

# British Food Rations Cut Below Lowest Wartime Level

**Family of 4 Gets 3-4 Lbs. Meat Weekly**

**'You Get Used to Anything,' Says Cabbie**

By ROBERT MUSSEL  
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LONDON, Aug. 28.—Britain's austerity-pinched millions fell into a state of economic siege today, battling hunger and privation under a growing threat of national bankruptcy and ruin.

The Labor government had laid its cards on the table. They spelled the skimpiest fare on the dining table in all of British history, not even excepting the grim days of the war.

After Sept. 7 the British family of four will be able to buy only 80 cents worth of meat a week—about three pounds of beef or four pounds of lamb. Otherwise it will be salads, non-rationed fish, whale meat, horse meat or catch as catch can.

Eating out, the standby of those who could afford to add to their home meals, was cramped further by a cut in food supplies to restaurants of 15 to 17½ per cent.

Motoring for pleasure was out—no gas. A million or so automobiles will go off the roads, and only those in essential service will roll. Britons likewise will be forbidden to travel abroad for pleasure.

**You Get Used to Anything**

"You can get used to anything," said Ernest Short, my Cockney cabbie.

"As I said to my old woman," he continued, "I said 'blimey, we got used to bombs, didn't we? so we can get used to anything."

At the corner of old Bond st. and Stafford st. we bogged down in a traffic jam. Mr. Short leaned out of his stubby cab, shouting at a man in a battered Austin: "Cor suffering bishops—what's holding you, eh? Dreaming about October?"

Oct. 1 is the date on which the gasoline ration for pleasure driving comes to an end.

**The Old Car's Done**

I leaned out of the cab, too, and asked the Austin's driver, Cyril Simons, what he thought of the government plan.

"Kept that old boiler from 1939 till I demobbed from the R. A. F. last year," he said, eyeing the car's battered fenders with affection. "Now I've got to lay it up again. Guess it's the end for this car, because she'll be too old by the time there's another ration for pleasure drivers again."

Mr. Short slipped his clutch and we puttered along.

"One man's meat another's poison," he said. "With fellows like him off the road it will be easier for us cabbies."

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The petition demanded that the zone variance granted the company in 1938 to operate its plant be rescinded on the ground that the plant produced excessive smoke, dust and noise which menaced the health of families living in the neighborhood.

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**Tryouts to Open For 'First Lady'**

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The play will open Oct. 3 for a nine-day run. Tryouts are not limited to veterans. Civic theater actors and actresses, but are open to the general public. Director Jack Hatfield said.

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**'BUB' CONTEST PRIZES**—Admiring the prizes for The Times' "Bub" Bubble Gum blowing contest at the State Fair are (left) Paul Price, 2241 Wheeler st., and David Teaney, 2380 Adams st., who say they will compete. The display of bicycles and roller skates is in the W. Washington st. window next door to Lerner's Shops.

## Miss Clara M. Kuhn Times Bubble Gum Contest Opens at Fair Tomorrow

**Youngsters 15 and Under Will Vie For Title of 'King (or Queen) Bub'**

By ART WRIGHT

The Times' "Bub" Bubble Gum contest—to find the Indiana youngster who can blow the biggest bubble—will open at the state fair at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The contests will continue every hour on-the-hour at a special arena near the Youth center until 4 p.m. At that time, those who have blown the biggest bubbles in the hourly contests will vie for the title of "King (or Queen) Bub" for the day.

First prize will be a deluxe model bicycle and second award will be a pair of roller skates.

The first seven days the contest schedule will be the same as opening day.

**Compete on Stage**

On the last day—Sept. 5—the 14-day winners will compete on the stage in front of the racetrack grandstand for the Indiana state title. The state champion will get \$100 in cash, second receive \$50; 3d, \$30; 4th, \$15; 5th, \$10, and each of the other finalists will receive \$5.

There are no entry blanks to fill out and no entry fees. All you have to do is report to The Times' "Bub" Bubble Gum contest arena near the Youth center and you'll be allowed to take part. The age limit is 15 years.

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Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the home and at 9 a.m. in the Sacred Heart church. Burial will be in St. Joseph cemetery.

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## 2 Ex-Convicts Held After \$5000 Forgery

**Reveal They Went On 3-Month Spree**

Two ex-convicts who admitted forging checks totaling \$5000 on two Indianapolis businesses establishments were held on forgery, vagrancy and second-degree burglary charges.

The defendants, Calvin Webb, 28, of 3455 Massachusetts ave., and William Sherman Parks, 21, of 2854 N. Denny st., went on a three-month spree with the money they obtained in the forgeries, they told police.

Webb said he bought clothes for a girl friend and took her on trips. Parks admitted he spent his share to buy articles for his family and "have a good time."

**Began Last April**

The forgeries began last April 12, when the pair took 38 blank checks and a check-writing machine from the Industrial Sand Blasting Co., 222 Shelby st. They used these checks for forgeries, they told police.

When this loot was spent, they stole 66 more blank checks from the Non-Ferrous Foundry, 2205 N. Sherman dr., their statements said.

John Sherman, 39, Portbend, Tenn., told police two men kicked him in the face last night in the 300 block of Ellsworth st., taking \$30 from him. Police charged Sherman with drunkenness. He was in fair condition at City hospital.

Mozetta Taylor, 27, of 2360 Yandell st., was also in fair condition at City hospital, where she was taken with a pistol wound in the hand. She told police that during an argument early today near her home Mary Wilson, 24, of 2151 Columbia ave., shot her.

The alleged assailant was held on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

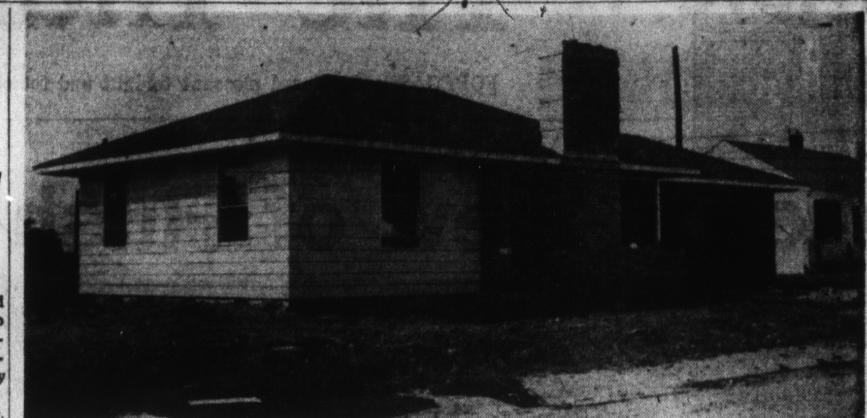
**Held Ex-Convict**

A 23-year-old Gosport man, Jesse Alexander, told police he stepped out of a house in the 2300 block of W. Michigan st. last night and found a man prowling his car.

When police arrived, he was holding Francis Brown, 31, of 229½ S. Illinois st. He is an ex-convict who has been arrested here 22 times, police said. He was charged with vagrancy.

Capt. William Kennedy of fire station 29 last night caught Clifford Richardson, 39, of 3026 Carson ave., who is alleged to have reported a false fire alarm.

He was charged with drunkenness and reporting a false alarm, after being arrested near Shelby st. and Southern ave., as police investigated three false alarms within a few hours.



**MODEL HOME**—This is the 1947 model home of the Indianapolis Home Builders' Association and the Marion County Residential Builders at 2743 Northview ave. It is being erected to demonstrate the "typical home." Indianapolis residents can purchase on today's market for \$10,000. The house is a five-room, ranch-type bungalow without basement. Garage is attached to the utility room. Overall dimensions of the frame and cement block dwelling are 24 feet by 45 feet three inches. Another model home, typical of what can now be purchased in the \$20,000 class, is being erected by the builders at 6022 Garver rd.

## 35 Killed in Arctic Seaplane Crash

**Abandoned Baby Boy Gets Shelter in Foster Home**

Times State Service  
COVINGTON, Ind., Aug. 28.—A tiny baby boy was left in a cardboard box on a counter of the Fountain Inn and Montgomery counties.

The baby was born prematurely near Wallace in Fountain county and was taken to Culver hospital in Crawfordsville for care. When the hospital later attempted to return the infant to the mother, who has been

Authorities hope the arrangement will become permanent for the 5-month-old infant, who has been refused by his mother and grandfather.

Ralph Haas, superintendent of Culver hospital, solicited aid of state police in delivering the baby to its home, but the child was not accepted.

The hospital continued to care for the infant until last Monday when it was sent by ambulance to the Fountain county welfare office.

County Coroner Dr. Robert Doty said a 38-caliber bullet was found lodged in her brain.

The girl had been playing with other children Sunday when she suddenly fell to the ground. Hospital attendants said at first she had suffered a skull fracture in the fall, but the autopsy disclosed the bullet.

Mr. Doty said none of the other children heard any shooting and the bullet was presumed to be a stray.

**FAVOR DISARMED JAPAN**

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug. 28 (U. P.)—Eight British Commonwealth countries in a preliminary discussion of Japanese peace terms agreed today that Japan should remain completely disarmed and demilitarized.

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