IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

REMINDERS

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

GASOLINE—In 17 East Coast States, remains good through August 8. In States outside the East Coast area, A-9 coupon, good through May 8. A-10 coupon becomes good May 9 and A-11 coupon, good through June 21.

FUEL OIL—Periods 4 and 5 coupons good through August 31.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Some Vegetables Now Point-Free

Tomatoes, corn, asparagus, beets, leafy greens spinach, blackeye peas, and garbanzo beans have been added to the point-free list of processed foods through June 30, the Office of Price Administration has announced. Points have ben reduced on spaghetti sauce; soups, grape and tomato jams and preserves; apple, grape, mint and plum jellies; bakers' jellies and fruit butters. Points have been increased on cranberries and cranberry sauce; tomato juice in large containers; canned or bottled dry varieties of beans (excluding soy, blackeye and garbanzos); tomato catsup and chili sauce; raspberry and strawberry jams and preserves. Reductions were made to move out last year's stocks before new supplies are available in great volume.

Butter Point Value Reduced

The ration point value of creamery butter has been reduced from 16 to 12 red points a pound, the OPA has announced. Margarine has been lowered from six to 2 points per pound. The new values are effective through June 3, 1944. This reduction was made possible by seasonally increased production.

Lumber Industry Needs Men

More than 60,000 men are needed for lumbering and pulpwood jobs before next fall if 1944 requirements are to be met, according to a statement from the War Manpower Commission. Efforts will be made to switch farm labor to the woods as the harvest season closes and to recruit other seasonal workers Lumber stocks are at an all-time low and the estimated 1944 minimum requirements of 35,500,000,000 board feet must be met almost entirely from the 1944 output.

Barn-Barnyard Equipment Quotas

Through the Barn and Barnyard Equipment Industry Advisory Committee, WPB has been advised that despite some shortages in the available supply, 1944 production quotas of barn and barnyard equipment will be realized.

Seasonal Increases in Poultry Prices

Consumers will pay an average of two-thirds of a cent more a pound for poultry over a period of one year under an OPA ruling providing for seasonal increases in prices of chickens and other fowl. The new prices will continue through June of this year, and from January through June of next year. From July through December of this year the ceiling prices will revert to the unadjusted base prices as listed in Table A of the Poultry Regulation. Premiums to the producers, which will be passed on at all levels of distribution, range from a low of a half-cent a pound in January to a high of 2.2 cents a pound in May.

Child-Care Service Available.

The Office of War Information reports that approximately 20 million dollars for extensive child-care services will be available during the fiscal year 1945 to meet the needs of working women with children. The Federal Works Agency is now financing the following services in connection with nursery schools or childcare centers: information centers for parents, health care, a visiting teacher service to work closely with parents on needs of children enrolled at centers, and some transportation of children between their homes and the centers. Communities where women with children under two years are needed for war work now may apply to FWA for funds to establish group care for these children.

To Reduce Hog Prices

Ceiling prices on hogs weighing more than 240 pounds live weight will be reduced 75 cents per hundred weight on and after May 15, 1944, the OPA said. The action is designed to discourage the use of corn and other essential grains in bringing hogs up to heavy, uneconomical weights.

Sell Corn to Government.

Farmers in the surplus-producing counties of the corn belt are urged by the War Department, the War Production Board, and the War Food Administration to sell corn to the Government to assure continued production of critical war materials, the Department of Agriculture announced. The appeal is for corn not required for the farmers' own need or the needs of feeders in their own communities.

Round-up

Civilians have been allocated 120,000,000 pounds of cheddar cheese for the quarter ending in June, WFA says....OPA announces that 10,000 new passenger automobiles and 12,000 new adults' bicycles will be available for eligible applicants in May....More than 41,000 wives and infants were given medical and hospital care in March under the Emergency Maternity and Infant-Care program, according to the Department of Labor ....Dairy owners will find it easier to purchase water heaters as a result of a WPB action removing restriction from sales of direct hand fired (solid fuel) hot water heaters of the following types: bucket-a-day stoves, dome-type water heaters, and service water and tank heaters. Thre was no net change in the average cost of living essentials between February 15 and March 15 bcause lower food prices balanced higher costs of spring clothing household equipment, and services, the Labor Department reports ....Pot type oil burners may now be purchased by consumers without a preference rating WPB says but in the case of new installations, authorization for delivery of fuel oil must be obtained from PAW before purchase can be made....According to WFA, of an estimated 4,000,000 extra farm workers needed this year, it is expected that about 1,200,000 will be boys and girls under 18 years of age and about 800,000 will be women.

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Recent rains over the Eastern Shore have been excessive for April and, as a result cultural operations have been delayed, considerable erosion has taken place and low, poorly drained areas are waterlogged or filled with impounded surface water.

Now is the time to make plans to correct these two undesirable conditions erosion and drainage, since each is equally destructive and undesirable.

The erosion not only cuts up and depletes the value of the land on which it occurs but it also creates a highway problem that requires the use of men and equipment correct.

Drainage, in most cases, can be corrected. In both Kent and Queen Anne's Counties the Soil Conservation District Supervisors are doing all they can to aid in the correction of these drainage problems. If any farmer has a drainage problem that he desires to correct or eliminate, it is recommended that he get in touch with the Supervisors or the local County Agent immediately so that drainage plans may be prepared and a routing system for the limited equipment available may be prepared. This makes for efficient use of both time and equipment.

Don't put this off—do something about erosion and drainage today!

U. S. ORDNANCE REVEALS WORLD'S LARGEST TRACTOR

PRIDE OF THE ARTILLERY — Known as the 38 ton High Speed Military Tractor, the M-6, just disclosed by U. S. Ordnance, is more than double the size of recently announced M-4. Built by the Tractor Division of Allis-Chalmers, this huge tractor teams up with the new 240 mm. howitzer and the 8" (200 mm.) gun, making them the most formidable artillery weapons in action. Allied leaders count on this team to play a major role in the destruction of the Axis.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST AT STILL POND

Mrs. Carl Price, of Middletown, and daughter, Mrs. Layton Mahoney, of Wilmington, and Miss Lizzie Scotten, of Kennedyville, were recent visitors with relatives here.

The Officials of Still Pond Methodist Church, held their regular meeting, Tuesday evening at the parsonage with Rev. Flater in charge of meeting.

Mrs. Victor Kennedy spent the week-end at Fort Bragg, N. C., guest of her husband, Pvt. V. Kennedy, who is training there.

Mrs. Edward Schofield is spending sometime with her children in Wilmington, Del.

The "W. S. of C. S." held their regular monthly meeting at the Church Thursday evening, May 4th our president, Mrs. F. B. Harper, presiding, leader of devotions, Mrs. Walter Anthony; Program, Mrs. Ralph Copper; Hostesses, Mrs. A. J. Hackett; Mrs. Meeks and Mrs. Boulden.

Mr. and Mrs. James Greenwood, of Chester, Pa., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hepburn have had as their little guest their granddaughter, Nancy Sharon, of Delaware for the week

Week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, of Aberdeen, Md.

Pfc. Earl Clough who has been in duty in Mexico, and Okaholma visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Nickolson, and family this week.

The Adult Fellowship held their regular business and social meeting, Wednesday evening. The meeting was preceded by a covered dish luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs Ralph Geary, Mrs. John C. Boulden, Mrs. F. B. Harper, Mr. and Mrs J. Leonard Price attended both afternoon and evening sessions of the W. C. T. U. at Rock Hall, Thursday.

Pvt. Alberta S. Cornelius, has finished her basic training, at Fort Oglettorpe, Ga., and is ready to be sent to an air Field some where.

Mr. C. R. Nicholson, of Cumberland, spent the week with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper and family were guests with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Vandegrift in Delaware, recently.

The bake held at Mr. and Mrs. Fox's Store in Chestertown, Saturday by the W. S. of C. S. cleared around $60.00.

Blanket winner from the county wide club for this week, Mrs. Thomas S. Brockson, Chestertown.

Mrs. Wm. Medders left Monday to visit with her daughters, Miss Clara Medders, New York, and Mrs. O. G. Robinson in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Harry C. Hendrickson, was leader at the adult fellowship hour Sunday evening.

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Conserving Metal With Wood

In 1942 alone, a staggering total of about 6,000,000 tons of metal will be conserved through the use of wood. This vast conservation program will require about 3,000,000,000 board feet of lumber.

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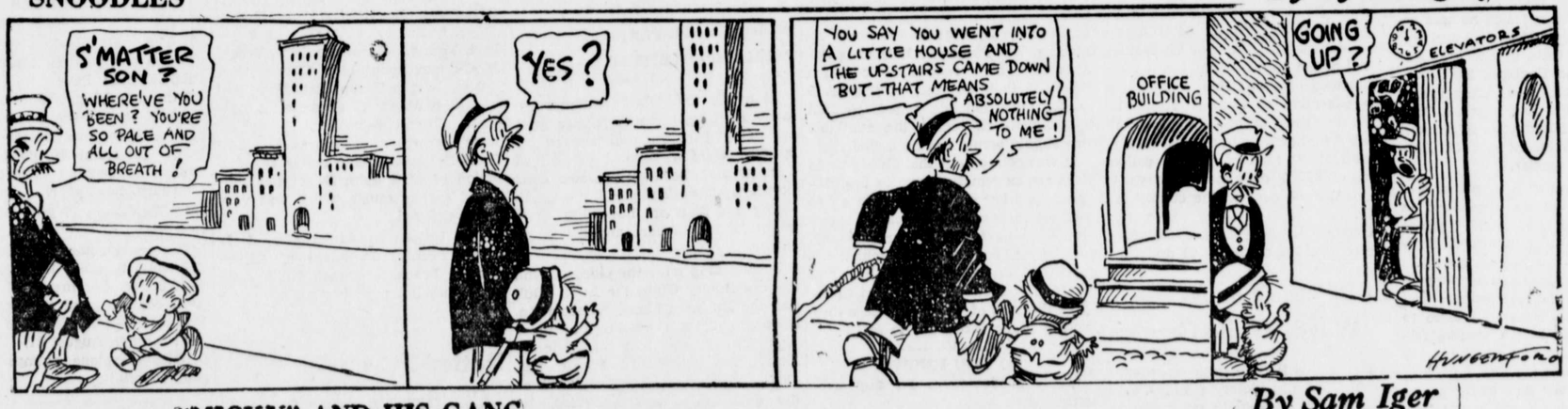

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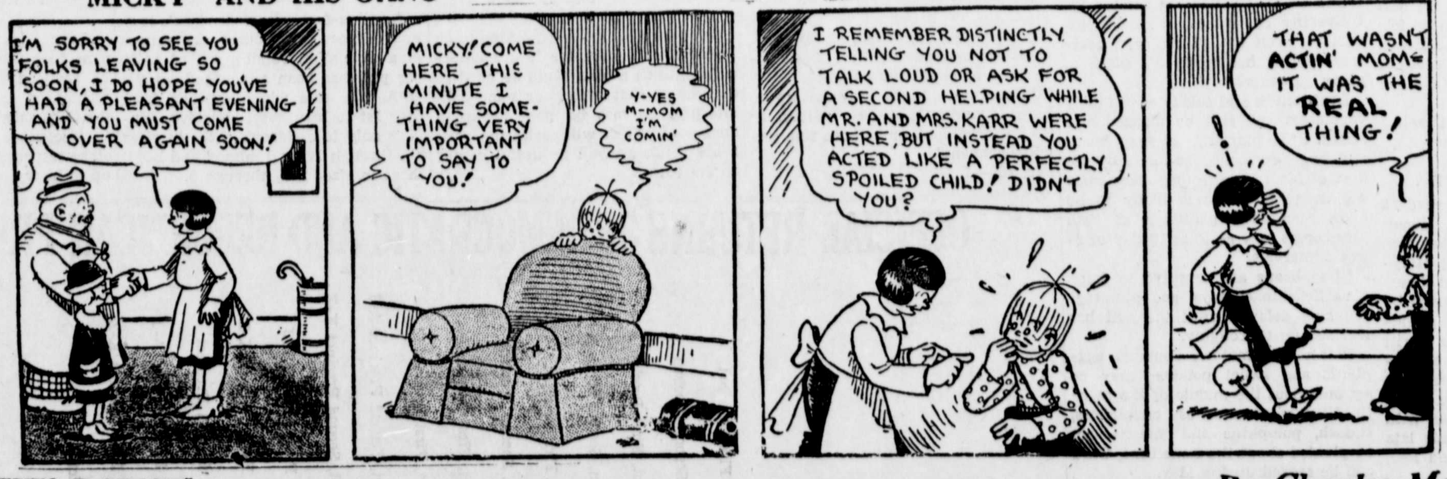

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