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-8 coupons are now good.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons in old rations remain good through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new rations are good through December.

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

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 good for 1 pair. Validity has been extended indefinitely.

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps X, Y and Z good through October 2. Brown stamps A and B good through October 2. Brown stamp C becomes good September 26 and remains good through October 30.
Brown stamp D becomes good October 3 and remains good through October 30.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps U, V and W expire October 20.

Cut Expected In Shoe Ration

The new shoe stamp, No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in War Ration Book Three, which becomes valid November 1, probably will have to last six months, OPA has announced. At the same time OPA said that Stamp 18, originally scheduled to expire October 31, is extended indefinitely and will overlap the next stamp. OPA's present plan is to eliminate expiration dates on shoe stamps and to make new stamps valid as soon as supplies warrant. This enables a person to save shoe stamps until shoes are needed.

More Leather For Shoe Repair

More leather will be available for repair of civilian shoes, as the result of a recent WPB order.

More Soap Provided

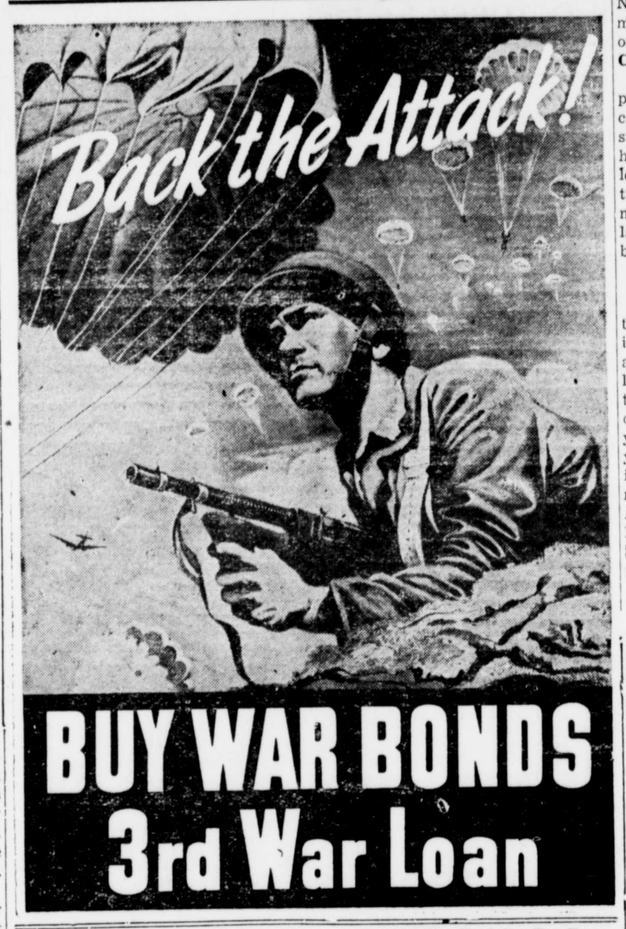
Consumers will have greater soap supplies within a few weeks. The War Food Administration has announced a program to provide a 28 percent increase in soap production for civilian use. WFA emphasized that there will still be no excess and urged soap-saving by every possible method.

May Requisition Idle Trucks

Idle used trucks may be requisitioned by District ODT offices or Agricultural County War Boards to transport vital agricultural products where such transport service is vitally needed. Requisitioning will be necessary only where owners of idle used trucks are unwilling to allow the use of their vehicles in this service.

Market Turkeys Now

Farmers are urged to market their turkeys now as soon as possible so that the American Armed forces overseas can have typical Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In a joint statement, Maj. Gen. E. B. Gregory, Quartermaster General, and Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, appealed to farmers to "go over your turkey flocks carefully now with a view to offering as many as possible for sale to the government. Send them to your processor as early as possible. If you don't know where to market them, contact your nearest War Board office or Quartermaster Market Center."



More Heavy Underwear Coming

The War Production Board has acted to increase production of certain types of men's and boy's heavy knit underwear in which a shortage loomed.

Glass Clot Prices Up

Prices for glass cloth, used as a substitute for glass in hot houses or chicken houses, will be higher to consumers since a recent OPA amendment.

To Issue Ration Book Four

War Ration Book Four, which will last approximately two years, will be issued to more than 120 million persons through schoolhouse distributions during the last 10 days of October, OPA has announced. The book combines point and unit stamps. It has eight pages containing 384 stamps, printed in blue, red, green, and black.

Pre-Induction Training For Boys

More than one million 16 and 17 year old boys will be enrolled in voluntary civilian pre-induction training courses in the nation's schools this fall, according to the War Department. Representing an enrollment of more than half of all the physically able boys at these age levels, the students are taking courses that will prepare them for more effective service in the armed forces. Officers at Army Reception Centers record all pre-induction training on the soldier's permanent record card. This training is take into consideration in making assigments to further training and Army jobs.

Counties To Get WFA Awards

Counties in which farmers have achieved exceptional production will be awarded an Agricultural Achievement award by the War Food Administration: production record and extent by which the county exceeded 1943 goals; overcoming severe handicaps; extent of shifts to vital war crops; improvement in farm production efficiency; fuller use of land and labor resources. One award may be made in each state with others in proportion to the state's ration of the total U. S. farm population. Probably most of the awards will be made in November. A similar award will be made to seasonal food processors with outstanding production records.

Certain Seeds Under Price Control

Buyer prices on processed and unprocessed seeds of alfalfa (northern, central, and southern) red clover, alsike clover, sweet clover, and timothy have been restored to approximate levels paid last spring. At the same time, OPA has assured producer-farmers somewhat higher returns than last season, reflecting parity prices or better on sales of these seeds to them.

Safeguard Government Checks

Despite repeated warning, records of the Bureau Personnel show a steady increase in the number of allotment and family allowance checks stolen or lost after delivery. To prevent loss, the following suggestions have been offered: (1) be sure your name is on your mail box or door; (2) watch for your check and deposit it promptly in a regular place; (3) if you move, notify your postmaster and either the Allotment Division or the Family Allowance Division of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cut Football Travel

All school, college, and other football teams have been asked by the Office of Defense Transportation to confine the sale and distribution of tickets to the residents of the local area of the cities in which the games are to be played. By so restricting sales, ODT pointed out, football games can be held without increasing the already heavy load on intercity buses and trains.

Give Soldier's Serial Number

The public is asked to use a soldier's Army serial number in every case where inquiries are made to official agencies concerning either officer or enlisted personnel. Much time and material is wasted if the number is not given, according to the War Department.

OPA Sets Grape Prices

Maximum prices for Concord grapes and California juice grapes have been set by OPA at levels substantially lower than prices that had prevailed. Meanwhile the War Food Administration allocated processed Concord grapes as follows: 60 percent for jams, jellies, and fruit butters; 20 percent for grape juice; and 20 percent in reserve for future allocations.

U. S. Casualties To Date 105,205

Announced casualties of the United States Armed Forces form the outbreak of the war to date (whose next of kin have been notified) total 105,205, according to War and Navy Department reports. This total includes: dead, 20,104; wounded, 28,226; missing, 32,905; prisoners of war, 23,970.

One Corporal Gets Five Japs

An Army corporal, who failed to get the order to withdraw, recently killed five of an attacking eight-man Japanese patrol, then found to his astonishment that he had been left alone far in advance of his Marine companions. Corporal Henderson, whose home is in Cannonville, Utah, explained: "I figured they were still with me, so when the Japs came in sight I 'opened up with my tommy." After he had killed five of the Japs, the other three ran. It was then Corporal Henderson discovered he was alone. He spent the night in the jungle and walked in for chow the next morning.

PX Profits Equip Chapels

Profits of $6,800 from Army Post Exchanges in Africa are being used to provide religious equipment for the Army's five permanent chapels there, the War Department has reported. The money, spent by American fighting men on soft drinks, candy and cigarettes in the overseas PX's is buying reed organs, hymnals, Bibles, and other religious supplies for all denominations.

Army Spends Million For Recreation

The Army is spending more than a million dollars a month for recreational and athletic equipment for its fighting men at home and overseas, the War Department reports. Equipment is provided for the favorite outdoor sports of the fighting men, particularly baseball and football. Those preferring less active recreation have the choice of cards, dominoes, darts, chess, checkers, backgammon, or bingo. Included among the purchases are musical instruments.

Purchase Permits For Gasoline

Purchase permits instead of ration coupons will be issued for all special rations of 20 gallons of gasoline or less, according to a new OPA ruling effective September 29. This enables boards to issue rations according to the applicant's exact needs and will be useful to servicemen on furlough travel.

Anti-Freeze Now Available

"Permanent types" of anti-freeze will be available for use in passenger automobiles throughout the nation beginning October 1, according to a recent WPB amendment to Limitation Order L-51.

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Mikhailovitch Still Busy

One of the latest exploits of the Jugoslav patriot army under General Mikhailovitch was to put the Belgrade to Zagreb railway out of commission for a week.

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Mr. Leonard Starkey of New York spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Campbell of Galena visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Conwell on Sunday.

Mr. Roy Von Culin of Philadelphia has enlisted in the Navy and his wife Mrs. Von Culin has moved home with her mother, Mrs. Hattye Crew.

Miss Frances Crew of Washington, D. C., where she is employed, Louis Crew and friend Miss Ruth Fitch, and Jim Crew of Edgewood spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Crew.

There will be service in St. John's-By-The-Bay, P. E. Church next Sunday at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Walter Crew has been visiting relatives in St. Michaels.

Miss Bettie Smith of Washington, spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Foster Smith.

Mrs. Bob Williams and little son of Phila., and mother, Mrs. Carrie Story are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brice and family.

The W. S. of C. S. will meet next Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Mattie Smith.

The last dance of the season was held last Saturday night with good attendance at the Betterton Casino.

Mrs. Meritt Sutton, Mrs. Rena Bramble and Mrs. Monica Myers spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

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BETTERTON METHODIST CHURCH
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10 a. m. Church School.
8 p. m. World Wide Communion. All Christians should renew the vows and pledges that they may begin to follow the Christ.
Monday, Official Board Meeting.
Wednesday, Choir Rehearsal.

JONES ASKS FOR NEW PROVISION ON SOLDIER VOTE

Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor was asked this week by Willis R. Jones, former deputy attorney general of Maryland, to consider calling a special session of the General Assembly to provide adequate means by which 148,503 Marylanders serving in the armed forces could vote in the elections next year.

Mr. Jones also suggested repeal of amendment of the Declaration of Intentions Act to accommodate the large number of war workers who have come to Maryland from other states.

"Both of these subjects have grown in importance because of the present unprecedented war emergency and the large number of citizens who are affected, and I believe they are sufficiently vital to jjustify consideration by a special session of the General Assembly before it is too late to make adequate provision for the important election which will take place during 1944," Mr. Jones said in a letter to the governor.

The fact that 148,503 Marylanders are serving with the armed forces "raises an important question as to the adequacy of our present state laws concerning the voting rights of these persons," Mr. Jones said.

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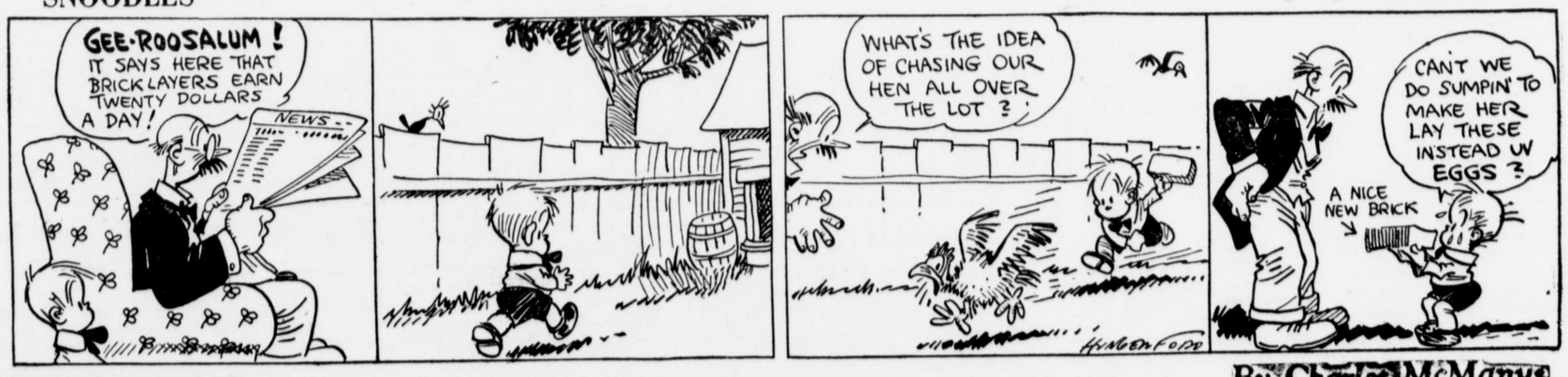

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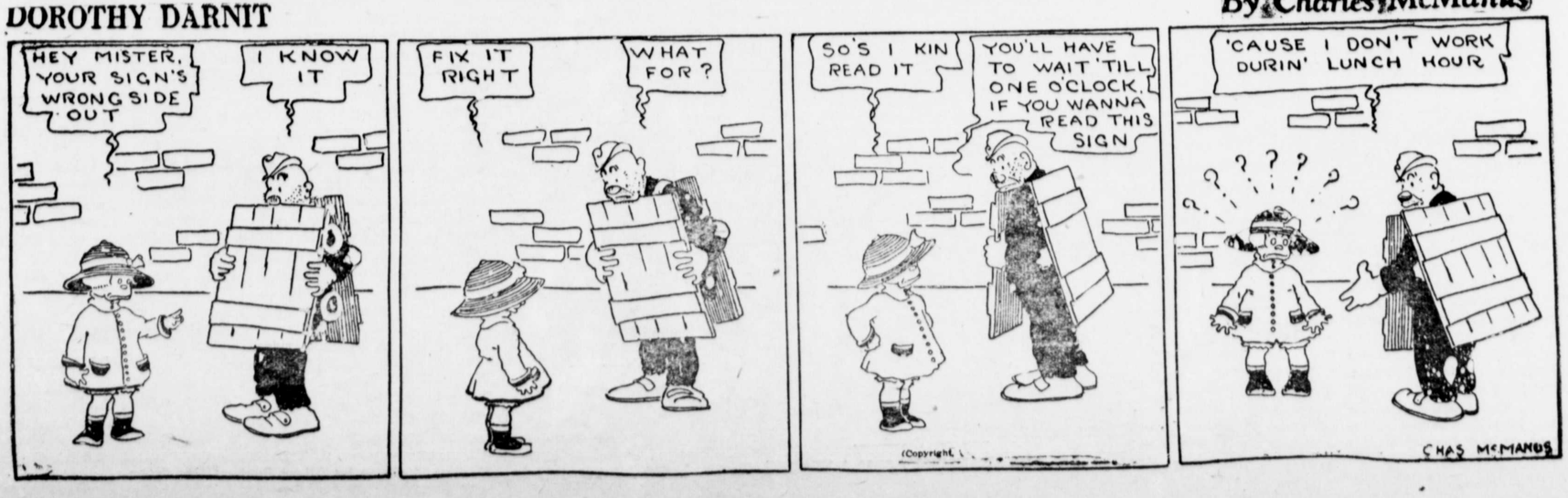

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