...e HOME-FRONT

...ast coast stat-... good through February 8. ...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 is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in Book Three is good for 1 pair.

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps L, M, N, P, and Q are good through January 1, 1944. Brown stamp R becomes good December 26 and remains good through January 29.

PROCESSED FOODS—Green stamps D, E, and F in Book Four are good through January 20.

FUEL OIL—Period 1 coupons are good in all regions through January 3. Period 2 coupons are good through February 7 in all areas except the South, where they are good through January 24. Period 3 coupons, now valid in the Middle West and South, remain good through March 13 in the Middle West and through Febraury 21 in the South. Period 3 coupons become valid in the East and far West, January 4.

Wartime Christmas Radio Progarms

On Christmas Day, men and wo-...n of the American armed forces ...n every quarter of the globe will hear three hours of special Christ-...mas radio programs, featuring enter-...nment stars, name bands, and per-...nal greetings from the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and high officers of the various services. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the people on the home front will hear programs from soldiers overseas, including a chorus of 200 American soldiers in the Holy Land, a Christmas tree decorating from an island in the South Pacific, and midnight mass from some place behind the battle lines in Italy.

Quick Word To Next-Of-Kin

Next-of-kin of servicemen who have been taken prisoner by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The government immediately will transit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against paying any private individual ...organization for such information.

Some Butter Prices Increased

Consumers will pay 1 or 2 cents more a pound for butter in most sm...aller indenpendent stores as a result of a recent amendment to the butter price regulation by OPA allowing jobbers a mark-up of 2½ cents a pound to pay extra costs of many ...

...kery Products

...already ap-...ill be extend-...es, sweet buns, plain ...nuts, and all other types ...east-raised commercial bakery ...cts. Beginning January 16, in ...ion to white bread, these products must contain specified minimum food values to the extent white flour is used. The amendment to the food order also provides that consumers of bakery products cannot for any reason return bakery products they have bought.

Get Fertilizers Now, Says Advisers

Acceptance by farmers of immediate delivery of fertilizer—to avoid an acute labor, storage, and transportation shortage next spring—has been urged by the Fertilizer Industry Advisory Committee. If there is to be any relief next spring, farmers ...t their fertilizer in the next ...weeks. This is especially true of ...eavy-using areas of the South.

...Control Of Farm Wages

...War Food Administrator here-...r will have jurisdiction over all ...ges of agricultural labor and over ...ll salaries of agricultural laboroers ...f $5,000 per year and less, Judge ...Fred M. Vinson, Director of the Office of Economic Stabilization, has announced. Wages and salaries for agricultural labor above $2,400 a year remain frozen and cannot be increased without prior approval of the War Food Administrator. Increases up to $2,400 may be made without prior approval unless the War Food Administrator has established specific wage ceilings for such labor. When the War Food Administrator legally sets wage ceilings for areas, crops, or types of labor, no payments can be made above those rates without his approval, even though higher wages have been paid according to previous contract. However, there is to be no reduction below the highest wages or salaries paid therefor between January 1, 1942 and September 15, 1942.

...To Kill Gas Black Markets

...n a new drive on gasoline black ...rkets, OPA has asked distributors ...("screen out" irregular coupons—...coupons that are counterfeit, expired, not yet valid, or not endorsed by the motorist. Filling stations also will be required to make good irregular coupons and their inventory will be cut down by the amount of irr...ular coupons passed on to the ...ler. Endorsement of coupons ...ists as soon as they receive ...ks will aid OPA in proving that black market stations have purchased coupons to cover up illegal sales.

Use Right Stamp For Shoes

Because some people have used the wrong stamps in Book Three for shoes, OPA has issued the following statement: "War Ration Book Three has four pages of black 'picture' stamps showing guns, tanks, ships, and airplanes. The page of airplane stamps is next to the brown food stamps in the back of Book Three." The shoe stamp shows a minature airplane in flight and is labelled "Ration Stamp No. 1." This stamp came into use on November 1, and it will remain valid indefinitely, along with Stamp 18 in Ration Book One.

Plans To Save Truck Tires

Truck tire inspections will be double-checked to see that every tire in service gives its last possible mile of wear to essential commercial transportation before being replaced, OPA stated recently. Central Truck Tire Inspection Stations will be provided in about 200 cities in areas where truck registrations are heavy. These privately owned and operated stations will re-examine all tires recommended for replacement by official OPA tire inspectors, and will return to service tires still good for more miles. Fixed fees to cover operating expenses will be charged by the stations. Tubes to be replaced need not be inspected.

U. S. Has Big Wheat Carry-Over

The wheat carry-over in the U. S. on July 1, 1943 was 618 million bushels and for July 1, 1944 is estimated at 300 million bushels, according to the Bureau of Agricultral Economics. This is in sharp contrast to the 40 million for 1918 and 85 million for 1919. Large supplies and reduced exports have made available record quantities for feed and industrial alcohol production in this war.

War Expenditures Increase

U. S. war expenditures for November went to a new high at $7,794,000,000, an increase of 689 million dollars, or nearly 10 percent, over October, WPB has reported. The average daily rate of expenditures for war purposes was close to the 300 million dollar mark in November.

More Refrigerators Coming

Increased ice refrigerator quotas for the first three months of 1944—40,000 more than for the last quarter of this year—have been set by the War Production Board. This increased production is expected to care for the increased need for ice refrigertors, due to the unavailability of mechanical refrigerators.

WFA Rations Well Casing

Sheet metal water well casing is now rationed, according to WFA However, an exemption of $100 per well is allowed so that farmers needing small amounts for supplies or maintenance, or for sinking small wells, will not be required to obtain ration certificates. Persons wishing to use a quantity of the casing costing more than $100 (retail value) for any one well will be required to obtain a purchase certificate from their County Farm Rationing Committee.

Cluster Rasins Unrationed

Cluster rasins, a dried grape product packed for sale mainly during the Christmas holiday season, have been removed from rationing by OPA. Cluster raisins are processed by drying the grapes on the stems. They usually are sold on the stem in the form of a cluster.

Harder To Get New Automobiles

Because of the reduced supply of new (1942) automobiles, eligibility requirments for these cars have been tightened by OPA to reduce the number of applicants. Under the new rule an applicant's present car must have been driven 60,000 miles (previously 40,000) before it can be considered unserviceable by local boards salesmen are ineligible for new cars, and local boards are requested to issue a purchase permit only to an applicant showing an immediate need.

Sauerkraut Is Now Available

All remaining supplies and the rest of this season's sauerkraut pack are now available for civilian consumption. The armed forces have obtained their requirements, and the "freeze order" has been removed.

Forester Warns Lumbermen

This country's annual sawtimber growth is now far below the level required for "an economy of abundance" in the post-war decades, Lyle F. Watts, chief of the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, warned recently, Much second-growth timber is being cut prematurely, and timber depletion has curtail industrial activity in many localities, he explained. Mr. Watts advocated a three-point national program: (1) increased public cooperation in fire protection, government research, etc.; (2) increased public ownership of inaccessible, denuded, or other lands unsuited to private ownership and operation; and (3) public regulation that would keep reasonably productive "all forest lands cut over in the future."

Mortality Over 50 Is Up

Mortality in the population of the U. S. at ages over 50 years has increased significantly in the past 12 months, according to a special study by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. Officials assert that while the reasons for this adverse change are not entirely known, it is thought possible that the increased death rate is a result of the greater strains and the frequent exposures to diseases that are a part of wartime life. The fact that many older persons have "returned to a strenuous working life after years of retirement certainly has played a part" the Census report states.

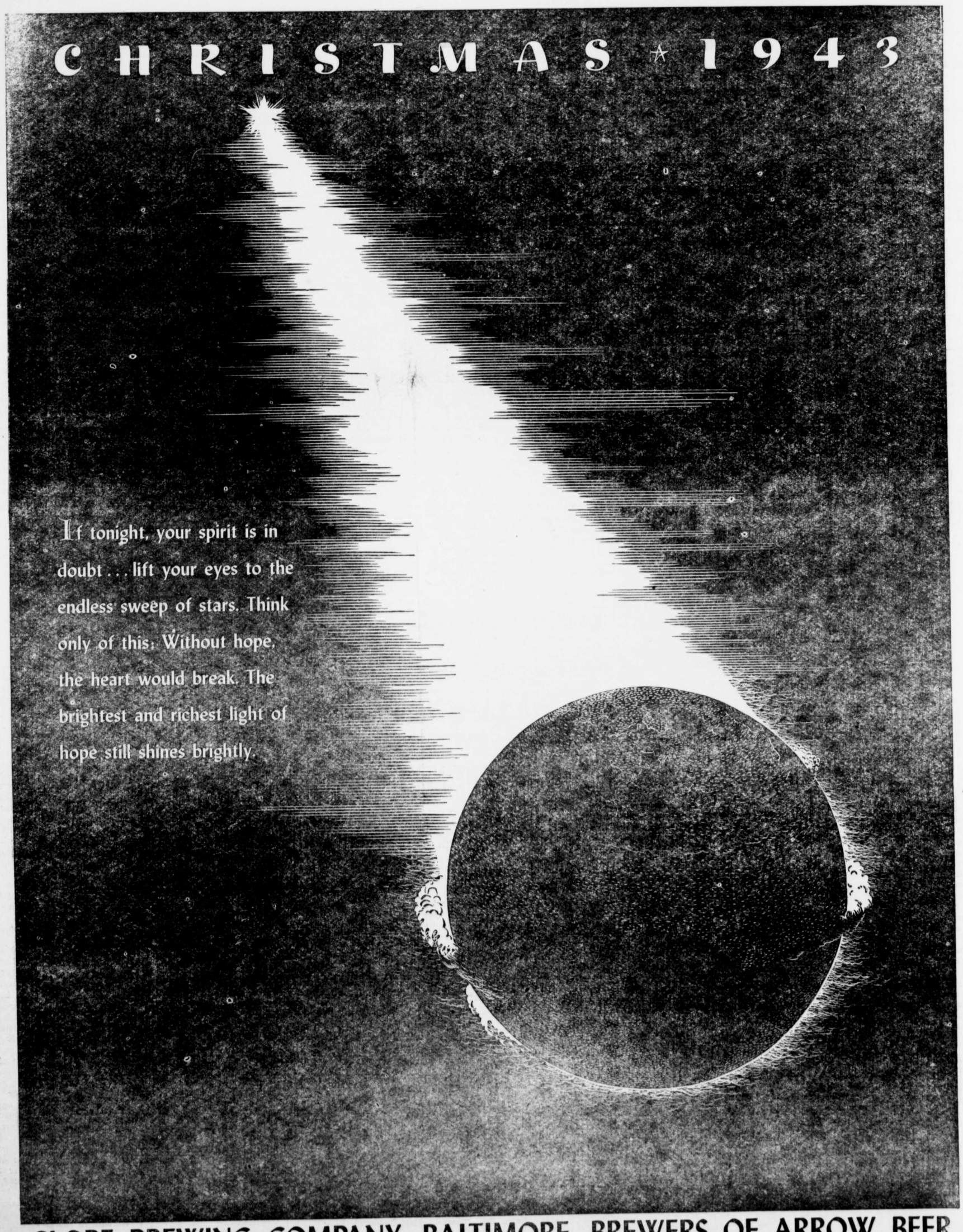
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