

A WEEK OF WAR

War Production Director Nelson, speaking in New York City, said "America's industrial plants are really beginning to roll." He said airplane production schedules for the first three months of this year have been met or exceeded, and production of tanks is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Nelson said production of merchant ships is "rising rapidly" and this year's schedule should be met. A Garand rifle is now available for "every one of our combat soldiers who is supposed to have one," he said. Production schedules for anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns also are being met. However, "This is no time for easy optimism," he stated. "Because the production of war goods is so huge a job we can break every record we ever made and still fall short of the need."

The Senate passed and sent to the House legislation to set up a \$100 million smaller war plants corporation under the War Production Board. The corporation would obtain contracts from Government procurement agencies and re-award them to small enterprises, breaking the orders into sub-contracts where necessary.

toothpaste or shaving cream in tubes must turn into the retailers some kind of tin or tin-coated tube for each new one purchased.

The Board froze sales and deliveries of all new bicycles for adults, including those already ordered and paid for. Red Cross local chapters began collection of the extra cloth made available by the elimination of cuffs from approximately 50 million pairs of trousers now on hand in stores. The salvage clip will make about 300,000 new suits.

The Board ordered production of cover caps of tinfoil or teneplate, used as closures for catsup, jelly, etc. stopped immediately and of crown caps for bottled beer and soft drinks stopped April 30. Production of fluorescent lighting fixtures was also ordered ended immediately; of vacuum cleaners, April 30; and toys and games made of metal, plastic and other essential materials, June 30. The Board curtailed use of crude rubber and latex in 50 articles, including fire and mill hose, storage batteries, etc.

PRIORITY ORDER COMPLIANCE

The WPB reported investigations of 14,000 firms for compliance.

CIVILIAN SUPPLY

The WPB ruled persons buying

with priority orders have been undertaken since last June. Reports have been completed on 3,500 firms, the Board said, and of these 1,600 showed no violations while approximately the same number reported minor violations through misunderstandings. The reports resulted in 35 suspension orders, affecting 46 firms and one individual. Thirteen Federal agencies and more than 3,500 investigators are cooperating with the Boards in the surveys.

PRICES

The Office of Price Administration froze manufacturers', wholesale and retail prices of plumbing March 30 levels. Ceilings were also set on wholesale prices of bond, ledger, book and plain and fancy cover paper and Bristol, and on producers' quotations for Pennsylvania anthracite coal. The Agriculture Department said the retail cost of food is now 15 percent above the 1935-39 average, but is still below the 1929 level.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Civilian Defense Director Landis said Axis air raids on American war industries this Spring are "entirely possible." He said, "It's worth a dozen bombers to the Germans to wreck vital industries, even in the heart of the country." Mr. Landis said \$20 million of OGD funds have been transferred to build facilities for manufacture of civilian gas masks. First shipments of helmets, iron bands and other equipment for air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen and police were sent to more than 40 Atlantic and Pacific coast cities.

THE ARMED FORCES

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill granting pay increases from \$30 to \$42 for privates and apprentice seamen, and providing proportional increases for other classes of enlisted men in the armed forces. The Post Office department issued regulations for granting of free first class mailing privileges for all ranks of the armed forces. The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill eliminating restrictions on

marriage of Army and Navy officers during the war. The President signed legislation to permit the War Department to recruit American technicians serving in foreign armed forces and to pay them more than \$21 a month during the first four months.

The Navy Department said meetings have been arranged in 35 states between April 9 and 17 to acquaint educators with the Navy officer procurement program under which 80,000 college freshmen and sophomores will be recruited annually. The students will be enlisted as apprentice seamen and allowed to remain in school at least to the end of the second year. About 35,000 will be selected each year for further training leading to commissions as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve.

The House passed and sent to the Senate an \$18 billion War appropriation bill providing almost \$7 billion for military airplanes. The Senate passed and sent to the House a Naval Public Works bill to provide a billion dollars for expansion in aircraft and storage facilities. The War Department ruled officers and enlisted men, except those of the regular army, may campaign for and hold political office, if such activity does not interfere with military duties. Selective Service Headquarters instructed local boards to start classification of February 16 registrants, and to prepare to fill the Army's June call - and possibly the May call - from these men and the earlier registrants. SS headquarters also issued instructions to all local boards for registration of an estimated 13,500,000 men between 45 and 61 on April 27.

THE WAR FRONT

The Navy reported as of April 4, total Japanese losses inflicted by U. S. Naval forces included 21 warships sunk, 13 possibly sunk and 22 damaged; 48 non-combatant ships sunk, 14 possibly sunk and 14 damaged. The Army and Navy said Axis submarines sunk or presumed sunk by the Navy totaled 24, and those by the Army number four. Assistant Secretary of War for Air Lovett said U. S. pilots in the Far East are shooting down five Japanese planes for every plane lost.

The forces of Lt. Gen. Wainwright in the Philippines repelled several enemy attacks by land, sea and air on Bataan Peninsula and Corregidor Island with heavy Japanese losses. Japanese bombers sank the U. S. Aircraft tender Langley, the Destroyer Peary and the Navy Tanker Pecos in the Southwest Pacific, with an estimated loss of 700 men. The Navy reported the torpedoing of 15 more United Nations merchant vessels in the Atlantic.

SHIPPING

The Maritime Commission reported all contracts have been awarded for the 23 million dead-weight tons of merchant shipping - nearly 2,300 cargo ships and tankers - which the President has

set as the 1942-43 goal.

The Senate passed and returned to the House a bill enlarging the war risk provisions of the Merchant Marine Act to allow insurance of foreign as well as domestic ships.

AGRICULTURE

The Department of Agriculture said it had purchased more than \$800 million worth of farm commodities, totaling more than 7,500 million pounds, during the first year of the Department's expanded purchase program - March 15, 1941 to March 15, 1942. More than half of all purchases were for meat, dairy and poultry products. Most purchases were for long-lease shipment.

The Agriculture Department reported prices of all farm products combined were 99 per cent of parity on March 15, 1942 and 46 per cent above the 1909-14 average. The Commodity Credit Corporation reported it has contracted for the sale, during the period ending April 30, of about 5,500,000 bushels of corn and about 240,000 bushels of wheat to be processed into industrial alcohol.

Drying Of Vegetables, Fruits Has Advantages

Home drying is a satisfactory method of preserving certain fruits and vegetables, says Miss Ruby Scholz, Extension conservationist of N. C. State College. Used as a supplement to canning and storage, it will reduce the cost of the food budget and provide an adequate variety of foods for winter use, she pointed out.

Some of the advantages of drying, or dehydration, listed by Miss Scholz are: The products weigh only one fourth to one ninth of the weight of the fresh materials; there is a considerable reduction in bulk; storage is possible for long periods without the use of hermetically sealed special containers; and very little special equipment is needed.

Among fruits best suited for drying are apples, peaches, and pears. Berries and figs do not dry successfully in this climate, the Extension worker reported, and are most palatable when canned in syrup by the hot water bath method, or when made into preserves.

Miss Scholz says that drying is advised for a limited number of vegetables. "Dried vegetable materials are prone to deteriorate in flavor and table quality," she explained. "This is especially true of asparagus, spinach, cauliflower and green peas."

"Corn is delicious when dried. So are green beans, some greens, and peas. Vegetables to be dried require partial cooking before they undergo the drying process. This pre cooking should be done in steam rather than water, to preserve the food value."

Types of dryers for fruits and vegetables include the outdoor screen tray, oven and stove dryer.

5,000 Expected To Vote On Wheat Quotas May 2

Approximately 5,000 North Carolina wheat producers are expected to vote in the marketing quota referendum on Saturday, May 2nd according to W. Herbert White, Caswell County farmer and a member of the State AAA Committee.

This will be the second successive year North Carolina wheat growers have voted on marketing quotas, approval having been given last year by a majority of 83.5 per cent.

Quotas were proclaimed on the 1942 crop by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard after it became apparent that 1942-43 supplies would exceed greatly the marketing quota level set by law. To be in effect, quotas must be approved by at least a two thirds majority in a national referendum.

The 1942-43, national wheat supply is estimated at 1,428,000,000 bushels on a basis of a July 1, 1942, carryover of 635,000,000 bushels and a 1942 crop of 793,000,000 bushels. This is the greatest supply on record, nearly 100,000,000 bushels more than a year ago.

Any wheat grower who has planted more than 15 acres and whose normal production is 200 bushels or more is eligible to vote in the referendum. Voting places will be announced by county AAA officials.

Mr. White pointed out that the quota program this year is substantially the same as last year. Quotas do not apply to farms on which not more than 15 acres of wheat is planted for harvest or on which the normal production is less than 200 bushels.

The normal or actual production of farms' allotted acreage may be marketed free of penalties. Excess wheat, unless stored under bond, is subject to a marketing penalty of 50 percent of the basis loan rate, he said.

Eighteen Babies Smothered To Death In February

RALEIGH -- Of the 446 babies under a year old who died in North Carolina during February, 18 smothered to death while sleeping with parents, according to reports made to the State Board of Health. About 75 such deaths occur in the State annually, most of them in wintertime.

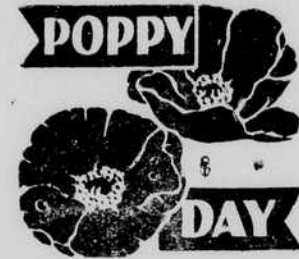
February deaths from influenza totaled only 48, as compared with 291 the corresponding month in 1941, while pneumonia deaths for the month dropped from 322 to 231. Measles claimed 11 victims, against 2 in February last year. From January 1 through March 14, 1942, there were 16,865 cases of measles reported in North Carolina, against 3,243 during the corresponding period of last year and 1,070 in 1940. The disease, on the upsurge this year, is scattered throughout the State.

Suicides are temporarily on the decrease, there having been only 15 reported last month, against 25 in February, 1941, while homicides for the month totaled 21. There were 28 reported in February last year.

Reports for the year through February show that an average of 235 bushels were born in the State each day, while daily deaths averaged 89.

Preliminary flight training for cadet candidates is conducted at one of 16 naval reserve aviation bases located throughout the United States.

The Navy's vast new Class V-1 program is designed to enlist 80,000 college men a year for future duty as deck and engineering officers, flight officers and reservists with the fleet for general service.



MILLIONS OF POPPIES TO BE WORN MAY 23rd.

Poppy Day, May 23 will see more Americans than ever before wearing poppies in tribute to the nation's war dead, poppy orders passing through the American Legion Auxiliary's national headquarters indicate. It is estimated that 13,000,000 poppies made for the Auxiliary by disabled war veterans will be worn on Poppy Day.

Funds from this year's poppy sale will be used for the needy families of men in the present war, as well as veterans of World War No. 1. Heavy increase in the welfare work of the Legion and Auxiliary, which is largely supported by Poppy Day contributions is expected to result in added interest. Already the Legion Auxiliary are helping today's service men and their families to meet their problems.

Making of the poppies has given hundreds of disabled veterans employment during the winter, and this will continue through April and part of May. Poppies are made in government hospitals in all parts of the country and in convalescent workrooms maintained by the Auxiliary. They will be distributed on Poppy Day by an army of more than 100,000 Auxiliary volunteers.

The outdoor pan should be of wire netting, cheese cloth covered, and slanted to the direct sun. Drying also can be done in trays, on canvas or on non-rasinous boards on a slanting roof.

Forsyth County farmers have placed more than 100 dairy animals from their farms this spring, reports S. R. Mitchiner, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.



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