

Americans Face Ration Decrease For Present Year

Washington, April 10 (AP)—Americans this year may be experiencing their slimmest rations of the war but they still will fare much better than their British allies, a war food administration survey showed today.

WFA economists predict now that U. S. civilians, who last year dined at a rate nine per cent above the prewar level, will return to a rate near that before Pearl Harbor. The catch in this diet analysis, WFA admitted, is that food Americans like most, such as meat, butter and sugar, will be considerably scarcer than before the war.

Situation Same
This is the same situation the British have experienced for more than five years. WFA reported that the British diet in 1945 will be as nutritious as before the war. But the "morale building" foods, such as fresh oranges and eggs, will continue to be rarities.

Generally speaking, Canada's food situation is superior either to this country's or the United Kingdom.

The growing scarcity of meat has brought the loudest complaint in this country. Americans, who feasted on meat at a per capita rate of 147 pounds in 1944, probably will see their consumption go down to 120 to 125 pounds this year.

Before the war, the British ate meat at about the same level as Americans. But this year, the British per capita supply is not expected to surpass the 107 pounds averaged last year.

Canadians Get More
Meantime, Canadians are expected to consume an average of 134 pounds this year. This would be 20 pounds more than the peacetime average.

WFA conceded that the United Nations sugar supply will be the tightest of any war year. Civilians in this country, Canada and the United Kingdom now are expected to get an equal share of the available stocks, or 78 pounds per person for the year.

For U. S. civilians, this will mean a drop of 10 pounds below last year. It will be an increase of nine pounds per person in the United Kingdom while Canadian consumption will be the same as last year.

Officials fear that before the year is out, sugar rations may be even smaller than indicated by these figures.

One of the principal reasons is that the Cuban sugar crop now is forecast at 1,000,000 pounds shorter than six weeks ago.

Grange Hall
Grange Hall, April 10 (Special) The Grange Hall Ladies aid will meet Thursday, April 12, with Mrs. Del Mattson.

The Eastern Star extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Chester Johnson in Bend last Thursday with 13 ladies present. The topic, "Touch-ups in Wood Furniture," was discussed by the project leaders, Mrs. Del Mattson and Mrs. Arthur Robideaux. Mrs. Chester Johnson will be in charge of the rug exhibit at Homemaker's day in Redmond, April 19. The next meeting will be on May 3 at the home of Mrs. R. L. Hamby with Miss Elizabeth Boeckli, the home agent, in charge. The topic of the meeting will be "Dry Cleaning."

Miss Phyllis Frasier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Frasier, left Wednesday for Portland where she is employed. She has been visiting her parents for the past month.

"Feed-a-Fighter" garden 4-H club met Wednesday afternoon at the Young school and filled out their new record book. Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Charles Boyd and Mrs. E. P. Bigelow. The next meeting will be April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Walters and Homer Brown were visitors from this community at the Pine Forest grange meeting, last Tuesday evening.

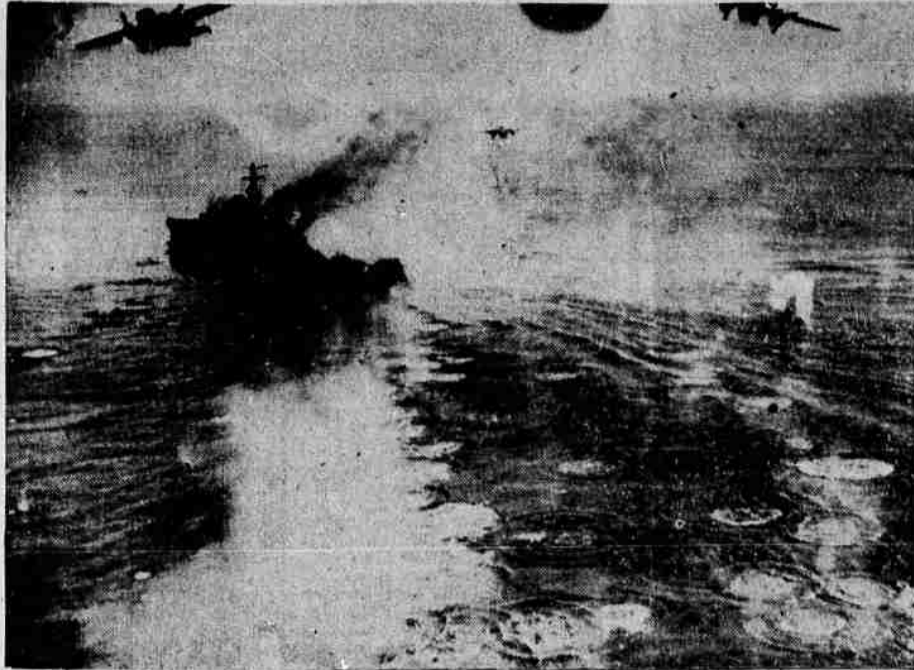
The Home Economics club meeting originally scheduled for April 19 at the home of Mrs. Eugene Ackley in Bend has been cancelled for this month because it comes on homemaker's day in Redmond, according to the club chairman, Mrs. Homer Brown.

Grant Hilton is a patient in the St. Charles hospital, where he has been ill for six weeks.

The Victory Cooking 4-H club met Saturday afternoon and made final arrangements for the

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Bombers Attack Jap Escort Vessel



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tea they are giving for their mothers April 28.

Mrs. Clarence Walker made a business trip to Redmond on Friday.

Ted Johnson of Bremerton, Wash., visited with his aunt, Mrs. Julia Pedersen, for four days last week on his way to Arizona.

Frank Pepper is seriously ill in the St. Charles hospital.

Marilyn Joyce Brown, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown, visited a few days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Varco, in the Plainview community.

Technical Sergeant Curtis Curtis Carlin is spending a two weeks furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Carlin, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Del Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Carlin of Pasco, Wash., arrived Saturday night to spend the week-end visiting his parents, the Carlins and his brother and sister.

Mrs. Ethel McLellan and son, Buddy, left Thursday for The Dalles where Buddy will receive medical treatment. Mrs. J. R. Haynes is caring for her baby daughter while her mother is away.

Mrs. Robert Cover is in San Francisco, visiting her husband, who is a patient in the army hospital there. Mrs. Cover is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grissom and has been making her home with them while her husband was overseas.

Billy Boyd visited at Young school Wednesday.

Richardson
Richardson, April 10 (Special) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Addison of Silverton, former residents of the community, were visiting old neighbors Wednesday. They left for their home in the valley Thursday afternoon.

Pres Farber of Burns was a

Plans Vet Aid



Industry throughout the nation eyes with interest the plan of James H. Simpson, above, Chicago attorney, and former Marine Corps captain, for getting jobs for returned veterans. His "Industry for Veterans, Inc." is a non-profit organization that asks Illinois employers to pledge 25 per cent of their postwar jobs to returned servicemen. Simpson served 22 months in the Pacific theater of war.

guest at the Edith Beach home last week.

Mrs. Peder Pedersen has 300 new baby chicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rice were callers at the Wilson Eakman home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade Pedersen of McMinnville left Wednesday for their home in the valley after visiting with his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Peder Pedersen, for several days.

A large number of the Richardson community residents attended the auction sale at the Rhodes ranch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Vodyck were dinner guests at the Pete Klobas home Sunday evening.

Rollback Ordered In Cooks' Wages

Seattle, April 10 (AP)—The rollback of cooks' wages in Bremerton from \$16 to \$8.64 a day will be protested by the Bremerton local of the Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders union (AFL), it was revealed today.

Attorney L. Presley Gill, representing the union, said he would ask the regional war labor board to reconsider their decision reducing the restaurant employees' wages. If their second decree is not favorable, the union will appeal to the national board, Gill said.

The regional board in announcing its decision said the cooks' wages were the highest on the Pacific coast. Gill said that wage scales for Seattle cooks, however, were higher than those in Bremerton.

Marines to Use Coos Bay Coal

Coos Bay, Ore., April 10 (AP)—A contract for delivery of 27,300 tons of Coos Bay coal to the Klamath Falls, Ore., marine base—one of the largest ever awarded here—was announced by T. O. Toon, president of the Coast Fuel Corp. of Coos Bay.

Shipments from the Southport mine near here will begin on June 20, Toon said. One carload per day will be dispatched.

Escaped Convict Trapped and Shot

Philadelphia, April 10 (AP)—William Russell, 29, one of 12 long-term convicts who escaped from the Eastern penitentiary one week ago, was wounded critically last night in a short range gun duel with city detectives.

The shooting took place at the home of a city policeman who identified the convict when he stepped into the house.

Russell, wearing a navy uniform, was shot seven times by city detectives Allen Kleppinger and William Schrader after he fired one shot at them.

Girl Is Bait
Police said Kleppinger and Schrader were at the home of patrolman Lawrence Garvey in Frankford in the hopes that Russell would walk into the trap prepared for him.

Before he was jailed in April, 1943, to serve 15 to 30 years for participation in some 60 robberies, Russell allegedly was a friend of one of Garvey's daughters. The house was watched since last Tuesday's break in the belief he might contact the girl.

McGlenn to Head City's Railroad

Prineville, Ore., April 10 (AP)—Appointment of C. C. McGlenn, old time railroad engineer and executive, as manager of the city of Prineville railway was announced today.

He succeeds Charles W. Woodruff, manager since 1924. Woodruff has retired.

McGlenn, a former Montana resident, will manage one of the shortest railroads in the world. The 19-mile road connects the city of Prineville with the Seattle, Portland and Spokane railway and with the Union Pacific railroad at Prineville junction.

A general rehabilitation program is under way on the railroad, which now hauls mostly freight.

GETS HOMETOWN TANK

Indianapolis (AP)—Here is another wartime coincidence. A tank presented to the army by graduates of the Indianapolis Broad Ripple high school was turned over to the command of an Indianapolis sergeant — Robert L. Davis — on Luzon island in the Philippines.

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Over the Top on Okinawa



American doughboys of the 10th Army leave cover of an irrigation ditch to drive toward enemy positions on Okinawa. Yanks are meeting ever increasing opposition in their advance toward Naha, naval base and capital city of the island.

Tryst of POW Abruptly Ended

Del Norte, Colo., April 10 (AP)—A nightly tryst between a German prisoner of war and a 45-year-old Del Norte woman was brought to an abrupt end today.

Army and federal bureau of investigation agents stepped in last night to curtail the activities of a prisoner at the nearby Monte Vista camp who, they said, had been slipping away at night for a rendezvous with the woman.

Every night, they reported, the German managed to escape. He spent the nights at the woman's home and was back in camp before daylight.

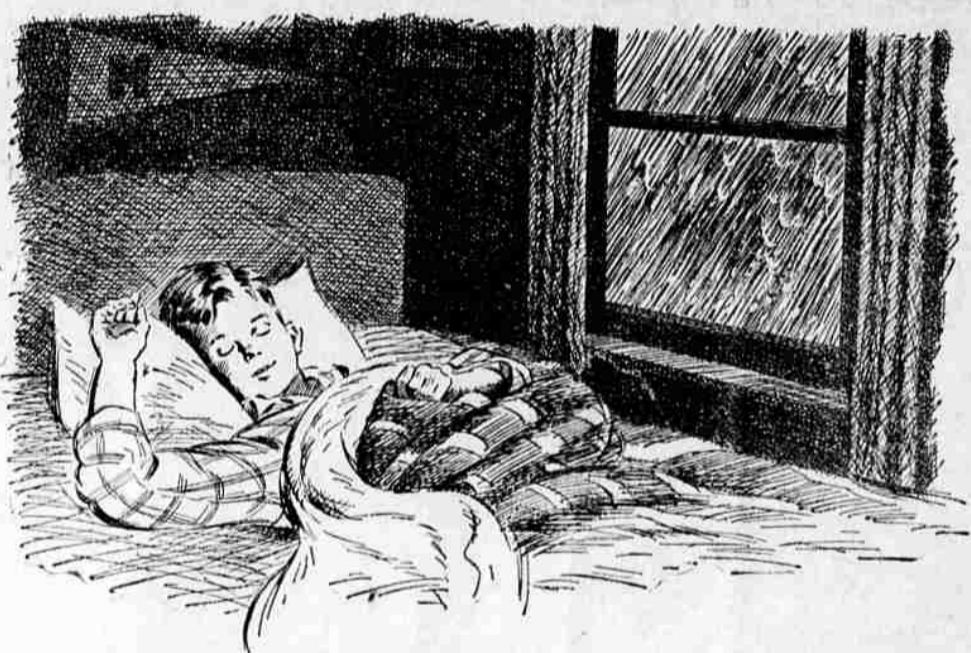
The meetings were interrupted when officers found the prisoner at the woman's home. Deputy Sheriff Harry Wells said that the army and the FBI would continue investigations in the case.

The woman, whose name was withheld, was taken to the Rio Grande county jail. Monte Vista authorities, meanwhile, attempted to see that the prisoner stayed home nights.

INTUITIVE HEN

Athol, Mass. (AP)—A guinea hen here displayed the intuition for which members of her sex have been famous. When its owner, ax in hand, entered the coop, the hen flew out, perched in a tree 60 feet from the ground, and couldn't be coaxed down for days.

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Railroad Noises

An editorial from the San Jose, California, "Evening News". (San Jose is on the main line of Southern Pacific's Coast Line)

WE HAVE always resented those snooty expressions, "across the tracks" or "down by the tracks," with their implication that there was something disreputable and socially low-life about living near railroad tracks. After living many years a block from the Espee's rails, we rise to say that there are many worse places to live.

Living close to the railroad has its obvious advantages when you are a boy. Where is there a more romantic place than the right of way, with wheezing switch engines, puffing freights (which travel so much faster now than they used to) and speeding passenger trains? Morning, noon and night railroading holds attraction for a boy, which is why so many of them go into it, finding a romance which never dulls until they die.

"But how can you stand the noise?" someone asks. Far from being bothered by the noises, you get so you find them soothing and conducive to repose. You get so you can tell the freight trains from the passengers, and you distinguish the touch on the whistle rope of that individualistic engineer who makes his blasts so short, sharp and distinctive.

The various whistle notes represent to you these giant creatures of fire and steel talking to one another over long distances and on winter nights, when the wind is blowing and the rain is pelting against the windows it is pleasant to think of engineer and fireman, snug in their cab with the fire roaring below them, shunting lines of cars up and down the glistening wet tracks.

If these night noises from the tracks are comfortable and appealing to you during peace they have even more of these qualities during war. You realize that both the

wars in which we are engaged are transportation wars and must be won not only in the foxholes and workshops but on the railroads as well. Some of the particularly long trains you hear puffing and snorting these nights are troop trains and others are weighed down with war's materiel. It is comfortable to reflect what a great job the railroadmen are doing, driving their trains and switching their cars 24 hours a day, even while you are asleep.

Back a few years, when trucks and buses started to cut more and more deeply into railroad revenues, with the airplane as an additional competitor just ahead, as a boy living near the tracks you may have wondered a little worriedly if they would put your old friends, the freights and passengers, out of business. It took the war to show that a nation's need of railroads continues, that no nation can be great and strong without them. You are reassured by that, and by the articles and drawings that have been published of vastly improved equipment which will help the railroads get their share of traffic after the war. Such things mean your friends will be able to stay alive and that, drowsily safe and comfortable, you will continue to hear the trains chugging and puffing through the night.

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