

## Victory

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which are in danger of spoiling until July 31, OPA has decided. These emergency reductions must be accompanied by a cut of at least 25 per cent in the established ceiling price of the item. If the point value is lowered more than 25 per cent, the price must be reduced proportionately, but never more than 50 per cent below the ceiling.

Ice Boxes For Civilians  
A total of 239,575 ice-boxes are

to be produced in the next three months for civilian use, according to a new order of WPB. Despite limited factory capacities and scarcity of materials, the production rate is expected to reach about 75,000 units a month.

**How To Get Farm Supplies**  
According to a dealer must furnish farm supplies if the farmer signs a certificate stating: "I certify to the War Production Board that I am a farmer and that the supplies covered by this order are needed for the operation of a farm." A total of 110 items are affected by this

order. Such certification will enable the farmer to buy up to \$25 worth of any of the items on the list, and more if the certificate is approved by his local country farm rationing committee.

**Butter Price Reduced**  
A reduction of five to six cents a pound in the retail price of butter will go into effect Thursday, June 10. The OPA intends to offset the cut-back with a minimum of financial loss to the dairy industry, from the farm through the retailer. With the subsidy paid to them by the government, buyers of butterfat will get as much for their butter as before and will be expected to continue to pay going prices to the farmer. "Butter shall include butter manufactured by a farmer on his farm from milk produced on his farm" according to an amendment to Maximum Price Regulation No. 239 under which maximum prices were established for creamery butter.

**Replant Flooded Gardens**  
Victory gardens destroyed by excessive rains should be replanted immediately, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture in urging gardeners to replant with "late" rather than "early" crops. Crops that can still be planted in flooded areas include tomatoes, snap beans, lima beans, beets, Swiss chard, summer squash, peppers, eggplant, sweet corn, and sweet potatoes. Cool weather crops such as potatoes, peas, early cabbage, spinach, and lettuce cannot be expected to give satisfactory yields if planted this late in the spring.

**Flags For Flag Day**  
New flags for Flag Day, June 14, are still available, but there will not be enough to meet the demand, says the War Production Board. Manufacturers are still permitted to use four types of cotton fabric and two types of rayon in making flags for civilians. Silk, commonly used for high-quality flags before the war, has not been available for some time. Wool may be used only for flags for the armed services. Metal flag accessories for civilian use are out.

**Go Fishing Without Gas**  
It's okay with Mr. Ickes if the country's ardent fishermen continue their sport but he says, "We still



**SIGNAL CORPS RADIOTELETYPE**—Gen. Charles DeGaulle pictured addressing last meeting of present session of Algerian General Assembly which has been concerned with re-organizing the French government in North Africa. (L-R) M. Gonon, Secy. of Govt.; Gen. Georges Catroux, newly appointed Gov. Gen. of Algeria, making first appearance before Assembly; DeGaulle and Gen. Henri Giraud.

think it's a good idea for them to fish when they can and where they can without extra gasoline." Gasoline for fishing trips won't be cut, bicycles are rationed to any available, no matter how productive of food the sport may be.

**Milk Added To Ration List**  
Evaporated and condensed milk are now on the list of rationed foods with a value of one point per pound. Red stamps in War Ration Book Two will be used for buying canned milk and no additional points will be made available to consumers for such purchases. The rationing is intended to conserve limited supplies for infant feeding, special diets, and for persons unable to obtain adequate supplies of fresh milk.

**Don't Write "Round Robins"**  
Writing soldiers "round robins," or news letters, and inviting composite replies by the group in its name, is a practice the War Department has warned. Replies tend to become anthologies of military information, and a custom that arose from innocent motives becomes security hazard.

**More Gas For Farmers**  
To assure farmers sufficient gasoline to operate their agricultural equipment, the War Department has authorized the War Relocation Authority to increase their yields of motor gasoline temporarily to 90 per cent of the corresponding figure for the last half of 1941, as compared with the 85 per cent maximum authorized in 1940.

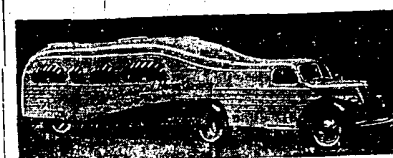
**Shoe Prices Regulated**  
Shoes, chiefly women's models, which are made of such materials as plastic, felt, wood, combinations of wool and cotton, and friction belting and other synthetic substances, are now under ceiling prices. Fabrics used for the uppers include linen, gabardine, rayon, imitation leather and other types of cloth. Prices set by OPA for manufacturers of the shoes range from around \$1.25 to about \$4.00 a pair.

**Army To Help Farmers**  
The Army is going to help repair flood-damaged automotive farm machinery. The War Relocation Authority has announced that mobile automotive repair units of the Army service forces are standing by in the recently flooded areas of six central states ready to give farmers such help in the repair of damaged automotive equipment used for farm purposes as is possible without interfering with necessary military training. Farmers who have no facilities for getting their machinery back into operation should report to their local county Agricultural agents.

**Bikes For The East**  
In 16 of the 17 states in the eastern gasoline shortage area, bicycles will be issued without quota restrictions in June, the native of Benton Harbor.

## ASSEMBLY IN NORTH AFRICA

## "TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEN

### SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

This is the last of three columns about the big trees of the west. To write anything more after seeing the General Sherman tree, here in Sequoia National Park, would be an anachronism. It is the largest and oldest living thing on earth.

Back in the age of mammals and giant reptiles, these trees were abundant in all parts of the world. With the changes of the years they gradually disappeared until today they grow only in a small section of California. Over half of the remainder are in the park, 684 square miles area created for their preservation.

Hundreds of these trees are over 20 feet in diameter. Some are really BIG. Of these the General Sherman is the King Bee. Here are its dimensions:

	Feet
Height	272.4
Base Circumference	101.6
Diameter 60 feet above ground	17.5
Diameter 120 feet above ground	17.0
Length of largest branch	130.0
Diameter of largest branch	6.8

The trunk alone weighs 1323 tons and would require 30 railroad cars to haul it away. It contains 600,000 board feet of lumber; sufficient to build forty 5-room houses. It is 16 stories high, or four feet higher than our nation's capitol. Its base diameter is wider than the average city street. Its age is estimated at between 3500 and 4000 years.

Here and there about the park you find a tree down on the ground where you can give it close inspection. One of these (Rallen Moenarch in Kings Canyon National Park) has a rather interesting history.

Down for many hundreds of years, there is about 120 feet of trunk still remaining. It is hollow from end to end, with the first 60 feet at the base having an 8-foot ceiling. Farther along the opening gets smaller but it is still large enough to permit a rider on horseback to ride completely through the trunk.

Long ago this hollow log was used as a shelter by Indian tribes. In 1870 an enterprising tavern keeper opened a saloon in the base, with his living quarters farther back in the trunk. Still later it was used as a kitchen and dining room of a tent tourist court. During the short period when the park was under the supervision of a company of cavalry, it was their custom in bad weather to tie all 32 of their horses in the opening. The above statistics were given to me by a Park Ranger who incidentally told me an amusing anecdote. This last summer he and a friend decided to get away from it all. They planned and made a 65 mile hike to the summit of Mt. Whitney.

United States and located here in the park. Imagine their amazement when they met 12 other people at the top. If that kind of traffic keeps up, next year Woolworth will probably open a store.

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**Cannot 'Save' Surplus Game Crops**  
Michigan officials back the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service in warning against "market hunting" raids on wildlife as an emergency wartime food supply. However, they also caution against trying to "save" the surplus crop for future years. This, they point out, would result only in waste—just as much to be avoided in wartime as excessive hunting and fishing.

The officials estimate that the 1941 surplus of game was 17 million pounds, and that the fish catch yielded another 16 million pounds. This is said to be a normal yield of regulated hunting and fishing in the state.

**Rice Crops Hurt by Waterfowl**  
Evidence placed before the California fish and game commission by a delegation representing Central Valley agricultural interests indicate that the increase in waterfowl during recent years has resulted in an alarming destruction to rice and other crops, the commission reports. The fish and game commission agreed to work with the farmer groups in an effort to find a solution. A representative will consult with federal authorities in Washington on effective steps to control waterfowl damage to crops.

**Costly Pet**  
A polar bear that can skate and box can be had for the asking at the army's Aberdeen, Md., proving ground. But it isn't as wonderful as all that—the bear has a monthly food bill of \$58.

**Measure Noise**  
Determining the amount of applause of radio studio audiences is only one of the many tasks performed by electrical noise or sound level meters.

**The new commissioner, known as "Charlie," is the father of four girls: Betty Lou and Rosemary, both graduates of Michigan State College, and Phyllis and Barbara. And students in the Lansing public schools. He enjoys trout fishing and bird hunting, is a member of Masonic, Elk and Moose orders, a registered engineer and a past president of the Michigan Engineering society. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1913 as a civil engineer. His birthplace is Noble county, Indiana. Mrs. Ziegler was a quota restrictionist in June, the native of Benton Harbor.**

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