

Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

U. S. AIR FORCE DOWNS 384 JAP PLANES TO 54

Washington — The Army Air Forces shot down 384 Japanese planes during the last three months, the War Department announced, while losing 54 of their own planes.

The tabulation of enemy aircraft was confined to those known to be destroyed, the department said, but the American losses included all planes listed as missing as well as those known to have been destroyed in combat.

"The tabulation does not include enemy aircraft probably destroyed, those damaged in combat and which may or may not have been able to return to base, those which were shot down by anti-aircraft fire, or those which may have been lost because of mechanical failure," said the announcement.

ALLIED SUCCESS IS HELPING FRENCH SPIRIT

Allied Headquarters, North Africa — Opposition to Axis oppression in France is increasing in direct proportion to the Allied successes in Tunisia. The definite prospects of an early union between General Henri Honore Giraud and General Charles De Gaulle, the smashing aerial blows against Germany and the Russian successes, reports from metropolitan France said.

French saboteurs were said to have wrecked many more trains, bridges and power stations during March than in any two previous months combined. Nazi guards had to be doubled at most places, especially at night. They were reported patrolling in twos and threes as a precaution against gashed throats and smashed skulls.

MEAT SUPPLIES ARE CATCHING THE DEMAND

Chicago — The first week of meat rationing brought supply in line with demand again. For the first time since the pre-rationing buying spurge, butchers' shelves with few exceptions were amply stocked, a United Press survey showed Saturday.

Meat dealers reported that the cheaper cuts of meat were moving well, but expressed fear that unwanted supplies of cooked meats such as sausages may spoil unless the OPA lowers point values on them to stimulate purchases.

TAYLOR APPOINTED TO HEAD FARM LABOR

Washington—Food Administrator Chester C. Davis last week appointed Lieut. Col. Jay L. Taylor as deputy administrator in charge of farm labor, apparently assigning him the task of recruiting a land army of 3,500,000 to help produce 1943 crops.

Taylor was detailed to the food administration from the army, where he has been serving as a liaison officer in the fiscal division, of the services of supply at Los Angeles. He assumes his new post at once.

The appointment was Davis' first major action since he supplanted Secretary of Agriculture Wickard as food administrator. It represented a concrete step toward swift assembling of a farm labor force as demanded by President Roosevelt when Davis took over.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN U. S. DROPS TO 1,000,000

Washington—Recalling the days when the United States had more than 10,000,000 unemployed, the Census Bureau reported a total of only 1,000,000 jobless persons — approaching what the bureau called "the irreducible minimum."

The new figure, based on a nationwide cross-section survey in mid-March, showed a decline since mid-February of 400,000 in the intervening month 100,000 of these joined the labor force and 300,000 went into the armed forces.

1st FRENCH OFFICERS ARE AT FT. BENNING

Ft. Benning, Ga.—Major Etienne Caminade and Lieutenant Henri Barbeau, first members of a group of 100 French officers and 50 French officer candidates who will begin a special course of instruction at the Fort Benning Infantry School arrived here Saturday. The remainder of the group arrived Sunday and started training April 5.

The soldiers, many of whom saw action in World War I, and all of whom have been on combat duty in this war, are volunteers for the North African Army.

They will take an eight-week course, familiarizing themselves with American weapons and American methods of training. They come to Benning from New York.

Piney Creek News

Wayne Hash, who will enter service next Monday, is spending his furlough visiting relatives in the county. He spent the week end in Winston-Salem visiting his sisters, Mesdames Gaston Blewins and Garrett Searcy.

Pvt. Eugene McGuire spent the past few days visiting his parents here. Eugene has been in a Miss training camp.

Mesdames John Covey, Blanche Reed and Miss Mildred Halsey, of Wytheville, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Victoria Halsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves and daughter, of Stratford, and Mrs. J. F. Halsey, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hash.

Tom Black visited in the community last Friday evening.

Wolf Branch News

Mrs. Elmer Andrews and Miss Wilma Crouse visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andrews, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Crouse's mother, Mrs. Nancy Jane Holloway, visited Mrs. Elvira Caudill recently.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Holloway Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Choate, Mrs. L. V. Tedder and Mrs. Robert Taylor.

Mr. Harold Chote spent Saturday night with Mrs. L. V. Tedder.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wyatt were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoppers, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fowler and daughter, Mary Lou, of Dayton, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Crouse and other relatives here last week. Mrs. Fowler was formerly Miss Eva Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Holloway of Oxford, Ohio.

James Lee Crouse, Seaman Second Class, spent a short leave with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crouse.

Mr. Neal Harris and Frank Jr., spent the week end with relatives here.

Turkey Knob News

MRS. ANNICE LANDRETH Staff Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and daughters, Susie and Dorothy, spent Saturday in Galax.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hungate and children, Misses Agnes and Izetta Osborne, of Roanoke, Va., Corporal Clement Osborne, of Fort Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Osborne and children, of Piney Creek, and Mrs. and Mrs. Lee Finney were Sunday guests of Mrs. Byrd Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie

Ceiling Prices Are Put On Beef, Veal, Lamb By OPA

Washington — This week OPA put specific cents-per-pound ceiling prices on retail sales of beef, veal, lamb and mutton effective April 15, and said housewives would find them "in most cases less than the prices which consumers have been paying recently."

Similar prices on retail pork cuts went into effect on April 1. Today's standardization of top prices by zones was designated by the Office of Price Administration to help restore order in retail meat distribution, upset for months by shortages, price rules that varied from store to store, alleged black-markets for sale of illegal meat at illegal prices, and other difficulties.

Wiping out the store-by-store meat price maximums which formerly permitted any establishment to charge its highest price of March, 1942, the new action set down in cents-per-pound the price of sirloin in Detroit, hamburger in New York, veal cutlets in San Francisco, and so on for each grade of 102 cuts of

beef, veal, lamb and mutton in each of 12 zones. These zones are identical with the park zones, except that the Midwestern 4 and 4-A zones are combined for other cuts. The meat cuts are all the ordinary types and correspond with ration lists.

As in the case of pork, small independent stores will be permitted to charge one to three cents a pound more than chains or large

independents (defined as stores that did more than \$250,000 business last year).

Since the prices could be compared only on a store-by-store basis, officials said they could not estimate the amount of the reduction in prices, on the average. But they said that, in the Northeast, hamburger has been selling lately up to 50 cents per pound and will be cut to 32 or 33 cents per pound under the new order.

North Carolina was fourth in peanut production last year, with 402 million pounds. Georgia led with a billion pounds, and then came Alabama and Texas.

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Mrs. Clinton Young visited Mrs. Fred Osborne, Monday.

Miss Betty Jean Landreth, of Gary, W. Va., spent the week end with Wanzaleen Landreth.

Miss Evelyn Brown spent Saturday in Sparta.

Cross Ties Wanted

This is to advise our friends and customers that we are in position to pay the following prices for Cross Ties, having received authority from the Lumber Branch, Washington, D. C., to act as tie agent under Provisions Section 1226.2(B) of revised maximum price regulation No. 216.

T A TIES:		T C TIES:	
No. 5 Ties	\$1.16	No. 5 Ties	\$1.06
No. 4 Ties	1.01	No. 4 Ties	.91
No. 3 Ties	.87	No. 3 Ties	.77
No. 2 Ties	.77	No. 2 Ties	.67
No. 1 Ties	.67	No. 1 Ties	.57

This includes all kinds of OAK, ASH, HICKORY and BLACK WALNUT. This includes BIRCH, GUM, BEECH, CHERRY and HARD MAPLE.

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Men like Major Anderson don't come back to tell us.

How much courage it takes to fight in a deadly jungle crawling with Japs . . . how much courage it takes to battle heat and sand and thirst and Germans in the African deserts most of us can only guess at.

Our boys who fight there don't talk about it.

Such courage staggers the mind. It is the same kind of courage that has that neighbor boy of yours waiting at the hospital in uniform to see his new-born son.

Some day soon that young father may have to dive his plane down the funnel of a Jap carrier.

He knows that. So does his wife.

Yet their faith is such that they get married . . . have babies . . . plan a confident future.

They are the unafraid. They make the fears and doubts of the rest of us seem mean and small. They make us see some of their vision of the magnificent future of our country . . . a country which can be entrusted with the sons of men who may never see them.

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