IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

116 Actions On Poultry Violations:

In an intensive drive to stamp out black markets in poultry, 116 court actions have been started by OPA against violtaors of poultry price ceilings in 21 days. Moreover, 31 other dealers have been warned to stop over the ceiling sales or face suspension of their licenses. Sweeping changes in poultry price ceilings were recently announced as part of the campagin to stop illegal sales. With prices reduced from 1 to 10 cents per pound on expensive birds and raised 1 to 2 cents per pound for cheaper poultry, revised prices are expected to effect substantial savings to customers.

Ration Reminder:

GASOLINE—"A" book coupons No. 5 good for four gallonss each until May 21 outside the eastern gasoline shortage area. Good for three gallons each and must last through July 21 in the east coast area.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 23 (1lb.) good from April 26 through May 30.

SUGAR—Coupon No. 12 good for 5 lbs. Must last through May 31.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons valid in all zones.

SHOES—No. 17 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through June 15.

RED STAMPS—Red stamps lettered "E" became valid April 25 . Expiration date to be announced. Unused A, B. C. or D stamps good through April 30.

BLUE STAMPS—D, E, F, expire on April 30, G, H, J become valid April 24, and are good until May 31.

War Ration Book No. 3:

War Ration Book No. 3 will be distributed through the mails to more than 120,000,000 individuals beginning late in June and ending July 21 the OPA has announced. Mailmen will leave postcard application forms at every home between May 20 and June 5. The postcard properly filled out by the head of the house and mailed to OPA, will bring Ration Book No. 3. Prentiss M. Brown, Price Administrator, emphasizes that Book No. 3 is a replacement book only, containing a new supply of stamps to take the place of those now being used up. He said if any more rationing programs were necessary, there would be official notice by the government.

Country Girls Good Nurses:

Directors of Schools of Nursingrank country girls higher than their city cousins. Some of the qualities the directors like about their non-urban students are; they adept themselves quickly to life in the school, they have learned to use their hands, they have a good supply of common sense, they are friendly and cooperative, they are conscientious, and, one director said, "They get up in the morning." The need for more nurses is urgent. War Man power Commissioner McNutt has said, One of the outstanding shortages of Woman power in the field of professional nursing." Write for information to the National Nursing Council for War Service, 1790 Broadway, New York, New York.

Loans For Conserving Fuel:

Home owners who want to convert their oil heating equipment to use other fuels or to install inside insulation, weather-stripping, storm doors or storm windows may get FHA loans on a delayed payment plan.

Inital payments on loans made between April 20 and September 1 may be deferred until November 1, 1943, if the entire loan is used for such work.

May Exchange Poor Meat:

A customer may ask his butcher to exchange a cut of meat that was bruised or otherwise unfit for use when it was bought, the OPA has announced. The customer then may receive other meat of the same point value.

Ration stamps can not be refunded, although any difference in price may be adjusted if necessary.

More Soya Foods:

Edible soya products—the high protein foods soon to have an important place in both military and civilian diets—are expected to reach 1½ billion pounds annually. The quanity available for civilians will be many times as large as in the past year. Soya products have already played a significant wartime role. Rich in valueable proteins, minerals and vitamins, they are readily adaptable to large scale use as human food to supplement meat, milk, and eggs.

Plenty Of Baby Carriages:

Over 300,000 baby carriages will be made during the next two months to help meet the anticipated demand for 900,000 this year. In addition, 163,500 strollers, baby-walkers and sulkies are authorized for manufacture by June 30.

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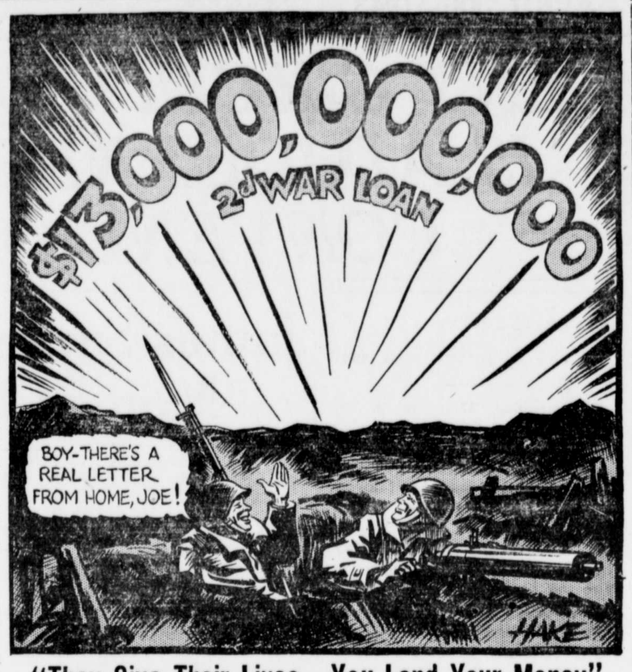

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No Limit To Recapping;

After May 1 there will be no restrictions on the number of certificates that may be issued for recapping truck tires. Because recapping takes only one-sixth as much crude rubber as a new tire, the OPA has removed quota restrictions so that the tires will not be driven beyond the recapping point.

Play Shoes To Be Rationed:

"Play shoes not ordinarily used for street wear that are manufactured, packaged or shipped after April 15, 1943, go back on the rationed list. Such shoes, if they leave a factory before April 15, remain non-rationed, even though they may reach consumers months later.

Ration Pragram Changes:

Farm fencing is no longer rationed. Quota controls on milking machines, grain and forage flowers, portable and stationary elevators have been removed, and pressure cookers have been placed under rationing, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced. The 150,000 presure cookers which will be produced in 1943 will be rationed by county farm rationing committees, to users showing greatest need for them. Community organizations composed of several families who agree to use a pressure cooker jointly will get first consideration.

News In Animal Feeds:

Farmers will be interested in two recent Department of Agriculture discoveries. Poultry nutrition specialists have found that soybean meal properly cooked is a promising substitute for meat scrap and other protein feeds of animal orgin. Another discovery is that good-quality-home grown legume hays, formerly considered too bulky for hog feed, may be used to reduce the amount of concentrates required in rations for growing and fattening pigs. Of three legumes tested, ground soybean hay gave the best results, when used for five to ten percent of the total ration.

Still Making Bobby Pins:

WPB officials have declared that even though bobby pins are made of vital high carbon steel, their production will be permitted.

New Requirements For WAACS:

Under the new rules candidates for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps must have completed at least two years of education in an accredited high school, and must score at least 60 in the WAAC mental alertness test in order to be eligible. Previously, there was no fixed educational requirements and the minium score in the mental test was 50.

Soldiers Graves Recorded:

The burial place of American soldiers who fall on foreign soil will be properly recorded by the Graves Registeration Units of the U. S. Army. This service closely behind the combat area, burying the dead, recording and marking the graves, and collecting personal effects. Except when combat interfers, overseas burials are approximately the same as thise conducted in the United States with full military honors rendered. Rites are ministered by a Chaplain of the deceased's own faith when possible.

"Hold The Line":

Farmers and others now emplyed in an essential industry cannot change to a job at higher wages unless the change is in the interest of the war program, according to recent rulings of War Manpower Commission. Men now in unessential work are encouraged to get jobs contributing directly to the war effort, even if an increase in wages is involved.

Women Make Good Inspectors:

Women have proved such a success as insuectors of Army Signal Corps equipment that they now make up to 40 percent of the inspection force, according to the War Department. The Women do the entire inspection job, from the mechanical work on the assembly line to the final inspection of the extremely complex electrical equipment.

Blanket Sizes Reduced:

Blankets cannot exceed 84 inches in length, except for white cotton sheet blankets, which may be 95 inches long, according to Order M-298 of the WPB. Furthermore, no line of blankets can be made in more than four colors, plus white. In general, only rose, blue, green, and cedar are permitted for solid color blankets.

Ration Free Rubber Boots:

Over - the - knee olive - drab, clay and khaki colored rubber boots—the kind worn for hunting and fishing--can now be bought ration-free, the OPA has announced. Below-the-knee height boots are still under rationing control.

2ND WAR LOAN
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This Week Of The War Showing Progress Of The All Out Effort

The barbarous execution by the Japanese of some of the eight American aviators captured after Major General Doolittle's raid on Tokyo on April 18, 1942, brought expressions of deepest horror from high United States officials. Our State Department, in a vigorous protest, warned the Japanese that officers of that government who were responsible for this savage cruelty would be held fully responsible and would get the punishment they deserve. Discovery of this latest inhumane action by the Japanese followed closely the announcement that the aircraft carrier "Hornet", since lost was the "Shangri-la" from which the planes took off to bomb Tokyo. All but one of the bombers in that raid made crash or forced landings, but 64 of the 80 men participating were saved. It was indicated that all of the eight men captured by the Japanese were tortured and those not executed have been sentenced to prison.

Air raids by U. S. forces on Kiska, the Aleutian base which the Japs are frantically attempting to prepare for further attacks on American territory, increased in intensity last week. In one day, fifteen raids left great fires burning on the Jap air base nearing completion.

Allied fliers in the southwest Pacific from April 11 to 15 had destroyed or damaged 120 Jap planes, 19 ships, including nine warships, and probably damaged 12 more boats. Raids in the Solomons continued unabated as Donald M. Nelson, chairman of WLB said that airplane production in the U. S. would probably reach 7,000 for the month of April, and would continue to increase until there were ample for all war purposes.

TUNISIA

One of the greatest air battles in history was won by allied fighters near Cape Bon, Tunisia, when they shot down 74 Axis planes and damaged 30 more. Junkers-52 transports accounted for 58 of the planes brought down. The total of Axis planes destroyed during one day was 96, and in three days 142. Only eleven Allied planes were lost to the Axis' 96.

The British Eighth Army continued its two pronged drive against Rommel's defenses, which are known to include strongly fortified positions farther back in the hills. The British repulsed a number of desperate counter-attacks and forced the enemy to meet them at two points. Takrouma, Djebel Garci, and Enfidaville were captured.

United Nations now hold complete air mastery over the enemy in the Northwest Africa theater of war, according to Lieut. General Carl A. Spaatz. Since March 20, when the battle of the Mareth line began, 519 Axis planes have been shot down by Allied fliers, and another 1,000 Axis planes have been destroyed or damaged on the ground. This activity has cost the Allies only 175 planes and they have retained the offensive consistently. In England it was acknowledged that the Allies have air superiority, though not domination in the Western war theater, but it was believed that the Nazis were building up their strength to protect Germany proper.

RUSSIA

The Soviets reported the destruction of 302 Axis planes in one week and admitted the loss of 103 of their own aircraft, German attempts to halt the Russians in the Kuban area of the Western Caucasus were unsuccessfull; the attackers left 1,400 dead in counter-attacks on one hill. An unexpected statement from England said that the British Government had received numerous reports that the Nazis were getting ready to use poison gas against the Russians. Britain repated her promise to retaliate immediately and fully against Germany herself if poison gas were used anywhere by the Germans.

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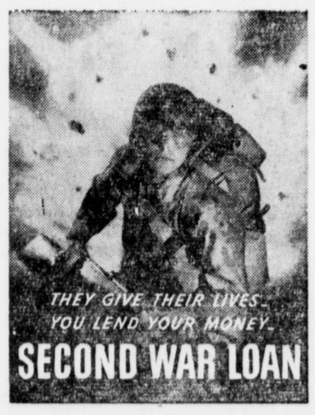

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