

GROCERY STORES CHANGE SCHEDULE

Several Establishments Begin Closing All Day Wednesday For Check

In order that they may have time for tabulating inventories required by the Office of Price Administration, and in order that they may have opportunity to familiarize themselves more completely with new rationing regulations as they develop, several local grocery stores on Wednesday initiated the policy of remaining closed during the entire day.

The closing measure is not general, according to Paul T. Marshburn, president of the local Retail Merchants Association, because objections to the plan were presented at a recent meeting of the retail organization by certain of the larger chain stores.

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First Christian Church Opening Is Delayed Here

Due to the illness of the Rev. James T. Lawson, pastor, dedication services for the First Christian church, scheduled for next Sunday, were indefinitely postponed Wednesday.

Services will continue to be held in the Sunday School building, as the sanctuary will not be used until the appropriate dedication services can be held, it was revealed.

Announcement of dedication plans will be made as soon as Mr. Lawson is sufficiently recovered.

RED CROSS FUND REACHES \$55,000

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The Red Cross secretary had high praise for the efforts of all who participated in the 1943 drive, and paid tribute to the community for its generous response to the call.

Campaign headquarters abandoned the Tide Water Power company show room Wednesday, and will be located for the rest of the week in the Red Cross office in the customhouse, Mrs. Spelden declared.

WE ARE REACHING TURNING PERIOD

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and chauvinism, and to have tempered the steel by burning away the cross. The place of America in the war and in the post-war world is great, and the American destiny is hard and it is high. There is then nothing to be lost and there is everything to gain by dispelling the illusion of omnipotence and the sin of self-righteousness.

In 1940 we had to learn that the fall of France and the threatened invasion of Britain and the capture or destruction of her fleet would leave the western hemisphere exposed in both oceans to a deadly dangerous combination of enemies. This was a shock to many who had thought the United States was invulnerable behind her two oceans. In 1943 we have to learn that it is our own future security, and not only the future of other nations, which is jeopardized by the notion that we can sit back, decide nothing and commit ourselves to nothing while virtuously we brandish the Atlantic Charter, and wait to see who does and who does not toe the mark we set.

This will be a shock to many who are accustomed to think that we are always the givers—be it food, military action, or moral advice—and never the takers. Yet the world as it is today is not the kind of world in which the old wishful willfulness is possible. Unpleasant as it may be to some to hear it, we shall get nowhere except into vast and unmanageable trouble by being too squeamish to see the facts of life.

The question for us is not whether we shall be pleased to continue to participate in reestablishing and in maintaining order in the world. We cannot afford not to do these things. If, for example, 33 Senators could again be organized as another battalion of death to reflect any engagement which was proposed, the thing which happened after 1919 could not happen this time. No Bricker could do again what Harding did then, which was to persuade our allies to dissolve their alliances and to disarm.

For we may be absolutely certain that the one sure effect of another isolationist victory this time would be to make still tighter and firmer the Anglo-Soviet alliance, and to draw into it the new France and the liberated countries. Nor would our present allies disarm: on the contrary, knowing that the victory of American isolationism would incite the enemy countries to plot for revenge, and that it would give aid and comfort to all Fascist and quasi-Fascist elements in every country, they would necessarily remain in a state of high military preparedness. The world would look upon our refusal to organize peace as the certain prelude to another cycle of civil and international wars.

Inevitably, we should then find that our action had wrecked our influence in South America, in Africa, and in Asia. A Bricker administration in America, brought into power by the politicians who are now for him, would be taken at once throughout the world to mean that the United States had learned nothing, and that at the next crisis of affairs, we would be just as unprepared physically, politically and morally as we were in the long disastrous years from 1921 to 1941.

In South America our position would collapse, as it very nearly did in 1940, because the spectacle of a large democracy which does not know its own interests and cannot make up its own mind, would confirm the worst suspicions of all those who think poorly of democracy anyway. In Africa, which is of such vital interest to the defense of this hemisphere, there would be turmoil and confusion. For the native peoples of Africa will never respect a nation which exhibits such appalling weakness. In Asia the Filipinos would lose all faith in us, once they saw that we were getting ready to be just as incapable of protecting them as we were in 1941. And in China the influence of those Chinese who are most friendly to us would sink to zero, while those who would make quite other arrangements would become dominant.

And at home, divided by the struggle with the isolationists, we should be one more a frustrated people. We should see no future in which we believed. We should know that our form of government is self-paralyzing. We should be wracked by the awful realization that we had failed again to consolidate our victory and to insure our interests and our peace.

In the tragedy of that demoralization, where should we find the mind, the heart and the good will to master the issues which the war compels us to face?

PIPE LINE ROUTE PARLEY STARTED

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it to the Hood's creek section for the present. Plans call for the construction of the pipeline to Hood's creek and then along the creek for a distance of miles to reach deep water. The Lock-Join plant will be installed along the Seaboard Airline right-of-way and will employ approximately 100 workmen. It will produce a minimum of 600 feet of pipe a day when operating at capacity.

BLANKS NOT RECEIVED

Local merchants, scheduled to receive and complete their OPA inventory form R-1310 between April 1 and April 10, were advised Wednesday by the New Hanover War Price and Rationing board that the necessary blanks had not been received and that they should not apply for them until further notice.

The new form which the merchants will be required to fill out concerns processed foods, by items and sizes.

Ration board officials will announce through the newspaper when the blanks come into headquarters.

VITAL GERMAN AREA IS TAKEN

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munique said another Nazi defense point was knocked out and 100 Germans killed.

West of Rostov along the northern shore of the Sea of Azov, the communists said the Germans had attacked Russian positions but were forced into "a hurried retreat" by Soviet artillery and mortar fire. This was the first time in weeks that fighting had been reported in this area between Rostov and Taganrog.

The Russian effort to expel the Germans from the western Caucasus had been bogged down by spring muds, but the Red army was showing more offensive effort there than elsewhere, and was last reported only 20 miles from Novorossisk.

The noon communique yesterday said that a German Caucasian stronghold had been taken and 150 enemy troops killed.

(The German communique peculiarly said "a German offensive operation made in order to shorten the front reached prearranged objectives" south of Lake Ilmen, suggesting a new retreat toward Staraya Russa. The Germans said the Russians were attacking south of Lake Ladoga near Leningrad, southwest of Vyazma and in the Kuban. "All was quiet" on the southern and central fronts, the Nazis said.)

German tanks probed at the unyielding Russian defense lines along the Donets river east of Khar'kov, and the midday communique said seven were destroyed. Dispatches said another 13 were damaged. Behind the front, peasants were digging seed into the liberated soil.

One whole division was reported by Red Star to have attacked one narrow sector of the Donets front without success.

The army newspaper made the disturbing statement that on one area of the western front where the Russians are from 32 to 50 miles short of the pivotal base of Smolensk, the "enemy was in superior numbers." The dispatch related, however, that the Russians rolled back Nazi counterattacks launched by small groups of tanks and artillery. The communique said that scouts were active and that 250 Germans were wiped out in a bayonet and grenade charge that carried a Nazi trench south of Bely.

SOCIAL SERVICE EXCHANGE SLATED

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will use it in the interests of the individual or family. Representing the agencies at the meeting were: Dr. A. H. Elliott of the Board of Health, J. R. Hollis, superintendent of the Department of Public Welfare, Judge J. C. Wessell, Jr., of the Juvenile Court, H. R. Emory, director of the Housing Authority for the City of Wilmington, James Daniel, superintendent of the James Walker Memorial hospital, C. M. Walker, superintendent of the Community hospital, Mrs. L. O. Ellis of the Associated Charities, Mrs. D. R. McEachern, chairman of the Public Health Nursing association, Capt. J. L. Neighbors of the Salvation Army, Miss Julia Yopp of the Travelers Aid, and W. A. Stewart of the Brigade Boys club.

The Social Service Exchange is being sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies Committee of the Community Chest. This committee is headed by the Rev. Freed, assisted by Mrs. Herbert Bluthenthal, Mrs. Walter Sprunt, H. R. Emory, A. C. Nichols and John Wessell, Jr. Another meeting will be held in the near future to complete plans for the organization of the exchange. Other agencies being invited to join the exchange include the local chapter of the Red Cross, the Sorosis and the Camp Davis Relief fund.

WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE

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The second convention of the leaders of the children of the church of the United Evangelical

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