IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

GASOLINE—"A" Book Coupons No. 6, good for four gallons each, outside the eastern gasoline shortage area. Within the east coast shortage area, "A" Book Coupons No. 5, good for three gallons each, must last through July 21.

SUGAR—Coupon No. 13 became valid June 1, and will be good for 5 lbs. through August 15. Coupons No. 15 and 16 are good for 5 lbs. each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local boards for additional rations if necessary.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 24 (1 lb.) became valid May 31 and is good through June.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until September 30.

SHOES—No. 17 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through June 15. Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) will become valid June 16.

MEATS, ETC.——Red Stamps J and K good through June 30. L becomes valid June 6.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps G, H, J remain valid through June 7. K, L, M, will continue good through July 7.

MORE CANNED FOOD FOR CIVILIANS—Civilians will gain 30 million cases of canned fruits and vegetables as a result of reduced Government requirements, the War Food Administration has announced. The reductions are mainly for corn, peas, spinach, tomatoes, snap beans, fruit cocktail, sweet cherries, peaches, pine apple and pineapple juice. Since the 1943 production is not known, current point values for these items will not be immediately affected.

MAY USE OIL STOVES—Householders may use their oil cooking stoves this summer regardless of the availability of coal or wood-fired stoves, OPA has announced. The present restriction denying fuel oil rations for domestic cooking and water heating if adequate "stand-by" equipment is available has been lifted because of the shortage of all fuels.

PAY OFF FARM DEBT—Increased revenue from crops and livestock should be used to pay off farm debt, said Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard recently. He emphasized that the payment of outstanding obligations, along with as large an investment as possible in war bonds, is a sound protection for the future.

FOOD FOR 3-DAY FURLOUGH—A serviceman on a leave or furlough of at least 3 days will be provided with a complete application form for obtaining rationed food before he leaves camp. He will give the application to the person who provides his meals, who will submit it to the local board for food certificates within fifteen days after the furlough ends.

FURTHER CHEESE RATIONING—To conserve supplies of milk, rationing will be extended to include all cheeses and cheese products, except cottage, bakers', and pot cheese, the War Food Administration and OPA have announced. All hard cheeses and most cheese foods have been rationed since March 29. Early in June soft perishable cheeses such as cream cheese, neufchatel, camembert, liederkrantz, brie, and blue cheese are to be added to the ration list.

WOMEN MUST WORK—By December, 1943, one-third of the women of working age—17.4 million women—will be required for the Civilian Labor force and the Armed forces, said WMC Chairman, Paul McNutt. At least 2 million women must be added to the Labor force in 1943.

LOWER POTATO PRICES 7 PERCENT—Consumers' ceiling prices on potatoes have been decreased about 7 percent according to a recent OPA announcement. At the same time, the price paid growers was increased 30 cents per hundredweight on the 1943 early crop.

SUGAR SUPPLY FOR 1943—On the basis of prospectivve 1943 supplies of sugar, the current level of consumption in this country probably can be maintained, the War Food Administration has announced. The allocation of the prospective supply will be as follows—1,153,000 tons for the Armed Forces, Lend-Lease, and other exports, and 4,600,000 tons for civilian uses. The civilian uses include an estimated 2,258,000 tons for household use and home canning, and 2,342,000 tons for industrial and institutional sugar users.

STOCKING REGULATIONS — OPA's new regulation setting maximum prices on rayon stockings is based upon construction, which in turn governs quality. All full-fashioned rayon hosiery sold at retail must be marked with the ceiling price and the gauge or needle count. Gauge and needle count govern wearability, not sheerness. First quality, full-fashioned rayon hosiery prices now range from 71 cents to $1.31. Hosiery with special features such as "non-run", or mesh, reinforced heel, sole and welt, etc., are now priced from 93 cents to $1.67. Irregulars, seconds and thirds are cheaper. First quality, circular knit rayon hosiery prices range from 28 cents to 64 cents. Hosiery with special features is priced from 36 cents to 66 cents and irregulars, seconds, and thirds for less.

TEACHERS CAN TAKE SUMMER JOBS—School teachers will not be prevented from taking jobs at higher pay under WMC Regulation No. 4, the "hold the line" order, nor will they endanger their regular positions by working during the summer vacation in war plants, agriculture, or necessary civilian services, said Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission recently.

PRICE SUPPORT FOR BUTTER—Dairy farmers have been assured that wholesale prices of butter will continue to be supported at a level equivalent to 46 cents a pound, Chicago basis, until June 30, 1944, by the War Food Administration. The support was pledged last December at the time farmers were called upon to meet 1943 production goals.

GAS TO GET TO GARDEN—Driving to victory gardens will be permitted under the non-essential driving ban in the 12 eastern states only if other means of transportation are inadequate, and if the trips are necessary to assure top food production from the garden, OPA has declared.

PRICES SET ON PRESSURE CANNERS—Specific ceilings on three war models of pressure canners have been announced by OPA. Except in the far western zone, the consumer will pay $13.90 for the National model, $14.90 for the Wisconsin model and $15.90 for the Burpee. In the far western zones prices are 60 cents higher because of transportation costs. Production of another 125,000 pressure cookers has been authorized by the Consumers Durable Goods Division of WPB, bringing the total during 1943 to about 275,000, more than in any other year.

MATERNITY CARE PROVIDED—Wives of men in the four lowest pay grades of the Armed Forces can now get maternity care plus medical, hospital, and nursing care for their babies in 23 states without cost to the family, the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor has announced. To apply for such aid the wife must fill out a form secured from the State Health Department. Additional states are expected to have approved programs soon.

MILEAGE FROM SCRAP TIRES—To obtain additional mileage from tires that can be made serviceable with the addition of reliners, the Office of Rubber Director has excluded refusable tire carcasses from rubber scrap going to reclaiming plants. Because of this order some half-million otherwise unusable tires can be placed in service through the Defense Supplies Corp.

FUEL RATION CHANGE SIMPLE—Any upward adjustment in next year's fuel oil ration for owners of small homes will be made without a special application or extra forms, OPA has announced. The adjustments, to correct excessive cuts for consumers heating small houses, will be made automatically by War Price and Rationing Boards with the regular application for renewal of fuel rations.

LUMBER FOR FARMS—To relieve lumber shortages on farms for all repairs except those to farm dwellings, WPB has set aside a total of 500 million board feet of lumber for delivery of an AA-2 preference rating during June, July, August, and September. Farmers who cannot obtain lumber with present ratings, should apply to the County Farm Rationing Committee for certificates to purchase lumber for maintenance, repair, and new construction necessary to the Food Production Program.

CANNING WORKERS NEEDED—About 400,000 workers for the food canning and processing industry will be needed at the peak season of this year. Canning is essentially a seasonal hometown industry, manned by local workers—youths, housewives, mechanics, and others—who normally work at other occupations during the rest of the year.

FOOD DEALERS WELL OFF—Under community-wide dollars-and cents ceilings now being established, food retailers and wholesalers will continue to enjoy the most favorable economic position on record, says OPA. The volume of business done, dollar margins over cost, and profits before taxes stand today at high levels, a favorable situation reflected in the fact that business failures are currently at the lowest point in half a century.

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Canada's Railroads at War

THE railways of Canada, geared to total war, are the Dominion's biggest war industry, employing nearly 200,000 men and women who are engaged 24 hours every day of the year in "keeping 'em rolling" from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the United States border on the south to Churchill on Hudson Bay and Dawson Creek, the gateway to the strategic new Alcan highway to Alaska.

Canada is a country of vast distances and over its widespread network of rail lines, moves in an unceasing flow, traffic comprising Canada's huge contribution to the United Nations' war effort. In Canada are North America's only trans-continental railroad lines—extending directly from the Atlantic to the Pacific—two of these lines being operated by Canadian National Railways and the third by Canadian Pacific Railway.

The railways of Canada are also all-inclusive transportation systems in the fullest meaning of the word; each of the principal systems owning and operating its own sleeping, dining and parlor cars; a chain of hotels coast-to-coast; commercial telegraph and express companies; ships which carry the supplies of war to the far-flung battlefronts; and commercial air lines, one of which, Trans-Canada, spans the Dominion from coast to coast and extends to Newfoundland with a leg to New York. Feeder air lines of Canadian Pacific Airways operate to the sparsely-settled forest and mining country in the far north from main trans-continental points.

The wartime preparation of the railways of Canada would make an impressive document on energetic and prudent management could all the facts be made public at this time, but Canada has been at war going on to four years and the railroad men and women of the Dominion are veterans in wartime transportation activities.

In Canada, the average freight train load has practically doubled in size since 1914, and its speed has increased by 60 per cent, with a reduction of coal consumption of more than 31 per cent per ton hauled. One of the big factors in speedy and economical railroad operation in the Dominion is the virtual elimination of "bottlenecks" where congestion would cause costly and interminable delays, through establishment at various strategic points of huge storage yards where are stored vast quantities of war supplies. When shipping instructions are received, the supplies are loaded and fast freight trains roll them to the seaboard. War materials can only be tranported overseas as convoys sail; until that time they must be stored where they will not interfere with the swift and orderly flow of everyday freight and passenger traffic.

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