IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Ration Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps V W and X, are good through February 26. Brown stamp Y becomes good February 13 and remains good through March 20. Waste kitchen fats are redeemed at two ration points plus four cents a pound.

PROCESSED FOODS—Green stamps G, H, and J in Book Four are good through February 20. Green stamps K, L, and M are good through March 20.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 30 in Book Four is good for five pounds through March 31. Stamp No. 40 in Book Four is good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, next year.

GASOLINE—In 17 East Coast states A-9 coupons are good through May 8. In states outside the East Coast area, A-10 coupons are good through March 21.

TIRE INSPECTION DEADLINES—For A-coupon holders, March 31, and for B and C coupon holders, February 28.

FUEL OIL—Period 3 coupons are good through February 21 in the South and through March 13 in all other areas. Period 4 coupons are good in all areas through September 30. Period 5 coupons are good in the Middle West and South and remain good through September 30.

SHOES—Stamps No. 18 in Book One and No. 1 on the airplane sheet in Book Three are each good for one pair.

INCOME TAX—March 15 is deadline for filing returns. Earlier filing is desirable.

Continue Farm Pork Sales

Farmers may continue the sale of pork from home-slaughtered hogs without a license or permit and may deliver any quantity of pork to persons not living on the farm, until March 17, the War Food Administration has ruled. However, farmers are required to collect ration stamps for pork so delivered.

Trucks Move 98% of Farm Crop

Largely as a result of the cooperation of farmers and truck operators with the transportation conservation plan, about 1,600,000 motor trucks mostly farmer owned, moved 98 per cent of last year's huge farm crop at some stage of the journey from farm to market, the Office of Defense Transportation says. Other farm transportation programs now operating include the movement of livestock, cotton, fresh fruits and vegetables, citrus fruits, and poultry.

No Metal Ice Box in Near Future

Production of pre-war models of all-metal domestic ice refrigerators will not be resumed in the near future, the War Production Board said mainly because reversion would involve a long change-over period. The hardboard and wood war-model is now being produced at almost four times the pre-war rate.

Food for U. S. Civilians

Civilians in the United States will have more frozen vegetables during the next five months as a result of an expected all-time record high production, WFA has announced. Usually available in frozen form are snap beans corn kernels, peas, spinach, asparagus, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, and corn on the cob. U. S. civilians will have slightly less rice in 1944 than during recent years and less canned milk than during 1943, although the amount of canned milk available will be in approximate proportion to civilian purchases under rationing, which began in June, 1943.

U. S. Treasury Department

Agricultural Conservation Program

The 1944 program for U. S. agricultural conservation practices, designed to guide six million farm families in getting maximum production from their land, has been announced by WFA. Among the most important practices are those dealing with application of lime and phosphate, which give the soil greater "fire-power," immediately boosting production at low cost. If present acreage of cultivated land is managed well, said N. E. Dodd, chief of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency which manages the conservation program, U. S. farmers will not have to plow up grasslands as they did in the last war. "The dust storms and erosion that followed that first plow-up became a national catastrophe," he declared.

Less Paper For Packages

Fewer package wrappings will be available for retail shoppers this year according to WPB. Shortage of wood pulp for paper-making will not permit a normal supply. There will be enough bags for assorted groceries, WPB said, if housewives save these bags and take them back to stores for their own re-use WPB also advised that the shopping bag with handles must be used many times to substitute for individual package wrappings.

Life-Saving Training Pays Off

Intensive training in life-saving enabled American merchant seamen of the SS Monterey to rescue 1,675 survivors of a torpedoed troop transport in the Mediterranean, according to the War Shipping Administration. Some of the 1,977 persons aboard the transport were saved by other craft and only four persons were lost.

German U-Boats Lose Their Punch

The amount of merchant ship tonnage sunk by German U-boats during January was among the lowest monthly figures for the whole war, according to a joint Anglo-American statement issued last week by the Office of War Information.

Round-up

Because of an increased demand for electric fence controllers, a substantially greater amount of these devices will be produced in the year ending June, 30 '44 than in any previous year, WPB said....Manufacture of packing trunks, with iron and steel frames, is permitted for civilian use WPB announced....This year civilians in the United States will get about 53 out of every 100 pounds of evaporated milk, 158 million pounds of dried skim milk, and 19 million pounds of dried whole milk, WFA announced. These quantities are less than amounts received by civilians last year....Broom production is seriously curtailed because of acute shortages of broomcorn and handles WPB reports, and broom handle production may even continue to decline ....OPA has reduced the ceiling prices of fresh sliced codfish four to four and one-half cents per pound in winter and three cents per pound in summer....Total U. S. war casualties as reported by OWI February 9 were 150,478, including 4,179 dead, 51,292 wounded, 34,746 missing, 30,281 prisoners of war....A shortage of large size tires may delay putting into use some of the newly complete farm tractors, according to the Tractor Industry Advisory Committee of WPB ....Hosiery dealers cannot force a customer who wants to buy fine guage women's rayon hosiery to also buy coarser or heavier guage women's hosiery, OPA says.

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PRODUCE MORE

FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

The Fourth War Bond campaign is on. Every Kent and Queen Anne' Farmer knows this and is doing all he can to meet the $14,000,000,000.00 goal.

Many farmers are also investing in another type of security for the American people—Soil Conservation

When there are only a few people in a large room one does not become personally interested in the antics of a few since he can go on doing his usual routine without being disturbed. Just as soon as all the space in the room is taken up by milling humanity ,then an undue disturbance in any part of the room effects every other person in the room so that his normal way of doing things is hampered. It is just that way now with all of us in these United States.

When land was plentiful farmers could move about and do about as they pleased. The only thing that interested the mass of our population was being able to get all of whatever they wanted whenever they wanted it. Today our productive land is all taken up and with present treatment much of this productive everything we want whenever we land is becoming unproductive and all of us are not always able to get want it. We are beginning to take notice and feel that maybe we should not be so indifferent about how a group of people treat their land when this treatment threatens a shortage of economic necessities.

There was a time when urban people felt that they had little interest in their rural cousins but now the attitude is changing. We were living off he cream of the land but now skim milk along with the cream, it since we have to take some of the does not taaste so good.

It is to everybody's advantage to have our farming lands treated in such a way that our soil resources are not depleted but increased. This does not necessarily mean planting more food crops but rather to plant these food crops on land that will best grow a particular crop and plant and tend it in such a way that the soil will not be depleted by growing that crop.

The six to eight inches of topsoil is America . If we treat this soil as it should be treated, America will be on the up and up. If we continue to mistreat the soil, America is being mistreated and wil lnot amount to much for very long. We will then be taking the same road that China took years ago and who wants a bare naked, unproductive America?

Soil Conservation practices honestly applied and a keener attention to the capabilities of each acre of land will help keep American rural and urban people prosperous, healthy and strong.

Buy a bond today but don't plow up and down hill tomorrow.

County Agent McVean announces that he is ready for use by farmers or those who help farmers make out their income tax returns a tally sheet with accompanying explanatory notes. This sheet is planned to guide farmers in assembling & classifying farm income and farm expense quite simply so that they will fit into income tax regulations and make relatively easy a comprehensive and quite accurate income tax determination. A second sheet lists all the common items of farm equipment so that one column may be used as an inventory for such farmers as report farm income on an "accrual basis", while the other column may be used to measure or determine depreciation allowable for 1943 on items subject to depreciation. Listing the items should result in more complete and more accruate reporting than if memory alone is used.

Mr. McVean hastens to state that the Extension Service has not gone into the business of helping farmers fill out their 1040 Form Income and Victory Tax Returns form. Neither time nor policy permit of this. He i willing to work with groups of farmers who care to go further into th regulations applicable to the 1040 or Farm Schedule. The explanatory notes should be most helpful. Th tally sheet has items most apt to nee expanation, marked with consecutiv numbers and the notes are marked to correspond. Laying tally sheets and notes side by side should make accruate recording of facts and figures quite easy.

The tally sheet has a summary of 4 types of income, a summary of farm expenses depreciation, deductibles and personal exemptions. In short it shows the balance of income subject to normal tax. It can be used with both accrual and cash basis of income tax determination and carries all the information needed in working out the 1040 Income and Victory tax Returns Form.

In all the leading farm magazines for February is a stirring picture of The American Farmer. Along with this picture is the caption: "We have known him for more than a hundred years."

Yes, this is true and we hope we can say the same thing now for the next one hundred years.

Many people wonder about this American Farmer,—is his purpose true, is he standing on solid ground and is he going to do the things that he must do if the America as we know it is to continue.

We can all rest assured that his purpose is true. He produced all he was asked to produce in 1943 and more and his plans for 1944 are adequate to meet our needs. When the final roll is called, a year from now you will hear him say 'All present or accounted for Sir". That is what lends assurance to our American way of life.

Is he standing on solid ground? We can all rest assured that he is. He realizes that new lands are not availabe for crop production and he is planning to take care of what he has. We see this in his new attitude toward the soil, that basic six to eight inches of topsoil on which our whole national economy depends. He is questioning the wasteful soil practices that have been practiced in the past and he is doing something about it.

He is doing the things that he must do if the America we know is to continue. He is practicing soil conservation in every phase. He recognizes the capabiities of his various pieces of and and is putting it to its best use. This all is evidenced by contour cultivation, contour strip cropping farm drainage, crop rotations that meet the need of the soil and the crops grown more and better hay, less hand work on corn the establishment of permanent pasture, the tying down of all his soil the planting of worn-out land to trees, his work with the local County Agent and Soil Conservation Districts that are here to help and not to regiment.

The American Farmer is on the march and let us all march with him.

BUY MORE BONDS

Proluce more through Soil Conservation.

Believe in the American way of life.

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Pasture and forage crops have been designated by the War Food Administration as "production increment crops," an action that eprmits the use of more fertilizer per acre on these crops, particularly ammonium nitrate. Farmers are encouraged to place orders with their local fertilizer dealers immediately. The local dealers will request shipment of supplies to fill the needs of their customers.

A small-fruited, bush-type pumpkin developed by plant breeders of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has just been released to seed growers for propagation. Seed will not be available for general planting before 1945.

A good garden, like any worth while project, needs to be planned ahead. Past experience is very helpful in making a plan, but much information can be obtained from garden publications and garden schools. The University of Maryland at College Park issues an 8-page circular giving basic information, which may be had for the asking.

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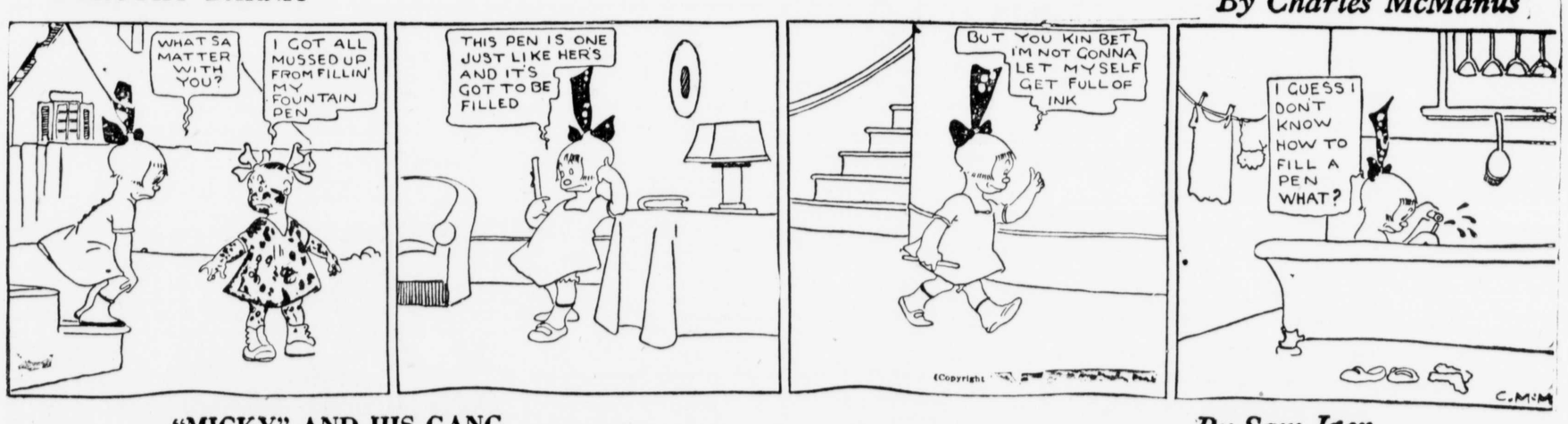

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