IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Ration Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps Y and Z in Book Three are good through March 20. Red 10-point stamps A8, B8, and C8 in Book Four are good thorugh May 20. Waste kitchen fats are redeemed at two ration points plus four cents a pound.
PROCESSED FOODS—Green stamps K, L and M are good through March 20. Blue 10-point stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, and E8 in Book Four are good through May 20.
SUGAR—Stamp 30 in Book Four is good indefinitely for five pounds Stamp 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, May 31.
FUEL OIL—Period 3 coupons are good through March 13 in all areas except the South 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 1943 returns. Date for filing 1944 Declarations of Estimated Income and Victory Tax is extended to April 15.

Check On Coupon Endorsement

Beginning the week of March 6, OPA will attempt to check all gasoline ration books to see that the coupons are properly endorsed with license number and state, as part of the nation wide campaign against black markets in gasoline. Motorists found with unendorsed coupons will be notified to report to their local board within 10 days with endorsed books. Anyone who fails to do this faces revocation of rations.

New Ceilings on Various Items

The Office of Pice Administation recently established price ceilings on several items. For consumers, a reduction on Virginia type dried pork products—5 to 6 cents a pound on whole or half hams; 6 to 7 cents a pound on sliced ham; 4 to 5 cents on bacon; 3 to 4 cents on sides; 2 cents on jowls, and 5 cents on shouders. New ceilings on goat meat represent moderate reductions set by geographic zones. Highest-priced goat meat under the new order is "cabrito" which sells for 30 cents a pound at retail. Soybeans of the 1943 crop to be precessed for oil are $1.86 a bushel for base grade and $1.92 a bushel for highest quality. Prices for the 1943 fruit and vegetable pack will apply to this year's pack until a 1944 price is set. Yellow cypress lumber was increased $3 to $4 per 1,000 board feet for producers—to be passed on to consumers. A 20-cents-per-pound producers' ceiling was set on all round chinook salmon and 24 cents on drawn chinock, on catches in California, Oregon, and Washington (except Sacramento river catch) effective through March. New prices on alfalfa hay products mean an increase of about 15 to 20 cents per ton of food consumption—for all states except California, Washington, Oregon Nevada, Utaah, and parts of Idaho.

Farm Gasoline Rations

Six-month gasoline rations for non-highway use on farms may be issued in instalments rather than all at one time, as in the past, the OPA has announced. If the local board has issued the farmers only part of his ration, when the farmer needs more gasoline he makes no formal application but simply asks the board for it. The board then either will issue the remainder of the total six-month ration as originally determined or issue such portion of the remainder as the board decides the farmer needs for the rest of the six-month period.

Armed Services Need Nurses

An additional 2,000 nurses are needed for the U. S. Army Nurse Corps by April 1 to replace hundreds of Army nurses being sent overseas in connection with plans for a European invasion. The American Red Cross, recruiting agency for nurses, reports that the Navy Nurse Corps, which has completely exhausted its reserve, also needs 500 additional nurses each month during 1944.

Less Sugar For Civilians

U. S. civilian supplies of sugar will be 6 per cent less than 1943 consumption according to WFA due to use of sugarcane molasses for industrial alcohol, to increased needs of the armed forces and our Allies, and to wartime shipping conditions.

Round-up

Nearly 40 per cent of all vegetables grown for fresh consumption in the United States last year came from Victory gardens, the War Food Administration reported .... WFA says that 52,000 Mexican nationals will be needed to help relieve the farm labor shortage in the United States this year. Approximately 14,000 already are in this country....Living costs for city families decreased two-tenths of one per cent between mid-December and mid-January, the Secretary of Labor reports. Although services continued to increase in cost, bost both food and clothing costs declined ....OPA has granted Regional Administrators authority to recommend that slaughters who wilfully violates any OPA meat regulation be deprived in whole or in part of their subsidy payments....OPA suggests that retailers keep a reserve of one-point green and brown stamps on hand during the first week or two ration tokens are used, in case they have underestimated their token needs. OPA has ordered a reserve of 200 million tokens to be ready not later than April 7....A food producer who wishes to get electric power extension for water to irrigate as much as five acres of land may apply to his County Agricultural Conservation Committee, WPB has announced.... WPB has authorized the manufacture of approximately half a million enameled cold pack canners with a jar capacity of seven one-quart, nine one-pints, or four half-gallons to be available for this canning season.... Rye is not a desirable alcohol-producing grain, and use of large quantities of rye for this purpose is not likely at present, WPB says....Because more batteries are needed for walkie-talkies, bazookas, signal lights, and other war equipment, WPB says there is little chance for an increased supply for civilians this year....WPB will permit limited production of electric flat irons for civilian use, but few of the new irons are expected in retail stores before mid-year.... More than 3,000 trucks for civilian use—almost exactly the number planned for —were produced in January according to WPB....WPBhas set the 1944 quotas for new glass containers for wines and distilled spirits at 100 per cent of the number used in 1943 and for non-alcoholic beverages at 80 per cent of the number accepted by the packer for this use in 1941....Orange shellac having an OPA ceiling price of 45.1 cents per pound or higher is now available for home use in finishing floors and furniture and for manufacturing and repairing furniture.

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Maryland 4-H Clubs, along with those of other states will hold their annual Mobilization Week from March 4 to 12. Old and new members will be enrolled for 1944. Members of 4-H Clubs are putting major emphasis, for the duration, on all activities that will help bring victory.

PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

The Harry Ferguson, Inc., of Dearborn, Michigan, manufacturers of Ford-Ferguson Tractors and Ferguson Implements sent the following article to their dealers with advertisement reminding farm operators and the dealers that they have a great responsibility to the soil, posterity and the future of American agriculture.

"What is an Acre of Land Worth"?

Perhaps it would be wise to set up a new basis for putting a value on land—something better than the old "dollars per acre" method.

That old system may measure price today, but it doesn't go far enough. It doesn't measure value in terms of productive capacity for next year, or for other years to come.

Instead of a "320 acre wheat farm" woudn't it be better to say," a 10,000 bushel per year wheat farm"? Or instead of a "100 acre dairy farm", to say, "a 25 cow dairy farm"?

Those yardsticks would be more realistic than anything based on square rods or acres, because they would measure ability to produce, not only this year, but per year. The "per year" is important.

Nature was wiser than man when she covered the prairies with grass, to keep the rich soil from blowing away or washing away. And when she put trees on the hillsides to help control run-off and turn natural moisture into productivity.

But Nature has provided us with a few horrible examples, too. The Grand Canyon of the Colorado, miles wide, thousands of feet doops, and a thousand miles long, is only a big erosion ditch—perhaps put there to show us the terrible power of water on the move.

Nature always will pay dividends to the man who uses his intelligence to protect the soil from misuse and from the harmful effects of uncontrolled surface water.

And man is learning to help Nature guard the soil—by crop rotation, wise use of fertilizers, terracing contour and strip farming, and practical ways of controlling soil erosion.

In every county in America, there are men who have studied and tested out soil conservation methods, under Federal and State directors. They are ready and anxious to work with each landowner-to show how to apply the methods best suited to his conditions.

Man and Nature make a powerful team when they work together.

The attached advertisement is published as a reminder to the farm operators of today that they owe a duty to their sons and their grandsons. For what is done to safeguard the fertility of the soil today is infinitely more effective than anything that can be done tomorrow and next year to bring lost fertility back.

You as a farm machinery merchant, have a great responsobility to the soil. You have the tools of soil conservation to sell, and along with that goes the duty to see that these tools are wisely used.

Your future welfare, as well as the farmers depends upon maintaining the soil's capacity to produce, year after year.

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Soils deficient in line will respond to fertilizer treatment more efficiently when limed either before or at the time of fertilizing. It is generally better to lime pastures six months or a year before fertilizing when the soil is very acid.

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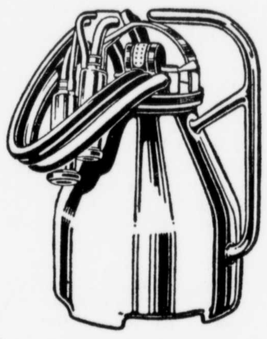
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