

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

U. S. WAR CASUALTIES ARE OVER A MILLION

Washington—Combat casualties reported by the army and navy reached 1,070,138 last week, a rise of 1,922 since the previous report.

The navy casualty report accounted for 1,304 of the increase and the army the remainder.

The War Department said the army casualties, as received in Washington through Aug. 14, totaled 922,757. The navy total is 147,381.

The services will continue to issue casualty reports until the final figures have been received.

A breakdown on army casualties and corresponding figures for last week:

Killed, 199,183 and 198,222; wounded, 570,997 and 570,970; missing, 33,653 and 33,975; prisoners, 118,924 and 118,302.

The decline in missing apparently represented shifts to other classifications. The War Department said that 356,331 of the wounded have returned to duty and 96,337 of the prisoners have been exchanged or returned to military control.

Similar figures for the navy: Killed, 52,963 and 52,432; wounded, 80,171 and 78,935; missing, 10,553 and 10,935; prisoners, 3,694 and 3,725.

FIRE TAKES SEVEN LIVES IN ALABAMA

Birmingham — Seven persons died in two residential fires Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Levio and three children were unable to escape from their burning home because of heavy bars over the windows. The bodies of all five victims, burned beyond recognition, were found beside the windows. The children were Sara Ann

PRESIDENT OBSERVES VICTORY PRAYER DAY

Washington — President and Mrs. Truman Sunday led the nation in prayers of thanksgiving for the Allied victory at impressive nondenominational religious services at 10 a. m., e. w. t., in the East Room of the White House.

The half-hour service, attended by 200 high-ranking military, government and congressional leaders, was conducted by Brig. Gen. Luther D. Miller and Rear Adm. William N. Thomas, Chiefs of Chaplains of the army and navy. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the World War I President, and Mrs. Frank Knox, widow of the late Secretary of the Navy, were among those present by special invitation. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was unable to attend.

A mixed service choir, composed of soldiers, sailors, marines, WACs and WAVES led the congregation in hymns, and sang the "Recessional" anthem with WAC T-4 Nancy Waugh, Trenton, N. J., singing the solo part.

A gold cross over dark red draperies with white candles and white chrysanthemums decorated the altar, and gladioli decorated the back of the room.

President Truman had proclaimed Sunday as a national day of prayer of thanksgiving for the Allied victory which ended World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman, sitting in the front row at the service, joined the choir and congregation in singing hymns and reading responsive selections.

and Joe Anne Levio, 10, twins and Rosemary Levio, 8.

Tom Oglesby, 55, and Mrs. Bazil Oglesby, 87, his mother, died when their home was destroyed.

New Council to Write Peace Terms



A council was set up at the Potsdam conference to write the final peace terms governing the defeated Germans as well as the Japs. Center shows James F. Byrnes, U. S. secretary of state; upper left, Ernest Bevin, English foreign minister; upper right, Vyacheslav Molotov, Russian foreign minister; lower left, George Bidault, French foreign minister, and lower right, Wang Shik-chieh, Chinese representative.

Many War Agencies Are Soon To Be Liquidated Or Changed

Washington—Nearly all the Government's emergency war agencies will be chopped off soon. Their days are numbered.

President Truman is known to have given the word they should be liquidated as rapidly as possible. He wants the old-line Federal departments to take over any of the agencies' functions needed in peacetime.

And to absorb others Mr. Truman may create a new Department of Welfare with Cabinet status.

A few of the many emergency agencies set up to handle complex wartime problems already have folded, or are about to. Others are expected to go in a few weeks.

A handful—such as the War Production Board and the OPA—have an important reconversion role and will be on the scene longer.

But there was evidence aplenty in Mr. Truman's executive order of Saturday that no agency born of the war will continue a day longer than absolutely necessary.

In a broad directive he told them to get rid of all controls—wage, price, production and every other kind—as soon as it can be done "without endangering the stability of the economy."

When the war agencies have done that their job is done.

The Chief Executive's order mainly put into formal effect the transition period plans he and other administration leaders had outlined when Japan quit.

He made these principal points in calling for "vigorous, concerted and uniform action" on the part of the entire Government:

Any civilian production bottlenecks should be cracked promptly through use of priorities assistance.

Prices should be increased only to correct inequities or alleviate hardship. The cost of living and the general level of prices must not be allowed to rise.

The whole program toward a secure economy will be co-ordinated by John W. Snyder, director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

That's an agency with statutory basis, created by Congress not only to co-ordinate the war effort but to direct the huge task of shifting the nation from war to a firm peacetime footing.

JAPANESE ARE GIVEN TERMS FROM AUSSIES

Melborne — Surrender negotiations affecting more than 20,000 Japanese troops in the Bougainville. Solomons area and about 8,000 around Wewak in New Guinea have been started, Australian headquarters and press dispatches said.

The Japanese surrender envoy for Lieutenant General Kanda, commander of Nipponese troops on Bougainville, has returned to his headquarters after receiving terms from the Australian commander, Lieut. Gen. S. S. Savige, said news reports from the Solomons.

Mt. Zion News

By MRS. S. E. SMITH Staff Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh and George Black visited Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards, Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black were: Mrs. E. Left Edwards, of Morganton; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heitz and two sons of Wilmington; Miss Bette Church of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. R. E. Black and daughter, Ida Mauds, of Sparta; and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Moxley, Tolia.

Mrs. W. F. Pugh and Mrs. J. Roy Cox spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Wyatt.

Mrs. T. E. Pugh and little niece,

Shirley Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Hampton and daughter, Ella Ruth, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cmth, Thursday afternoon. Zack Runtherford had the misfortune to fall and break his arm, Saturday.

Mrs. Barnett Reeves and daughter, Frances Anne, Maiden, spent last week with Rev. and Mrs. Ben Williams, at Peden.

Mr. and Mrs. David Van Dyke and son, Pfc. Ben C. Van Dyke, are visiting relatives in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry and children were shopping in Sparta, Saturday.

The Rocky Ridge H. D. club's annual picnic will be at Rocky Ridge church on August 27 at 7:30 p. m. All members, their

families and friends, and 4-H club members, their families and friends are invited to attend.

EXTRA!

SAVE MONEY BY READING THE ADS

An Appeal To The Farmers

THE WAR IS OVER, THANK GOD. Now let us win the PEACE with the same determination, courage and unanimous effort. Difficulties and some hardships must be faced and overcome during the Reconversion Period. Competition will be keener and prices of many commodities are bound to be lower and quality better. We will get more value for our dollar. Our industry will not be an exception to the rule. In the near future, more shipping facilities will be available and Briarwood from Europe will arrive in ever increasing quantity. This may force a downward trend of prices for Ivy and Laurel. We are not afraid of competition. We have produced pipe blocks all of our lives and will continue to produce them. But we have no control over prices. Therefore, we suggest that you dig your Ivy and Laurel NOW while prices are at their peak. We ask your cooperation to dig good and solid burls. We have no use for stumpy or dead wood. Help us avoid the unpleasant task of cutting bad stools.

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5 Good Country Tricks for Saving More Used Fats

Right now, the country is facing the worst fat shortage since the war began. To help make up the deficit, the government is depending on the women of America—and particularly our women on farms and in smaller cities.

Every drop of fat is needed to help make battlefield and homefront essentials. So roll up your sleeves and do an all-out job, won't you? Clip this checklist as a reminder.

- 1. FRIED SALT PORK**—with milk gravy. Salt pork yields so much grease, you won't need it all for gravy. Pour the rest into the salvage can.
- 2. DEEP FAT FRYING**—use the fat over and over, but when it's too dark and smelly to use any more, don't forget Uncle Sam wants it!
- 3. ROASTS AND CHOPS**—save all trimmings (scraps from the plates, too.) Keep them in a small bowl; once a week melt them down.
- 4. SAUSAGES**—they're better if you parboil them first. Skim the fat off the cooking water—scrape the fat from the frying pan.
- 5. CHICKEN SOUP**—chill it before you use it. Scoop off the hardened grease (soup tastes better, too!)

When the salvage can is full, take it to your butcher promptly. He will give you 2 red points and up to 4c for every pound of used fat you turn in.

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QUISLING IS NOW ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

Oslo—Vidkun Quisling, whose name became another word for traitor in all languages, on trial for his life before a court sitting in the hall of the Masonic Lodge from which Quisling stole \$2,000,000 while he was Nazi puppet ruler of Norway.

The case—set forth in a detailed 3,500-word indictment—will be heard by a court of four citizens and three judges. If

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