

THE HOME FRONT

(By the Office of War Information)
The World-shocking events taking place along the southern shores of the Mediterranean already have seriously affected Axis strategy, now on the defensive. At home, they call for greater sacrifices, speeding up of salvage drives, tire and fuel savings, tightening of all our efforts to provide our fighting men in Africa and elsewhere with whatever they need to defeat the enemy.

The crushing defeat of Nazi General Rommel's army by the British Eighth Army strengthened by U. S. air fighters and other Allied forces, was made possible in part by the great volume of Lend-Lease shipments of war materials and equipment to Egypt during the past nine months. During this period, more than 1,000 planes, many hundreds of tanks, of which more than 500 were medium, 20,000 trucks, and hundreds of pieces of artillery.

The American landing in force on the French North African coast, to forestall Hitler's intention to make use of French possessions as military bases, called also for transporting huge quantities of war materials from this country to the Mediterranean, and much more must be sent to maintain our strategic actions. Says "Petrol Necessary As Blood" At a critical moment in the last war, Premier Clemenceau of France said, "petrol is as necessary as blood in the battles of tomorrow." At that time we sent all the gasoline that France asked for, and now we must send fuel oil and gasoline to our men battling for freedom in French colonial soil. To do this means that more than ever we'll have to be sparing our use of fuel oil, drive as little as possible to have gasoline and rubber. Motorists who need more mileage than their basic ration will have to give good reasons for requiring an extra allowance of gasoline, and supplemental gasoline rations in most cases will not be granted unless the applicant belongs to a bona fide car-sharing group of at least four members. Ration books will not be issued until December 1 because of unavoidable delays in distribution.

The fuel shortage, starting with fuel oil, has struck in many directions. There has been a sharp increase in the demand for heating stoves that burn coal and wood, and to meet the expected shortage in this type of stove, production of coal and wood-burning cooking stoves has been halted until January 1, 1943. With an expected consumption next year of three trillion cubic feet of natural gas, shortage of gas for home use is likely to develop in the Middle West.

Travel Grows, Transport Short. Although we have the best all-around transportation system in the world, we now are short of travel facilities. After World I the railroads were losing passenger business to the private passenger auto and to the rapidly extending intercity bus lines, and so did not replace many coaches, Pullman cars, and locomotives. The wartime shortage of critical materials now makes it impossible to add very much either to bus or railroad travel facilities, although intercity traffic is 50 percent greater than a year ago—in some localities, twice as great. Military travel accounts for more than a million passengers a month. These men in war service have first call on travel space, the rest of us must give up all unnecessary trips.

While the public is asked to cooperate in travel saving, the Government has acted to make the best possible use of present bus facilities. Bus service between many points has been adjusted so that tickets between all points common to more than one line are interchangeable, overloads are relieved by diverting traffic to less crowded lines, schedules for departure of competing buses are adjusted so that they do not duplicate each other, and traffic and operations are being pooled.

Will Need 150,000 More Women. Our transportation industry, which now employs about 120,000 women, will need 150,000 more to take the place of men going into the armed services and of those attracted to war industries. Women are now working in the big aircraft plants, in many of the munitions plants, and in the instrument industry, but they can be used in mining, lumbering and many other fields and will have to be recruited in even larger numbers.

Beginning November 29, our sugar ration books will serve also for coffee rations. Stamps number 20 to 28 have been designated as coffee stamps and the first coffee stamp is Number 27. The arrangement of the stamps in the book makes it necessary to use them in order 27, 28, 25, 26, and so forth. Each customer will have to see that the right stamp is removed and that coffee stamps are not taken from books showing the age of the holder to be fifteen years or less. The fifteen-year-old limit for coffee rations was set in order to allow larger rations for the adult population, but heavy coffee drinkers will have to learn to get along on a smaller ration. We should remember that our ration book is a cashless ration book. It is not a "money book" and cannot be used as such. The ration book is a record of our purchases. It is not a money book. The ration book is a record of our purchases. It is not a money book. The ration book is a record of our purchases. It is not a money book.

Italy To Become Target of Mass Raids By Allies

Same View Expressed Today in Washington And London

Washington, Nov. 18.—Members of the Pacific war council expressed the view today there was a possibility that "mass bombing" raids would be directed at production centers in northern Italy.

Walter Nash, New Zealand's minister to the United States, spoke of the North African campaign as opening the way for Italy to receive some of the devastating raids on key industries, comparable to those the British have directed on German war plants, with what he termed "amazing" effectiveness.

Gathering at the White House, the representatives of the nations' activity engaged in the war in the Pacific said it was perhaps their most significant meeting.

Leighton McCorthy, the Canadian minister to this country, suggested that probably the raids would originate in England, but Nash said any available jump-off points might be used.

The British ambassador, Lord Halifax, said it was a "very encouraging meeting" and Nash said it was "obviously the most interesting meeting we have ever had."

The New Zealander said they had devoted considerable time to what he termed the "fifth front," which he said was the air front. They also considered, he said, other fronts leading up to the ninth. He listed the fronts as the Solomon Islands, New Guinea, the Middle East, North Africa, Burma, China, the Aleutian Islands, the Atlantic and the bombing front. In addition, he said, the Russians alone are fighting on six fronts.

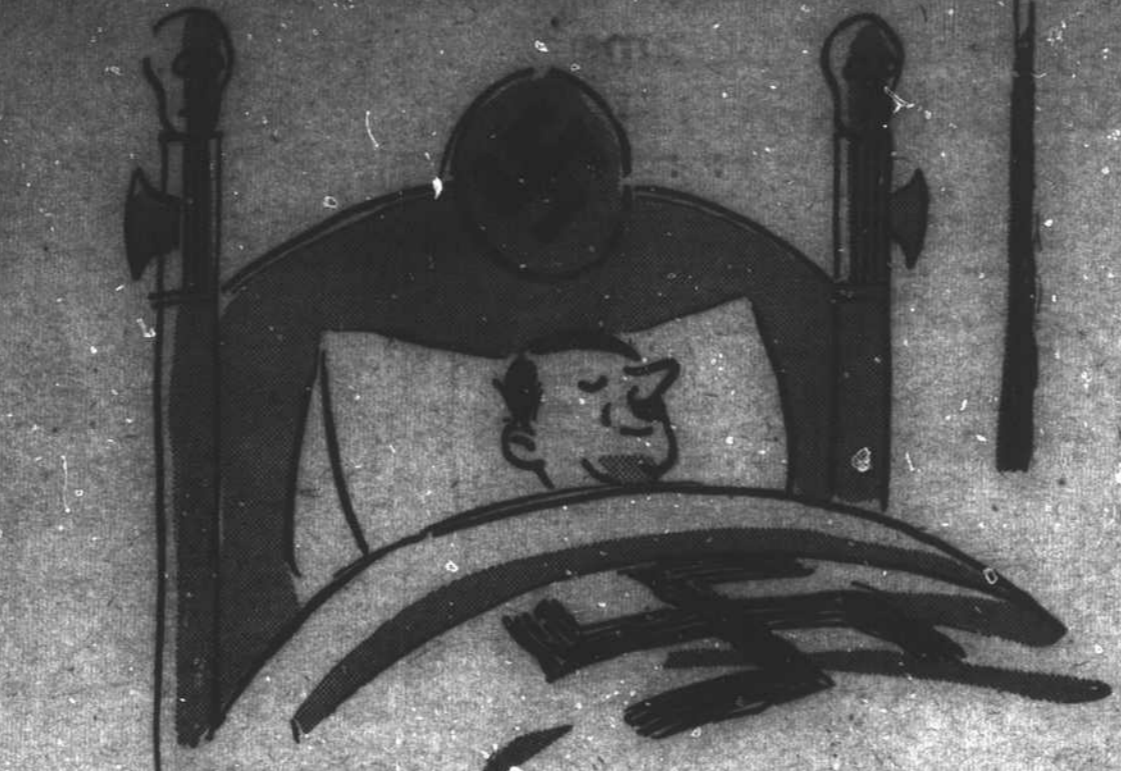
"The Solomons are as good as anything we have seen," Nash remarked. "But the Japs are coming again. They can't afford not to. MacArthur in New Guinea is doing reasonably well."

London, Nov. 18.—Sir Stafford Cripps, government leader in the House of Commons, told the House today that the Allies' gains in North Africa provided "a very solid reason" for greater confidence in the future but that there must be no over-confidence "for a stern and uphill fight lies ahead of us before we can even gain mastery of North Africa itself."

"Very special measures are being taken to make effective both our offensive and defensive actions against U-boats," Cripps said, speaking in debate on the message of King George VI which opened the new session.

The new stage of the war reached with victory over the Axis in Egypt, Cripps said, "will place an even greater strain on our resources than we have hitherto experienced."

"The enemy still has ample strength with which to strike back," he added. Pointing out that an essential element for defeat of the Axis was to "deliver a heavy, continuous load of bombs upon Germany and Italy whenever the weather permits," he assured Parliament no effort would be spared to carry that out. "When we are established on air fields of North Africa, the Italians will come to realize what their German Allies have suffered over the last few months," Cripps predicted.



This man is not dead. He is just sleeping. And sleeping a little more soundly, perhaps, because there are still many Americans who are not putting at least 10% of their pay into War Bonds on a regular Payroll Savings Plan. How about you joining a lot of other fellows in giving the little paperhanger a rude awakening? How about you signing up with a Payroll Savings Plan today... to the tune of not 6%, or 7% or 8%, but 10%, and more if you can? LET'S TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEAR'S.

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Masons Hold Ladies' Night; Chapter House

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rendering that reverence due from a creature to his Creator; to your Country, in being a peaceable citizen; true to your government and loyal to its laws; to your Neighbor, in acting upon the square, and treating him as you would wish him to treat you; to Yourself, in avoiding all irregularities and intemperance."

Pointing out the special duty of Masons during the present emergency, Mr. McLean said, "Masonry unites men of every walk of life in every nation. The greatest and best men of all ages have been promoters of our arts and have never deemed it derogatory to their dignity to level themselves with the fraternity. Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion. It is, therefore, within our power to promote patriotism and to inspire men with the love of our flag and the courage to defend it. As the oldest fraternal organization in the world what better objective could we have right now than to insure the continuance of Liberty and Equality to all nations of the world through Fraternal Love."

Presenting the full scope of Fraternal Love, the speaker declared, "I like the atmosphere of true Fraternal Love, it has never cast a shadow upon a home, never wounded a human heart, and never wronged a human soul. It is never deaf to the cry of the needy, never blind to the wants of the deserving, and its broad and noble heart very promptly responds to the call of the erring and the cry of the orphan. The call of want and the piteous wall of sorrows are never unheeded. It is one of the mightiest forces today working towards the upbuilding of the race."

In conclusion, Mr. McLean led a spirited rendition of "Onward Christian Soldiers," in the same manner in which he directed his students here some thirty years ago.

Other speakers of the evening were J. T. Bundy, a Past Master, who gave a history of the Farmville lodge; his son, W. J. Bundy, of Greenville, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; Mrs. J. W. Parker, a Past Grand Worthy Matron, G. E. S.; Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, a Past Matron of the Farmville, O. E. S., and Mrs. A. R. House, of Greenville, a Past Matron of the Greenville O. E. S.

The following officers of the Farmville lodge were presented at this time: Charlie Walston, Senior Warden; Jim Carr, of Greenville, Junior Warden; L. P. Thomas and V. K. Burnett, Deacons; J. H. Paylor, Secretary, and C. F. Baucum, Treasurer. C. F. Baucum presented the musical program presented by Mrs. J. W. Joyner, soloist, with Mrs. J. L. Shackelford as accompanist.

A number of prizes were presented to the ladies in novel contests and Louis Creech and Lynn Eason, as "baby" members, received bottles of milk.

The government regrets the probability of having to ration more products, but happily assures that such necessities as liquor and tobacco will not be interfered with.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

NORTH CAROLINA—Pitt County. In the Superior Court.

Blanche C. Matthews, Delphia E. Matthews Blount, Lommie Glenn Matthews, and Fannie Matthews
— VS —
J. W. Holmes and wife, Emily B. Holmes and E. C. Holmes, John Hill Paylor, and W. T. Matthews.

Under and by virtue of that judgment of the Superior Court of Pitt County, signed by His Honor, Jeff D. Johnson, Judge Presiding at the August Term, 1942, of Pitt Superior Court, which is duly docketed in Judgment Docket No. 37, at page 259, in an action entitled as above, the undersigned Commissioners, duly appointed in said judgment, will on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1942,** at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, before the Court House door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tract of land, lying and being in Farmville Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, to-wit:

A certain parcel of land lying in the Town of Farmville and known as Lots Nos. 1 and 2 of the J. H. Darden property, as laid down and described in Map Book 1, at page 10 of the Pitt County Registry; bounded on the North by the land of Frank Dupree; on the East by J. T. Dundy; on the South by Grimmerburg Street; and on the West by W. A. Pollard; Beginning at a corner on the northerly side of Grimmerburg Street 126 feet west of the north-west corner of Grimmerburg Street and Contentina Street; thence North 43 degrees East 191.5 feet to a corner; thence North 53 degrees and 30 minutes West 118 feet to a corner; thence South 43 degrees West 191.5 feet to a corner on Grimmerburg Street; thence with the northerly edge of Grimmerburg Street South 52 degrees and 30 minutes East 112 feet to the beginning; and containing 21,322 square feet, and being the same land which was conveyed to Hannah Matthews and her children by Deed dated November 28, 1921, and recorded in Book X-22, page 169, of the Pitt County Registry.

Public Asked To Cooperate By Mailing Packages Early

The Post Office Department now is starting the most gigantic task in its history—the movement of a deluge of Christmas parcels, cards and letters while maintaining the regular flow of millions of pieces of mail daily to and from our armed forces all over the world.

Indications are that the volume of Christmas mail will be the largest on record. Already in September, latest month for which figures are available, retail sales had reached a level second only to the record month of December, 1941, according to the Department of Commerce. And sales are rising. Such heavy purchases always presage heavy mailings.

If thousands of our soldiers, sailors, marines and civilian friends are not to be disappointed at Christmas time, the public must cooperate by mailing letters and parcels properly. The best efforts of the Post Office Department alone cannot be enough, in view of wartime difficulties faced by the postal system. The public must assist.

About 25,000 experienced postal workers already have been taken by the war services. Arrangements are under way to add thousands of temporary personnel to postal staffs, but this man power is hard to find and is inexperienced. Facilities of railroads and air lines are heavily taxed by movements of huge quantities of war materials and personnel. Extra trucks are almost impossible to obtain. Winter weather, hampering transportation, is beginning.

The free-mailing privilege granted to members of the armed forces has raised their mailings some 30 percent, it is estimated. Expansion of those forces also is adding rapidly to the postal burden.

The deadline is past for mailing gifts to Army and Navy personnel overseas with assurance that the parcels will arrive by Christmas. The New York post office reports that in late October, 350,000 such parcels were handled daily in that office alone.

The Post Office Department is making strenuous efforts to avoid such a terrific jam as it faced in 1918 under similar conditions, during the First World War. It can succeed in those efforts—and avoid many heartaches for its patrons—if the public will cooperate by mailing early.

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approval by the Court, and the bidder will be required to deposit 5% of his bid, pending confirmation.

This the 12th day of November, 1942.

JULIUS BROWN, J. B. JAMES,
Commissioners.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain order issued by the Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt County on the 26th day of November, 1942, in that action entitled "The Town of Farmville vs Tom Vines and wife, Hattie Vines, Eva Vines Carr and husband, Preston Carr and the County of Pitt," the undersigned commissioner will on December 7th, 1942 at 12:00 o'clock NOON sell at public auction for cash before the courthouse door of Pitt County in Greenville, North Carolina, for cash, the following described real property:

Situated on the north side of Perry Street, and beginning at a stake corner of Lot No. 5 and running northerly along the line of lot No. 5 a distance of 210 feet; thence westerly 60 feet; to John Atkinson's property; thence along line of John Atkinson southerly 810 feet to Perry Street; thence along Perry Street in an easterly direction 60 feet to the point of beginning, being lot No. 4 of the Perry Atkinson, Sr. division according to his last will and testament of record in Will Book 4 at pages 65 and 66 in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt County.

The purchaser at the sale will be required to deposit with the commissioner or Clerk, ten per cent (10%) of his or her bid pending confirmation of the sale.

This the 2nd day of November, 1942.

JOHN B. LEWIS,
Commissioner.

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