IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

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 new WPB priority regulation 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 now and will be used for the operation of a farm." A total of 140 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 effect the roll-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. 289 under which maximum prices were establisher 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.

OPA PROSECUTES VIOLATORS: In the four months ended April 30, the courts handed down decisions in 1,495 civil and criminal cases involving 1,676 defendants accused of violating the price and rationing regulations, according to OPA. Of the total of 1,437 cases involving 1,613 defendants were decided in favor of OPA. Only 58 cases involving 63 defendants, or less than 4 pecent of the total, were dismissed.

FUEL FOR USED OIL STOVES: Buyers of used oil stoves are eligible for fuel under the terms of a recent amendment to the fuel oil rationing regulations. Fuel oil rations for use in oil stoves acquired after December 19, 1942 (or March 15, 1943 in Washington and Oregon) have been denied unless the heaters were acquired under stove rationing provisions. Since only new stoves have been rationed, buyers of used or secondhand stoves have so far been inelgible for fuel oil allotments.

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 unabel 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 is inadvisable, the War Department has warned. Replies tend to become anthologies of military information, and a custom that arose from innocent motives becomes a security hazard.

NO MORE WHEAT FOR FEED: Sales of wheat for feed have been discontinued by the Commodity Credit Corporation. However, farmers may still obtain some feed wheat through dealers and County AAA Committees to whom shipments have already been made. Additional orders will not be accepted by the corporation unless the State U. S. Department of Agriculture War Board determines that the wheat is needed to feed livestock during June.

ADJUST AAA CROP PAYMENTS: Farmers who fail to plant 90 percent of their war crop goals will not suffer the regular agricultural conservation deductons if the weather has interferred with their crop plans. The War Food Administration has relaxed the provisions in all areas where hay and pasture goals have been established. The action is designed to offset the effect of recent unfavorable weather conditions.

MORE GAS FOR FARMERS: To assure farmers sufficient gasoline to operate agricultural equipment, refiners in the midwestern states have been authorized to increase their yields of motor gasoline temporarily to 90 percent of the corresponding figure for the last half of 1941, as compared with the 85 percent maximum ordered on May 8.

SHOE PRICES REGULATED: Shoes, chiefly women's models which are made with such sole materials as plastic, felt, wood, combinations of wool and cotton, cord and friction belting and some other fabric and synthetic substances, are now under ceiling prices. Fabrics used for the uppers include linen, gabardine, faille, "imitation leather," and other types of cloth. Prices set by OPA for manufacturers of these shoes range from around $1.25 to about $4.00 a pair.

LUMBER PRODUCTION GOOD: Lumber production in the United States for the first quarter of 1943 is estimated at 7,141,109,000 board feet. This is close to the first-quarter goal needed to meet military and essential civilian requirements of 32 billion board feet for 1943, says the WPB's Lumber and Lumber Products Division.

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 OPA has announced. In the eastern shortage area where gasoline rations for automobiles have been cut, bicycles are rationed to anyone gainfully employed in any occupation or doing work necessary to the war program or public welfare. Children are also eligible if they need a bicycle for transportation to and from schooll.

REPORT SHOWS TRAGIC DROP: Throughout the nation, 479 automatic counters on rural roads in 39 states recorded traffic in April as 56 percent of pre-war normal. Motor-fuel tax collections in 28 states in April totaled $38,209,000 and were three-fourths of pre-war normal, according to reports from State Motor-Vehicle Administrators.

MORE MONEY INTO BONDS: The average American family "should and must" be investing 25 percent of its income in War Bonds by the end of 1943, Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., said recently in announcing a new "streamlined" bond campaign. "Of the 45 billion dollars still necessary to complete our war financing needs for 1943," Morgenthau said, "at least 18 billion dollars, or almost 25 percent of the national income for the remainder of the year should come from purchases of bonds by individuals. From those workers earning, $1,000 to $5,000 net, who will have seven-eights of all the current available individual savings, 25 cents of each dollar is not too much to expect. In fact, they should and must invest more if our goal is to be met."

Make sure you have enough containers on hand long before you get ready to ship your products to market. If you have more than you need, sell the extras to someone who needs them. If you don't have enough, maybe you can buy reconditioned containers from dealers who repair damaged packages. Don't throw away or burn any old, damaged crates and boxes. Repair them, if possible.

Contouring can be counted on to increase per acre yields in certain areas as much as 10 percent. That means 50 contoured acres can produce as much as 55 acres farmed up and down the slope. Farming on the contour usually requires less fuel, less labor, less time, and less wear and tear on equipment when machines are operated on the level.

When you take good care of wool things, you benefit three ways: The wool keeps its fresh, fluffy look; it holds its friendly warmth; and, it gives longer wear.

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Storm Sashes

Windows steal heat unless protected with storm sash.

A perfectlly grand way to use up a left over roast, is to cut thin slices of the cooked meat, place a spoonful of bread dressing on each slice and roll up. Fasten ends with toothpicks or skewers and place in a baking dish. Cover with leftover gravy or tomato sauce. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 30 minutes.

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Blackout Lessons Are Taught by Blind Man

WHEELING, W. VA.—Wheeling civilian defense workers are taking lessons on how to get about during blackouts from one who knows—C. C. Cerone, blind merchant, who has been in a blackout of continuous darkness for 30 years.

Cerone explained methods employed by the blind in getting "about in the darkness." He said that in darkness any person could "feel" objects when near them by a "sixth sense," coupled with the superactivity of the other senses with sight impaired, the sense of hearing playing a major role.

He also demonstrated the use of the cane in darkness, the functions of which are many, for instance the tapping of cellarways and doorways.

Maryland Musings

Many injuries to farm workers and animals may be avoided through simple precautions. For instance, if repairs or adjustments must be made in front of mowers, disks, harrows, and other dangerous equipment, unhitch and tie the team, or see that it is properly held while you do the work.

Painting beehive covers with at least two coats of good-quality white paint reduced average temperatures within beehives as much as 5.6, 6.8, and 8.8 degrees F. on different days in experiments with hives located in the sun at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, says the "Pollen Basket."

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