IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME- FRONT

GASOLINE—In 17 east coast states A-6 coupons are good through November 8. A-8 coupons become good November 9 and last through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-8 coupons are good through November 22.

FUEL OIL—Period 1 coupons are good through January 3.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15, 1944.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 in Book one good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in Book three good for 1 pair.

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps G and H good through December 4. Brown stamp J becomes good November 7 and remains good through December 4.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps X, Y, and Z good through November 20. Green stamps A, B, and C in Book Four good through December 20.

Soldiers' Allowance Payments

Soldiers' dependents must fill out and return a new, one-sheet dependency certificate to benefit by new rates provided by recent servicemen's allowance legislation, the War Department announced. All dependents now receiving family allowances are being sent copies of the new form. These should be filled out, witnessed, and returned to the Office of Dependency Benefits as soon as practicable to avoid possible discontinuance of allowances. Until new accounts can be set up, dependents now receiving family allowances will continue to receive their checks in the old amounts. After an account is converted, any sums accrued as a result of an increase in allowances will be included in the first check. The conversion from old to new accounts will take several months.

Peanut Butter Prices Down

Reduction of consumer prices for peanut butter from 33.1 cents to about 26.5 cents per pound, effective November 1, was recently announced by WFA and OPA. The reduction is part of the wartime program to increase use of peanuts in making peanut butter and increase consumption of easily produced foods of high protein content.

30 Days' Notice on Stamp 18

The public will be given 30 days' notice, should it become necessary to terminate Shoe Ration Stamp 18. This announcement was made recently by OPA to "kill" scare-buying rumors that the validity of Stamp 18 might be cancelled with only 24 hours' notice to consumers.

Sets Price Range on Cattle

The allowable range of prices for which each grade of live cattle can be sold to slaughterers has been set by Judge Fred M. Vinson, director of the Office of Economic Stabilization. Within each grade price may fluctuate $1. Price ranges per hundredweight for various grades at Chicago are: choice, $15 to $16; good, $14.25 to $15.25; medium, $12 to $13; common, $10 to $11; cutter and canner and bologna bulls, $7.45 to $8.45. The Price Administrator and the War Food Administrator are to determine and publish prices at other points in line with Chicago prices. As soon as practicable the War Food Administrator is directed to put into effect a system of allocation of live cattle to slaughterers and feeders to maintain "equitable distribution of available supplies."

Mail Christmas Cards Now

Christmas cards to soldiers overseas should be mailed at once, the War Department says. They must be sent in sealed envelopes as first class mail. Christmas cards mailed now will reach even the most remote APO's by December 25, according to the Army Postal Service.

Predict Ample Coffee For Duration

"Coffee supplies in the U. S. should remain ample for the duration", according to George C. Thierbach, president of the National Coffee Association. Imports into the U. S. this year were in excess of any prewar year except 1941. Recently Chester Bowles, general manager of OPA, said "there is not the slightest idea of rationing coffee again." Coffee stamps in Ration Book Four were designed and sent to the printer months ago when coffee was still being rationed.

Farmers Produce Enough Food

American farmers are producing enough food this year to provide civilians with a nutritious diet and meet military and Lend-Lease requirements the Office of War Information reported recently on the basis of data from the War Food Administration. Everyone in the U. S. could have more nutrients than are essential for health, with the exception of riboflavin, if the supply of food available for civilian use were distributed equitably and prepared without loss of value.

Who May Slaughter Without Permit

A farmer or other producer of livestock may slaughter without a license or permit and consume meat without giving up ration points, if he qualifies under the following OPA regulations: (1) raised livestock from birth or (2) for 60 days before slaughter, or (3) the weight has increased 35 percent between time acquired and time of slaughter. In addition, a person must have resided more than six months of each year on a farm he operates or have visited the farm to give his personal supervision to the raising of livestock for at least a third of the time during the period (one of those listed in the foregoing) on which he bases his claim to the right to consume meat point-free. If a person has his livestock custom-slaughtered, he must meet these same conditions and give the slaughterer a certificate showing he is eligible to consume the meat point-free.

550,000 Honorably Discharged

Approximately 550,000 officers and enlisted men were honorably discharged from the Army between December 7, 1941 and August 31, 1943, according to the War Department. Approximately 200,000 men over 38 years of age were released to accept employment in essential industry or agriculture. Of the remaining 350,000 discharges a large majority was for physical and mental disability.

No Coupon Rationing Of Coal

There will be no coupon rationing of coal during the coming winter, according to OPA. Deliveries are being curtailed so as to spread supplies as evenly as possible. The coal shortage is primarily in anthracite, the Solid Fuels Administration for War reports and anthracite users are urged to supplement hard coal with bituminous coal. Copies of "Supplementing Anthracite With Other Fuels For Home Heating" (information circular 7260) may be obtained without charge by writing to the Divison of Information, Solid Fuels Administration, Interior Department, Washington, 95, D. C.

Marines Celebrate Anniversary

On November 10, the Marine Corps celebrates its 168th anniversary. On this day, the seven branches of the Corps will be honored—aviation, line mess, musicians, paymaster, quartermaster and communications.

Bans Harmful Antifreeze

To protect motorists and truck operators, the War Production Board last Saturday halted all sales of an estimated half million gallons of destructive antifreeze. WPB warned motorists who already have filled their radiators with any of the banned products to drain and flush the cooling systems immediately and refill with the alcohol or ethylene glycol type. Harmful types are those compounded with inorganic salts, including calcium, magnesium or sodium chloride and pertoleum distillates. Trade names of the products whose sales were halted are: All-Winter, Chem-A-Cool, Frezone, Permazone, Wonder-Solv, Lo-Zone, Alcotex, Ever-Flo, Bird Antarctic, Flexo, Gold Seal, Security Ant-Arctic, Neva-Freeze, Anti-Frost Bond (Top Line), Fre-Zex, No-Freeze 60-Below, Lo-Temp, Never-Freeze, and No-Boil.

Thanksgiving dinners assured Soldiers

Army men and women will have a traditional dinner, November 25, the War Department says. On the menu are: fruit cup, roast turkey with dressing and gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, corn, tomato and lettuce salad, celery, pickles, pumpkin pie, apples, grapes, candy nuts, and coffee. Personnel overseas will be served this menu so far as operating conditions will permit.

Consumers Get More Egg Products

Consumers will be able to get more egg products since restrictions on liquid, frozen, and dried whole eggs have been removed by WFA. Increase will be reflected primarily in the production of noodles, macaroni, prepared flours, and prepared ice-cream powders and mixes.

North Africa Helps Feed Troops

North Africa now is delivering fruits, vegetables, and meats to allied forces, supplying the new French army and feeding essential civilian workers, it was revealed recently. Flour, fruits, and vegetables from North Africa are being used in the Italian campaign, and French authorities are accumulating food supplies for use during and after the liberation of France. Following liberation of North Africa, allied authorities supplied carefully budgeted seeds, fertilizers, sprays, binder twine, spare parts of farm machinery, and trector fuel—supplies which have saved many times their weight in shipping space by enabling North Africans to get quickly back into agricultural production.

Aviation Gas Output Quadrupled

Production of 100 octane gasoline needed for war operations is now four times greater than in the early months of 1942 and within a few months will be eight times greater, according to the Petroleum Administration for War. To get the 100 octane gasoline required for military operations it is necessary to produce less of the products needed by civilians such as ordinary gasoline and fuel oil

Lift Restrictions on Elastic Fabric

Restrictions on the use of elastic fabric in girdles, corsets, combinations sanitary belts, garter belts, and brassieres have been lifted by WPB. However it is believed no all-rubber garments will be on the market until the early part of 1944, and it will be some time after that before full-scale production will be possible.

Hosiery Prices Increased

Higher ceiling prices for some of the finer gauges of women's full fashioned rayon hosiery have been established by OPA. Prices for 54 and 57 gauge hose have been increased from $1.18 to $1.41 per pair. Sixty gauge and higher have been increased from $1.31 to $1.69 per pair.

Dutch Sheep Do Their Bit

Even Dutch sheep are cooperating to annoy the enemy. Nazi authorities have discovered that sheep rub off the marks put on their ears to check on delivery quotas requisitioned from Dutch sheep-raisers.

Indians Declare War On Axis

The Cuna Indian tribe of Panama has been persuaded to declare war on the Axis and has gone to work gathering wild castilloa rubber to help United Nations defeat the enemy. The tribal territory is a good source for some of the natural rubber that is needed to blend with synthetic rubber. The Indians, at first hostile to the rubber collection program, were persuaded to cooperate through the efforts of the Panamonian government.

Food Shortage In Marseilles

The French Mediterrianean coast city of Marseilles is undergoing a food shortage so acute that people in 'modest circumstances literally die of hunger," the Marseilles correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Le Democrate said in a dispatch reported recently to the Office of War Information. "In the poorer Marseilles districts," the Swiss correspondent said, "people sell their last pieces of furnture, sheets, blankets, and even wedding rings to buy food."

Ecuador's Balsa Wood To War

Ecuador, long the principal western hemisphere source of the featherweight balsa wood, now has expanded production to meet the war needs of United Nations, Balsa, is used in the manufacture of war planes and such naval equipment as rafts and life preservers. Equadoran farmers float balsa down the Guayas River to Guayaquil sawmills. Scores of balsa rafts can be seen up-river each morning from the city docks. The rafts are loaded with fruits, vegetables, and other farm products. Farmers unload their products at the city market, then the rafts are floated down to the sawmills and sold.

Russian Clergy Awarded Medal

Several members of the Russian Orthodox Church have been awarded the Leningrad Medal for helping to strengthen the defenses of the city and for collecting a fund to build a tank column for the Red Army, according to a Moscow announcement reported by the British radio. The B. B. C. broadcast was heard by U. S. government monitors.

Victory Gardening In Britian

Food is being grown in Britian, not only on farms, but in private gardens in public parks and on ccommons and building sites. The land has been divided into "allotments", plots of land covering about 1-10 to 1-20 of an acre, which are rented. There are about 1,750,000 allotments and 4,000,000 private gardens. Because seeds are scarce in Britian, much of the planting is done with seeds from America.

Nazis Extend Norwegian Labor Period

Norwegians drafted to Nazi slave labor learned recently that they would not be released after six months service, as the Nazis had indicated at the time of their induction. The Nazis had been using Norwegians on fortification work along the coast of Norway and also in German war plants.

Send Food To Dutch Prisoners

Netherland soldiers in Dutch Guiana have decided to tax themselves on every pack of cigarettes and every bottle of beer in order to provide money for food parcels to be sent to Dutch soldiers in German prison camps. They expect to raise about $2,160 a month. Hindustani lepers in Paramribo, Surinam, also have collected a considerable sum of money and turned it over to the Red Cross to buy food parcels for war prisoners.

American Soldiers Help English Harvest

Colored American soldiers helped with the corn harvest on the Duke of Buccleuch's estate in Northants, England. The farm forman summed them up as "rattling good chaps" and liked their singing of the old tunes of the South while they worked.

South Africa Conserves Vehicles

A drive has been launched in the Union of South Africa to conserve limited stocks of public and private vehicles. People have been urged to carry packages, have cars carefully serviced, and drive at a moderate speed. Commercial firms have been asked to pool their transport.

Austrialia To Get Meat-Rationing

Meat rationing will begin in Australia in January, 1944 and is expected to release and additional 150,000 to 200,000 tons of meat for the servicemen and for export to Britian. Australians normally are the world's greatest meat-eaters. It is proposed to halve their consumption to 2¼ pounds per week.

Comments On Food Situation

Rationing has evened up food distribution in the United States and the United Kingdom so that lowest income groups are somewhat better fed than prewar, it was stated at the recent Agricultural Outlook Conference in Washington. In Russia, soldiers at the front are well fed by virtue of very short civilian rations. Victories have liberated millions of Russians who must be fed until the 1944 harvest. China has lost about half of her cultivated farm land and what remains in free China must feed people already there plus 10 million refugees. Rations are far below minimum nutritional requirements.

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