IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

GASOLINE—"A" book coupons No. 7 good for four gallons each outside the East Coast Shortage area, must last through September 21. Within the shortage area "A" book coupons No. 6 are good for three gallons each. "B" and "C" coupons cut to two and one-half gallons in twelve of the Northeastern states of the shortage area. "B" and "C" coupons good for three gallons in the remaining five states of the Eastern shortage area. All gasoline coupons in the possession of car owners must be endorsed with the owner's license number and state of registration.

SUGAR— Stamp No. 13 good for 5 lbs. through August 15. Stamp Nos. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 lbs. each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local ration boards for more if necessary.

Stamp No. 14, good for 5 lbs., becomes valid August 16 and remains good through October.

COFFEE—Ration stamps no longer required.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons valid in all zones through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations become valid July 1 and are good for ten gallons each.

Occupants of oil heated homes are urged to return their applications for next year's fuel oil rations to their War Price and Ration Boards promptly.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 (1 pr.) is valid through October 31.

STOVES—Purchase certificates now issued and normally valid for 30 days from date of issuance, will be invalid after August 23, by which time it is expected the new nation-wide stove rationing plan will be in effect.

MEAT, etc.—Red Stamps T and U, now valid, expire August 31; V is valid August 8, expires August 31; W is valid August 15, expires August 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps N. P, Q, remain valid through August 7. Blue stamps R, S, T, became valid August 1 and will be good through September 20.

THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

Fifteen billion dollars is the goal for the Third War Loan which President Roosevelt has proclaimed will be launched September 9. In his proclamation the President said, "Our need for money now is greater than ever, and will continue to grow until the very day that Victory is won; so we must ask for more sacrifice, far more cooperation than ever before."

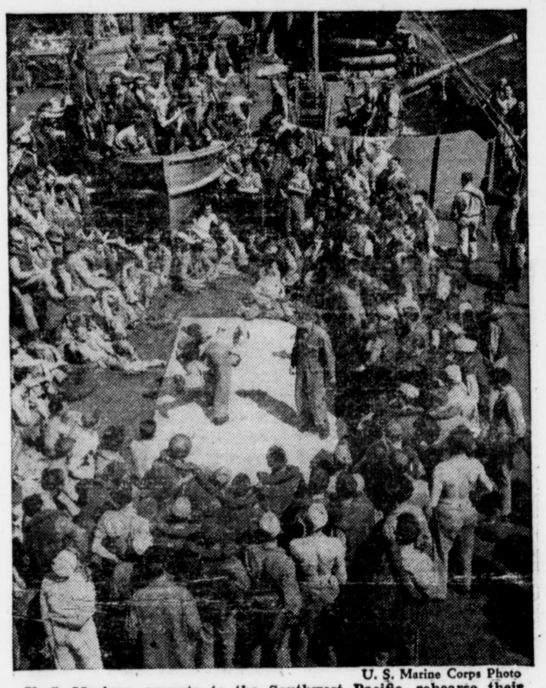
Army Photo Service Grows

The Army's raido photo service, which made it possible for the public to see newspaper pictures of the assault on Sicily on the same day that invasion was launched, will be augmented in the immediate future by the same type of transmission from the South Pacific theater, the War Department has announced. Personnel of the U. S. Army Signal Corps, with their equipment, are now in Australia, finishing preparations for the new service.

Supply Of Fats, Oils

Despite heavy wartime demands on the supply of edible fats and oils (principally lard, butter, shortening, and margarine), 44 pounds per capita—about 5 pounds less than in 1942—will be made available to American civilians during the 12 month ending June 30, 1944, the War Food Administration has announced. Of the total civilian allocation, approximately 9 ounces per week per captia will be available for direct purchases, and an additional 4¾ ounces for indirect consumption in such items as restaurant meals, bakery products, mayonnaise, etc.

Marines Train At Sea



U. S. Marine Corps Photo

U. S. Marines, enroute to the Southwest Pacific, rehearse their lessons of war by practicing the art of judo aboard the transport taking them to the zones of action. Other members of the ship watch every movement.

Cost Of Living Drops

With other living costs relatively stable, a drop in fresh vegetables and butter prices cut the cost of living for city workers by 0.2 per cent in the month ending June 15—the first month to show a reduction since a year before Pearl Harbor, the U. S. Department of Labor reported recently. Food prices as a whole, making up over 40 per cent of the cost of living index, declined 0.8 per cent. The cost of living index now stands at 124.8 per cent of the 1935-39 average. Food prices are 45 per cent above January 1941 and more than 16 per cent above May 1942.

Home Canners Warned

Home canners have been warned by the U. S. Department of Agriculaure against the use of "canning powders" and other chemical preservatives. W. G. Campbell, Commissioner of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, said that use of some of the "canning powders" constitutes a definite health hazard. The term "canning powders" includes boric acid and its compounds and substances like metabisulfite which yield sulfur dioxide when brought in contact with an acid reacting food product.The safe way for the home canner is to process foods adequately with heat and not to use any chemical preservatives. For safety's sake rely on thorough heat sterilization.

Army Exchanges Sell Exotic Wares

Army Exchanges, which follow troops wherever they go, are now dealing in such items as kangaroo rugs, grass skirts, and native-made jewelry in addition to their staple line of cigarettes, candy, soft drnks, and other home commodities, the War Department has been informed. Since many of the soldiers want to send such things home, the Exchange Service buys them from the natives at a reasonable price and resells them to the soldiers. The natives were inclined to "jack up the price" on direct sales. Grass skirts sell for approximately $1.50, while a good kangaroo rug may cost $20.

Flood Restoration Loans

Flood restoration loans to enable farmers to get their flood-damaged farms back into production have been authorized in 314 counties in Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri Ohio, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Texas, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard announced recently. Two types of loans will be available to eligibe farmers; real estate restoration loans which may be made for a period of up to 20 years and will bear interest at 3½ percent; and production restoration loans which may run as long as 10 years and will bear interest at 5 per cent. These loans will be made only to farmers who do not have other credit available and security must be provided. Farmers needing flood restoration loans should apply to their nearest Farm Security Administration county office.

Gas Coupons Changed For Trips

Motorists can use their "A" ration books for trips into, or out of, the Eastern gasoline shortage area, according to rules recently announced by OPA. Since July 21, Eastern motorists have been using "A-6" coupons, while those outside the East have been using "A-7's", to overcome these difficulties in travel "across the border" a new amendment to the Gasoline Rationing Regulations permit, "A" ration holders to exchange any of their valid "A" coupons for other coupons that may be used in the area in which they expect to travel. Exchanges may be made and further information secured at the War Price and Rationing Board.

Point Reduction Continued

The provision permitting retailers to make emergency reductons in the point values of rationed meats, fats and diary products in imminent danger of spolling which was to expire July 31, has been extended indefinitely, OPA has announced.

Mass Mailing Finished

Approximately 122,000,000 copies of War Ration Book Three had been mailed by the first of last week. OPA announced that: (1) anyone who does not receive his War Ration Book Three should apply at his local board between August 1 and 10th. (2) a plan is now being set up to distribute War Ration Book Three to members of the armed services who are eligible for ration books; (3) persons receiving War Ration Book Three should sign their names and addresses in the spaces reserved for that purpose on the cover.

Storage For Potatoes

Arrangements have been completed to provide additional storage facilities for handling the late crop of 1943 Irish potatoes, the War Food Administration has announced. WPB has approved the allocation of materials for the construction of storage facilities sufficient to take care of 15 million bushels of potatoes. Farmers should apply to their County War Boards for approval to begin construction.

Binder Twine Supply

An adequate supply of binder twine is available for this year's harvest of grain crops, the WPB Binder Twine Sub-Committee has reported. This ample supply has been made possible through the blending of cotton with henequen to produce a new twine which has proved satisfactory.

Increase Shoe Supply

To increase the supply of children's and infant's shoes, and men's work shoes, WPB recently amended order M-217 (Footwear) to permit a 25 percent increase in the output of shoes for boys, misses, childrens, and infants. Production of men's work shoes may be increased by 15 percent and men's safety shoes by 25 percent. The order also will permit increased production of shoes at price levels where there is greater consumer demand.

Fewer New Tires

Smaller quotas of new passenger car tires for August and larger quotas of used and recapped tires have been announced by OPA, based on rationing allotments assigned for the month by Office of Rubber Director. The August quota of Grade I tires is the lowest since last April. OPA officials warned that drivers who are eligible for new tires may have to accept used or recapped types as long as the quota of new tires is low.

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Much attention is being given to forest trees and woodlands in planning for the best use of all farm land. This is necessary when one realizes that our National timber resources are rapidly decreasing from those of Government owned or controlled timberland to small or comparatively small tracts of timber on privately owned land. These small privately owned timber tracts must be maintained and improved or within a few short years our national lumber supply will begin to fall short of our national needs.

The farmers on Maryland's Eastern Shore are in a preferred position if they but take advantage of what is available to them. Five Soil Conservation Districts have already been established in this area and there is not a farmer on the whole Eastern Shore that cannot secure information and assistance from one of these Districts if he but asks for it.

What kind of assistance is available? It is possible for every farmer to secure a Land Use Capabilities Map for his farm with recommendations for the proper use of each and every acre of land that he possesses. This shows land suitable for crops; land best suited for long-term hay crops; land best suited for pasture and land best suited for timber or tree crops.

It is also possible for farmers to secure trees and wildlife shurbs for planting in these areas.

Our farm lands, and this includes your own farm whether it be large or small, are basic in our National economy. If you have one acre of land that you are allowing to lie idle that would and should graw a crop of trees, we are just that much short.

According to the 1949 census, there were 42,110 farms in Maryland and 6,096,799 farms in all these United States. If each farm had but one acre of land that should be in trees and was not, Maryland would be short 42,110 acres of timber, the United States 6,096,799 acres.

Trees are a crop the same as corn, wheat or hay. Trees can be grown where these crops will not grow. Every farmer owes it to himself and to his community to plant such lands to trees.

If you do not know trees, then know someone who does. Consult your County Agent, your local or nearby Soil Conservation District Supervisors or your State Forestry Representatives. All are here to help you with these problems. Today is not too early to begin planning for the 1944 tree planting season.

Our national economy is built around trees and their products. Plan to plant your idle acres now.

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NEWS GATHERED IN AND AROUND BETTERTON

Mrs. John Henry Crew and son, John Henry, Jr., of Baltimore are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crew.

Mrs. William Willis and daughter Mary Anna of Kennedyville spent Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Young and son of Williamsport, Pa., have been spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wadosky of Elkton spent last week-end with her father, Mr. John Luike.

Mrs. Rose Linthicum has returned to her home in Baltimore after spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bramble and other relatives here.

Mrs. Hazel Thompson of Phila., is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Mary Crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Lit Crew of Edgewood spent last week-end at their bungalow here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Moore and son Allen of New Castle were Sunday dinner guests with his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Moore.

Charles Joiner of Havre de Grace spent last Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Luike.

Paul Huttlin and friend Miss Marks of Phila., are guests at the Chesapeake Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis of Wilmington spent the week-end at their cottage here.

Billy Crew of Phila., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Hattye Crew.

Miss Edna Crew of Phila., Phyllis and Dorothy Gooding of Baltimore have reurned to their homes after visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Ida Willis and other relatives.

The Naomi Circle had a very successful bake and bazaar last Saturday evening on the square at the Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Cave of Phila., spent last week-end at their cottage here.

Frank Willis, Jr., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willis in Wilmington.

Mr. Leonard Starkey of New York is visiting his family here.

Mrs. Madge Meeks visited Baltimore one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loud of Baltimore are spending their vacation with her mother, Mrs. Ida Willis.

Dr. Russell Kiker of the U. S. Army spent several hours in our town Saturday night. He had 68 hours leave. His many friends were glad to see him and he is looking fine.

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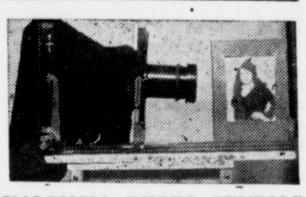
After a farm implement is loaded onto a truck or trailer, fasten the implement securely by means of a heavy rope or chain. Never ride on or with the load. When loading or unloading the implement, lift with sharp edges and projections away from the body whenever possible.



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