

Some War Prisoners Return To Germany

Thirty Prisoner of War Branch camps in the seven southeastern states have been closed and 12 more are scheduled for closing in the next two or three weeks, reducing the PW population by some 21,000 from the peak figure of last June, according to Major General Edward H. Brooks, Commanding General, 4th Service Command.

In the past 45 days, some 8,000 have been shipped out of the Service Command as requirements for their labor harvesting crops have been reduced. The sick and wounded prisoners are being repatriated and, upon arrival in Germany, will be sent directly to their homes. For the able-bodied prisoners it is simply a change from a prison camp in the United States to a prison camp overseas. Their work is not finished.

With some 69,000 PWs remaining in the southeast, there is sufficient prisoner labor to handle the remaining harvests. Prisoners are picking cotton in Mississippi and will be engaged in this harvest for another month. In other areas of the service command they are gathering corn, pecans and sugar cane, in addition to pulpwood and other labor where civilian labor presents a shortage. In Florida citrus fruit harvesting is starting with PW labor relieving the civilian labor shortage.

The Army now authorizes retirement after only twenty years' service.

Men who reenlist in the Regular Army are still entitled to mustering out pay from the Army of the United States.

Good Reasons For Used Car Prices, OPA Says

Ceiling prices for some new autos will be less than present ceilings on comparable 1942 used cars, OPA acknowledged Tuesday.

There are "good reasons" for this, an OPA official said in commenting on a congressman's criticism of higher prices for used models.

The official noted that when used cars were brought under price control in July 1944, used 1942 autos were given the same ceiling as those applicable on February 29, 1944, to new cars still in the ration pool.

Those new car ceilings were considerably higher than the March, 1942, price levels at which they had been fixed originally, the official said.

The reason: Dealers were permitted to increase the ceiling by one per cent each month to cover storage charges.

This meant that 24 months of storage charges had been added through Feb. 29, 1944. It was at that price level that ceilings for used 1942 cars were pegged.

Here's an example of how this worked out:

The ceiling on a new Ford V-8 deluxe tudor in March, 1942, was \$850. By February 1944 it was up to \$950, (west of the Mississippi river it was up more in accordance with traditional price differential.)

Thus the ceiling on the same model used car was \$950. At present it is \$912 because of a four per cent cut for depreciation.

The retail ceiling announced Sunday for the same model 1946 Ford is \$882, which is less by \$30 than

the current ceilings for the 1942 used car.

Only Ford and Studebaker new car ceilings have been announced, and at present, only Ford's lend themselves to this kind of comparison.

The OPA official said, however, that some other new autos probably will have ceilings less than those on comparable 1942 used models.

Special Victory Bond to Honor Late President

Washington, D. C. (Special)—The Treasury has called attention to a special Victory Bond to be sold during the Victory Loan campaign, starting October 29, for \$11,000,000,000.

The bond is in memory of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It will be on sale at all agencies authorized to issue United States Savings Bonds of Series E.

The bond will be in the denomination of \$200, to be issued at \$150. It will constitute an additional denomination of Series E Bonds, and will have the same terms and attributes as other denominations. It will carry a likeness of Mr. Roosevelt.

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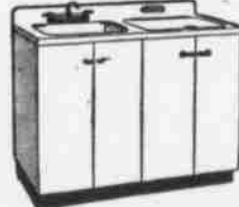
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For deliverance from flame and sword;
For loved ones spared; for the task well done;
For the battle fought — and the victory won.

In the name of the dead — locked deep in sleep
Under alien earth — give us strength to keep
Uphornished their dear-bought legacy,
The brave, bright armor of liberty.

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For a wiser world where we all may share
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We thank Thee, Lord, for peace.

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