

Wickard, Hoosier Farmer, Named National Food Czar, With Say About Rationing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, a Hoosier farmer who says that "good food and plenty of it is one of the best missionaries for democracy that I know of," becomes the fourth single director of a national resource in President Roosevelt's official family.

The 49-year-old Wickard was named by the president Sunday to take "full responsibility for and control over" the nation's food program. The others are: manpower, Paul V. McNutt; rubber, William M. Jeffers, and petroleum, Harold L. Ickes.

Supervision of marketing and distribution, formerly exercised by the war production board, comes under Wickard's supervision. Included in this is supervision of food rationing, although the transfer of authority is not expected to mean any changes in the present rationing programs of sugar and coffee and the prospective rationing of meat. There will continue to be administered through the office of price administration.

Although he receives no new title, Mr. Roosevelt's order placed Wickard on an equal footing with WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson. In case of conflict, the president will be the final arbiter.

Wickard has estimated that up to 25 per cent of the nation's 1943 food output will be required for lend-lease and the armed forces.

Japan's Turn Coming, Says Churchill

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 8.—(AP) Prime Minister Churchill declared Monday that the "Storm which now lowers over Germany and Italy is spreading to Japan; there will be no softness or respite for her."

In a message to British far eastern territories on the anniversary of the day Japan attacked Hong-kong and Malaya, the prime minister asserted that "the growing power of the United Nations will press steadily on till she (Japan) is stripped of her conquests, punished for her treachery and deprived of her powers of evil."

"The years of defense, of stubborn, out-numbered, ill-equipped almost miraculous defense, are behind us," the message said. "Everywhere the United Nations turn to attack."

"Keep up your hearts," he exhorted. "We shall not fail you."



Come over for an omelet!

Now the food page editor will tell you that there are two kinds: Fluffy and French.

Any good practical kitchen mechanic knows that you start out to make a fluffy omelet and you may get either.

The variety largely depends on the eggs — how old, how cold, you know. And there may be something in the claim that the muscle of the forearm (unless you are a plutocrat who can boast an electric mixer in this year minus electrical gadgets) has some influence on the texture of the finished product.

Remember the Frenchman, I think in Jules Romain's "Verdun," who grieved because he must serve an omelet made with only two eggs?

There are those of us who think that a genuinely good two-egg omelet (made in the kitchen's smallest iron skillet) compares favorably with a 13-egg angel food cake. With eggs at 55 cents, that seems a wise way to take a two-egg omelet, anyhow.

Another way to take it is with mushrooms — not the tomato-sauce into which some mushrooms have been pounded, but with crisp bits, fresh from a can or from the grocer's refrigerator (I'm hot a mushroom picker) sauted in the butter and allowed to form globules through the thick brown crust of the omelet. Tender green onions, pimientos, green peppers or herbs help it along the way, too.

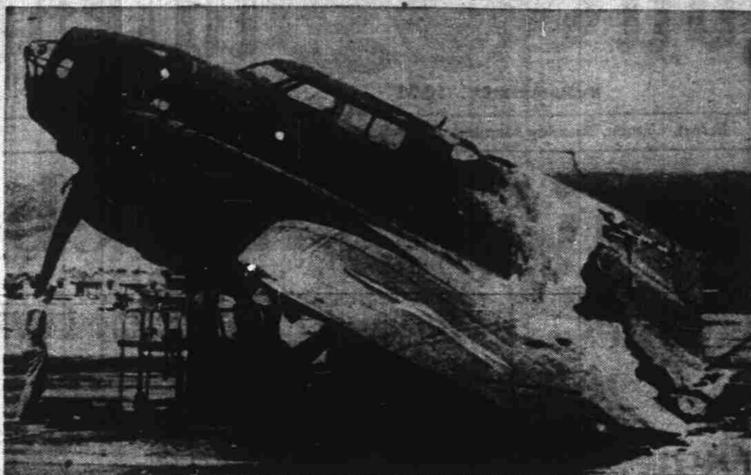
But to have an omelet you must have eggs — and we're all going to have plenty of them pretty soon if all the people keeping chickens sell the fruit. If they don't, maybe we'll all eat chicken, that so-far-misnamed "Victory food."

Statisticians are now compiling records of the number of persons who find they need extra goodness to go home nouns to feed the chickens.

Bible Conference Continues

Near Rev. Britton Ross, tonight (except Monday) FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Tues. Dec. 8th, "The Land of the Jew"; Wed. Dec. 9th, "The Jew in the Land"; Thurs. Dec. 10th, "The World and Our Silent God."

Sample of Jap Destruction at 'Harbor' Year Ago



This was how one US army bomber looked soon after daybreak over Hickam Field, Hawaii, a year ago Monday, when the Japanese unleashed their hail of destruction upon American installations in the islands. This bomber was knifed in two by one bomb.—JIN photo.

Farm AAA Election Meetings Called for Marion County

Added wartime duties and responsibilities demand capable, representative leaders on Triple-A committees, W. M. Tate, chairman of the county committee, said Monday in announcing plans for holding election meetings this month to choose AAA committeemen to serve in 1943.

The chairman asked every farmer in the county who participates in the AAA farm program to plan to attend the election meeting in his community during the week of December 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Besides carrying on the 1943 sign-up for participation of farms in the Food for Freedom program, AAA committeemen help administer crop insurance, commodity loan, seed purchase, conservation materials, production practice and production adjustment programs. In addition, they are called upon by the county USDA war board to assist in matters relating to transportation conservation, machinery rationing, and farm labor.

At the election meetings, community committeemen and delegates to a county convention will be chosen. The delegates will name the county committee. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

- Gervais—City hall, Friday, Dec. 18.
- Central Howell—Schoolhouse, Thursday, Dec. 17.
- Jefferson — City hall, Wednesday, Dec. 16.
- St. Paul — City hall, Friday, Dec. 18.
- St. Paul — City hall, Wednesday, Dec. 16.
- Salem — Bethel schoolhouse, Saturday, Dec. 19.
- North Silverton — Silverton, Thursday, Dec. 17.
- South Silverton — Silverton city hall, Thursday, Dec. 17.
- Stayton — City hall, Friday, Dec. 18.
- Turner — Turner high school, Wednesday, Dec. 16.
- Woodburn — City hall, Thursday, Dec. 17.

Monday Rains Exceed Inch

More than an inch and a half of rain fell in Salem during the 24 hours ending at 11:30 Monday night according to the local weather observer, bringing the total for the 96 hour period since Thursday to 2.71 inches.

Some of the precipitation Sunday was in the form of snow. The streets were white for several hours after daylight.

The North Santiam highway was open to traffic with an eight-ton load limit, the state police reported. The South Santiam was closed because of washouts about 12 miles west of the junction of the two highways. One-way traffic was observed in the vicinity of Upper Soda and Tombstone Summit.

One-way traffic prevails in sections of the Willamette highway. Monday's rainfall totaled 1.51 inches; Sunday's .71; Saturday's .19; and Friday's .39.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Power and transportation services were impaired Sunday by a snow storm that hit the Portland area.

Power lines were down for several hours in some sections of the city. Streetcars and buses were off schedule and a toppled tree halted traffic for a short time at Oneonta tunnel on the Columbia River highway.

Co-eds Lose Dorms?

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—University of Washington women students received notice Monday night that they might be ousted from campus dormitories to make room for members of the armed forces.

Carrier Launched

QUINCY, Mass., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The mighty USS Bunker Hill—"one of the (aircraft) carriers we so badly need"—slipped into the water Monday on the first anniversary of Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Rags, Riches, Finis

SPOKANE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—William J. Harris, 83, who came to Spokane in 1889 with 35 cents, died today, owner of prosperous Spokane hotel property and stock in north Idaho mines.

Factions In GOP Bury Ax

Harrison Spangler, 3rd on 1st Vote Named Chairman

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"I think we have elected a fine, experienced man; one who will be acceptable to all factions in the party."

In New York, Willkie said he believed that Spangler had "a great opportunity for progressive public service."

"My fight," he said, "was to prevent the masthead of the Chicago Tribune from being imprinted upon the republican party. I am very happy that the result has prevented that calamity."

All business was concluded Monday and the committee adjourned after filling some vacancies on its executive committee.

The first ballot, with 50 required to win out of 99 voting, gave Schroeder 40 and the same number for the 35-year-old Baker, acting committee member from Washington state. Spangler was next with 15; Frank E. Gannett, Rochester, N.Y., publisher, had three votes, and Barak T. Mattingale, Missouri committeeman, one.

Baker forged ahead of Schroeder 43 to 38 on the second ballot, but 51 was needed as a majority out of the 101 votes cast this time. Spangler again had 15 on his ballot, Gannett 40, and Mattingale one. The lone Mattingale vote was cast by Missouri's woman member.

On motion of the Schroeder forces, a recess then was taken.

Upon reconvening, Schroeder and Baker walked toward the rostrum together amid cheers and announced their withdrawal in the interest of harmony. They proposed Spangler's election and this was carried out promptly and with old-time political enthusiasm.

Veteran committee members said they could not recall a time when the party had experienced such a contest over the chairmanship. They arrived here Saturday virtually certain there would be no rift, but when Schroeder decided late last night to make a fight of it all compromise bets were off.

Taft's resolution asserted the "unity of the American people" on this Pearl Harbor anniversary in their determination to fight to victory and reaffirmed the party's two most recent declarations recognizing the United States' responsibility for world cooperation after the war. This move, was interpreted as an attempt to remove any thought that the party was divided now on this issue.

New City Leaders Attend Council Deliberations

Salem city council chambers were a 1943 air Monday night as the 1942 council greeted three newly-elected officials. Daniel J. Fry, elected to fill the vacancy in ward seven, which Dr. M. E. Gadwa had held by appointment, was sworn in and cast his first votes at that session.

Seated on the platform with Mayor W. W. Chadwick was Mayor-Elect I. M. Doughton, who takes office in January just as Chadwick enters the state legislature.

Alfred F. Mundt, who as book-keeper and deputy city recorder for a number of years has seldom taken a front seat at council meetings, "pinch-hit" for Recorder Hannah Martin Hansen at the secretary's table. Mrs. Hansen, arriving a few minutes after the session started, sat outside the council circle.

Plane Crashes

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 7.—(AP) Two officers and five sergeants were killed in the crash of a medium army bomber six miles southeast of here Monday afternoon.

The plane was returning to Columbia air base from a routine flight. The air base listed the dead as including:

- Pilot, Sec. Lt. Robert Earl Thomas of Tampa, Fla.
- Co-pilot, Sec. Lt. John David Trimmer of Inman, S.C.

VICTORVILLE, Calif., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two instructors and two cadets at the army flying school here were killed late Sunday night in the crash of their training plane 20 miles northeast of the air base on the Mojave desert, it was announced today.

Names of the dead were announced as: Second Lt. Charles N. Wakefield, 24, Los Angeles, the pilot. Second Lt. Richard D. Radmore, 23, Lincoln, Neb., bombardier instructor. Cadet William W. Bonner, 24, Butler, Pa. Cadet Edgar Charles Bessels, jr., 27, Scarsdale, N.Y.

Blows Traded, China

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7.—(AP)—American and Japanese planes exchanged heavy blows in China Monday, press dispatches reported.

Interpreting The War News

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Although both jaws of the allied pincer attack in North Africa are presently stalled, primarily by the difficulties of bringing up adequate forces, the odds are heavily against the axis on that front.

That Hitler even hopes to hold the narrow coastal strips within which his African armies are now penned up longer than necessary to bolster Italy's defenses against a trans-Mediterranean invasion is doubtful. Yet to do that and to offer what is left of Rommel's once conquering army in Italian Africa any chance whatever of escape from extermination, it is obvious the axis must make a delaying stand in northern and eastern Tunisia.

That probably accounts for the furious Nazi defense of the Bizerte-Tunis triangle. Had the northern and eastern Tunisia fallen to the plight of Rommel's remnant in Tripolitania now would have been all but helpless.

The Tunisian foreland, tipped to the northeastward by Cape Bon only 90 miles from the southwestern promontory of Sicily, is the tactical and strategic key to the whole allied African-Mediterranean campaign. The fate of Rommel's command is vitally linked with the battle of the Tunisian triangle.

It is possible that General Alexander's British defenses, as yet only feeling out Nazi defense positions in the Agheila narrows 400 miles east of Tripoli, are waiting more for British-American comrades to spring closed the western jaw of the trap than upon their own supply and communication troubles, great as they are. From the outset of his westward drive in Egypt Alexander has stressed to his troops that annihilation of the enemy, not merely his defeat and retreat, was their assignment.

Once the Tunisian foreland and its air bases were in allied hands, sea escape for any substantial part of Rommel's still considerable army would be a desperate business. Ships to carry them would have more than a 300-mile run to make with allied bombers on both flanks, to any Sicilian port of refuge. That is too far for a one night cover-of-darkness run including loading and unloading. It is too long a jump for Italian small coastal craft to be able to repeat the amazing British success in evacuating an army from Dunkirk's beaches.

The role of Malta in the Mediterranean has been completely reversed. It was Britain's sole remaining foothold in the central Mediterranean and has endured an agony of axis bombing attacks, but heretofore its value was purely defensive.

Now it is a powerful and ideally placed offensive weapon in allied hands. Its hour of vengeance is near.

session started, sat outside the council circle.

Intermountain Area Alerted

Army Denies Blackout Order Given; ARP Systems Tested

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Gus Backman, eastern sector director of the office of civilian defense, said the control center at Portland ordered him to call a "red alert mobilization" throughout the states of Utah, Idaho and Montana.

He notified civilian defense directors of Idaho and Montana accordingly.

The alert here was ordered at 7:55 p. m. and lifted at 10 p. m. (MWT). Radio stations in Salt Lake City went off the air and the city blacked out.

Backman said he was not informed the mobilization was a test until the all clear order was given at 10 p. m.

Officials of the army's ninth service command said they had no knowledge of the test.

"A lot of people did a lot of fine work" in Salem's civilian defense incident drill Monday night, one of the state inspector-critics who watched and graded the "Pearl Harbor day" proceedings declared at the close of the 45-minute performance.

To air raid wardens, particularly, went praises of the inspector group. Not receiving orchids was the control center setup, which judges declared they realized was in process of reorganization.

Checking the various services which answered calls to Church and Mill streets, Shipping and Winter, 25th and State, State street near Cottage and the 100 block on North Liberty street, were Ed Colby of the state civilian defense office, Clarence Bowes, Marion County Training Director Rowena Jones, and Jack Hayes.

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