat Price Parity

Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, recently told an audience of wheat growers in St. Paul that U. S. production last year was 1190 million bushels compared to 800 million in a typical prewar year. This is deemed to forecast a post-war over-production of 160 million bushels or a one a year. There is a law compelling government to hold up wheat prices for two years after the war.

Taxpayers may as well brace themselves. It is time to start wondering what it's going to cost per bushel to prop up the wheat price and hold it at parity; or what bonus per acre must be paid to non-growers of wheat for not growing wheat. Another wonder: Can the price support be removed after two years or must the taxpayers continue guaranteeing a wheat price indefinitely?

Observe Natural Law

There is an honorable way: Leave each industry's problem for men of that industry to solve. Using wheat as an example, permit the Department of Agriculture to prepare such data as Mr. Wickard gave the farmers and make the figures available to the whole industry. Let the farmers use their own judgment in the light of the facts. They will do a better job than government men, and it will not cost the taxpayers anything.

One advantage is obvious: Men of an industry can consider an industrial problem unclouded by a dust storm of political considerations. Government's proper function is to serve the citizens. Government can get statistics more conveniently than an organization of business men, and government experts undoubtedly can offer valuable interpretations, but interference is not help.

Men Can Think

Business men can understand government figures, interpret them and apply what they have learned. Figures from the Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau have benefited many industries in the past, interpreted by statisticians in the employ of trade associations. If wheat is over-produced one year, bread will be cheap. The next year, wheat men can plan more cautiously.

What did the cotton subsidy do but open the gate for rayon to storm the cotton planter's market? A fictitious wheat price can only bring that industry some similar calamity. It is bad enough to have loyal citizens taxed without mercy to build a false price structure; worse when you know that the result will be to kill a big essential industry of its economic foundation and permanently cripple it.

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Draft Board Gives Reclassifications

The local selective service board has announced the following reclassifications, representing action taken at the meeting of April 17:

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| Gus Mauney, Jr. | 1A | 1C | 1D |
| Leonard L. Hamrick | 2B | 2A | |
| Thomas H. Blanton | 1A | 1C | 1D |
| Otis W. Smith | 1C | 1D | 1E |
| Johnny L. Pryor | 1A | 1C | 1D |
| John E. Roberts, Jr. | 1A | 1C | 1D |
| William B. Craft | | 0 | 1A |
| Gaither T. Propst | | 0 | 1A |
| Edward E. Dover | | 0 | 1A |
| Robert L. Host | | 0 | 1A |

1-A—Ready for induction.
1-C—In Service.
2-A—Occupational Deferment.
2-B—Occupational Deferment.
2-C—Farmer.
3-A—Dependency.
4-A—Over 28 years old.
4-F—Disqualified.
H—Over 28 and under 45 years.

Stanley Pearson Is Awarded Silver Star

FIFTH U. S. GENERAL HOSPITAL, TAL. PARI, FRANCE. — Now assigned as a member of this general hospital, Sergeant Stanley R. Pearson, Jr., 21, of 12 Alabama street, Bessemer City, N. C., former infantry man with the 2nd Division was recently awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the Brittany campaign.

Having landed on Omaha Beach with his unit on D-day, Sgt. Pearson moved inland as far as St. Jean where he was halted by sniper fire in the back which hospitalized him for two weeks. He was then returned to his unit and they moved to the Brittany peninsula to participate in the Battle of Breton after which he was returned to the rear for assignment. It was not until recently that his citation caught up with him.

"It was on August 15," said Pearson. "My company was under heavy enemy fire near La Fosse and getting a lot of enemy counter attacks on our exposed left flank. I moved out to a better position and managed to knock out a machine gun with my M1. With that out of the way the company was able to take a better position and protect the exposed flank. I ran out of ammunition after a while and pretended to be dead," he continued. "I was able to observe the actions of the enemy that way."

Although he was under heavy fire, the Sergeant remained in this position until after dark at which time he was able to render first aid to those of the company who had been wounded in the engagement. His reports from his observations enabled the company to take their objective the following morning.

When Pearson first entered the army he was assigned as a cook and not until he reached England did he know his way around an M1 rifle but he picked it up rapidly when he learned he would soon have to use it. He is now assigned as a cook again with his present organization.

The Bessemer City man entered the service in January 1943 at Camp Craft, S. C., and was later sent to Fort Jackson and then back to Craft. His overseas service started in April 1944, when his unit moved to England.

The sergeant's wife, the former Miss Ruth Fowler and 2 year old son Robert Wayne, live at the Alabama St. address. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Pearson, Sr., and two brothers, Roy 14 and Arthur 16, live at Kings Mountain, N. C. Another brother, Pvt. Stanley F., 29, is serving with the infantry in Italy and Pvt. Everett H., 25, is with the Military Police in Texas.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Awards Won At April Court Of Honor Given

The Kings Mountain Court of Honor met Thursday evening, April 12, at 7 o'clock in the City hall.

Due to the absence of the court chairman, Rev. W. L. Harbey presided. Rev. Harbey opened the court with a prayer in which he gave thanks for the leadership of President Roosevelt.

Guest Executive E. H. Schiele led the court in the Great Oath and Law. Mr. Schiele announced the court conditions concerning camp for the summer. He also urged the Scouts to continue their Waste Paper campaign and to plant Victory Gardens where it is at all possible.

Advertisement in cash was made by the following boys:

Underfoot: Jerry Grigg, 6; Roger McDonald, 4.

Second Class: Richard Golen, 9; Howard V. Falls, 8.

The following trophies were awarded:

Acquatic, Daniel Britt, 4; Animal Industry, Carl Mann, 1; Bookkeeping, Gene Mauney, 5; Bookkeeping (Survey), James, 1; Campfire, Bill, 4; Campfire, 2; First Class and No Planning, Roy Harbey, and Walter Smith, 5.

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