

per cent of all the food that goes on American tables is under Government price control today, as the result of an emergency order to combat "scare" buying of fresh vegetables.

Reaction to the week-long pre-rationing freeze on canned foods coupled with reports of some damage to southern crops, led the Office of Price Administration last night to nail the price levels of five major fresh vegetables—tomatoes, green and wax snap beans, carrots, cabbage and peas.

Beginning today, no dealer may charge more for these vegetables than he did during the five days between last Thursday and Monday of this week—Feb. 18 to 22.

#### No Ceiling on Fish

Ceilings also will be placed on such seasonal items as sweet corn and spinach before they are ready for market, OPA said, and possibly on celery and lettuce.

The only outstanding uncontrolled food now is fresh fish.

Declaring last night's sudden action was taken to "avert further sharp speculative price advances," OPA said some market reports indicated as much as a 35 per cent rise in fresh tomato prices during the last several days.

The advances might have been spurred, the announcement said, as housewives shifted their buying habits from the now rationed canned goods to fresh vegetables.

The order, which will be replaced by permanent regulations within the next 60 days, covers all dealers except the grower. Sample checks of retail price levels in all major population centers are being made and will be continued as an enforcement measure.

#### Point Values Given

The action followed announcement of the ration point values of dried beans, peas and lentils and dehydrated soups, and word that there might be increased food rations in April, depending among other things, on the amounts declared by housewives when they register for their new coupon books this week.

Point values for the "added starters" in the new program include:

Dried beans, peas and lentils: up to 2 ounces, 1 point; 2 to 4 ounces, 2 points; 4 to 6 ounces, 3 points; 6 to 8 ounces, 4 points; 8 to 10 ounces, 5 points; 10 to 14 ounces, 7 points; 14 to 16 ounces, 8 points; 1 lb., 8 points.

Dried and dehydrated soups: up to 2 ounces, 2 points; 2 to 4 ounces, 4 points; 4 to 6 ounces, 6 points; 6 to 8 ounces, 8 points; 8 to 10 ounces, 10 points; 10 to 14 ounces, 13 points; 14 to 16 ounces, 16 points; 1 lb., 16 points.

All types of dry beans are included. The most common of these are navy, kidney, lima and soybeans.

The March allowance remains at 48 points per person.

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## Ensign Connor Laird is Reported Missing Today



Ensign Connor Laird

### Son of State Senator Lost as Minesweeper Capsizes in Pacific

Ensign Connor Laird, 29, son of Sen. and Mrs. Melvin R. Laird of Marshfield, was reported "missing in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country" in a telegram received by his parents this morning from Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of Navy personnel.

Ensign Laird was a member of the crew of the Navy minesweeper which capsized in heavy seas off Coos Bay, near Marshfield, Ore., on Saturday, with the loss of five dead and 13 missing.

Word of the tragedy was telephoned to Mrs. M. R. Laird yesterday by her daughter-in-law, the former Barbara Vail of Chicago, who has been residing in Oregon, not far from the scene of the sinking.

#### Eleven Are Saved

Senator Laird, who was attending the legislative session at Madison, returned to his home here after a telephone conversation with another son, Ensign Richard Laird, who is stationed at Bremerton, Wash., but joined his sister-in-law upon receiving word that his brother was missing.

The minesweeper was returning from patrol off the Oregon coast to its base at Coos Bay at 4:15 p. m. Saturday. Witnesses said it wallowed through mountainous waves to within a quarter of a mile from the harbor entrance, where a huge combur flipped it over.

A fishing boat, the Five Brothers, headed for the minesweeper, and because of the high waves only this boat and a Coast Guard cutter were able to rescue any of the crew. The two boats picked up 16 men, five of whom died of exposure during the night. Ensign Laird was not one of those brought ashore. The heavy seas prevented the rescue craft from returning to the shore for almost 24 hours.

#### Navy Planes Search

Navy planes from the Coos Bay section took up the search for survivors and also dropped medical supplies to the rescue craft by parachute.

As waves battered the minesweeper toward the beach it righted itself just before running aground.

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## FIRE DAMAGES LOCAL PLANT

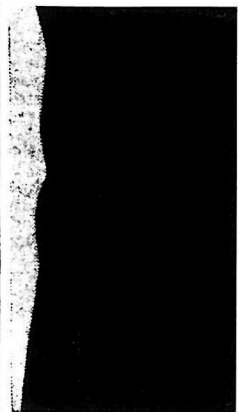
### Dried Egg Firm, Hit by Blaze, Expects to Resume Work Today

A blaze starting over the boiler room at the Marshfield Dairy Products Company plant, W. Depot street, this morning caused damage which N. L. Simmons, company head, tentatively placed at \$5,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

The blaze temporarily disrupted operations at the egg dehydrating plant, working night and day on Government orders, but temporary repairs were being speeded this noon and work was expected to be resumed this afternoon. The firm employs approximately 400 employees, both men and women.

The Marshfield Fire Department called at 5:45 o'clock fought the blaze for several hours and successfully prevented the fire from spreading to the main portion of the plant. The boiler room and roof were gutted by the flames and the fire also worked into the adjacent wall of the plant, causing some smoke damage.

Local firemen had three lines of hose connected in the battle against the blaze, and breathing



GETTING POINTERS ON effective March 1 and 10-chart offered by M. A. Han Board, at the Washington mother, Mrs. Kenneth Mey, who obtained their War R continue throughout the w

## 24 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

### Yankee Clipper Wrecked Landing After Flight to Lisbon

Lisbon — (AP) — Salvage worked at the bottom of the gus River today, attempt lift the shattered hulk of Yankee Clipper which crashed yesterday at the end of a from New York.

Twenty of the 39 person nounced by the U. S. Legat have been aboard the great boat when it caught fire smashed into the water ren sealed in its cabin or had swept away by the swift c of the Tagus.

Three bodies were rec yesterday and one person last night in a hospital bringing the total of dea missing to 24.

#### Jane Froman Rescued

Of the 15 survivors, all but still were in hospitals, but injuries were not serious.

One of them was Jane Froman, New York, radio singer.

All four women passed aboard were saved. One, as Yvet Silver, escaped unh

The American Legation refused to reveal either the names of dead and missing or those of the survivors, saying the

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## LAIRD

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ground, and it lay in breakers  
just south of the harbor entrance  
yesterday. Comm. W. R. Brust of  
the section base said an attempt  
would be made to search the hulk  
for bodies.

William Connor Laird was born  
at Lincoln, Ill., on Dec. 28, 1913,  
but spent his boyhood in Marsh-  
field and attended junior high  
school here. He attended Phillips-  
Andover Academy at Andover,  
Mass., for four years, graduating  
with the class of 1932, and then  
attended the University of Chi-  
cago for four years, graduating in  
1936.

Married in 1938

In September, 1938, he was  
married to Miss Barbara Vail of  
Chicago. He was employed by the  
Continental Can Company, Inc.,  
from the time of his graduation  
until he enlisted in the Navy on  
Dec. 8, 1941.

In April of last year he was  
sent to San Francisco for training,  
and last October went aboard the  
minesweeper from which he was  
reported missing Saturday.

He is survived by his wife, his  
parents, and three brothers, En-  
sign Richard at Bremerton; Mel-  
vin Robert Jr., who is in the Naval  
Reserve at Carleton College,  
Minn.; and David Laird, attend-  
ing school here; and by his grand-  
father, W. D. Connor of Marsh-  
field.

## COACH CHANDLER LOOKS FOR MARQUETTE VICTORY

Milwaukee (AP) Continued  
alert play by his Marquette bas-  
ketball team may spell a surprise  
for Great Lakes when the squads  
meet tomorrow night on the Sail-  
ors' home court, in the opinion of  
Coach Bill Chandler.

The Hilltoppers went great  
guns for three quarters against  
Sycamore in their last start and

posed on the 1942 crops and those  
established for the 1943 crop.

Under marketing quotas, farm-  
ers were free to sell, use or feed  
only that wheat grown on their  
AAA planting allotments. Wheat  
from 1942 crop sold, used or fed  
from excess acreages was subject  
to a penalty tax of 54 cents a  
bushel. The penalty would have  
been around 60 cents on the 1943  
crop.

### May Increase Acreages

Wickard also made a change in  
the 1943 farm program to allow  
farmers to increase their plant-  
ings of wheat without being pen-  
alized under the benefit payment  
and crop loans program.

Under this change, farmers who  
plant at least 90 per cent of their  
AAA goals for so-called war crops  
—such as soybeans, flax, dry  
beans, and peas, potatoes and  
grain sorgums—may overplant  
their 1943 wheat allotments and  
still be eligible for benefit pay-  
ments and wheat loans.

Previously farmers who over-  
planted were not eligible for  
wheat loans and maximum bene-  
fit payments.

Today's action on marketing  
quotas releases for sale or use  
without penalty excess wheat  
from the 1942 crop which farmers  
may now be holding in storage.

### Supply Not Burdensome

Wickard said that when quotas  
for the 1943 crop were announced  
last fall the United States had a  
record supply of 1,613,000,000 bu-  
shels of wheat, or more than en-  
ough to supply the Nation's nor-  
mal needs for two years. He ask-  
ed at that time that extra wheat  
not be used to produce other war  
crops.

However, since that time con-  
sumption of wheat for food has  
increased and larger quantities  
have been used for alcohol pro-  
duction and livestock feed. As a  
consequence, the supply, no longer  
appears to be burdensome, the  
Secretary said.

Lifting of the quotas is not ex-  
pected to result in a sharp pro-  
duction increase this year. Winter  
wheat, which constitutes the ma-  
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last fall, leaving only spring  
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