

# FDR CURBS PRICES AND WAGES

## Retreating Nazis Leaving Mahares

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Axis forces are abandoning Mahares, only 22 miles south of the vital harbor of Sfax, and the railway town of Mezzouna in a continuing withdrawal under Allied blows on a broad front between the Central Tunisian mountains and the sea, it was disclosed Friday.

Armored vanguards of the British Eighth Army pursued Field Marshal Edwin Rommel's beaten men, who were fleeing north from Mahares and northeast from Mezzouna, 52 miles from Sfax, under the hammering of the Western Desert Air Force.

## Lull Sets In Russian Area

MOSCOW —(AP)—The Russian-German front was generally quiet Friday but along some sectors there were sharp thrusts by both sides.

South of Balakleya, which is midway between Chuguev and Izum on the Donets River, the Germans again during the night attempted to assault Red Army positions but lost 200 killed and gained no ground.

This sector includes an area where the Soviet troops have a bridgehead on the Donets, and the attacks by the Nazis likely were designed at trying to smash through and clear up the western bank, but all their efforts have failed.

Within the last 24 hours the Germans have lost more than 500 men killed in the sector.

## Nazis Make Claims

South of Izum a few weak attacks were launched against the strong Soviet lines and the enemy was repulsed, losing a large number of their infantrymen, the Russians said.

(The German communiqué broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press asserted that two Russian battalions were "annihilated" in mopping-up operations on the middle Donets River front and that numerous prisoners were taken.

## Redistricting Is Slated For House Action Next Week

AUSTIN —(AP)—Texas lawmakers Friday were in week-end recess, but the House planned next Tuesday to tackle a problem that hasn't been acted on for more than 20 years—legislative redistricting.

The Constitution requires such readjustment every ten years but the Representatives have passed the matter up since 1921. Doubt existed that a re-districting measure—there are several on the subject—could be pushed through in the last lap of the session.

## Twisting Winds Kill One Person

By The Associated Press  
Twisting winds that struck Grayson and Cameron counties Thursday killed one man and injured seven other persons.

Oscar Turner, 65, a resident of Southeast Grayson County on the Thurston Montgomery farm, was killed when his house was destroyed by a storm. Ten other homes in the area were demolished.

## Odessan Had Charge Of First Americans To Contact British

WITH THE COMBINED BRITISH AND AMERICAN ARMIES IN THE GAFSA AREA, TUNISIA—(AP)—First Lieut. Alvin J. Parker of Odessa, Tex., was in charge of the American reconnaissance column which first met advanced units of the British Eighth Army on the lonely Tunisian plain between Gabes and Gafsa.

"We were damned glad to see the British," Lieut. Parker said. "We have a lot to learn, but we are finding out how to take care of ourselves."

## Midland Hero And Wife



Captain and Mrs. Darrell G. Welch may be reunited Sunday—by shortwave radio. Mrs. Welch, who lives in Midland, has been notified to listen to the Army Hour over the National Broadcasting Company network Sunday afternoon when, it is indicated, Captain Welch, who shot down three German transport planes this week in an air battle over the Mediterranean, will be interviewed. Captain Welch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Welch of Midland, also will be listening for his voice.

## Japanese Claim 15 Allied Vessels Sunk

By The Associated Press  
Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted Friday that strong Japanese naval and air forces sank or damaged 15 warships and transports and shot down 37 planes Wednesday in an attack on an Allied fleet 25 miles north of Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons.

## Lea County Deep Well Perforated Past Water Level

By Frank Gardner, Oil Editor  
R. Olsen Oil Company and Atlantic Refining Company No. 1 Langlie (Justis), Southeastern Lea County deep well which Thursday indicated the opening of the first Ordovician pool in New Mexico, has been perforated and acidized into water, virtually ruining its chances of making a commercial well from the Ellenburger, lower Ordovician.

## Foster Field Cadet Killed Near Yoakum

VICTORIA—(AP)—Aviation Cadet Charles O. McRoberts, 24, of Kingsville, Tex., was killed Thursday night in a plane crash near Yoakum, Col. H. H. Van Auken, commander of Foster Field, said Friday.

## Mme. Chiang Delays Trip To Washington

LOS ANGELES —(AP)—Although tentative plans were made for Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek to leave here Saturday for New York, it was announced Friday that the wife of the Chinese generalissimo has postponed her second visit to Washington, but will confer with President Roosevelt at a later date.

Thereafter, it is also probable that the first lady of China will go to Ottawa to address the Canadian Parliament.

## Ceilings Extended

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt said Friday dollars-and-cents ceiling prices probably would be placed on all food commodities which affect living costs, while James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, said the Office of Price Administration might be able to present specific ceiling price plans Saturday, following those now laid down for meat.

When a newspaperman inquired whether the sweeping Presidential order meant that workers were more or less frozen in their jobs in essential industries, Byrnes responded that the War Manpower Commission section of the Presidential order was designed to make clear that the WMC chairman has power to do what he attempted to do to some degree. The WMC chairman has enlarged powers, under the order, Byrnes said.

The President said the whole problem resembles a four-legged stool. Food prices are one leg, wages another, rationing a third, and taxation and saving are the fourth. An effort is being made, he said, to prevent ups and downs and to get on a more even level, using all four legs to prevent the stool from falling over.

His executive order was a step in that direction, he said, but Congress still has to provide the fourth leg, taxes and savings. Asked whether \$16,000,000,000 is still the administration's goal on new revenue, as mentioned in his budget message to Congress, Mr. Roosevelt said it is the administration's hope.

He was asked, also, how materially he has increased the powers given Byrnes, and Mr. Roosevelt turned that question over to Byrnes.

The stabilization director replied that he knew of no material increase except that he has received greater authority to determine questions that will arise in the OPA and the War Labor Board as to border and hardship cases. Such cases, under the new order, he said, will be submitted to him for consideration, instead of to the President personally.

## American Planes Strike At Kahili

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy reported Friday that Army Flying Fortresses and its own Avenger light bombers had attacked Japanese positions at Kahili in the Shortland Island area of the North-western Solomons, but that due to bad weather "observation of results was not reported."

## Housewives To Get Sugar For Canning

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Thanks partly to the persistence of the housewives' official spokesman, home canners will get extra sugar from OPA again this year without penalties.

The spokesman, pretty Mrs. Philip Crowlie of Huron, S. D., won her first major victory Thursday night when OPA discarded a proposal to require applicants for canning sugar to surrender 8 to 12 pounds of their canned goods ration coupons for every extra pound of sugar.

## Shifting Of Jobs To Be Prohibited

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Official Washington mobilized a small army of its rule-drafters Friday in an effort to speed compliance with an overnight order from President Roosevelt to hold farm prices and wages at almost rigid levels of the day.

First action came from the War Labor Board, which telegraphed its regional offices and related agencies to stop all wage increases "except those that clearly come within the 15 per cent limitation of the little steel formula."

At the Office of Price Administration officials indicated that early orders could be expected freezing the market prices of livestock and other basic agricultural commodities.

The War Manpower Commission is under orders to prohibit workers from shifting jobs in search of higher pay, and utility commissions were warned to hold or cut rates in line with the government's policy of keeping down the cost of living.

Congress, which has been unable in recent weeks to agree on a method of putting income taxes on a pay-as-you-go basis, faces a presidential request for more taxes and more savings.

Mr. Roosevelt indicated he thought it dangerous to the nation's economy to keep arguing about particular concessions for farmers or laborers, and declared he was moved to act by the Senate's failure this week to kill the Bankhead farm price bill.

Politically, the action was interpreted as an effort to spike whip-sawing demands of labor based on rising farm prices and of farmers based on rising wages. It also was regarded as the White House answer to John L. Lewis' demands for a \$2 a day increase in mine wages.

In directing the Administrator Prentiss M. Brown and Food Administrator Chester C. Davis to put ceilings over farm prices, the President specified that in some cases, in which prices already are above the levels of Sept. 15, 1942, that the prices "be rolled back."

The President's action on farm prices was interpreted by government economists as preventative. The processed products sold to consumers—meat from livestock, bread from wheat, etc.—are already controlled fairly thoroughly. The President was represented as trying to forestall any future pressures against retail prices of the final products.

## MacArthur Refuses Comment On Ruling

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)—Let's get on with the war," was General Douglas MacArthur's only comment upon being asked for a statement regarding the new regulation prohibiting Army officers from seeking or accepting election to political office.

## War Bulletins

MOSCOW —(AP)— French pilots of the squadron "Normandy 1," which has been training behind the Red Army lines in the Soviet Union, have gone into battle against the Germans, it was made known Friday.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)— Gen. Henri Giraud, high commissioner of French North Africa, announced Thursday night that new steps had been taken to restore to French North Africa institutions fostered by the former French republic and said a study was being made of the question of citizenship for native-born Jews in Algeria.

LONDON —(AP)— A small force of British naval motor craft engaged a strongly escorted enemy convoy Thursday night off the port of Bizerte, sank one supply ship and scored two torpedo hits on another, it was announced. "When last seen the enemy ships were engaging each other," the announcement said. "Our motor craft returned safely to bases."

## OPA Boss To Face Inquiry

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Roosevelt's sweeping order to the nation to "hold the line" on prices and wages commanded top interest in the capital Friday, but other controversial subjects continued to hold attention.

Among them were black markets, the OPA, the Army and politics, a senatorial war front junket and—ironically—farm prices.

OPA Blamed  
For it was farm prices which spurred his action, Mr. Roosevelt said. The farm bloc had failed to override his veto of the Bankhead bill, but managed to keep it alive and force it back to committee to hold in abeyance with the Pace bill—and both would increase farm prices. Then the bloc leaders challenged the president to get "just as tough with labor" or both bills would be brought back out.

The order turned new attention on the Capitol Hill testimony of two key food officials in the wake of accusations that the OPA was to blame for black markets. Chairman Patman (D-Tex) of the House small business committee, now probing charges of food bootlegging, said he would ask Food Administrator Chester C. Davis and Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown Friday: (1) Why have conflicting regulations been issued on the food front? (2) Why hasn't there been a housecleaning of those issuing them, and (3) Why is there lack of coordination between the OPA and the Food Administration?

Shakeup Threatened  
A shakeup was indicated by associates of Brown within the OPA. They predicted "businessmen" would replace "professors" in several key policy-making posts.

The War Department ban against Army men seeking or accepting public office stirred fierce debate with Senator Barkley, minority leader, denying that it was designed to insure a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt.

Members of two rival senate committees—the military and war investigating groups—continued to maneuver to send dual delegations to the fighting front in North Africa. Both committees claimed military or presidential approval.

## Wodehouse Seeking Permit From Sweden

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN —(AP)—Informed sources said Friday they understood that P. G. Wodehouse, English author now in Germany, had asked Sweden for a residence permit but the Swedish government had taken no action.

## Trailer House Here Destroyed By Fire

Fire about 11:30 p.m. Thursday destroyed a trailer parked in the rear of an ice cream parlor on the 100 block South Main Street, causing a loss estimated at \$500. The trailer was owned by Mrs. Madgalene Hines.

## Increase In Scarlet Fever Is Reported

AUSTIN —(AP)— A marked increase in scarlet fever was reported in Texas last week, the State Department of Health reported Friday, adding that the reported incidence and the death rate were markedly decreased during recent years.

HEATH GETS PROMOTION  
Word has been received by friends of Wade Heath that he has been promoted to Staff Sergeant and is stationed at Needles, Calif. Sergeant Heath entered the Army last November.



# Midland Business & Professional Review

PRESENTING EACH WEEK NEWS ABOUT LIVE, PROGRESSIVE FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS OF MIDLAND

### More Red Cross Funds Are Received Here

Red Cross contributions totaling \$57.30 were obtained at the Yucca, Ritz and Rex theaters during the War Fund campaign, bringing the total receipts in Midland County to \$12,908.89, according to A. N. Hendrickson, War Fund chairman.



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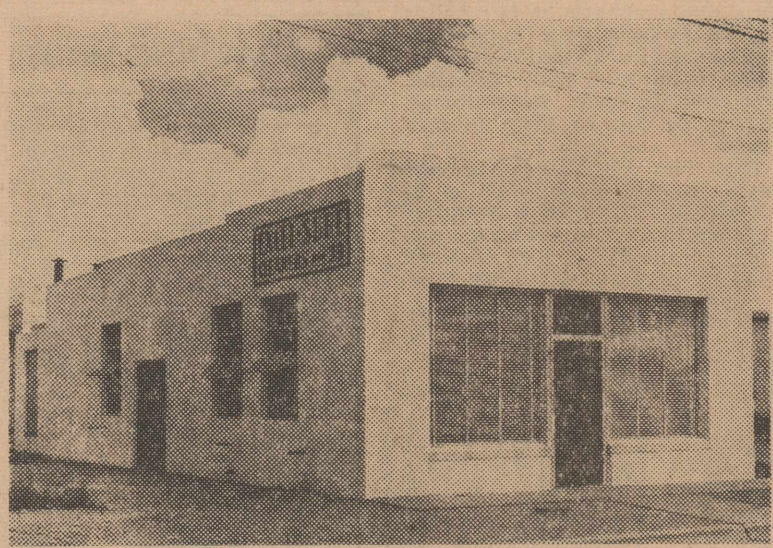
Despite wartime problems and rush, quality still is placed first at the Excel-Sure Cleaners, 110 North Big Spring Street.  
Established April 15, 1940, the Excel-Sure Cleaners plant has the best equipment available to the trade. It is completely modern throughout.  
"With the best equipment available to back us up, our aim today is still the same as it has always been," James L. Daugherty, owner, said. "We are continuing to produce fine quality cleaning, despite the stupendous demand for cleaning service."  
**Solvents Purified**  
Equipment for distillation and filtration of solvents is operated in the plant, and the best solvents available are used. The vacuum still for distilling the cleaning sol-

vent removes fatty and acid substances from the solutions, giving assurance that clothes will be thoroughly cleaned. Solvents full of unsaturates and impurities will not clean clothes, but will tend to spread these undesirable elements through the materials. In the Excel-Sure process, solvents in addition to being run through the distilling process are tested regularly and unsafe solutions are replaced. Solvents used are recommended by the National Association of Cleaners and Dyers as being the nearest perfect available.  
"We not only have facilities for testing solvents but we use them," Daugherty declared.  
Pure solvents assure brighter color and greater safety for fabrics, he added. About 1,000 gallons of the solution passes through the filter to the washer hourly, and unsaturates are weeded out.  
**Service Maintained**  
In addition to the equipment for distilling and filtering solvents, the Excel-Sure plant has the latest type washer, tumbler, spotting board and other supplies. When the plant was established all new equipment was installed and more has since been added.

Daugherty has been in the cleaning business about 19 years, and has been a resident of Midland since 1936. Despite a shortage of experienced workers in the cleaning trade, he maintains the best staff it is possible to obtain.  
"We place quality and service above all other considerations," Daugherty said. "Although it has become necessary for us to discontinue delivery service, we still concentrate on the best possible service for our customers. The increased volume of business makes it impossible for us to maintain as rapid a service as formerly, but we still strive to give the best service possible under these conditions."

**CAMACHO TO VISIT U. S.**  
MEXICO CITY — President Avila Camacho, who has asked congressional permission to leave the country for 72 hours, plans to visit United States border points, the chief executive's private secretary said Thursday night.

### Modern Cleaning Plant



Especially built for a cleaning plant, the Excel-Sure Cleaners building at 110 North Big Spring Street is one of the most modern in this area. It is well equipped throughout with the most modern machinery available.

### Texas Cattle Sales, Inc., Reaches New High In Volume Of Stock Sold

Fast on its way to becoming one of the premier sales concerns in West Texas, the Texas Cattle Sales, Inc., last week reached a new mark—the largest sale in its three year history. More than 500 head of livestock were sold in the weekly auction on Thursday of last week.  
Ready sales of livestock are assured in the auction each Thursday afternoon at the building, located south of the railroad and east of the Main Street in Midland. J. C. Miles and Lynch King are owners of the company, and M. G. McConnell is auctioneer.

Because of the volume of livestock offered, buyers consider the auction at the Texas Cattle Sales building one of their best markets, and top prices are paid. Stockmen have found they profit by selling their livestock here, since they save the freight costs they would have in shipping to other markets. By selling here, they have no losses from shrinkage and from bruises.

Bill Conner, well-known Midland County rancher, now is serving as starter for the auctions. He is a good judge of stock, since he has purchased it for many years. Leslie Floyd is in charge of penning, checking and moving the stock. Homer Epley, assisted by Charlie Blaylock, is in charge of the business office, and plenty of other capable employees assist with the sales.  
Remodeling and improvement work now is underway at the Texas Cattle Sales building. An office has been built in the stock building to speed up the work of checking the cattle, and gates into the auction ring have been rearranged to enable the stock to be moved through faster. Pens and gates also have been remodeled.  
Buyers from Fort Worth, Big Spring, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Lubbock and other cities regularly attend the auctions here.

### Ever-Ready Auto Service Offers Help To Drivers

For almost 20 years motorists of this area have depended on the Ever-Ready Auto Service for gasoline, tires, accessories and expert service, but at no time has the station been able to assist them as much as it does today.  
Because of the wartime necessity of keeping automobiles in the best condition, services offered by the station have been improved and expanded. Expert washing and greasing services are provided with two racks, and wheel balancing equipment to help increase the lives of tires has been installed. A complete line of accessories is carried by the station.  
Established in 1923.

In calling attention to the Bear dynamic balancer for automobile wheels, Fred Wemple, owner of the Ever-Ready Auto Service, pointed out that unbalanced wheels not only are dangerous to safety, but also cause tires to wear out 20 to 50 per cent quicker. By having his wheel balance checked, the motorist not only is assuring himself that he is preventing trouble, but also that he is doing a patriotic duty. The nation's shortage of rubber makes it imperative for motorists to see that their tires last as long as possible.

The Ever-Ready Auto Service was established in Midland in 1923 by Wemple. That was in the days of T-model cars, and few automobiles were in operation in this area. But Wemple believed in a bright future for Midland, a belief that has been fulfilled. His station here was the first drive-in station between Abilene and El Paso.

The first line of tires handled by Wemple in his new station was the U. S. brand. He still features the same line. In addition, the station offers Mobilgas and Mobiloil, Globe Batteries, Motorola Radios, Gordon and other brands of seat covers, and other well-known types of accessories.  
**Modern Equipment**  
The most modern equipment available has been installed at the Ever-Ready Service, which has

### Capital Structure Of First National Bank Of Midland Reaches New High Of \$496,166

The capital structure of the First National Bank of Midland has grown to \$496,166, an all time record for the progressive financial institution which has for its slogan "Safe Banking For Over 53 Years."  
In 1906 the capital structure of the bank was \$220,311; in 1936 \$241,731; and in 1940 it was \$403,600.  
Deposits also are at a high level,

totalling \$6,033,947, compared with \$3,547,600 in 1940, \$1,512,314 in 1936 and \$339,997 in 1906.  
Loans and discounts in 1906 were \$377,409; in 1936 \$950,509; in 1940 \$1,218,200; and now total \$980,936.  
Banking rooms of the First National Bank, of which M. G. Ulmer is president, are among the finest in West Texas. They are beautiful, pleasing and cheerful. Ulmer, mayor of Midland and president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, became associated with the First National Bank almost 37 years ago. The bank's building, rising from the high plains of West Texas, is an inspiration to greater civic improvement.

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SERIAL STORY

DARK JUNGLES

BY JOHN C. FLEMING & LOIS EBY

THE STORY: Allison Topping, society girl, is off to Guatemala to run her father's chicle plantation. Barry Fiedling, mining engineer en route to the same land in search of a quick-riche mine operated by the Quiche Indian tribe, has tried many times to dissuade her...

once more. Can't be more of a chump than I was the other day. When can we get this quarantine business over with?

Barry's face was stern as he said, "Frankly, I don't like getting up in the middle of the night to hear funny stories."

The mischievous lights in Allison's eyes had faded. She looked imploringly up at the tall man. Slowly the discomfited left hand appeared on the right side of her face.

ALLISON opened her eyes sleepily in the total darkness of her cabin as she heard the rattle of the anchor chain. She lay quietly for only a moment as she heard running footsteps on the deck, and then slid from her warm bed, glanced at the luminous traveling clock on her dresser...

"I really didn't expect to find you up at this hour," Barry said seriously. Allison turned to face him. "You mean you thought it was one of my practical jokes?" she said lightly.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney America's Card Authority Here is one of the hands I watched in the recent Eastern States Championships. Some players opened the bidding with a spade...

This line of bidding brought about an interesting situation in the play of the hand. East cashed his singleton ace of diamonds, and while he received a high diamond from his partner, he was unable to continue, and shifted to a club.

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Passengers On Bus Robbed By Two Men

MUSKOGEE—(P)—Two bandits held up a Santa Fe Railway bus in old-time train-robbler fashion Wednesday night and escaped with the valuables of the 15 passengers.

SALT LAKE CITY—(P)—Sign in a South Salt Lake City kennels: "Sale—second hand dogs." of them drew a revolver and ordered the driver to stop. The other searched the passengers taking their money and jewelry...

Texas Taxation 70 Per Cent Over 1938

AUSTIN—(P)—Texas citizens are paying federal, state and local taxes 70 per cent larger than in 1928 and federal tax rates are increasing monthly.

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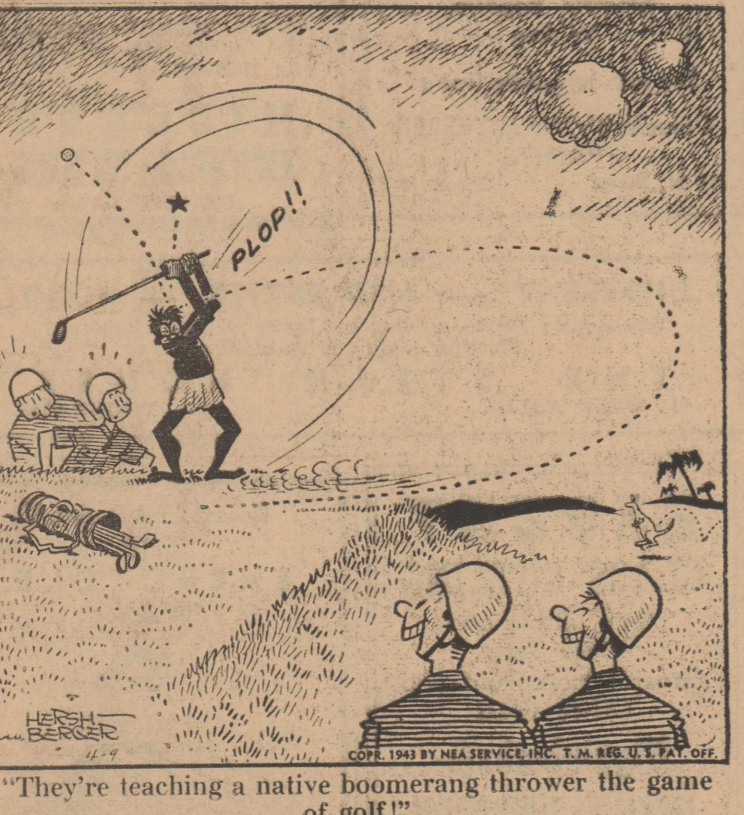


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