IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME- FRONT

MEATS FATS—Red Stamps A8 through T8 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, A-10 coupons good through August 8. In States outside the East Coast Area A-11 coupons good through June 21.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons good through September 30.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2 good indefinitely.

Plentiful Foods

Eggs, white potatoes, canned peas and canned green and wax beans will be in plentiful supply throughout most of the country during June, the War Food Administration reports. Other plentiful foods now include oranges; frozen vegetables; frozen baked beans; peanut butter; citrus marmalade; raisins; dried prunes; dry-mix and dehydrated soups; soya flour; grits and flakes; wheat flour and bread; macaroni; spaghetti; noodles; oatmeal; and rye breakfast foods.

Sugar for Home Canning

Sugar consumers may apply for their 1944 home canning allotment in two periods, the Office of Price Administration reports. In each period, users may obtain up to 10 pounds of sugar per person in addition to five pounds available with Sugar Stamp 40 in War Ration Book 4. Persons not applying in the first period but who need sugar in the second period, may obtain up to their full 20 pounds per person allowance if the application justifies that total.

Wheat Loans to Average $1.28

Wheat loans that will average $1.28 a bushel at the farm will be made on the 1944 crop by the Commodity Credit Corporation of WFA. The average last year was $1.23. Loans will vary from the basic national rate of $1.28 to take into account location, grade and quality. Loans on farm-stored and warehouse-stored wheat will mature on demand, but not later than April 30, 1945. Any loan may be liquidated by payment in full, plus three per cent interest from date of note. Loans will be administered in counties by county Agricultural Adjustment Agency committees under the supervision of the State committees.

More Telephones Coming

Resumption of manufacture of civilian-type telephones to the extent of 200,000 sets per quarter has been authorized by the War Production Board. First deliveries are expected by fall. Approximately 100,000 new orders for telephones that cannot be filled because of lack of equipment are accumlating each month.

Proper Methods for Home Canning

The "open Kettle" method and the "oven" method of home canning cannot be depended on to kill harmful bacteria in food, say canning specialists in the Department of Agriculture and in addition oven canning has caused serious accidents when jars explode. The specialists recommend that fruits, tomatoes and pickled vegetables be precooked and packed boiling hot in hot jars, with lids adjusted correctly then processed in a boiling water bath canner with sufficient water to cover the jars. Peas, beans and other non-acid vegetables should be packed in the same way, but processed in a steam pressure canner. Some of the 400,000 new steam pressure canners authorized by WPB for the canning season are now available in certain areas in the South and others should be available throughout the country before long. Many community food preservation centers provide local home canners with equipment and supervised instructions on proper canning.

Men Wanted—Merchant Marine

Youths between the ages of 16 and 17½ years may enlist, with their parents' consent, for training for service in the U. S. Merchant Marine, the War Shipping Administration announces. Thirteen weeks of training is required for service in the deck and engine departments and six weeks for service as messman and utility men in the stewards' department. Volunteers will be assigned to merchant vessels within a few weeks after completion of training. Men 18 to 26 years old may apply only if they have F or L draft classifications, or are in 1-C. Qualified men 26 and less than 35½ are being accepted for deck and engine training and men less than 50½ for duty in the stewards department. For information, applicants may write to the Commandant of the U. S. Maritime Service, Training Organization, War Shipping Adminstration, National Theatre Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Fuel Will Be Scarce This Winter

All fuel-Coal, oil, gas and wood—will be scarce this coming winter, the Solid Fuels Administration for War says. There will be a deficit of about 38 million tons of coal. Consumers should order their coal now during the summer season, and store whatever kind the dealer recommends. Householders usisng fuel oil should order their supply as soon as their new ration coupons become valid—probably, within the next month. By filling consumers' fuel orders early, dealers will be able to re-fill their own oil tanks or coal stockpiles and thus add to the total storage capacity of the rationed area for use later in the winter. The Solid Fuels Administrator urges all fuel users to help conserve fuel next winter by weatherstripping, insulating and getting heating equipment in good shape now during the summer.

Round-Up

The United States Employment Service placed more than 74,000 veterans of the current war in civilian jobs during February and March..... Use of mineral oil in salad dressings and in foods has harmful effects such as causing loss of vitamins, which, the Department of Agriculture says, far outweigh its advantages and may lead to deficiency ills.....Onions, now back in plentiful supply, according to WFA, are, if eaten raw, a source of vitamin C and thiamine.....U. S. shipyard employment increased from 63,000 in January 1935, to 1,722,000 in December 1943, and the 1943 merchant ship tonnage delivered was 16 times the amount delivered in 1941, according to the Secretary of Labor.... WPB reports that housewives will have to get along with short supplies of oilcloth for some time to come because of the war need for critical materials used in its manufacture.

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Farm machinery companies are becoming more interested in Soil Conservation. They are beginning to realize their future business depends upon the agricultural farm lands. Farm land destroyed by erosion means less land to be farmed by modern machinery. As the acreage of tillable land decreases theoritically the need for machinery likewise decreases.

The J. I. Case Machinery Company printed an excellent article in the January-February issue of their publication titled "The Case Eagle". The following excerpts were taken from this article.

"More and more are case dealers taking a greater interest in contour farming. This new soil conservation practice is proving to be more than a matter of saving soil for posterity and conserving crop yields for the present. Farmers are finding that contour farming is proving quite effective in saving tractor power and providing more efficient farming.

This method makes possible doing all farming operations "on the level". There are no severe up-hill pulls with correspondingly light loads going downhill. Both are wasteful of power and fuel because the tractor is either overloaded in going up-hill or is pulling too light a load on the level or going down-hill. Any tractor performs more efficiently when operating as nearly as possible at its rated drawbar load.

This system also enables combines to be operated more nearly level in so far as the respective positions of the front and rear of the machine are concerned. This provides for more efficient separation and cleaning of the grain Other machines too, such as the plow the disc the planter, the cultivator etc., following contour can be operated at a constant speed and thus do a better job and provide greater accuracy."

The article further states that farmers in a community in South Dakota are increasing their corn yield 20% by planting it on the contour. This seems a long way from Kent and Queen Anne's Counties Maryland however, farmers here in our own counties have increased their yields of corn at least 20% by contour cultivation and strip cropping. Corn yields have been increased as much as 50% by farm drainage in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

The Supervisors of the Kent and Queen Anne's Soil Conservation Districts point out that erosion control and drainage practices are really beneficial in increasing crop yields. They are always glad to help farmers with their drainage and erosion problems.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST AT STILL POND

Mr. and Mrs. Lolyd Hepburn of New York are at their home "Shepherd's Delight" enjoying a short vacation.

Mr. Edward Schofield spent Wednesday with his sister Mrs. Howard Woodall in Georgetown, Md.

Mrs. Ralph Copper visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Casson in Cheswold, Dela., this week.

Little Gary Flater spent this week with his grandmother Mrs. Edna McAllister in Vienna Dorchester Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. William Clark had as their Mother's Day guest their daughter, Miss Avis Clark of Philadelphia. Mrs. Clark received a cablegram of Mothers Day greetings from her son T Sgt. Walter Galen Clark from Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Gosman celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversay on Wednesday, May 17th and in honor of the occasion entertained a number of relatives and friends at their home near here. Many nice gifts were received by this popular couple including a nice sum of money.

Mrs. L. P. Atwell has returned after a pleasant visit with her son Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hogans.

Mrs. F. B. Harper, President of the Womans Society of Christian Service was in attendance at the executive meeting, starting at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Peninsula Methodist Church, in Wilmington on Friday. Miss Louisa Travers, Mrs. F. B. Harper and Miss Pearl Coleman attended the afternoon session of the conference and had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. J. D. Bragg, president of the Division from St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Ralph Geary attended the annual Conference on Sunday.

The members of Betterton Lodge No. 164 I. O. O. F. visited with Miller Lodge No. 18 Easton, Md. last Tuesday evening with a class of candidates that were Initiated into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows by the Degree Staff of Miller Lodge No. 18. Betterton Lodge is making progress in gaining new members.

Little Margaret Ann Nicholson has been staying with her aunt Mrs. Luke Nicholson.

Mr. John Harper of John Hopkins University, Baltimore enjoyed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper.

Mrs. Malhon Taylor and daughter Miss Betty Ann shopped in Wilmington Friday.

Mrs. Doris Meeks visited with her brother and family Mr. and Mrs. James Scotten in Galena, Tuesday.

The blanket winner from the County wide Club for this week is Mrs. Frances Haddaway, Lynch Md.

Mrs. N. V. Walters was a guest with Mr. and Mrs. DeShane in Chesapeake City, Friday.

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