

Restaurant Keepers Say State's Inspectors Won't Give Them Cooperation

Several Eating Establishments Closed Here Despite Desire To Help

CAUSES NOT REVEALED

Instances Found Where Minor Adjustment Could Have Stopped Action

State Board of Health Inspectors conducting a drive to improve sanitary standards of restaurants, cafeterias and similar food dispensing establishments have failed to exercise discretion and consideration in the performance of their duties despite the difficulties under which such establishments are now operating, a number of owners and operators, whose places have been closed by the inspectors in the past two weeks, charged yesterday.

No Cooperation The operators further asserted that despite their willingness to cooperate with the board of health, the inspectors sent here at the request of the city-county board of health have failed to cooperate with them.

A Star-News survey of downtown restaurants, cafeterias and drug stores which were closed for 24 to 48 hours by the inspectors, revealed that a majority of the places were closed for causes of which the owner was not aware and which could have been quickly remedied.

The operators are making every effort to meet all requirements," one operator quoted from

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N. C. SHIPYARD HIKES OUTPUT Local Company Ranks 4th In Nation In Liberty Ship Deliveries

The North Carolina Shipbuilding company moved up from fifth to fourth place among the nation's 20 shipyards now engaged in merchant vessel construction by increasing its output from five Liberty freighters a month to six, in October, the Maritime commission announced yesterday.

Among other tabulations released by the commission, the yard also led East coast yards in deliveries. Second on the East coast was the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company at Chester, Pa., which delivered 1 C-2 type cargo vessel and four tankers during October. The North Carolina company delivered five ships in September and ranked fifth in the nation, according to the Maritime commission figures.

During October, 81 vessels totaling 890,700 tons deadweight were delivered into service with the Clifftory fleet, bringing total national ship production figures for the year to approximately 6,000,000 deadweight tons.

October deliveries were 12 vessels short of the record-breaking production of 93 merchant ships during the previous month.

Temporary diversion of a considerable amount of the merchant construction of special craft for the armed forces was responsible, the Maritime commission said.

Of the 81 vessels, delivered in October, 85 were Liberty ships, three cargo carriers for British account, eight C-type, four large tankers and one ore carrier. West coast yards are under construction by putting into service 43 vessels. East coast yards delivered 24 ships Gulf coast yards 13 vessels, and one ship was completed on the Great Lakes.

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All Methodist Ministers Return To Wilmington For Coming Year

At the close of the annual North Carolina Conference in Wilson Thursday, a list of appointments revealed that all five of the Methodist ministers in Wilmington have been returned to their pastorate for another year.

A pastor has also been assigned to the new Sunset Park church, and the Rev. A. S. Parker was returned to his position of district superintendent here.

The new pastor of Sunset Park church is the Rev. O. K. Ingram. Ministers returning are the Rev. J. F. Herbert, who has completed three years at Grace

church; the Rev. C. D. Barcliff, who has been at Fifth Avenue for four years; the Rev. C. N. Phillips, who has been pastor of Epworth church for two years; the Rev. E. W. Downum, who has completed his first year at Winter Park; and the Rev. F. W. Paschal, who has finished one year at Trinity church.

APPOINTMENTS WILSON, Nov. 6—(P)—Ministerial appointments for the coming year were announced at the closing session of the North Carolina Meth-

Nazi General Killed



Gen. George von Stumme, second in command to German Field Marshal Rommel, was killed in action in Egypt during the sweeping British offensive, says a communique from Cairo.

WLB ANNOUNCES NEW WAGE IDEA

Policy Would Be Tough On Proposed Increases, Says Official

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (P)—The War Labor Board announced tonight a new wage and salary stabilization policy which, said Chairman William H. Davis, would be "pretty damn tough" on proposed increases above levels prevailing on September 15.

The policy set up under a recent order of President Roosevelt directing the board to stabilize wages and salaries under its jurisdiction, virtually froze such wages and salaries at the September 15 level.

Increases above that level will be granted "only in exceptional cases" and in accordance with an economic stabilization order issued by the President on October 3, the board said. That order directed that no wage or salary increases be approved by the board "unless such increase is necessary to correct maladjustments or inequalities, to eliminate sub-standards of living, to correct gross inequalities or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war."

In considering specific requests for wage or salary increases, the board

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County In Good Shape Financially, Declares New Hanover Auditor

"We're in mighty good shape right now," commented J. A. Orrell, county auditor, yesterday in regard to the county's monthly financial report.

On October 1, the balance shown was \$403,132.53. Receipts during October totaled \$268,811.70, making a total of \$671,944.23.

Expenditures for the month amounted to \$134,177.30, leaving on the books the amount of \$537,766.93.

Collections by the county auditor included \$206,534.21 in taxes, of which \$105,020.25 were prepaid taxes collected prior to October 1. Also included in these collections were \$20,000.00 from ABC funds, and \$4,820.70 from the Recorder's court. Disbursements for the month, including school buildings, totaled \$69,427.89.

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Georgians Lose Troops In Stalingrad

Repeated Assaults On Factory District Thrown Back By Reds

KALININ FRONT OPENS

First Mention In Some Time Made Of Activity North Of Moscow

MOSCOW, Saturday, Nov. 7.—(P)—The Russians announced today that repeated assaults by large forces of German tanks, infantry and planes upon a factory district in Stalingrad have been thrown back with heavy losses for the Germans and indicated they were holding firm in the Nalchik and Tuapse areas of the Caucasus.

The Soviet midnight communique reported that the Germans were thrown back to their original positions in the fierce fighting for the Stalingrad factory area. Further, the Soviets said, the Nazis lost about 1,000 men killed, 11 tanks, 20 trucks, and a large number of blockhouses there.

Enemy Pushed Back In the first mention in weeks of action on the Kalinin front, northwest of Moscow, the Russians said the Germans threw a battalion into an attempt to capture a height of tactical importance.

"At first the Germans succeeded in pressing back our units somewhat," the communique said. "A Red army unit then counter-attacked and threw the Germans back. About one company of the enemy was wiped out and some arms were captured."

On the battlefield northwest of Stalingrad, where the Russians are pressing the Germans hard to relieve Stalingrad, Nazi and Russian artillery maintained a fierce duel, the war report said.

A German field battery was reported destroyed and an enemy force of about 400 men was partly wiped out.

The Russians said their men were fighting "tense defensive engagements with enemy tanks and infantry" southeast of Nalchik.

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OIL REGISTRATION SLATED FOR AREA

November 10-11 Set As Period For Signing For Ration Coupons

Fuel oil dealers were notified Thursday morning that the dates for registration have been set for November 10-11, according to the New Hanover War Price and Rationing Board. Dealers will be required to register on OPA form R1116. These forms are now available at the rationing office.

The committee set to handle the registration is headed by H. E. Longley and it includes Roger Moore and Rabbi M. M. Thurman.

Consumers registration for fuel oil will take place at a later date, definite arrangements are pending the receipt of necessary materials.

The board advised consumers to be ready to enter their inventory as of October 1 on their application blanks.

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Mild temperature today. (EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday: Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 56; 7:30 a. m. 56; 1:30 p. m. 56; 7:30 p. m. 66; maximum 73; minimum 53; mean 63; normal 59. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 96; 1:30 p. m. 69; 7:30 p. m. 84. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.00 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Wilmington High 8:48a. Low 3:14p. Masonboro Inlet 8:53p. 3:45p. Moore's Inlet 8:59p. 3:51p. New Topsail Inlet 9:28a. 2:13p. (Elmore's Inlet) 9:40p. 2:49p. Sunrise 6:37a; sunset 5:14p; moonrise 5:18a; moonset 4:50p. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Friday, at 8 a. m., 10.6 feet.

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BRITISH CONTINUING PURSUIT OF ROMMEL'S TANK FORCES; JAPS REPELLED IN SOLOMONS

FOE'S ATTEMPTS FAIL

Heavy Toll Of Enemy Soldiers Taken By U. S. Sharpshooters

U. S. PLANES WORKING

Strafe Japanese Units And Apparently Have Full Control Of Air

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—(P)—American forces, taking a heavy toll of enemy troops, have repulsed several strong Japanese counter-attacks in the land battle for Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons, the Navy announced today.

The Japs struck against advanced Army-Marine positions to the west of the American-held airfield Wednesday night and early Thursday, Guadalcanal time. But not one of their several attempts to drive the Americans back upon the airfield was successful and presumably they left the American forces in position to continue the offensive begun last Sunday.

Withering Fire

The Japs were subjected not only to withering fire from U. S. ground forces but also, a Navy communique reported, to strafing from American planes which maintained "continuous air patrols" over the enemy lines. There was no mention of opposition and apparently the planes had full control of the air.

American positions to the east of the airfield, where the Japs landed troops and reinforcements earlier this week to undertake a sledgehammer maneuver, were unchanged, the communique said, and so far as known here, the threat from that quarter had only been checked, rather than eliminated.

In a press conference just before the communique was issued, Secretary Knox said that Japanese casualties in the three-month-old Solomons campaign were more than four or five times as great as American losses and that this ratio was continuing. He was "inclined to believe" that this ratio was due to the superb marksmanship of the American troops.

The lull in sea fighting which set in with the retirement of the Japanese armada from the Solomons late last week continues, the Secretary said, but he cautioned against any conclusion that "this is a finished fight."

SCHOOL BUSES NOW OVERTAXED

Official Here Reveals Set-Up Badly Overworked In New Hanover

Superintendent of Schools H. M. Roland revealed Thursday that the school bus system is badly overtaxed, and no additional buses can be found to take care of the present needs. Daily transporting in excess of 3,000 pupils to and from the numerous county schools, the buses are hard pressed to meet the new demands which increased school enrollments mean.

"There's not a bus to be found in the state of North Carolina," he commented.

At present, the school system is operating 23 regular buses and two antiquated buses which are being used on regular runs until new ones can be found.

All 25 make at least two trips each way each day and some of

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NOTICE!

If your carrier fails to leave your copy of the Wilmington Morning Star, Phone 3311 before 9:00 a. m. and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

Aussies Charge Nazis In Egypt



Australian soldiers charge through a smoke screen toward a German strong point somewhere on the Egyptian front. The Axis forces are in full retreat and are fighting only in rear guard actions, say Allied communique. This is an official British photo radioed from Cairo.

POLITICAL TRUCE PROSPECTS NOTED

Outlook Seems Brighter Over Idea Of Winning War Major Problem

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—(P)—Prospects of a political truce seemed to increase today as President Roosevelt and leaders in the greatly strengthened Republican party emphasized a new that that winning the war was the paramount task before the country.

At a press conference, a reporter asked Mr. Roosevelt whether the results of Tuesday's elections would make any difference in his attitude toward Congress.

Why should it? Mr. Roosevelt asked. He went on to say that he assumed Congress also wanted to win the war.

That what he wanted to know was whether the President would confer now with both Republican and Democratic leaders about legislative procedure, Mr. Roosevelt replied that he had been doing that.

The President made what appeared to be an indirect reply to those who have been accusing the administration of dictatorship.

Asked how he could account for the election results, he said he had had a very pleasant surprise, a perfectly delightful surprise, when he went to vote at Hyde Park, N. Y., Tuesday and found the polling place open.

"Do you think people expected it to be closed?" a reporter queried.

With a grin, Mr. Roosevelt said that apparently the reporter had not been reading some of the papers.

SON BORN

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 6.—(P)—A son was born today to Mrs. Lou Costello, wife of the movie and radio comedian. The Costellos have two daughters. The son will be named Lou, Jr.

PRISONERS IGNORED

Thousands Of Axis Troops Passed By In Rush To Strike Panzers

NAZIS PASS MATRUH

Latest Report Puts Germans 104 Miles Beyond Broken Alamein Line

CAIRO, Nov. 6.—(P)—Three swift British tank divisions racing into Western Egypt ignored thousands of surrendering Axis prisoners today in their relentless and annihilating pursuit of the remnants of Marshal Rommel's armored forces now fleeing beyond Matruh, 104 miles west of the broken Alamein line.

Fast motorized British infantry took charge of these German and Italian foot soldiers whose upraised hands and stunned expressions told their own story of the victorious British advance.

Prisoner Count Over \$13,000 By now the prisoner count had exceeded 13,000, "a conservative estimate," in the words of authoritative sources. Incomplete figures also showed that the Eighth army had captured or wrecked a minimum of 339 enemy tanks. In the latest bag of 79 enemy tanks, 20 were German and 59 Italian.

M-4 TANK HITS HARD CAIRO, Nov. 6.—(P)—The hard-hitting, American-made M-4 tank was disclosed tonight to be one of Marshal Rommel's worst headaches in his defeat in the Egyptian desert.

It is called the "Sherman" by the British and until it was thrown into battle, it was one of the most closely guarded secrets. For months, whenever the "Shermans" were in transit, they were disguised securely by tarpaulin sheeting.

The Sherman mounts a 75-MM gun with a 360-degree traverse. Three entire Italian divisions, the Trente, Brescia, and Felgare, have been trapped by the British far south of the Mediterranean coastal

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ROMMEL CAPTURED NOW POSSIBILITY

German Radio Raises Idea That Field Marshal May Be Prisoner

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—(P)—The German radio in a curious broadcast tonight raised the possibility of Marshal Rommel being taken prisoner in Africa, suggesting that Berlin was anxious over the Axis commander's eventual fate or had not heard from him recently in the retreat across Western Egypt.

"What will Rommel do now?" the Berlin announcer asked at the opening of a late broadcast.

Then after telling of the field marshal's "tactical genius," and a possible Nazi counter-stroke somewhere in the desert, the announcer concluded with this statement: "Political and military circles in Berlin refuse to make any predictions or utter any speculation as to the next possible developments in Africa."

October Bank Clearings Nearly Triple Those Of Similar Period In 1941

Bank clearings for the month of October almost tripled the total clearings for the same month last year, it was revealed in a report from D. M. Darden yesterday, secretary of the Wilmington Clearing House association.

The total for last month was \$42,562,593.87, as against a total of \$15,539,489.56 for October, 1941.

Except for the fact that September was a short month, the report showed September and October's clearings as nearly equal; the total for September being listed as \$31,490,033.43.

Stalin Assures Reds That Allies Will Open 2nd Front Against Axis

MOSCOW, Nov. 6.—(P)—Premier Stalin assured the Russians today that the Allies would open a second front against Germany in Europe and declared confidently that the Allies would win the war.

He spoke only to Moscow members of the Communist Party and other special organizations in a secret meeting place.

The Germans, he said, had been able to use 240 divisions—"over 3,000,000 men"—because of the absence of a second front and thus were able to penetrate 300 miles deeper into Russia.

He expressed confidence that the

Allies "sooner or later" would invade Western Europe for their own good. He reviewed developments of relations between Russia, the United States and Britain in a friendly tone in the speech that highlighted celebrations throughout the land on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the Communist revolution.

The German dream of conquest envisioning the fall of Stalingrad by September 25, Saratov by August 9, Baku by September 29 and Moscow this fall has failed, the Russian commander in chief asserted.

"In their hunt for oil and for Moscow, the German strategists have got into difficulties," he said amidst cheers. "Their summer plans appear to have failed."

The premier offered "facts to prove the strengthening" of the coalition between Russia, the United States and Great Britain, and added: "The Anglo-Soviet-American coalition has all the possibilities for victory and they will win."

He said "no sane man" would attempt to destroy Germany, "but

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