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.

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

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 L, M, and N good through January 1. Brown stamp P becomes good December 12 and remains 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, good through January 20.

FARMERS' TAX DEADLINE, DEC. 15.

Farmers are required to file declarations of estimated 1943 income and Victory tax and make a payment by December 15. Farmers who elected to make declarations September 15 when most other persons made them, will need only to make an instalment payment December 15. Persons who made declarations September 15 and wish to amend them or those who made no declarations but since have had a change in income to require them, also should file by December 15. Persons with tax instalments due on that date will receive or have received bills from the local Collector of Internal Revenue.

REDUCE MEAT POINT VALUE

The entire list of rationed beef items has been cut two or three ration points, making the most meat available to civilians since rationing began late last March. Many pork cuts remain at the reduced value set by OPA in mid-November, and point values of lamb, mutton, and practically all veal remain unchanged. This means an increase of approximately 30 percent in the housewife's meat ration for December as compared with the ration set at the beginning of November.

CHANGE DATE ON CATTLE PROGRAM

The effective date of the cattl price stabilization program has been changed from December 1, 1943, to the beginning of the first accounting period after December 15, 1943, for each cattle slaughterer.

TO MAINTAIN FARM STRUCTURES

Farm building material makers, under sponsorship of the Farm Structures Institute and in cooperation with the War Food Administration, will hold a war conference in Chicago, December 10, on maintenance of farm structures, WFA announced recently. Keynote of the conference will be that the nation's ton and a half billion dollar investment in farm structures must be kept at top productive efficiency through adequate maintenance, with the necessary minimum of new construction. Only the value of agricultural land itself exceeds the amount of funds invested in buildings and structures on farms of the country.

KEEP DRAFT BOARD INFORMED

A farm worker who fails to keep his local Selective Service Board informed of a change of address or occupation may be reclassified or possibly inducted into the armed forces. Only the Selective Service with whom the individual has registered has authority to grant him a temporary release for non-farm work which will protect his deferred classification.

CONSUMERS ADVISE OPA

The Consumer Advisory Committee appointed by OPA has recommended establishment of dollars and cents ceiling prices for as many commodities as possible and a price guide to be made available to housewives throughout the country. The committee also objected to use of "average store mark-up" as a basis for price control because "this method of establishing prices would be entirely unenforceable." The committe was set up to tell OPA how its programs are working and what can be done to imporve them.

COAL PRODUCTION AND PRICES

The highest weekly production record in more than 16 years was established by the U. S. bituminous of operation under the new wage coal mines during the first full week contract between the government and and the miners, according to Harold L. Ickes, Solid Fuels Administrator for War. Production for the week ended November 20 was estimated at 12,7000,000 tons. Bituminous coal price ceilings were raised an average of 17 cents a net ton to compensate operators to the extent required by recent increases in labor costs. An increase of 80 cents per net ton was made in ceiling prices for by-product foundry and by-product blast furnace coke manufactured in the central West. A similar increase is expected to be announced shortly in maximum prices for industrial and domestic by-product coke produced in the central West.

CHANGES IN TIRE REGULATIONS

Recent changes in tire rationing regulations announced by OPA are: (1) recapping of tires for commercial vehicles with truck-type camelback is no longer rationed; (2) tires manufactured principally from reclaimed rubber (war tires) may now be bought by those persons previously eligible for used tires. Tire and tube rationing quotas for December are not greatly changed from those in November.

CHANGE IN GASOLINE COUPONS

Motorists are reminded by OPA that their old "B" and "C" gasoline coupons continue to have a value of two gallons each in the East and Mid-west and three gallons in the Far West. On December 1, however, all new "B" and "C" coupons issued gasoline rations expired became good for five gallons each throughout the country. Although each new coupon will be good for more gallons than before, motorists will not receive any additional gasoline because ration books will have correspondingly fewer coupons.

CITRUS MARMALADES POINT FREE

All marmalades made entirely of citrus fruits (principally oranges and lemons) may be bought point free, according to OPA. Marmalades made of citrus and non-citrus fruits in combination are rationed at the same point value as marmalades made wholly of non-citrus fruits.

UP JAM AND JELLY PRICES

Consumers will pay about two or three cents more per pound jar for jams, preserves, and jellies made from apples, apple products, and frozen grapes, under a recent OPA regulation. The increases reflect increases in 1943 fruit costs to the packer.

FROZEN FRUITS, BERRIES

Consumers will pay from ¾ cent a pound to 3 cents a pound more for frozen California freestone peaches, Concord grapes, apples, and blackberries. According to OPA, these increases will allow the processors to pass increased raw material costs on to the ultimate consumer.

COPPER SULPHATE FOR '44 CROPS

Sufficient copper for production of copper sulphate to protect next year's food crops from bacterial and fungus diseases will be available, WFA said recently. It is necessary, however, that consumers and distributors order and accept delivery as soon as possible if adequate quantities of copper pesticides are to be available when needed next year.

ODT ASKS HELP FOR SANTA CLAUS

Christmas shoppers have been asked by ODT to lend Santa Claus a helping hand by observing the following: (1) Shop now. Mail now. Do not wait until the "eleventh hour." (2) Carry your packages whenever possible. (3) Remember, War Bonds and Stamps make the best Christmas gifts. They are a good buy and they take minimum transportation space, ODT pointed out.

MAINTAIN LOW-PRICED SERVICES

Low priced services may be dropped only under certain conditions specified by OPA. These services range from laundering and dry cleaning through the servicing of automobiles and repairing of shoes. Certain misinterpretations of the OPA services regulation necessitated this more general action. For example, photographers in some instances refused to print small-size pictures, offering only large prints at higher prices. The only conditions under which lower-priced services may be dropped are: 1. Whe nthe necessary specialized equipment or supplies are not available. 2. Continuance of the service would be in violation of government regulation or rendered impracticable by it. 3. Discontinuance of the service woul denable the seller to maintain other services more necessary to the community. 4. Other suppliers in the community are able and willing to supply the service under the same ceiling price.

OWNERS NOTE LICENSE NUMBERS

Car owners themselves rather than ration boards or automobile registration officials must note new license numbers on their ration books and tire inspection records, under a recent OPA ruling. The action also porvides that "T" coupons issued for use in 1944 by commercial vehicles and taxis will be in strips (similar to strips of motion picture tickets) rather than in book form and each coupon will be serially numbered.

PASSENGER CAR QUOTA IS LOWEST

The December rationing quota of 15,500 new passenger automobiles is 25 percent less than the November quota and the lowest in almost two years of rationing, acocrding to OPA. Continued quota reductions reflect OPA's policy of spreading out as long as possible the remaining supply of new cars for essential purposes. No new cars have been produced since early in 1942. Under a new OPA ruling dealers in selling used 1942 automobiles may charge an incerase of 1 percent a month or $15—which ever is lower—only for the period the automobile actually was kept in storage and maintained under specified conditions. A user may sell his 1942 used car for no more than he paid when he bought it.

1943 CORN LOAN RATES

Farmers who have met 90 percent of their war crop goals in designated Corn Belt counties will be loaned 81 crop corn by the Commodity Credit to 97 cents a bushel on their 1943-Corporation. The Corn Belt counties include all in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and parts of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Minnesota. In areas where loans are avilable outside the designated Corn Belt counties the 1943 rates range from 81 cents to $1.01 a bushel. Last year the loans in areas outside the Corn Belt were 57 to 74 cents a bushel.

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Turkeys Increase

About 1 per cent more turkeys than in 1941 is estimated for this year. In February, turkey producers intended to increase their flocks 3 per cent but weather conditions and labor shortages cut down the crop.

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Place your order at least four days in advance and in case your favorite size is short, accept the available sizes suited for your requirements.

At times our delivery may be very short of your order, but we have very strict instructions for the equitable distribution of our available supply.

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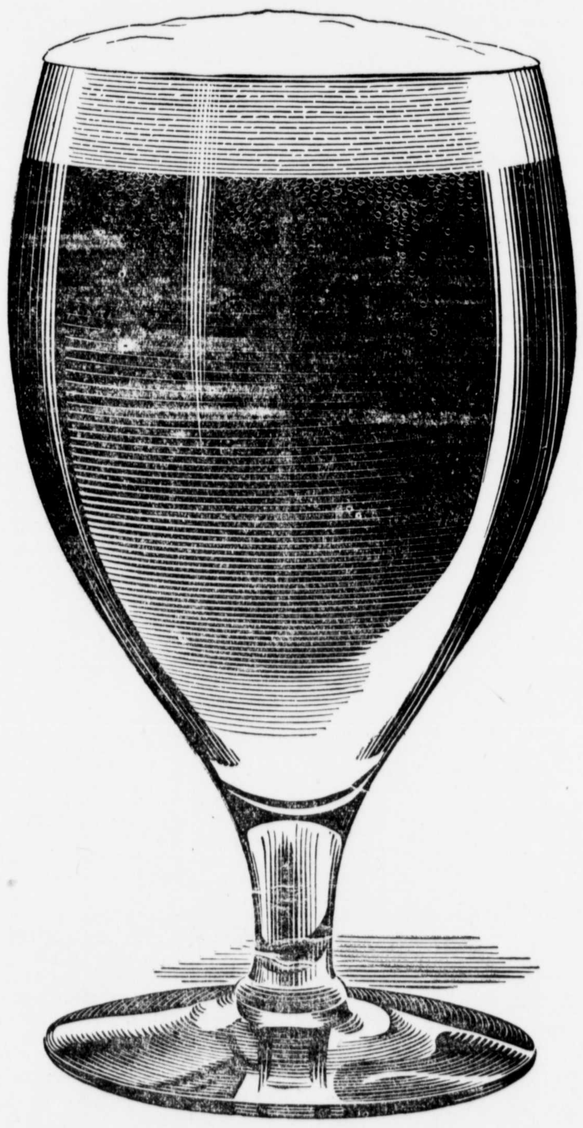
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