IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

RATION REMINDER

GASOLINE—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

FUEL OIL—Period 1 coupons are good through January 3 Period 2 coupons become good November 30.

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, H, J, and K, good through December 4. Brown stamp L is good through January 1, 1944. Brown stamp M becomes good November 28 and remains good through January 1, 1944.

PROCESSED FOODS—Green stamps A, B, and C in Book Four, good through December 20.

TO HOLD DOWN FLOUR PRICES

To hold flour and bread prices at present levels, the Office of Economic Stabilization has inaugurated a subsidy program that will enable wheat flour millers to pay as high as parity prices for wheat—should the market go that high—and at the same time sell flour for no more than present ceiling prices. Without the subsidy, the Office of Economic Stabilization says, it would be necessary to increase present ceilings on flour, which in turn would force an increase in bread prices.

NO INCREASE IN BUTTER

Butter available for civilian use will not increase during the next few months, although the federal government has discontinued all purchases of the commodity until April, according to information from OPA and WPA. Current production of butter averages about 16 pounds a year per person, or about half a pound less than in pre-war years. Of this, 3½ pounds are being sent to our armed forces and our Allies, leaving approximately 12½ pounds per capita for civilian consumption. Up to 4 million pounds of butter will be released to hospitals from stocks held by or set aside for the Food Distribution Administration. The butter is to supply the hospitals from November through March, and ration coupons will be required.

OPA AUTHORITY UPHELD

Authority of OPA to forbid persons from dealing in rationed commodities as a result of vioations of rationing regulations was upheld in a recent decsion by Federal Judge Archibald Lovett of Georgia. Judge Lovett ruled that OPA does have the authority, under the 2nd War Powers Act, to issue such suspension orders and dismissed the complaint filed by a gas dealer who had been suspended from dealing in gasoline for 90 days because of violations of the ratioing regulations.

LIFT PORK, LARD RESTRICTIONS

Resrtictions on the number of pounds of pork and lard made from home—slaughtered hogs that can be sold or given by a farmer to people not living on his farm have been lifted from November 17 to February 17, 1944. The War Food Administration lifted the restrictions to help handle the slaughter and distributions of this year's record hog supply. Farmers are asked to find out from their market agency or processor whether their hogs can be handled before sending them to market.

ASKS FARM WORKERS TO HELP

Farmers and workers engaged in agricultural occupations have been asked by the War Manpower Commission to give all the time they can spare in the agricultural off-season to pulpwood cutting, lumbering, and other war-useful occupations. Farm workers may transfer to such employment without obtaining a certificate of availability but, if of military age, must still obtain approval from their local Selective Service Boards. Local boards have been instructed to approve transfers for periods up to four months and registants will be continued in their deferred classifications. Workers are expected to return to agricultural employment at the end of the off-season, or at any other time the need for them arises. Shortags in logging and saw-mill products make it imperative that workers be recruited immediately. Any farmer or farm worker who does not have ready access to logging and saw-mill operations is urged to communicate with the United States Employment Service office in his community for information. Some other industry may have greater priority in his area.

RESTRICTS FARM EQUIPMENT SALES

To prevent others from getting scarce farm equipment needed by farmers, the War Production Board has issued a revision of the farm machinery order, L-257, which prevents dealers from selling rationed farm equipmnet for non-farm use, except on a rated order of AA-4 or higher.

APPLE PRODUCTS TO COST MORE

Consumers will pay more for apple products because OPA has increased maximum prices for apples in sales to processors. The amount of the increase at the consumer level will vary with the product and the size of the package.

INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYED MONEY

Unspent and unemployed money in the Unted States during the second quarter of 1943 amounted to 2.6 billion dollars, compared to the 1.7 billion dollars in the second quarter, 1942, the Office of War Information said in its first quarterly report on economic stabilization. In spite of paying more taxes and buying more war bonds, Americans still were able to build up a store of unspent money. Should holders of this money now begin to bid against each other for scarce products, it would make the job of holding the line against rising prices enormously more difficult.

BYRNES URGES "SAVE PAPER"

Urging a greater drive to conserve and salvage paper, James F. Byrnes, Director of War Mobilization, said: "The war needs for paper and paperboard are greater than our present ability to produce. The shipment of bombs and shells depends upon paper bands and containers. Rations, blood plasma, medicines, bullets—all find their way to the fighting fronts in paper containers. . . . We must all curtail all necessary use and then get all waste paper to local salvage committees or local charitable organizations and thence to the mills at once. Every scrap of paper that you can save and turn in will help."

GIVE WAR STAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS

"A Stamp in Every Stocking"—that's what the Treasury Department wants for Christmas. To encourage the giving of war stamps, many ideas for utiltizing them in gifts and decorations have been suggested: war stamps attached to a cellophane bag containing a small gift; war stamp lapel ornaments; a tiny Santa Claus holding stamps; small Christmas stocking containing stamps; a baby's rattel with stamps tied on with ribbons; and children's toys, with stamps attached. The stamps may also be used as decoration on wreaths, fastened to candles, and on Christmas cards.

BE THANKFUL FOR FOOD

"I think we should thank the Creator with particular humility for the possession (food) that makes our armies liberators, not looters," said Marvin Jones, head of the War Food Administration, in a Thanksgiving Day statement. To the peoples of looted, starving countries, Mr. Jones continued, "the coming of the Americans means a chance to live again, to work their land and enjoy its products. We will not take their food. We have our food. For that, and for all it means, we give thanks."

MAY CUT POINT VALUES

Storekeepers, distributors, and others in the food trade may cut point values of canned, frozen, and dried rationed foods that might spoil if held in stock too long OPA announced recently. However, point values may be cut only if prices are cut at least 25 percent.

TO COLLECT CLOTHING AND RAGS

The nationwide drive for collection of discarded clothing and rags started November 22 and will continue through December 4. Only discarded clothing is wanted and all types are needed, according to WPB. Donors are requested to see that woolen garments are brushed and cotton garments and rags are clean. Mending is not required. Any unwearable clothing that can be reduced to rags is desired also. Not wanted are shoes, rubbers, rubber boots, overshoes, galoshes, slippers, leather leggings, leather gloves, hats, caps, neckties, collars, garters, garter belts, suspenders, belts, girdles, corsets, brassieres, veils, spats, rubber coats, diapers, and masquerade costumes.

RELAXES ANTIFREEZE ORDER

Prompted by serious weather conditions in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions and by inadequate local supplies of approved antifreeze, the Appeals Board of the War Production Board has granted three exceptions to its order prohibiting manufacture and sale of salt and petroleum types of antifreeze. Brands which may be sold are No-freeze, Freeze-proof, and Safas— all petroleum base solutions which were found to be non-corrosive upon metals. Although they are injurious to rubber, with careful handling they should not destroy rubber hose connections during the freezing season, according to WPB.

USE SOY MEAL FOR FEED

More than 90 percent of the soy meal of the large soybean crop is being used in the production of livestock feed, according to the War Food Administration. Current rate of production indicates that the output of edible soya products for humans for all purposes durin gthe last 3 months of 1943 will require the equivalent of about 74,000 tons of soybean meal. Soybean oil meal production during the same period, however, is expected to total between 800,000 and 900,000 tons.

WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Most people will be able to get Christmas trees this year but they will have less choice, WPB said recently. More trees will probably be harvested and sold locally to avoid long haulage.

INCREASE STOVE STOCKS

Stove dealers and distributors in 10 states have been allowed increased inventories in order to met the demands of rationing. Other areas throughout the country already have been granted such increases. Regions affected by the recent OPA action are New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia.

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Recent tests in the laboratories of the USDA show that when white potatoes are boiled in their skins they hold twice as much vitamin C and three times as much thiamine—one of the B vitamins—as potatoes baked in the oven.

Farmers are going to have a lot of immediate expenses when the war is over. They will have new machinery to buy; construction and repairs and improvements to make. A nest egg of War Bonds with some debt might well be a better combination at that time than no War Bonds and no debt ,says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the USDA.

Soil conservation, designed primarily to benefit farm land itself, also helps protect and conserve desirable wildlife.

AMERICAN HEROES
BY LEFF



After being blown through a window by a bursting shell and stunned by a 14-foot fall during the bombardment of Sand Island, Marine Staff Sergeant Dale Lester Peters of Breckenridge, Michigan, struggled to remove large aerial bombs from nearby burning hangars. He has been awarded the Navy Cross for exceptionally meritorious service and disregard of his own safety during this action. What hardships are you willing to disregard to invest in Payroll Savings?

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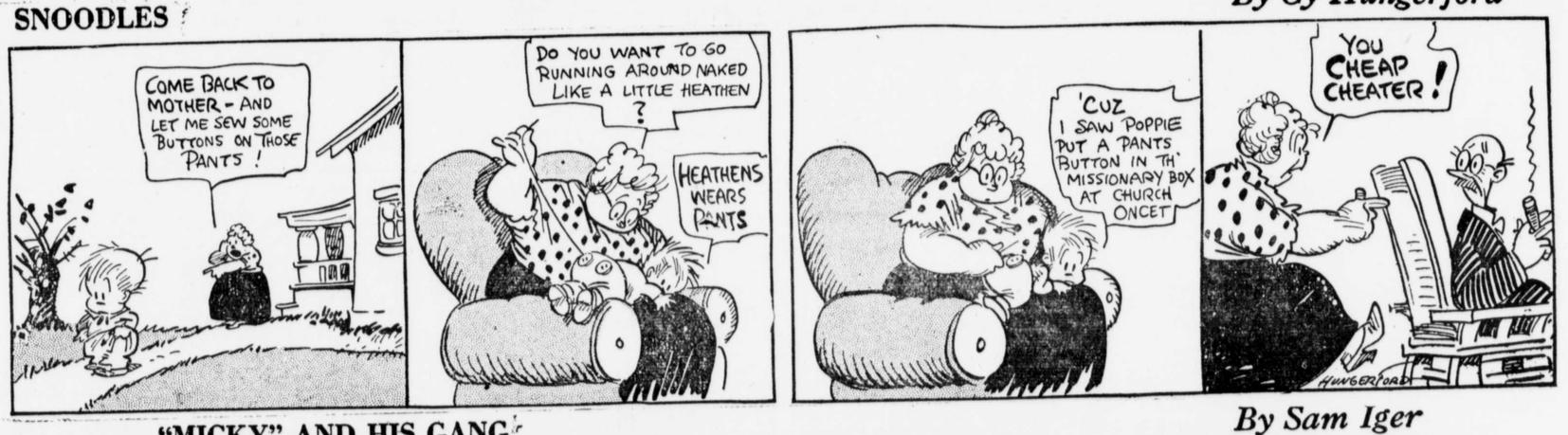


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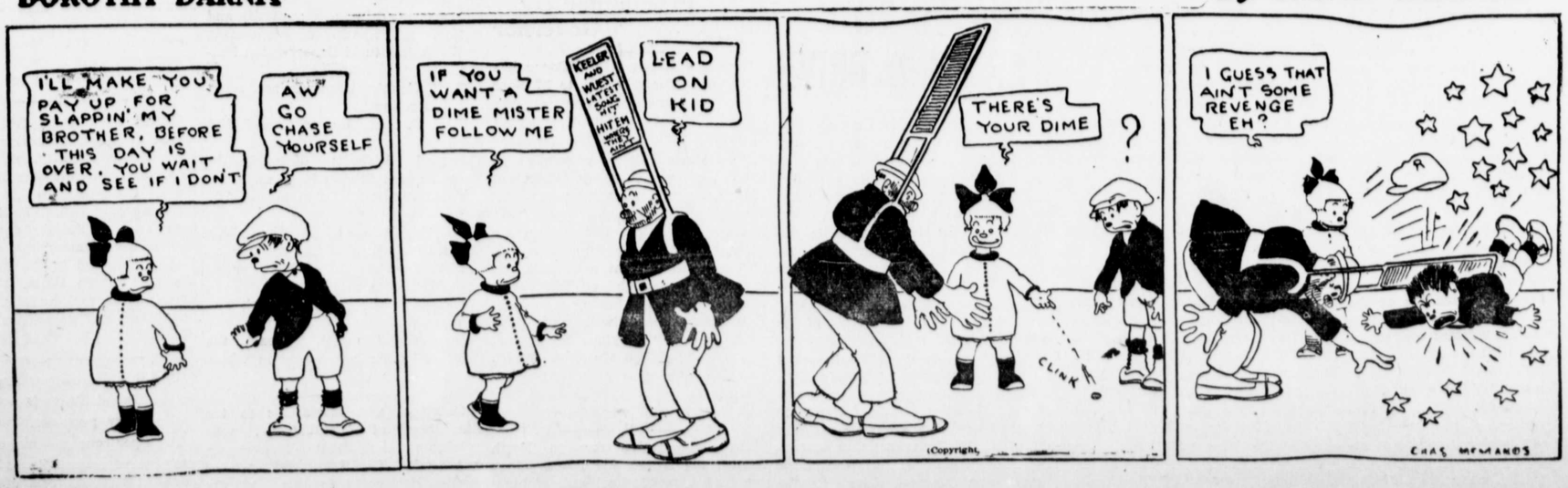
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