

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

ALL BANQUETS MAY BE OUT FOR DURATION

New York — The New York World-Telegram said this week it had learned from an OPA spokesman that "banqueting is out for the duration."

"While no order has yet been issued covering the ban, an OPA spokesman indicated it would apply impartially to all group-eating functions in hotels, Rotary banquets as well as soup-and-fish banquets," the World-Telegram said.

The newspaper said the OPA spokesman added:

"Don't let anybody think that because they may have more money than the next one they can go to some high-priced hotel and get a bigger and better meal. Hotel meals will be on a par as far as quality goes, big hotel or small hotel."

Service organizations which hold regular weekly luncheons, including Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Exchange clubs, presumably would be affected.

The World-Telegram said it was learned that several New York hotels, which already were curtailing their banquet and dining room services, had been quietly advised by the OPA to prepare for no-banquet days for the duration, as soon as meat rationing becomes general.

HITLER'S ROPE HANGS MORE THAN 3,000,000

London—Adolf Hitler's "hangman's rope" rule in occupied Europe has claimed more than 3,000,000 lives, the inter-Allied Committee reported.

"The figures are mostly German so the extent of human life taken and amount of suffering caused by the Axis is only partially revealed," the committee said.

Death at the hands of the Gestapo experts never have been revealed and accurate information is difficult to obtain.

The committee reported that 2,500,000 persons have been executed or died in Polish concentration camps, and that 744,000 have been executed in Yugoslavia, with 152 Belgians executed and 1,290 more in concentration camps.

MANY AT RECEPTION FOR MDM. CHIANG KIA-SHEK

Washington — The top foam of Washington surged en masse into the Shoreham hotel's best ballroom to greet Madame Chiang Kai-shek and partake of Chinese embassy hospitality.

For two long hours they came, six abreast extending the length of a block, through cushioned lounges where palms were early casualties.

Diplomatic, army, navy and governmental elite moved in steady file past the chair where sat the first lady of China in sapphire velvet afash with sequins and highlighted by white orchids which the President and Mrs. Roosevelt sent.

Amid the bevy surrounding the wife of the Chinese generalissimo, Madame Wei Tao-ming, wife of the ambassador, greeted the more than 2,000 guests with constant good humor.

ON BAPTIST HOUR



DR. ROBERT G. LEE, of Memphis, Tennessee, Pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, author and outstanding preacher, will be heard on The Baptist Hour in March in a series of three addresses, according to announcement by Dr. S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, Georgia, Chairman of the Southern Baptist Radio Committee.

The first address, entitled "Gaining God as Ally," will be delivered Sunday morning, March 7th, at 8:30 EWT. The programs may be heard in North Carolina over stations WPTF of Raleigh and WBIG of Greensboro.

BOMBING OF JAPANESE INDUSTRIES PLANNED

Washington — An indication that America's naval might in the Pacific is about ready to undertake a drive for positions from which Japanese industrial centers can be brought under direct and devastating attack came this week from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet.

"We are now at the cross roads of the Pacific campaign," Nimitz said in a radio broadcast sponsored by the American Red Cross. His prepared statement was released by the navy in Washington.

"Through the unmatched devotion of the men who held the lines in the trying months of the past year, we have turned back the enemy in the South Pacific. The loss of Guadalcanal marks the first defeat of that kind suffered by the Japanese in modern times.

HOPE FOR 68 MINERS IN MONTANA VANISHES

Bear Creek, Mont. — Hope for the 68 men still trapped in a gas-filled tunnel of Montana's biggest coal mine since Saturday morning faded this week as members of the rescue squad reported the wrecked shaft was a veritable hell.

Six bodies have been recovered and three miners were rescued alive.

More than 400 rescue workers have been trying to reach the men since a terrific blast wrecked a section of the mine Saturday, 800 feet below the surface and possibly a mile from the central

Proclamation BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS The American National Red Cross during the first year of our participation in the war has rendered vital humanitarian services to the members of our armed forces and to their families; and

WHEREAS The demands made upon the Red Cross are steadily increasing from day to day as it is called upon to accompany our Army and Navy into worldwide theaters of action, to provide blood plasma for our wounded, to send relief to American and United Nations prisoners of war, and to expand its preparations to meet emergencies at home; and

WHEREAS The American National Red Cross is under the necessity of raising further funds in order that these essential services may be continued and expanded:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, and President of The American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month beginning March 1, 1943, as "Red Cross Month,"

and I request that during that month our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross. I summon the men, women, and young people of our country, in every city and town and village, in every county and state throughout the land, to enlist in the army of mercy mobilized under the banner of the Red Cross and to contribute generously to the Red Cross War Fund in order that the sum of One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars, every cent of which is needed, may be raised promptly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-seventh. (SEAL)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT By the President: CORDELL HULL, Secretary of State.

SAPP INFANT DIES

Baby Sapp, 16-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sapp, of Sly, died last Friday, February 26, and was buried at the Sapp cemetery on Sunday.

shaft. Rescue squads were brought here from surrounding towns to aid local mine workers.

Rescue workers who stumbled gasping and reeling from the shaft said additional bodies had been found but mine officials said there were no developments.

SENATE SAYS "MAN ACCOUNT" OVERDRAWN

Washington — An estimate that American working and fighting forces must total 62,500,000—nearly half the population of all ages—by the end of 1943 led a senate committee to the conclusion today that the nation's "personnel bank account" appears overdrawn by "several million men."

After questioning of Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the war manpower commission and Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board, Senator Thomas (D., Okla.) asserted it appeared "we ought to consider regimentation of civilian population to do the job on all the fronts."

ADVANCE IN COST OF NEWSPRINT MADE

Washington — The Canadian and American governments announced a \$4 a ton increase in the ceiling for standard newsprint paper. The announcement was made jointly by the office of price administration and the Canadian wartime prices and trade board.

The increase became effective March 1.

OPA Administrator Prentiss M. Brown said the increase was necessary "because the newsprint industry can no longer absorb the increased cost which war conditions have brought about."

The War Production board recently postponed a proposed additional 10 per cent curtailment in newsprint consumption when it developed that supplies would be larger than estimated originally.

Meat Pricing To Be Revealed Soon

Washington — A new system of price retail cuts of pork is due to be unveiled by the Office of Price Administration Friday.

Long promised by the agency to replace the present irregular system by which each butcher has a different price maximum, the new system is to provide uniformity in each of the large zones into which the country will be divided.

The new prices, however, will not go into effect until April 1. The pork schedule will be followed later by similar pricing systems on beef and other meats.

Under the new system, OPA will fix standardized ceiling prices for each type of cut, specifying, for instance, the top price in Zone 1 is so many cents per pound for loin chops, so many cents per pound for shoulder chops, and so on.

While the new price system will not affect the total supply of meat available for sale to civilians, it is expected to even up supplies between stores in the same localities. At present, those stores which have the highest individual ceilings tend to get more meat to sell than competitors who have lower individual ceilings.

NEW PENNY IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED

Washington — The treasury began distribution of a new zinc-coated steel penny that looks at first glance like an outside dime or an emancipated nickel.

The treasury put the new coin on sale to collectors and others but limited purchases to 50 a person. The penny—designed like the old copper Lincoln penny—will go into general circulation as current penny stocks decline.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness shown during the sickness and death of our dear companion and mother, and for the beautiful flowers.

O. Lewis and family.

Of the imported foreign laborers in Germany, 25 percent are women, and they are forced to work from 13 to 15 hours a day, many in unhealthy occupations.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Della Mae Horton (colored), celebrated her eleventh birthday with a party Monday afternoon at her home. Games were played during the afternoon. Seven guests were present. Refreshments were served and she received a number of gifts.

THE PARKWAY THEATRE West Jefferson, N. C.

FRI.-SAT. MAR. 5-6 Matinee Sat. 1:00 P. M. The 3 Mesquiteers

PHANTOM PLAINSMEN Chapter 9 "Riders of Death Valley" Also Comedy

MON. ONLY MAR. 8 \$120 Bank Night \$120 Don Ameche Joan Bennett

GIRL TROUBLE Also Short Subject

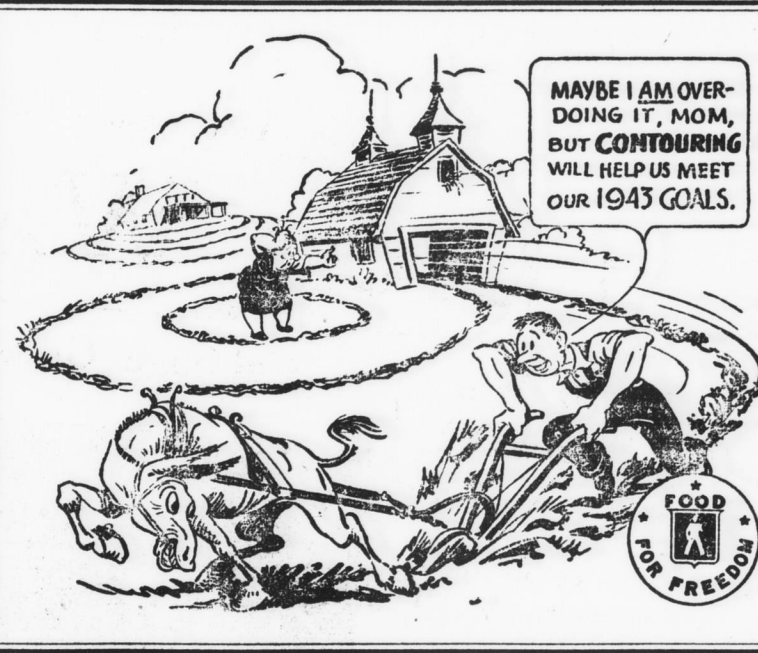
TUES. ONLY MAR. 9 J. Carol Naish Lynne Roberts

DR. RENAULT'S SECRET Chapter 3 "Secret Code" Also Short Subject

WED.-THURS. MAR 10-11 Matinee Thur. 1:30 p. m. Charles Boyer Rita Hayworth and many others

TALES OF MANHATTAN Latest War News

Farm 'Trenches' On The Contour



Soldiers fighting in trenches and foxholes on foreign soils may not be interested in the contour of the land, but farmers back home find contoured "trenches" pay dividends in food and fiber needed for victory, according to Earl B. Garrett, State Conservationist of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and a member of the State USDA War Board. Conservation practices carried out in the past ten years have done a great deal toward increasing per acre yields on North Carolina farms, Garrett says, and contour farming is one of the modern conservation methods which will help farmers meet their food production goals this year.

Black Out Regulations Are Cited By State Officials

Unattended lighting in homes, business establishments and on vehicles, were responsible in some measure for ragged performance in the practice black-outs last week, Lavern Johnson, commander of Civilian Defense here said today.

The local defense official stated that he had received a communication from R. L. McMillan calling attention to the fact that the entire state of North Carolina is governed by an order of Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, which requires that "at all times of darkness, occupants of premises and operators of road vehicles and other conveyances shall not

have any unattended lighting, except indoor lighting meeting War Department specifications. Lighting shall be considered unattended unless a competent individual, who is a member or employee, or guest of the household or business establishment of the occupier or who is the operator or the occupant of a road vehicle or other road conveyance, or who, by arrangement with any such individual has undertaken responsibility for said lighting, can black-out as provided."

The State Director said that during the period and in the area of blackouts persons in control of lighting should extinguish all lights visible from the outside as promptly as possible. This applies

Conservation Farming News

By J. T. McLAURIN

Much interest has been shown in the past few weeks in laying off contour furrows on fields to be farmed this coming season. Last week, fields were laid off for Paul Reeves and Mr. Goodman, of Nathan's Creek; W. M. Transou and F. T. Rose, of Laurel Springs; Bryant Pennington, of Sturgill and Ralph Goss, of Little Horse Creek.

With an added acreage being converted to the production of food and feed for freedom, careful consideration should be given to the place and method these crops are planted. This will aid the nation during the crisis and assure the farmer of good productive soils to farm on after the peace.

The functions of Phosphorus are:

- (1) Increases root development. (2) Hastens Maturity. (3) Develops seed and fruit. (4) Increases quality.

Next week: The functions of POTASH.

Make your plans early for a Victory Garden.

to lights of every description, electrical, gas, oil or any other source, including matches, cigarette lighters, etc.

Any person who violates these regulations is subject to penalties provided by Title 18, section 97A, United States Code, which is a fine of not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense.

The OCD Head stated that this warning is being issued in view of the fact that lights in many business establishments, such as show window and neon overhead lights were not properly attended during the latest blackouts. Unless outside switches have been provided and the local warden notified of location of such switches, persons leaving lights burning unattended will be subject to the penalties mentioned.

WANTED

IVY and LAUREL BURLS

Dogwood, Hard Maple and Hornbean

Cash in on your Ivy and Laurel stools NOW while prices are high and demand is good. Highest market prices paid for well-trimmed and solid burls. Also for clear Dogwood 4 1/2" in diameter and up.

About 70% of the pipe production goes to our boys in the Armed Forces of "Uncle Sam". So—"Keep 'em Smoking".

Turn your burls in for cash and buy more "WAR BONDS".

PURCHASING AGENTS:
TODD DRUG COMPANY
West Jefferson, North Carolina
Brownwood, North Carolina

W. H. BROWN
Fleetwood, North Carolina

Carolina Briar Corp.

WEST JEFFERSON, N. C. — CRANBERRY, N. C.

4 MILLS IN N. CAROLINA

4 MILLS IN VIRGINIA

MEDGENTRA LIMITED U.S.A., INC.

Manufacturers of Textile Loom Implements
Fairview Road—Biltmore
Asheville, N. C.

Under the recent amendment to the FEDERAL SABOTAGE ACT "to punish willful injury to or destruction of war material,

Dogwood Is Now A War Material

and as such it is intended for, adapted to or suitable for the use of the United States or Associate Nations in connection with the conduct of the War.

The United States Forest Service

Refuses To Sell Government Dogwood Except For Making Shuttles

The UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE in its broadcasts of September, 1942,

"Here's Another Tree That's Going To War"

"Dogwood To Make Uniforms"

"Mr. Farmer -- Help Win The War"

AND ITS CIRCULAR

appealed to all farmers to bring their Dogwood to SHUTTLE BLOCK mills because the Textile Industry needs Shuttles which must be made from Dogwood, and shortage of Shuttles decreases vital war production.

The WAR PRODUCTION BOARD wrote us in November, 1942, to stress the fact that Shuttle Blocks are a critical item without which our Government would be unable to clothe our Army and Navy.

No patriotic farmer will therefore want to help the Axis by reducing the dwindling supply of Dogwood through sales for non-essential use. Be sure YOUR dogwood goes to war by selling it to Medgentra, to make shuttles.

Write us to ASHEVILLE, N. C. or call at our mill-unit in WEST JEFFERSON, N. C., for specification.

Spot Cash And Highest Market Prices

for Dogwood Sticks 4 1/2 inches diameter and up in suitable grade for Shuttles.