

Children's Shoes Ration Free

Washington, Mar. 17. (UP)—OPA officials estimated today that approximately five million pairs of children's shoes will be ration free under the order permitting stampless sales for a three-week period beginning May 1.

This order provides that children's shoes in sizes 8 1/2 through 3, with a maximum price of \$1.60 may be bought without shoe stamps from May 1st through the 20th. A period of unrationed sales was needed, the OPA explained, to help dealers move sluggish stocks of inventory.

expensive children's shoes in view of the growing scarcity of more expensive types. This is a family war. Put your War Bonds buying through the payroll savings plan on a family plan, which means figure it out yourself.

Sons Of Leaders In Marshalls Attack



Sons of five Marine Corps generals and the son of a special adviser to President Roosevelt were among Marines invading the Marshall Islands. From left, top: Lt. Col. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Jr., son of Lt. Gen. Vandegrift, Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps; Capt. James L. Denig, son of Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig; Maj. Richard K. Schmidt, son of Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, in command of the Fourth Marine Division. Bottom: Lt. Joseph C. Fegan, Jr., son of Maj. Gen. Fegan; Pfc. Stephen P. Hopkins, son of Harry Hopkins; Lt. David A. Brewster, son of Brig. Gen. David L. S. Brewster. Capt. Denig and Pfc. Hopkins died in the action.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HELP SAVE THIS BOY'S LIFE?



Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo

He stopped an enemy bullet.. bled white before he was found. But now he is found .. and is having a life-saving transfusion of Red Cross blood plasma. The Army and Navy have requested the Red Cross to collect approximately 11,000,000 pints of blood from donors in key cities throughout the country. Add this vital work to all the other Red Cross activities .. increasing on a global scale .. and you will see why Red Cross must raise over \$200,000,000 for its March, 1944, War Fund. Your local Red Cross Chapter is raising this fund from March 1st to March 31st. For the sake of all our boys, on all our far-flung battle lines, give every dollar you possibly can. You may be saving your own boy's life!

THE RED CROSS IS AT HIS SIDE AND THE RED CROSS IS YOU

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Consumers District Refinancing Plan Still in Air

Next Move Up to the District After Restraining Order by the Supreme Court

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—(UP)—The next move in the case of Attorney General Walter R. Johnson vs. the Consumers Public Power District of Columbus is up to the district, the attorney general's office indicated today.

Early yesterday the supreme court temporarily restrained the district from proceeding with its plan of refinancing a \$42,128,000 bond issue by allowing Guy C. Myers an option on all outstanding bonds.

According to Deputy Attorney General H. Emerson Kokjer, two courses of action are open to the district.

It may dispose of its contract with Myers and proceed with an open sale of the bond issue in a "legal manner." There would be no objection, Kokjer said, to any such "legal sale."

The alternative course, he said, would be to file answer with the supreme court by April 17 as to why the district should not be restrained from carrying out its contract with Myers. If no answer is filed by that time, the temporary restraining order will become permanent.

Firmly aligned against the district's contract with Myers were Governor Dwight Griswold, at whose request Johnson filed the restraining petition, and district board members, James W. Kinsinger of Lincoln and H. J. Wisner of Scottsbluff. The two dissenting men were appointed by the governor to the board.

"I regret that the district is involved in this additional litigation, but I am sure the governor and attorney general were right in filing suit," Kinsinger said. "Mr. Wisner and I are glad to be relieved of some of the responsibility we have been carrying."

Kinsinger indicated he had protested the private sale of bonds, and informed District President Phil R. Hockenberger of one company's desire to bid if the issue were publicly offered at competitive bidding. No reply was received, he said.

At Columbus, Hockenberger "regretted" filing of the "hasty suit before the action of the board was generally known."

The district president said a board of directors meeting, attended by all members but Kinsinger and Wisner, decided late Thursday to submit the proposal for bids, despite a favorable offer from a combine of bankers and bond houses.

"It also is to be regretted there is a wide misconception that competitive bidding is required in sale of public and municipal bonds. There is no such requirement," Hockenberger declared, adding that bonds of several communities which acquired consumers properties were disposed of by private sale.

"People who advocate competitive bidding fail to realize that in an issue of \$42,000,000 there is no one in Nebraska who could qualify as a bidder," Hockenberger said. "It is doubtful if there are more than two such bidders in the whole United States."

Visitors in City

Friday a number of residents from out in the county were in the city to look after some business matters. Martin Sjogren of Louisville and E. H. Pankonin, of near Weeping Water, were callers at the Journal to renew their subscriptions. H. H. Ragoss, one of the prominent residents of the central part of the county was also here as was William Mann of the Louisville community.

Netab Group

The Netab group had their plate lunch supper in the recreation room of the E. H. Barnhardt home. The supper was prepared and served by the Camp Fire Girls. Our next meeting we are planning to go on our nature hike.

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Capture Rail Junction

London, Mar. 18. (UP)—Soviet troops have captured the rail junction of Pomashnaya, eastern terminus of the last German east-west railroad across the lower Ukraine. Premier Stalin announced in an order of the day.

The War In Review

Allied Headquarters, South Pacific, Mar. 16 (UP)—American troops have smashed a heavy Japanese counter attack against the beachhead on Bougainville island and killed more than 1,200 enemy troops in six days of fierce close quarters fighting, allied headquarters revealed today.

Charging frantically against American machine guns and flame throwers the Japanese were mowed down by the hundreds and finally forced to retreat, leaving 1,172 of their dead on the battle field.

London, March 16 (UP)—Powerful fleets of American planes smashed at southern Germany today in the wake of British bombers which strewed more than 3,350 tons of explosives across the reich and occupied territory last night in the heaviest air assault of all times.

U. S. army headquarters said the armada of heavy bombers which struck at south Germany by daylight was "very strong," a description heretofore applied only to the maximum mobilization of war planes in the heaviest attacks of the war.

Official reports indicated American and British forces had delivered their most destructive one-two punch. The focal point of both mighty assaults was southern Germany, the RAF having dropped 2,800 tons of bombs on the big aircraft and transport center of Stuttgart alone.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Mar. 16. (UP)—Allied tanks and infantry burrowed through the debris-choked streets of Cassino today, under savage fire from reinforced German troops who went back into the town last night after it had been wiped out by the greatest aerial and artillery bombardment in history.

Fanatical Nazi infantrymen and mortar crews dug in for a death battle in the twisted rubble that remains of Cassino, defying the shell-fire that poured down on them from the surrounding hills and the raking blasts of the attacking allied armor.

Front reports said the allied tanks and assault troops were forcing the Germans slowly out of the town, with sappers working frantically to clear away the wreckage that blocked their path.

Moscow, March 17. (UP)—Russian armored forces battled their way into the suburbs of the German stronghold of Vinnitsa today while their comrades to the southeast widened a wedge across the Odessa-Warsaw railway that already has split the Ukrainian front.

German defenses in the southern and southwestern Ukraine melted away like snow under a spring sun as red armies swept to within 27 miles of the Bessarabian border, wiped out the encircled German pocket northeast of Kherson and advanced to within 16 miles northeast and southeast of the Black Sea at Nikolav.

Gen. Ivan S. Konev's 2nd Ukrainian army sealed the fate of Vinnitsa, a city of 35,000, with the severing of the railroad to Zherminka, its last rail link with the rest of the Ukraine. Exploiting their gain the Russians broke into the eastern suburbs of Vinnitsa.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 17. (UP)—American troops, under cover of air, naval and artillery bombardment, landed on Manus, the principal Admiralty island, Wednesday and quickly fought their way to within a half mile of the airfield at Lorengau, the main Japanese base, it was announced today.

The landing came less than 24 hours after U. S. forces—units of the first cavalry division (dismounted)—completed occupation of Haulwei and Botjo Luo islands off Los Negros and gave the Americans their fourth foothold in the Admiralties.

Strategically located at the northern end of the Bismarck archipelago, capture of the big airfield at Lorengau would bring allied planes within easy range of Japanese strongholds in the central and southwest Pacific. Manus island would give U. S. bombers another jumping off place for further assaults on Madang and Wewak on the northern New Guinea coast, less than 300 miles to the south; Rabaul, New Britain, 370 miles to the east, and Truk, 725 miles to the north in the Carolines.

London, March 17.—(UP)—RAF heavy bombers hit Axis Europe from France to Bulgaria last night and early today, and a U. S. army communiqué revealed that American daylight raiders shot down 120 German planes in attacks on the southern reich yesterday.

Applying the new allied pincers technique, British-based RAF aircraft attacked a tire factory at Clermont-Ferrand and railway targets at Amiens in France during the night, while other British raiders from Italian bases hit Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, for the second time in a little more than 24 hours.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Mar. 17. (UP)—Veteran New Zealand infantrymen battered the German defenders of Cassino back into a narrowing corner in the southwestern end of the ruined town today after closing off the Via Cassina escape route to the almost encircled Nazi garrison.

Almost 48 hours after a heavy allied aerial and artillery bombardment had tumbled the ancient town about their heads, a determined band of German gunners was reported fighting back bitterly to retain the slim Nazi hold on the edge of Cassino.

Dug in behind heaps of stone and masonry piled up by the allied barrage, the Nazis contested every yard of the New Zealanders' advance.

Front reports said the attacking allied forces were hampered almost as much by the mounds of rubble strewn through the streets as by the German rifle and mortar fire.

Helping Children

The State Health Department has had brought to its attention by teachers and parents many problems of individual children. For example—"How can I help the child who won't work?" "What can I do for the child who misbehaves, thrash him?" "How shall I help the child who goes to sleep each morning in school?"

Children with problems like these and many others need help to get well and to adjust themselves to the social group, the home and the school. They are ill, as much as if they had the measles or some other communicable disease. These children often need a medical examination first, to see that the body is functioning properly. Second, they need parents and a teacher who will try to help them understand life; a home where there is little friction and where they have the feeling of belonging; a place where they are helped rather than thrashed, and a home where recreation activities are planned for and with all the children. They need a teacher who understands children and who will realize that it is her responsibility oftentimes to help parents to work with her on home practices, needed corrections, program adjustments and other necessary measures for the proper growth and development of the child.

Finding the child's point of interest and building around this, utilizing talents he may have, and finding opportunities to approve his contribution to the group is a good beginning. The boy who goes to sleep, we found had only four hours sleep between meeting trains and peddling papers. There is a reason for every behavior. Try to find the cause and give help at the source. Mental and emotional health are closely related to physical health, one influences the other. Punishment often accomplishes nothing where constructive help may save a child from failure and delinquency.

Lt Florence Lowson Writes From Guinea

A letter was received by Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Lowson, of Wymore, this week advising them that their daughter, Lt. Florence Lowson, an army nurse, is now stationed in New Guinea. The letter which follows, gives one a small idea of the conditions on that far outpost.

"Dearest Folks: I can hardly believe that fifteen months ago today I went to Fort Riley. Haven't heard from you since last of December. We are quickly becoming adjusted to Guinea. It's hot and rains a good deal. We are working 7 to 2 every day and quite hard, thank God for work. There is nothing to do here in the way of entertainment. Occasionally naval officers take us out to the ships in port for dinner. All the officers are good to us. We did not have anything but canvas cots so one of them gave me a mattress, and they gave us candy and canned goods.

"This afternoon we have been watching the natives put up a hut. They made the ones we live in and it is fun to watch them. They make them out of bamboo, use no nails and they climb around like monkeys and chatter as much, interspersed with an occasional American slang expression. They are filthy, with great thick heads of hair that stands straight up. The Yanks call them Tazzy Wuzzies. They can climb these tall coconut trees in a flash, and shake down coconuts which are good eating. We can just step out of our hut and pick them up.

"It seems at times we will be here for months on end. We would feel better if the war was over in Europe. At least we would feel this one could get a good start. The morale has been much higher here since the eighteen month foreign duty bill passed. A lot of these kids have been here 22 months, and they are eager to go home. We've still got fourteen months to go.

"Well, folks, don't worry about me. I'm as healthy as ever, and getting plenty to eat even though it isn't always what we want. It seems years since I have seen you all. I wonder if people at home can realize how happy we shall be when this is over and we can come home. "We got our radio working in New Guinea, the one we bought in Australia. We get Tokio fine, and it's fun to listen to their versions of the news."

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1943 Nebraska 4-H Club Champions. A collage of portraits of four young Nebraska 4-H Club members: Imogene Pollard (Cass County), Willis Schlotte (Knox County), Dan Gengenbach (Perkins County), and Betty Jean Peters (Cheyenne County). The text below the portraits reads: 'Here are the four young Nebraskans whose 4-H Club cumulative records through 1943 have won them the distinction of being outstanding in the Cornhusker state. Before the war, these champions represented their state at the National Club Camp in Washington. Though the camp was discontinued for the duration, the four champions have continued to be honored.'