IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

GASOLINE—In 17 states of Eastern shortage area A-6 coupons are now good. In states outside the Eastern shortage area A-7 coupons are good through September 21. All gasoline coupons in the possession of car owners must be endorsed with the owner's license and state of registration.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons in old rations remain good through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new rations are good through December. Occupants of oil-heated homes are urged to return their applications for next year's fuel oil to their ration boards promptly and when issued new rations to place orders with their dealers for summer fill-ups.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 14 good for 5 pounds through October. Stamps No. 15 and 16 good for 5 pounds each for home canning purposes through October 31.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 is good for 1 pair through October 31.

STOVES—Consumer purchases of rationed stoves must be made with a certificate obtained at local War Price and Rationing Boards.

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps X, Y, and Z good through October 2. Brown stamp A becomes good September 12 and remains good through October 2.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps R, S, and T, expire September 20. U, V, and W, now good, expire October 20.

Farmers' War Bond Quota

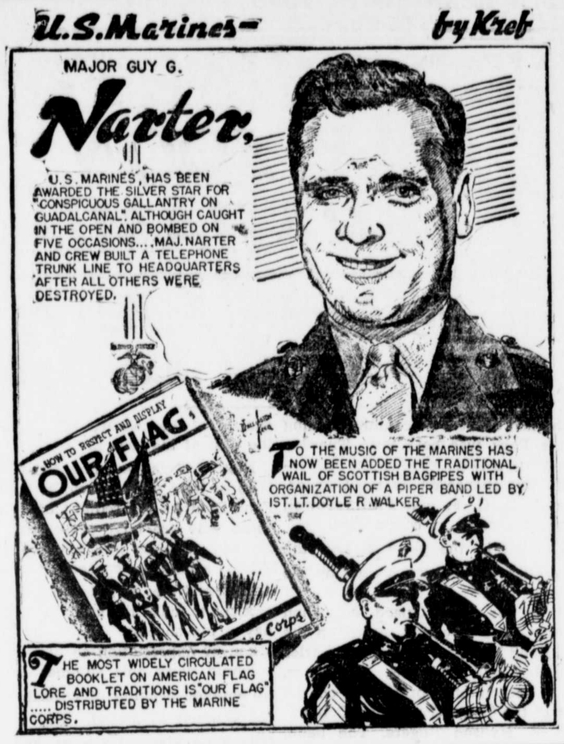
Farmers have a War Bond quota of 1 and ½ billion dollars in the 15 billion dollar Third War Loan drive which begins September 9 and continues through the month. During the campaign canvassers expect to call upon at least 3,600,000 of the nation's 6 million farm homes. Farmers' income figures point to big bond subscriptions. It is estimated that their cash income from marketings will be 19 billion dollars this year.

To Start Using Ration Book III

The first brown "point stamp" in War Ration Book III will become valid September 12. This stamp, A, is good for 16 points through October 2. Brown stamps will become valid on successive Sundays and will always expire on the Saturday nearest the end of a month. They will be used for rationing meats, fats, oils, canned fish, cheese, canned milk, and all other commodities now rationed with red stamps in War Ration Book II. The small stamps bearing pictures of field guns, tanks, ships, and airplanes are not yet in use. Anyone who has not received Book III may obtain one by applying to his local ration board.

Farm Items Under Price Control

Used hay loaders, side delivery rakes, and manure spreaders were recently placed under specific price control by OPA. This ruling applies when these items are sold by any persons, such as farmers or auctioneers. Maximum prices will be determined on the following bases: 85 percent of the price of the machine when new, if the equipment is less than one year old, and 70 percent of the price of the item when new if the equipment is one year or more old.



Overseas Christmas Mail

More than 10 million individual Christmas parcels for overseas soldiers are expected in the mailing period September 15 to October 15. The Army Postal Service will need the full cooperation of the mailing public if packages are to reach soldiers in time. The jublic is asked to be sure to put the correct overseas mailing addresses on the packages and to wrap them securely, but in such a manner as to permit inspection prior to their dispatch. Every overseas package must be opened, inspected, and re-wrapped at the Port of Embarkation. The Army Postal Service and the U. S. Post Office Department strongly urged that packages be mailed September 15 or immediately there after.

Father Enlists After Sons Die

A 54 year old Wisconsin farmer whose two Marine sons gave their lives in the war against Japan, is now a Marine private doing guard duty somewhere with his companion sentry, a powerful Doberman-Pinscher dog. Private Frank W. Winterling said it was only natural for him to enlist in the branch of the service in which his sons died in order that his daughters, Jane and Kate, might continue to enjoy "the advantages that were guaranteed to me under our system of Government." One of Private Winterling's sons, Marine Corporal Joe N. Winterling, died at Bataan, and the other, Marine Sergeant Frank E. Winterling, died at Guadalcanal.

Ration Point Changes

Reflecting an improvement in civilian meat supplies, the ration cost of most lamb and bacon cuts, sirloin steak, and rib roasts has been reduced from one to two points for September. In addition, several variety meats also have lower point values. Creamery butter increased two points to 12 points per pound. Country butter, however, has been assigned a value of six points per pound. The purchasing power of meats, fats stamps in September will be a little larger than in August because the decrease in meat point values more than cancels the higher ration cost of creamery butter.

Big Demand For Straw

Farmers in the straw producing areas will be urged to make straw available to strawboard manufacturers to enable them to keep up with very heavy requirements for shipping containers for military forces and essential civilian uses. The War Production Board is cooperating with the War Food Administration in a program designed to increase straw collection in midwestern states. Due to heavy rains and flood conditions this spring, much of the available straw crop was destroyed. State and County War Boards are expected to assist strawboard manufacturers in locating available straw.

Blunder Will Not Be Repeated

In spite of a 1944 program designed to achieve the greatest food production in U. S. History, good soil conservation practice can be followed, recently declared Judge Marvin Jones war food administrator. Thus, Judge Jones said, the U. S. can avoid "the tragic blunder of the other war when land was plowed up without regard to its fitness and the soil was allowed to wash and blow away without any adequate means to prevent it. That blunder " Judge Jones promised, "will not be repated."

Nurse Corps Funds Approved

Funds have been approved to provide complete tuition, fees, stipends, maintenance, and uniforms for an anticipated 10,175 student members of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps. Over 500 state accredited schools of nursing have applied to the U. S. Public Health Service for participation in the program. To date, 67 have been approved.

More Lumber From Farms

A program to increase sharply the production of forest products from farm owned woodlands as part of the nationwide drive to meet wartime military and essential civilian needs for lumber was announced recently by the War Food Administration. It is estimated that 3½ million farms have woodlands, most of which can yield marketable products. Minimum national requirements for lumber in 1943 total 36 billion board feet. Of this amount 2½ billion board feet are needed for boxing and crating agricultural products.

Add To Navy Chaplain's Corps

Although more than 1,500 chaplains now serve the Navy, the Coast Guard and the Marine Corps, more must be added. 'Global war," explained Captain Robert D. Workman, cheif of chaplains, U. S. N., "means a global servvice of religion to the fighting forces-from Alaska and Sicily to the South Pacific, and abroad the ships of the fleet on all the oceans. We must minister to more men under a greater variety of difficult situations than ever before."

Prunes And Raisins Rationed

Dried and dehydrated prunes and raisins were restored to rationing September 5. Values were placed at four points per pound. Allocations of dried prunes and raisins to government agencies will be large. However, the balance of raisins and dried prunes available from this year's production for civilian distribution is expected to be over 90 percent of the average annual civilian supply for a five-year period preceding rationing.

Southern Workers Help Save Wheat

More than 3,500 domestic agricultural workers have been transported to the Midwest and spring wheat area since August 1. This is part of the government's farm labor program, the War Food Administration said, and was done to help meet emergency harvest needs and save vitally-important war crops. The workers were recruited in four southern states with the assistance of county agricultural agents. During the past few weeks the WFA said, 1,650 workers were mover from Arkansas to North Dakota; 1,200 from Oklahoma to Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota; 650 from Mississippi to North Dakota; and 200 from Alabama to Ohio. The workers will be returned to their home states in time to help with the cotton harvest, which gets under way in September.

"Home Front Pledge" Drive On

A nation-wide cooperative campaign by homemakers and merchants to hold down the cost of living and combat black markets is being conducted by volunteer civic committees in more than 100 communities through local drives to secure signers for a "Home Front" pledge. Nearly one million pledges have been signed already. Those signing agree (1) "I will pay no more than top legal prices" and (2) "I will accept no rationed goods without giving up ration stamps."

Food Fights For Freedom"

Emblem of the government war food program is a market basket carried by an arm and hand obviously belonging to Uncle Sam. Over the basket is the theme "Food fights for freedom." Consumers, producers, processors, and distributors are asked to cooperate with the four "guides" to action: (1) produce (more food and of the right variety on farms and in Victory gardens); (2) conserve (don't waste it—preserve fresh perishables—eat the right foods, including substitutes); (3) share (with our fighters and allies—with one another); and (4) play square (cooperate with rationing and legal prices—place the war first and expect to adjust).

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Tires Are Wearing Out

The rubber on U. S. trucks and buses is wearing out at the rate of 35,000 tires a day.

SOCIAL NEWS OF VISITORS IN BETTERTON

Miss Helen Scott of Swarthmore, Pa., has returned to her home after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Richard Fellows and family.

Mrs. Dorothy Maslin has returned to Baltimore after spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Stella Groves who will remain here awhile longer.

Mrs. Madge Meeks has been on the sick list.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Nauselle and daughters of Phila., spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. P. Subers.

Mrs. Elva Turner took her youngest son Ross, to a Baltimore Hospital last Tuesday for observation.

Clifton Myers of Chester visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Myers during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy LeSage of Melitota visited her aunt, Mrs. Mary Moore on Sunday.

Henrietta and Joan Schauber have returned to their home in Wilmington after spending the summer with their grandmother Mrs. Nettie Smith.

Miss Louise Vandyke has returned to Wilmington to take up her school duties after spending the summer at her cottage here. We are sorry to loose her from our town.

Mrs. Karbach spent several days at her bungalow here, and returned to New Jersey last Tuesday.

Florence and Arthur Willis near Kennedyville spent Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lit Crew of Edgewood are spending this week at their bungalow here.

Billy Crew of Phila., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Hattye Crew.

Miss Mary Taylor and sister, Mrs. Bessie Peregory of Marshallton, Del., spent the week end at their home here'

The Betterton Volunteer Fire Company had a very successful luncheon at the sale of Mr. William Hepbron near Still Pond last Friday.

Mrs. Norman Lewis and children of Baltimore returned home after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Anna Wilmer.

Rev. H. B. Flater returned from his vacation trip and filled the pulpit last Sunday evening. A solo by Mrs. Hackett, and Cornet music by Mr. Earl Abbott was again enjoyed by everyone present.

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War has limited the supply of materials for manufacturing bags. All available bags not in use are urgently needed, both for distribution of food and other farm products and for transporting supplies. Cloth bags which farmers obtain should be emptied as soon as possible and returned for re-use. If supplies are received in paper bags, these should be saved for storing seeds, grain and other products on the farm, or for other uses.

Grass buffer strips, usually used with strip cropping on sloping fields, retard erosion and produce considerable hay which wildlife can use as nesting cover. Such buffer strips also serve as travel lanes through farm fields for game, particularly birds.

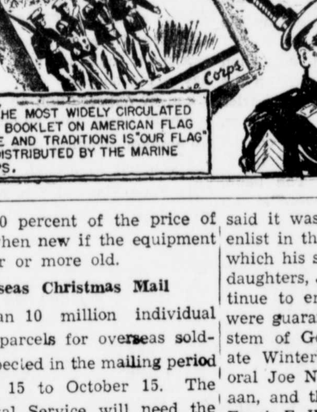
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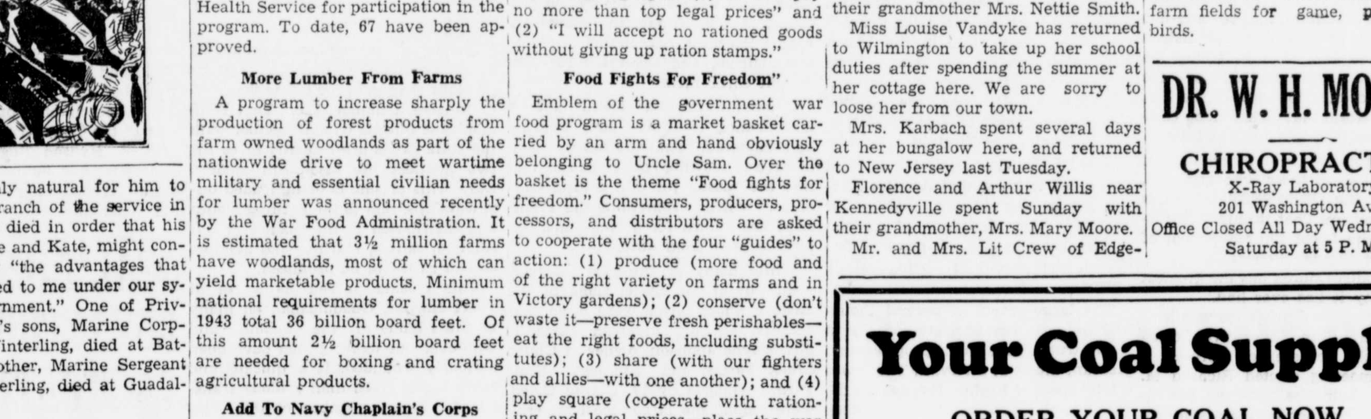
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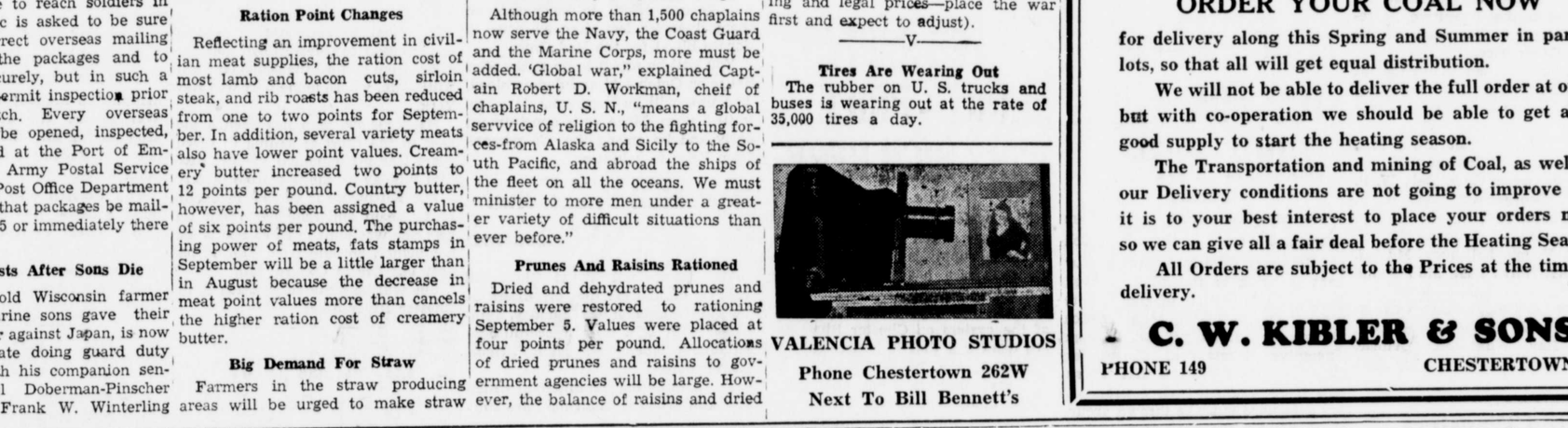

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