

Many Gasoline Ducats Stolen From Dealers

Coupons Worth About 100,000 Gallons Taken From Local Stations

HUGE LOSS EXPECTED Ration Board Head Says No Replacement Of Lost Tickets Possible

Negligence of dealers in securely locking up their supplies of gasoline ration coupons has resulted in thefts...

Filling station dealers have been the victims of the thefts and as a consequence stand to lose the gasoline equivalent of the paper units...

Insecure receptacles "It is impossible for us to make good to dealers the loss through theft of gasoline tickets..."

Gasoline thieves loaf around filling stations until the opportunity presents itself to seize the coupons...

CONTRACT OKEHD

A water contract between the North Carolina Shipbuilding company and the Housing authority of the City of Wilmington was approved Thursday...

Employment Heads Say: High School Pupils To Enter Industries

Plans for guiding this year's crop of high school graduates into industries where they are vitally needed were mapped out in detail...

Army Chief Presents Old Friend



On an inspection tour of Fort Benning, Ga., with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden (left), General George C. Marshall, U. S. Army chief of staff, introduces the British diplomat to an old friend he spotted, Sgt. Tom Tweed (right)...

Eden Pledges British Aid To Crush Japanese Empire

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 26.—(AP)—Britain is out to crush Japan as well as Germany, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden assured Americans tonight...

JOINER COMPANY TO GET 'M' FLAG

The Maritime commission's "M" pennant for production excellence will be presented to the W. and J. Sloane Company...

Firm Doing Work On Liberty Ships Here To Be Honored Today

The presentation program, over which W. E. S. Griswold, Jr., of New York, president of the W. & J. Sloane company, will preside as master of ceremonies...

Red Cross Workers Asked To Report To Headquarters Today

All solicitors for the Red Cross war fund were urged to report to their headquarters today for the last day of the drive...

Enemy Force Wiped Out By Red Army

German Garrison Annihilated At Strongpoint Near City Of Smolensk

HOLD FIRM IN DONETS New Central Front Gains Said To Be South Of Bely Vicinity

LONDON, Saturday, March 27.—(AP)—Russian troops beating against Smolensk's distant defenses wiped out a German garrison at one strongpoint and captured another...

Reds Break Into Dorogobuzh A Stockholm dispatch said Russian tanks already had broken into Dorogobuzh, 50 miles east of Smolensk...

RAF WINGS OVER ITALIAN CAPITAL

Fast Bombers Raid Railways On Outskirts Of Rome Proper

LONDON, March 26.—(AP)—RAF intruder planes, taking off from battered Malta where for months the words "Bomb Rome" have been chalked on the walls of ruined buildings...

NEW U. S. CARRIERS NOW IN OPERATION

Navy Discloses Fleet Of Auxiliary Units In Combat Areas WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—The Navy disclosed today that the first of a fleet of auxiliary aircraft carriers are in combat areas...

TAXI ORDINANCE IS NOW STUDIED

Model Law, Based On Kermion Bill, Before City Attorney Here A model taxicab ordinance, based on New Hanover Rep. R. M. Kermion's taxicab regulatory act...

BRITISH 8TH ARMY INFANTRY INCHING SLOWLY AHEAD INTO MARETH LINE FORTIFICATIONS

Rommel Counter-Attacks — American Gain In North



British forces were reported to be warding off fierce Axis counter-attacks at the coastal end of the Mareth line in Tunisia...

UNDER MUCH FIRE

Hail Of Bullets Surrounds Montgomery's Forces In Bloody Advance

AMERICANS HOLD FAST Patton's Troops Fight Grimly To Keep Axis Pinned Near Coast

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 26.—(AP)—Infantry of the British Eighth Army inched slowly forward into fortifications of the Mareth line under a hail of gunfire today while American forces 70 miles away fought grimly to keep Marshal Erwin Rommel's flank pinned to the Tunisian coast...

Flying Fortresses Blast Jap Units At Wewak

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, March 27.—(AP)—Flying Fortresses in one of their greatest attacks in the Southwest Pacific blasted Wewak, Japanese New Guinea base, and also hit a 4,000-ton merchant ship, the Allied command announced today.

The attack on Wewak lasted three hours, and the four-motored bombers going in low loosed 19 tons of explosives on the airfield, docks, town and shipping in the harbor.

SHAKEUP IN VICHY

By The Associated Press The Berlin radio announced last Friday night a shakeup in Pierre Laval's Vichy cabinet in which five ministers were dismissed, and this development came amid continued desertions from the Vichy government by foreign diplomats who were switching their allegiance to Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, French high commissioner in Allied Northwest Africa.

Walter Lippmann Says: John Lewis' Actions Belie His Arguments

By WALTER LIPPMANN The discrepancy between Mr. John L. Lewis' arguments and his actions is so glaring that he ought to be asked to explain it. For his case, set forth in his address to the Appalachian joint conference, cannot be reconciled with his threat of a coal miners' strike and his contemptuous defiance of the War Labor Board and of the Office of Price Administration.

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina: Showers Saturday. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

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