

### Accurate Data Is Vital To Insure Meat Survey

Facts and figures presented by the citizenry of Wilmington are the only way we can fight the prevailing meat shortage here," F. O. Fockler, secretary of the chamber of commerce, said Wednesday as he pointed to only 10 replies to the meat survey, being conducted by the city in cooperation with the chamber and Wilmington Star-News.

While responses thus far have fully confirmed the fact that a serious shortage of meat exists in Wilmington, Fockler declared that "more and more replies to questionnaires must be sent in before concerted action can be expected."

The chamber head pointed out that efforts through other sources have been fruitless, so that "it is now up to the people."

One Wilmingtonian reported to the Star-News at noon that 140 food ration points, accumulated by his family of six and which expire Wednesday morning by his wife who stocked up on wesson oil, lard, and "one piece of ham." He said his wife "bought whatever she could get" but that 60 points will expire.

Answering a meat survey questionnaire, one Princess street housewife said she was able to buy "only medium quality pork or

beef, if any." Answering the query of how much she was able to buy, she replied "only that found by chance."

A Wilmington man replied he was not able to buy any meat "unless we are in the store at the time what little they have is being cut."

A Dock street householder said that where she used eight to 10 pounds of meat two years ago, she is able only to obtain about "two to three pounds now." A Wrightsville avenue woman who used the same amount two years ago, now secures "about four pounds per week."

A newcomer declared "some beef and some pork" is bought by her, and a native replied "only lamb and bacon" are available.

Another said she bought "only pork and weiners once in a while, or a piece of lamb. No beef in two weeks."

### Meat Survey Questionnaire

Name -----

Address ----- Telephone -----

How many persons were you feeding two years ago? -----

How many now? ----- How much meat were you buying two years ago? -----

How much are you able to buy now? -----

What kinds of meat are you able to get now? -----

How often can you get it? -----

Are you a newcomer to Wilmington since 1940? -----

Clip this questionnaire, fill it out, and mail it or bring it to the

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### Construction Figure Rises In N. C. Cities

RALEIGH, June 30.—(AP)—Building construction in the 26 largest North Carolina cities during May was 85 per cent above the April figure and 104 per cent higher than in May last year, the State Department of Labor said today.

The total during May was \$491,614, of which \$289,985 was for residential building, \$34,205 for non-residential and \$167,424 for additions, alterations and repairs.

Building permits totalled 439, compared with 383 in April and 470 in May 1942.

Goldsboro led the cities with \$216,675, Elizabeth City was second with \$68,000 and Wilmington third with \$44,203.

Nine towns of less than \$10,000 population reported total expenditures of \$201,030. Of this \$187,700 was residential, \$6,030 non-residential and \$7,930 additions, alterations and repairs. Morehead City led the towns with \$180,000, Edemo was second and Sanford third.

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### CHURCHILL SAYS NEW PUSH NEAR

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"ended in the total defeat of the U-boat attack."

"More than 30 U-boats were certainly destroyed in May," and since mid-May "scarcely a single merchant ship has been sunk in the whole of the North Atlantic," Churchill announced.

Because of this "we have had in June the best month we have ever known" in the war, he said, and shipyards of the United States, Britain and Canada have produced between "seven and 10 times as much as our losses from enemy action in the month of June."

"Bad patches" might still lie ahead, and "we must redouble our efforts and ingenuity" against submarines, he cautioned but — since U-boat warfare is held out to the Germans as their last great hope—these successes are bringing the Nazis "a somewhat raw and bleak outlook."

As to the air, Churchill disclosed that the RAF alone has dropped 52,500 tons of bombs upon Germany in the first half of 1943, or 35 times the weight dropped by the Nazis upon Britain in the same period.

"During the summer our main attack has been upon the main-spring of German war industry—in the Ruhr—but as the nights become longer and as the United States Air Force becomes more numerous our strong arms will lengthen both by night and by day and there is no industrial or military target in Germany that will not receive as we deem necessary the utmost application of exterminating force," he declared.

Churchill praised the daylight blows by the U. S. Air Force as inflicting "grave injury on the sensitive nerve center" of Germany war production, and said the Allied attacks would follow German industry to small towns as big ones are "disposed of."

Russia "presently will contribute an additional quota to the total blitz," he added.

Of Mussolini — who was urged earlier today by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in a speech in Commons to "accept the unconditional surrender terms offered to him"—Churchill said he and his people are suffering from the war of nerves.

"So far they have only been subjected to preliminary and discursive bombardments, but they already are speculating feverish-

ly where the blow will fall and what will be its weight," he remarked.

The Allies do not intend to "relieve that anxiety" for Mussolini or for Hitler, whose worries over Allied invasion plans "may perhaps have led to the remarkable long delay of the opening of the promised German offensive against Russia," Churchill added.

Their anxieties "will grow from week to week and from month to month," he continued. He warned peoples of Allied nations against over-confidence, stressing the enormous difficulties of amphibious warfare.

Allied cooperation in war and peace was emphasized by the prime minister.

He spoke of "the great republic of the United States whose power arouses no fear and whose pre-eminence excites no jealousy in British bosoms," adding:

"Upon the association and intimate alignment of the policy of the United States and the British Commonwealth and Empire depends more than upon any other factor the immediate future of the world.

"If they walk or, if need be, march together in harmony and in accordance with the moral and political conceptions to which the English-speaking peoples have given birth and which are frequently referred to in the Atlantic Charter, all will be well. If they fall apart and wander astray from the lines of their destiny there will be no end or measure to the miseries and confusion which would mark modern civilization."

Churchill told of friendship for Russia, of great hopes for China's future and of a revival of the "true greatness of France," in declaring that the United States and Britain must act together to secure peace and safety.

### Benswanger Surprised By Philadelphia Deal

PITTSBURGH, June 30.—(AP)—President William E. Benswanger of the Pirates expressed "complete surprise" today at the announcement in Philadelphia of the Phillies' purchase of Dick Conger, a right-handed pitcher, from Toronto of the International League.

While the Pirates had sold Conger outright to Toronto, Benswanger said "there is a stipulation in the working agreement between the two clubs whereby Pittsburgh gets first choice on any Toronto player at a specified price up to Sept. 1."

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