IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

GASOLINE—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good 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—Brown stamps G, H and J good through December 4. Brown stamp K becomes good November 14 and remains good through December 4th.

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.

WFA Relesaes Canned Foods

Approximately 2,790,000cases of canned peaches, peas, and tomato catsup were released to consumers recently by the War Food Administration. The canned goods probably will not reach retail shelves for serveral weeks. These foods were a portion of the reserves owned and held by canners to meet possible emergency requirements of the government.

Reduce Octane in Gas

Premium gasoline used by civilians will be reduced from 78 and 80 octane to 76-octane to conserve tetraethyl lead and volatile gasoline fractions, both of which are required in the manufacture of high-octane military gasoline. More than 50 million gallons of gasoline, fuel oils, lubricants, and other petroleum produces are going direct to the fighting forces every day, the Petroleum Administration for War disclosed. One-third of all gasoline produced in the U. S. is now required for military purposes.

Plenty of Turkeys

The civilian turkey supply, just starting to come on the market, will be almost as large as last year, according to the Department of Agriculture. However, this year's demand will probaably be much larger and shoppers will be wise to put in orders early. Men and women on duty in the American armed forces, at home and abroad, will be served a pound of turkey at dinner Thanksgiving Day and will have all the traditional "fixin's."

V-Mail Christmas Presents

Relatives and friends still have time to send men and women overseasV-Mail notices of war bond gifts for Christmas. The Army Postal Service has assured delivery by December 25 of all V-Mail notices sent before December 1.War bonds as Christmas gifts will help to hold down inflationary buying of scarce merchandise, and will be a financial cushion for the service man or women upon return to civilian life, the Treasury Department added.

Raise Hambuger Point Value

The ration point value of hamburger has been increased from seven to eight points per pound. OPA has also broadened its definition of hamburger to include additional cuts of cuts of the lower grades of beef.

Increase Civilian Food Supply

More peas, beans, rice, and cheddar cheese are going to be available for civilian consumption. Supplies have been increased by the removal or reduction of goverment set-aside orders. Present conditions indicate there will be enough dry beans to provide about 10.4 pounds per capita for civilian consumption in the 1943 44 marketing season, compared to 8.6 pounds in 1942-43.

Tire Situation Tightens

Operators of passenger cars may find it impossible to obtain used tires because commerical vehicles delivering essential goods are now eligible to receive used passenger and truck tires of sizes smaller than 7.50-20 to replace tires no longer serviceable. November quotas recently released by OPA for new passenger and truck tires show 30 percent fewer for trucks and 14 percent fewer for passenger cars.

No More Issue of Books One or Two

No more copies of War Ration Books One or Two can be issued by local rationing boards for any purpose whatsoever. All stamps in the two books have expired except Stamp 18 in Book One, for shoes, and blue stamps X, Y, and Z in Book Two, which may be used to buy processed foods through November 20. OPA said the covers of the two books may be thrown away when the stamps have been used or expired.

Asks Cooperation on Coal Situation

Consumers and dealers have been urged to cooperate in an effort to alleviate suffering in homes and public institutions, which may be without coal. "Consumers who have any coal are urgently requested to refrain from ordering more while their neighbors may be without any," Harold L. Ickes, Solid Fuels Administrator for War, said recently. Retail coal dealers have been asked to check the fuel supply of their customers to discover where the need for coal is most acute. Dealers in communities where coal has been short and where the weather has turned cold have been directed to get in touch with the area distribution manager of the Solid Fuels Administration so the limited amount of coal may be distributed where most need ed.

Ration-Free Children's Shoes

Some relief from the shortage of youngster's shoes will be provided about the first of the year by a new supply of children's non-leather shoes for general wear, to be sold ration-free, OPA has announced. In general, children up to about eight years of age will benefit. The shoes will have canvas uppers and soles made from remnants and heavy woven fabric, reinforced with vulcanized rubber. Shoes of this type larger than misse's and youth's size three will be rationed.

Unsalted Butter Price Down

Maximum prices of unsalted butter have been reduced by ¾ of a cent a pound, which means direct savings to consumers. Other changes made by OPA in the price regulation for butter will ect to end inflationary pressures which had arisen. Unsalted butter previously had a ¾ premium over salted butter.

Revise Limit on Farm Constuction

The limit on farm construction, including residential, has been placed at $11,000 under a revision of Order L-41 by WPB. Previously, there were separate limits, farm residences not being considered part of the farm unit.

CCC Wheat Loans

Loans on 103,877,754 bushels of 1943 wheat, totaling $130,509,475.72, have been made by the Commodity Credit Corporation through October 23, 1943. The average amount advanced was $1.26 per bushel,which includes some transportation charges.

Soft Wheat Prices Set

Sales of soft wheat by producers and all other distributors in 34 states east of the Rocky Mountains have been placed under ceilings by OPA. The maximum price established at Chicago and St. Louis is $1.64½ a markets are: Kansas City, $1.59½; Evansville, Ind., $1.68⅜; Cincinnati, Ohio, $1.68¼; Louisville, Ky., $1.68¼; phia, $1.79¼; New York City, $1.80½; Boston, $1.81¾; Memphis, Tenn., $1 .68½; Atlanta, Ga., $1.86,1-8; Galveston, Texas, $1.76½ . Maximum service charge by a commission man is set at 1½ cents a bushel.

Plane Production Reaches New High

Production of all types of aircraft reached a new high of 8,362 planes in October, including the largest number of heavy bombers ever produced in a single month, it was announced recently.

Country grain elevator establishments which employ not more than eight individuals now are exempt from applying for War Board approval of wage and salary increases, even if the establishments are part of a chain which employs a total of more than eight, according to WLB.

Pickle Prices Up

Quart jars of pickles will cost about one cent more since OPA has put maximum prices on all pickles (except fresh cucumber pickles) and picalilli. The regulation applies to sales by all persons except wholsalers and retailers. Wagon wholsalers are included however.

Cut New Car Quota

Only 20,600 new passenger atuomobiles have been released for rationing during November, OPA announced. This is the lowest figure since rationing began and represents a reduction of nearly 35 percent from the October quota of 30,800.

Millions Sign Home Front Pledge

More than 12 million pledges have been signed during OPA's Home Front Pledge campaign—the citizens' battle to kill black markets and hold the line against higher prices. In Minnesota, so many rural families signed the pledge that the district OPA office ran out of forms, and had to stipulate that one member sign for the entire family. When the supply ran low in Evansville, Ind., newspapers printed the pledge so the campaign could carry on. Similarly, in West Virginia, 1,030,000 pledge scrolls were printed without charge to relieve a shortage. Newspapers in San Francisco and Wenatchee, Wash., likewise printed the pledge form.

Ceramic Stove Model Built

The first ceramic cooking stove model to be built in the U. S. was recently demonstrated at the National Bureau of Standards. The stove contains only 80 pounds of metal, mostly cast iron. The pre-war all-metal model which it supplants weighed 1,085 pounds. The ceramic stove is designed to be heated with anthracite or coke. It uses only about 10 pounds of fuel in 24 hours and if it is fired every 12 hours, it will be ready for use at any time. It is expected that the first ceramic cooking stoves will reach the market around the first of the year. The purchase price has not been determined yet, but it presumably will be lower than that of all-metal ones.

Relief Administration Established

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was formally established at a ceremony of signature at the White House, November 9 and begins its work this week in a conference in Atlantic City. Thirty-three United Nations invited to sign the agreement were: Australia Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslvakia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador Ethiopia, Great Britian, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hondures, India, Iran, Iraq, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua Norway, Panama, Philippines, Poland Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics United States and Yugoslavia. Ten nations associated with the United Nations in this war, also invited to sign, were: Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Iceland, Liberia, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The French Committee of National Liberation was also invited to sign.

Germans Kill Italian Mules

An American division in the Italian mountains became the envy of others when it received 300 large mules to pack supplies and ammunition. As soon as the Germans realized that American infantrymen were using the animals, they began a systematic slaughter of all the Italian mules they could find.

Santa Claus With An American Accent

Members of the Eight Army Air Force in England have opened a Hobby Shop. Here the boys spend their spare time making toys for English children—model tanks, fire trucks, cradles, tommy-guns, little wooden locomotives, racing automobiles with real windshields. The boys go to the schools in the poorer districts and ask the teachers which children need things and what they like the most. The boys set a goal of 2,400 toys to be made and stuffed with candy and gum from their weekly rations.

Danes Blow Up Germans

When the Danish Admiral Vedel had given his order that the fleet was to be either scuttled or sailed to Sweden, a detachment of German marines succeeded in getting on board the Danish naval ship "Ingolf." The German commander demanded 10 hostages as guarantee that the ship would not be blown up nor scuttled. The Captain of the "Ingolf" said, "I can't prevent you from taking the hostages but I must call your attention to the fact that the seacocks are already open." The Germans put their ten hostages in a row on the deck, when suddenly a signal sounded, the whole Danish crew, hostages and all, jumped overboard, and deafening explosions shook the ship. Many of the Germans were killed or wounded, but all the Danes escaped. This report came from the Stockholm newspaper, Dagens Nyheter.

19,000 Refugees Now In Sweden

Nineteen thousand Norwegian refugees are now in Sweden and 7,000 of them are earning their own way by working "in forest, agriculture, industry and road construction", according to an article in the Swedish newspaper, Dagens, Nyheter. "The refugees offer a possibility for personal contact and a foundation for friendly Swedish-Norwegian relations that may be far more decisive for the future than theoretical political plans," the article commented.

Testifies To Activity Of French Patriots

"There is growing proof of the faith, number and strength, and the activity of (French) patriots," said the Commissioner of the Interior of the French National Liberation Committee, in an interview upon his return to London. "Although winter is coming on, positions in the mountains are being held. There are nearly 80,000 men organized in 'hideouts' at lower altitudes than during the summer. Thanks to the tremendous efforts which have been made to provude them with clothing, provisions, and means of heating, we are hoping that they will get through the bad seasons in conditions which are more or less bearable."

Brazil To Make War Machines

Tanks, tractors, automobiles, and aviation motors will be manufactured in a factory 40 miles from Rio de Janeiro. The factory is already employing 2,500 persons, and within the coming year a city of 30,000 is expected to arise around it.

Wild Animals Plague Norwegians

Bears, wolves, wolverines, and foxes have staged such a come-back in Norway during the past three years that they have become a plague to the Norwegian farmers. Stripped of their firearms by Nazi order, the Norwegians are unable to combat the pests. Wolves, formerly confined to northern Norway, have spread southward. One Gudbransdel farmer recently lost 35 sheep in a single night.

Farmers Fight Invaders

Netherlands farmers and livestock raisers, despite strong pressure by German occupation authorities, are continually evading requisition orders and sabotaging production in their attempts to keep vital food stocks out of Nazi hands. One of the most common tricks for famers whose cattle has been requisitioned is to "steal" the animals from their pastures at night. Furthermore, harvesting has been done improperly on a large scale, with consequent spoilage or diversion of produce to the "black market." Nevertheless, they "save" as much as they can for local consumption, via the black market.

Erie To Furnish Canned Beef

Ten firms in Eire expect to can a total of 22½ million pounds of beef, during the season ending next March. This canned beef will be exported to the United Kingdom.

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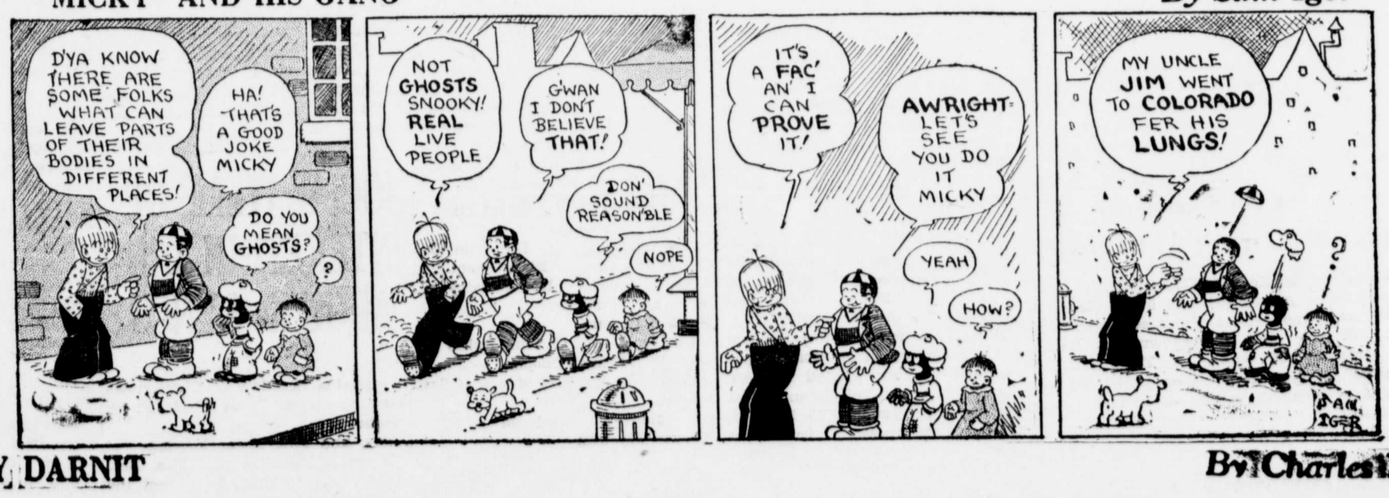
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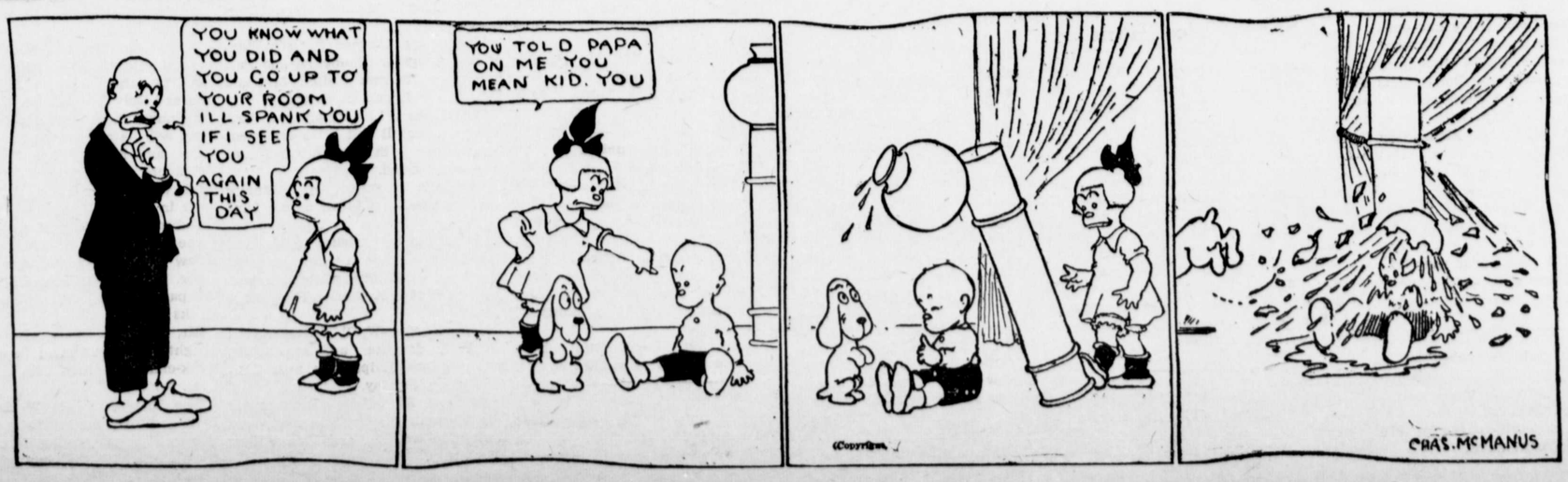
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