

# The Danbury Reporter

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## Rationing

**SUGAR:** Coupon No. 11 is good until Mar. 15. No. 12 will be good from March 15 for six weeks.

**COFFEE:** Coupon No. 25 will be good until Mar. 21. No. 26 will be valid from Mar. 22 for five weeks. No coffee is allowable for medicinal use.

**FUEL OIL:** The value of Period 5 coupons has been set at 19 and 100 gallons.

**SHOES:** Coupon No. 17 (on Sugar Book) good for one pair shoes until June 15.

Institutional users of rationed canned, dried and dehydrated foods must register with local board by March 10.

Retail merchants must register with the board from April 1 to April 10. Blanks may be secured from the office after Mar. 15. They are required to show their sales in point values for month

of March and many other definite facts in order to re-stock on rationed products.

Owners of farm equipment, tractors, etc., who seek supplemental gas rations must first submit their applications to the War Board (of which Mr. Brumfield is a member and whose clerical force receive the applications) after which their recommendation will be acted upon by the rationing board.

Merchants in the county are authorized to continue to sell seed beans and seed peas in package, pound or quart quantity to those customers who expect to plant same. They are advised that planting of field blackeye peas, pinto and lima beans season is not yet at hand and none of these may be sold.

Grade 111 tires are now classified as used, recapped or recondi-

tioned tire. Grade 11 constitute "War Tires." Very few Grade 11's have been allocated to this county. No Grade 111's are yet available. Truck tire allocations were light for March. The tire situation is yet critical. Applicants are requested to be patient, drive slow, use care and conserve the ones now on the car. No definite relief is in sight.

The Price Panel Members of Local War Price & Rationing Board has been enlarged this week to permit closer touch with price ceilings, point rationing and coming meat rationing in all sections of the county. There are now one or more members of the panel in every township who will work in close connection with the board and with inspectors of OPA to see that prevailing price ceilings set from time to time on sundry articles are adhered to. The following now constitute this panel or board: Ruth Coleman, Clerk; Mrs. Janie Cofer, R. M. Greene, I. G. Ross, N. F. Christian, Ellis Coon, Mrs. Reid Jones, Mrs. R. B. Hutcherson, Mrs. Sadie Kallam, Miss Sadie Blackwell, Mrs. Eula Beck, O. R. Nunn.

Registration for Ration Book Two in Stokes county was most efficiently administered by the principals, teachers and advanced students in the various schools. 22,800 men, women and children were registered on a total of 3,964 Declaration Forms. This was all accomplished with no friction and little inconvenience on the

## U. S. Fliers Get Down Many Planes with No Credit On Official Record

LONDON.—Officers who question the crews of Flying Fortresses after their European forays say they feel generally that the gunners of these planes destroy more enemy planes than official records show.

The officially announced number of German fighters shot down since these raids began in August exceeds 200. The high rate of destruction by the B-17 bombers is so revolutionary in aerial warfare that it has given rise to some question whether the figures were too enthusiastic.

Here are the answers to questions posed about the prowess of the Fortresses.

**Q.** Is it true that RAF methods of determining enemy losses which long were regarded as conservative and accurate, differ from those of the United States Army Air Forces?

**A.** The two forces use the same methods. In fact, the USAAF learned much of its technique directly from the British.

### Conclusive Evidence

**Q.** What is accepted as conclusive evidence that a plane was destroyed?

**A.** The circumstances vary with the cases, but, broadly, the evidence required is for the gunner or other witnesses to see the planes hit the land or sea, to see the plane explode in the air, to see the pilot bailing out—in the case of a single-seater fighter—or to see the plane dive away so completely enveloped in flames as to preclude all possibilities of its being flown away.

**Q.** Does the USAAF list as a destroyed plane one which the gunner has shot into and seen falling away apparently out of control, but which went into a cloud or otherwise lost to sight?

**A. No.**  
**Q.** Even if such a plane is clearly smoking?  
**A. No.** We know the pilot may have a brisk fire aboard, topple away, put the fire out and then regain control.

**Q.** Is it possible that, flying in tight formations, gunners from two or more Fortresses might be pumping bullets into an enemy fighter which blows up and each gunner honestly reports that he shot the plane down, thus getting duplication?

**A.** This is possible and no one can say there have not been a few instances of duplication, but I can say—without going into unpublishable detail—that every precaution is taken to prevent it by checking times and other circumstances, preliminary figures, before the various interrogating officers compare notes, check and double check the answers, are often higher than the ones finally given. When in doubt, we are inclined not to list two as destroyed.

part of the people of the county. The school families and their students are to be congratulated for the earnest effort they made in doing this work in so short a period and in such a splendid patriotic manner.

**Q.** Granting that fighters are the traditional destroyers of the air, why, when a large number of fighters escort 100 Fortresses on a raid, will the fighters be credited with only two or three enemy planes, while perhaps 20 or 30 will be given to the bombers?

**A.** It's simple. The Fortresses get the shots and the fighters don't. German fighters are not engaging our fighters if they can possibly avoid it. Their job is to knock down bombers and protect the targets. Also, on raids where bombers go beyond fighter range, the Germans have learned to wait and concentrate on the bombers when they are unprotected.

**Q.** The USAAF communiques issued in London do not list "probable enemy planes destroyed or enemy planes damaged," and in some instances communiques have said "some enemy planes were destroyed" without stating the number. Why?

### 'Probables' Omitted

**A.** "Probables" and "damaged" were once listed, but they seemed to cause some confusion and exaggeration in the public thought, so they now are omitted in the interests of conservatism. In some cases, the numbers were not given because planes were scattered, pilots and crewmen wounded, and other factors made accurate data impossible until after other raids had intervened and it was decided there was no point in giving out belated figures.

**Q.** Are enemy planes destroyed ever credited to Fortresses which do not return?

**A.** Only in very rare instances, where the crews of other planes say absolutely that they saw an enemy shot down by the crew of the lost bomber.

**Q.** Is it true that the Fortresses' practice of flying very high in tight formation makes it harder for them to report losses accurately than for fighters which follow targets closely?

**A.** Yes, but the effect is not to enlarge the Fortress credit sheet. On the contrary, it undoubtedly works in the opposite manner, since it seems certain a definite share of the enemy planes which fall away in distress are lost from sight and can be listed only as "probable."

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## Blackout For Western Stokes March 18

U. S. army has declared Thursday, March 18, BLACKOUT NIGHT for western Stokes county, embracing the Germanton, King, Pinnacle and Francisco territory and east including Hanging Rock Park.

All lights go black at 8:50 p. m. No exceptions in this area of Stokes county. "All-clear" comes at 9:22 p. m.

Listen to Black-out news over the radio or in daily papers.  
 LAWRENCE MACRAE.

Last year American workers lost about two million social security account cards. These cost the Government \$500,000 to replace.

The amount of money used for the duplicate cards issued during the last 12 months would equal the amount required to buy 833 machine guns or 550 jeeps or 25,000 rounds of pistol ammunition.

Mrs. Hollis Rhodes and Catherine Sisk visited Winston-Salem this afternoon.

# STUART THEATRE

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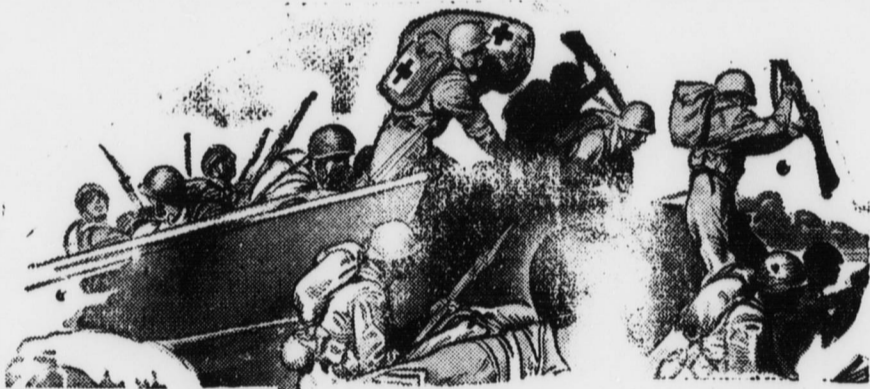
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