IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME- FRONT

REMINDERS

Meats ,Fats—Red stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, E8, F8 are good through May 20. G8, H8, J8 are good through June 18. Waste kitchen fats exchanged for two points and four cents a pound.

Processed Fruits, Vegetables—Green stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, E8 are good through May 20. Blue stamps F8, G8, H8, J8, K8 are good April 1 through June 20.

Sugar—Sugar stamp 30 is good indefinitely for five pounds. Sugar stamp 40 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 other States, A-11 coupons are good through June 21.

Tire Inspection Deadlines—A-coupon holders Mar. 31; C-coupon holders; May 31; B-coupon holders, June 30.

Fuel Oil—Periods 4 and 5 coupons are good through September 30.

Shoes—Stamp 18 in Book one is good through April 30. Airplane stamp 1 in Book Three is good indefinitely. Another shoe stamp good beginning May 1, will be announced soon.

Income Tax—Declarations of estimated 1944 tax are due by April 15.

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More Sugar For Home Canning

To get canning sugar in addition to the five pounds per person available with stamp 40, application should be made to the local ration board on form OPA R-323 which will be furnished upon request by the office of the local board, OPA announces. The entire transaction may be handled by mail, one application serving for all who live at the same address. In order to make it unnecessary to send ration books through mail, the spare stamp 7 from War Ration Book Four is attached to the application form for each person applying. Families that preserve and can food at home for sale to others may apply to their local boards for a maximum of 250 pounds for this purpose. Sugar beet and sugar cane growers may get 25 pounds of ration-free sugar for each member of their families as part of the sugar produced from their 1944 crops by applying to distributors who processed their crops.

Rubber Situation Still Stringent

Although the nation is now producing synthetic rubber faster than raw rubber was consumed in this country any time prior to 1941, military and civilian demands still exceed the supply, the Office of Rubber Director discloses. Low speed limits must be enforced and all tires recapped if essential driving is to be maintained during the critical months ahead, the Rubber Director warns. He reminds motorists that the life of a tire at 35 miles per hours is 50 per cent longer than at 50 miles per hour and three times longer than at 60 miles per hour.

Consumer Goods Survey

A check-up on how well Government meaures have helped to alleviate shortages of civilian goods will be provided by a consumer goods survey now being made by the Office of Civilian Requirements of the War Production Board. Merchandise to be surveyed includes miscellaneous household articles such as bobbie pins, safety pins and cleansing tissue; clothing for men, women and children; household linens; and yard goods for apparel.

Why Make Declarations?

The income tax declarations required by April 15, this year, of some 15 million persons are a fundamental requirement in the "pay-as-you-go" system, the Bureau of Internal Revenue explains. Only by means of these declarations is it possible for the Bureau to learn how much tax is due from those whose tax obligations are not completely met by funds withheld for that purpose by employers. If taxes are due, those who make declarations may pay the entire tax by April 15 or they must pay the first quarterly instalment of such tax at that time. Other instalments are due June 15, September 15 and December 15. Farmers are allowed to postpone declarations and payment until as late as December 15. Penalties are provided for underestimating tax and failure to pay instalments when due, but amended declarations may be made as late as December 15.

Ask Dollars and Cents Ceilings

With most of the nation's major food items and many others under dollars and cents ceiling prices that the consumer can understand, the OPA Consumer Advisory Committee has urged OPA to extend dollars and cents ceilings to hardware, dry goods, work clothing and similar products. The committee said, "consumers can recognize and help to enforce" such ceiling price. Meanwhile, OPA has established dollars and cent ceiling prices for country cured pork products and farmer-produced hybrid sweet corn seeds. There will be some decreases and no increases in country cured pork prices. Consumers may get community price lists, showing ceiling prices on food from local War Price and Rationing Boards.

Round-up

Casualties of the U. S. armed forces as announced by OWI March 22 were 38,846 dead, 58,964 wounded, 35,521 missing and 31,730 prisoners of whom 1,894 have died in prison camps, mostly Japanese—To make room for 1944 food production WFA has ordered reduction in last year's cold storage stocks of certain food—Baked potatoes lose twice as much ascorbic acid and three times as much thiamine as potatoes boiled in their skins the USDA says.

OPA announces that: Special gasoline rations may be granted for 200 mile delivery on their own wheels of the few remaining new passenger automobiles in dealers' hands to users who most need them—An increase of 40 cents per hundred pounds of processor level for yellow and white dry corn milling products, is expected to result in a retail increase of about one-half cent a pound for corn meal, corn grits and related food items——Florida ration boards are carrying out the spirit and letter of rationing in denying special rations to stranded vacationists—The 1943 maximum prices for binding twine will continue in effect during 1944.

WPB says that: Manufacturers of galvanized pails wash tubs, wash boilers funnels, fire shovels and storage cans for petroleum products have been granted supplementary quotas of iron and steel for the second quarter, this year—To enable Victory gardeners to buy atomizing hand sprayers, hand dusters wheel type hand cultivators and hand plows easily, it has lifted preference rating requirements—Projects for production of 11-100,000 gallons of ethyl alcohol annually from wood wastes and sweet potatoes have been approved, one in Springfield, Ore., the other in Clewiston, Fla.

ODT says that: Badly adjusted and misaligned truck and bus steering mechanisms "do more to grind tires into powder than any other tire-wearing factor" and its bulletin "Steering Maintenance" will be sent to those who request it—address Rural Press Section, OWI 3540 Social Security uilding Washington 25, D. C.

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MARYLAND'S FARM FRONT THIS WEEK

March 31 is the last day for making application at County Agricultural Adjustment Agency offices for government dairy production payments on January sales of Maryland dairy farms, Joseph H. Blandford, State AAA chairman, announced today. Applications for payment on February sales will be honored until April 30.

Feed Situation

Farmers and feed manufacturers and dealers throughout Maryland report the livestock feed situation greatly relieved since State and county feed allocations committees of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency have been apportioning among all farmers and feed mixers 20 percent of the meal output of the oil seed processing plants. Shipments of corn, however, are faling off as Western grower—shippers become occupied with spring planting.

Grow More In "44"

Community committeemen in Maryland of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency will be asked to observe "Grow More In 44' Week", April 2 to 8, by asking their farm neighbors to reexamine their production plans for possible opportunities to increase their production of vital war foods this year beyond their original plans, according to Fred B. Sylvester, State AAA committeeman.

Maryland Milk Helps Win War

Milk production on Maryland farms is keeping pace with the expanding national output, which is 60 percent greater than the peak year during World War I, Leonard C. Burns, vice-chairman of the Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency reported today. Production of milk as one of Maryland's vital war foods is 13 percent above the 1937-41 average. The milk cow population in the State is 8 percent above the 1937-41 average.

Sixty-three percent of the non-fat solids in milk are now used for human food, compared with 54 percent before the war. Per capita consumption of fluid milk and fluid cream has increased from 342 pounds before the war to 405 pounds last year. Shipments to allied countries during this war are more than double those made in 1918.

Potato Acreage

Commercial growers of Irish potatoes in Maryland will plant 5400 acres in this crop this year Harley M. Brewer, of the Maryland Crop Reporting Service estimates. This is 400 acres more than the acreage harvested in 1942. The national acreage wil lbe 6 percent above 1943 and 26 percent greater than the 1933-42 average. After the Agricultural Adjustment Agency offered a special Irish potato payment a year ago the Mayrland acreage jumped to 6000 acres. No special potato payment is offered by the AAA this year.

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Baked Tomatoes In A Surprising Way

There is probably no one who hasn't at one time or the other eaten baked tomatoes—either as a luncheon dish or something extra and special for dinner When prepared in this particular way though, they will be especially nice for lunch—a meal i n themselves—and a very tasty meal at that:

BAKED TOMATO SURPRISE

6 medium sized tomatoes
2 strips bacon diced
1 tablespoon minced onion
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
½ cup whole kernel corn
½ cup buttered bread crumbs

Cut thin slice from stem-end of each tomato and remove part of pulp. Sprinkle inside with salt, invert and drain. Saute bacon and onion until golden-brown; combine with quick-cooking tapioca, salt, pepper, corn and tomato pulp. Fill tomatoes with mixture and sprinkle with crumbs. Place in baking dish and bake in a moderate oven. (350 F.) 30 minutes Serve with toast points and garnish with watercress. Serves 6.

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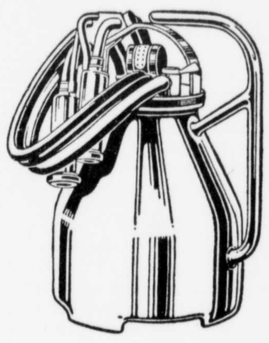
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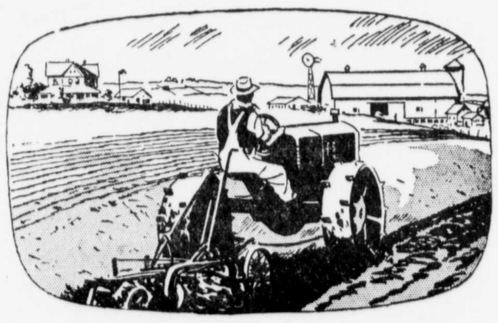
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