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-9 coupons are good through January 21.

FUEL OIL—Period 1 coupons are good through January 3. Period 2 coupons became 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 Stamps L and M, good through January 1, 1944.

PROCESSED FOODS-Green stamps A, B and C in Book Four good through December 20. Green stamps D, E and F in Book Four become good December 1 and remain good through January 20.

CIVILIANS TO GET CANNED FOODS

Increased supplies of canned pineapple, canned grapefruit juice, asparagus, corn, pumpkin, spinach, tomatoes, beans, and figs will reach retail markets within a few weeks, the War Food Administration said recently. They are supplies owned and held by canners, but set aside for government purchase, which have been released to civilians.

MORE FARM MACHINERY IN '44

An improved outlook for new farm machinery in 1944 is foreseen by the War Food Administration. Raw materials authorized by WPB to make planting, tillage, and harvesting equipment during the year provide for about twice the quantity produced in 1943, or almost 80 percent of the production in 1940—a year in which manufacture was relatively large. The manufacture of repair parts will be unrestricted.

SUSPEND SLAUGHTER QUOTAS

To facilitate marketing and slaughter of record numbers of livestock produced by U. S. farmers, slaughter quotas (for civilian consumption) until further notice have been suspended by the War Food Administration.

MUST COLLECT POINTS FOR PORK

Although WYA has temporarily lifted all its restrictions on the amount of pork a farmer may deliver to persons living off his farm, he must continue to collect ration points for all rationed meats, OPA said recently. If pork is transferred point-free, it means that a great deal of this food will find its way into the black market and will be unavailable to legitimate consumers.

BROWN POINTS FOR WASTE FATS

For every pound of fat a housewife turns in to her meat dealer or other fat salvager, she will receive two brown points, beginning December 13. "But most important." Herbert M. Faust, director of WPB's salvage division said, "within a month the fat will be transformed into war materials and on the way to the fighting fronts." He reminded housewives to save the grease from turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens, for the manufacture of war products.

"OF COURSE, WILBUR, MEAT IS SCARCE IN WARTIME, BUT I THINK YOU ARE OVERDOING IT JUST A BIT."

REDUCE BEAN PRICES

Reductions up to two cents a pound in wholesale and retail prices for dry edible beans will result from recent OPA action reducing the price spread between country shipper and wholesaler. Country shipping point prices remain unchanged.

WOOL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

With only two exceptions WPB has lifted all restrictions on use of raw wool. Finer grades of alpaca may not be used except for military purposes, and only carpet wool and mohair may be used for floor coverings.

FUEL OIL RATIONS SAME

Rations of fuel oil throughout the 33-state rationed area remain unchanged at 10 gallons per unit for Period 2, which began November 30, Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, said recently. Period 3 coupons, which also went into effect November 30 in the midwestern and southern states under fuel oil rationing, have the same unit value—10 gallons. This applies to Class 4 coupons, used mostly by small householders. Class 5 coupons, used by larger consumers, are good for 50 gallons each. Class 1 and 2 "change making" coupons for fuel oil, part of last year's ration, are invalid for all purposes beginning December 1.

SERVICE BUTTONS BEING DISTRIBUTED

Plastic gold-coated lapel buttons for wear on civilian clothing, to signify honorable military service on and after the declaration of a period of national emergency, September 9, 1939, are being distributed to issuing agencies throughout the country the War Department has reported. The insignia on the button is an eagle within a circle, the wings extending beyond the circle's edge. Persons whose Army service has been terminated under honorable conditions will be permitted to wear the insignia.

SEED POTATO CEILINGS

Maximum prices for domestic and imported "certified" seed potatoes have been set by OPA at $1 above established ceilings for U. S. No. 1 tablestock potatoes, and for "war-approved" seed potatoes at 50 cents above tablestock potatoes.

CAN HOLD SHOE 30 DAYS

Without ration payment dealers may not hold shoes bought on a will-call or lay-away plan, or by special order, longer than 30 days after they become available for delivery, OPA has announced.

REQUESTS FOR PENICILLIN

The War Department never has controlled penicillin nor received the entire output, Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk of the Army Medical Department explained recently. A civilian request for penicilin, the new drug which prevents growth of infection bacteria, should be made through the civilian's doctor. The doctor should communicate by telegram, telephone, or personal letter with Dr. Chester S. Keefer, Evans Memorial Hospital, Boston, giving complete details of the case.

CONTROL OF APPLE SALES

Sales by apple growers and shippers who package their apples in boxes with a net weight of not more than 26 pounds are not under price control if not more than five boxes are sold at one time to one buyer and if they are shipped by parcel post or express. However, when these packages are resold by wholesalers and retailers, they are under proce control, OPA said.

WESTERN GASOLINE AIDS ATTACK

Gasoine drawn largely from West Coast and Rocky Mountain areas is powering land, sea, and air attacks on Bougainville and bombings of Rabaul, according to OWI on the basis of Army and Navy statements. Gasoline also is saving our wounded men by enabling them to be flown in transport planes to hospitals far behind the lines.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS DROP

Enrollments in colleges and other institutions of higher education this year are more than one-quarter below the 1940 peak, according to a preliminary survey by the U.S. Office of Education of the Federal Security Agency. This year's total of about 1,110,500 persons is eight percent below last year's figures. Of those enrolled this year almost one-quarter have been assigned by the armed forces for specialized training.

INCREASE COAL PRICES

Anthracite coal ceiling prices have been raised by OPA an average of 62 cents a net ton at the mine. Increases range from 35 to 70 cents a ton, depending on the size of the coal. On June 1, 1944, the new ceilings at the mine will be reduced by an average of 28 cents a ton, leaving net increases of about 34 cents a ton. The exact amount of these increases can be passed on to the consumer. Purpose of the approximately six months of higher ceilings is to compensate mine owners for the retroactive feature of recent wage increases.

COMBAT BARS TO 19,000

Merchant Marine Combat Bars have been awarded to more than 19,000 officers and seamen for active service on a ship that has been in direct combat action. The combat bar consists of horizontal sky blue, white, crimson, and navy blue stripes. Bars denoting active Merchant Marine service in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Mediterranean-Middle East war zones also are being distributed. All bars may be worn by recipients on civilian or uniform coats.

SAVE FIBER BOARD CARTONS

Shoppers can help reduce the load on the under-manned pulp and paper supply business by using and re-using fiber board cartons for taking food home from the market, says the War Food Administration. This is but one of the trifles which amount to imposing totals when saving ways are adopted by millions of families.

TO REGISTER NATION'S NURSES

Every graduate nurse throughout the nation is asked by the War Manpower Commission to register at a local hospital or health center during National Nurses Mobilization Week, beginnig February 7. Th eappeal is being made to graduate nurses of all ages, no matter where they live or how long they have been away from active practice. As war fronts expand, more and more nurses will be demanded by the armed forces, and they must be replaced by nurses now inactive.

SAVE JARS FOR 1944 CANNING

Home canners are urged to save all glass jars and tops suitable for reuse. They will be needed to round out new supplies next summer, the Department of Agriculture says. Many commercial jars—those containing coffee, pickles, peanut butter, and mayonnaise—are now standardized as to size and type of opening, so that a jar and its metal screw cap may be used for home canning by buying only a metal sealing disk with flowed-on rubber compound.

ARMY TO RELEASE VEHICLES

Non-combat Army vehicles, monufactured in 1940 and before, will be made available for essential civilian use in the near future, according to the War Department. Jeeps will not be released. Details will be announced later.

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MANY VISITORS IN AND AROUND BETTERTON

Mrs. Mary Cave and daughter, Jean and friend Miss Ruth Eidner of Phila., spent the week-end at Sykes Cottage.

Jimmy Owens of U. S. A. has been spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Anna Owens on Bayside.

Laurence Brice of U. S. N. has been spending the Holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Reichert of Balto., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Daggett near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jewell and children of Aberdeen, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bramble near Coemans.

The Guild of I. U. and St. John's Parishes met with Mrs. Walter Stone and Miss Iona Stone on Bayside, last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenwood and family of Rehoboth Beach, Del., spent the Holiday with Mrs. Mary Moore and Mrs. Minnie Coleman and other relatives here.

Mrs. Ed. Loud of Baltimore spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Chas. Willis.

Miss Anna Marie Cacy of Aberdeen spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Meritt Sutton and family.

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