IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME- FRONT

Ration Reminders

MOST PLENTIFUL FOOD—Eggs.

MEATS, FATS — Red Stamps A8 through W8, good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps A8 through V8, good indefinitely.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamps 30, 31 and 32 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 August8. In States outside the East Coast area, A-11 coupons good through June 21, A-12 coupons good June 22 through September 21.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30. New Period 1 coupons for the 1944-45 heating year may be used as soon as they are received from local boards. SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

"Going to Town" in Bond Drive

That rural sections of the United States are "going to town" in the Fifth War Loan Drive is suggested by scattered early reports received by the Agriculture Section, War Finance Division, Treasury Department. In Carroll county, Georgia, agriculture's $100,000 share of the county quota was over-sold by $80,000 on June 6, six days before the drive opened. In Alabama, where county farm quotas are broken down into "beats", roughly equivalent to townships in other States, several beats had surpassed their quotas. Gregory county, South Dakota, reached its goal two days before the drive officially opened. More than 20,000 farm machinery dealers in the U. S. have been enlisted as workers in the Fifth War Loan Drive.

Advises Buying Extra Eggs Now

If every housewife will buy an extra dozen eggs now and store them in her refrigerator she can help solve a big storage problem now facing the War Food Administration. At present, WFA says, there are 1,400 carloads of eggs for which no cold storage space can be found. By using their refrigerators, housewives can make it possible to save 25 million dozen eggs. Egg production has begun to decline seasonally, and it soon will be possible to handle all supplies in the usual manner.

Clerical Jobs In Washington

More than 12,000 clerks, stenographers and clerk typists are needed immediately to fill vacancies in Washington, D. C., principally for the War and Navy Departments, the Civil Service Commission reports. Also, within the year between 8,000 and 10,000 additional vacancies must be filled. Positions will pay $1,752 to $1,971 a year for the Federal work week of 48 hours. Local post offices and offices of the United States Employment Services can give interested persons information about these openings.

Terry and the Pirates
By
Milton Caniff

Used Cars Under Price Control

Beginning July 10, all used passenger cars come under price control, the Office of Price Administration has directed. All sellers — individual owners as well as dealers—come under the program. Ceilings will vary by model, body type and make and will cover about 6,000 models manufactured from 1937 through 1942. There will be an "as is" and a "warranty" price for each model and body type. Ceilings will drop at the rate of four per cent of the "as is" price every six months. Permissible additions to ceiling prices are provided for extra equipment. Separate prices are given for each of three geographical regions. When a sale has been completed, the buyer and seller must fill out a transfer certificate and turn this in to the buyer's local War Price and Rationing Board. Nearly four million motor vehicles went out of use in the United States in 1942 and 1943 and have not been replaced, the Federal Works Agency reports.

Prices on Certain Fruits

Highest average retail prices for the country as a whole that will result from ceiling prices established for certain fresh fruits have been announced by the OPA. These prices per pound are: Italian prunes, about 14 cents; plums, about 19 cents; sweet cherries about 40 cents, except in California, Washington and Oregon, where the price will be about 36 cents; apricots, about 21 cents, except in California, Washington and Oregon, where the price will be about 16½ cents.

Mineral Oil Protects Sweet Corn

To protect growing sweet corn from the corn earworm, use an inexpensive white mineral oil (medicinal oil), the Department of Agriculture advises. Wait at least 3 days after the silk first emerges before oiling, and not longer than 7 days. An ordinary glass medicine dropper when half full of mineral oil is enough for a small ear of corn, and about three-fourths full for a large ear. Insert the medicine dropper about a quarter of an inch into the silk mass, just inside the tip of the husk. Since not all silks mature the same day, treated ears may be marked with a crayon or strip of cloth. The oil kills worms in the silk and prevents the entry of others.

Round-up

The War Production Board says: Arsenical insecticides for the coming summer months should be bought early, because uncertain transportation and manpower and container shortages might delay last-minute orders and result in heavy crop damage ....A water-resistant match, useful to service men in jungle areas, has been developed by match manufacturers.... An estimated 30,000 dozen household furnace scoops and 85,000 dozen snow shovels will be produced in 1944, and the first of them should be available to consumers by late fall or early winter.

National Headquarters of Selective Service announces that inductees no longer will be ear-marked for either the Army or the Navy after their preinduction physical examination, beginning July 1, but will be placed in the common ool to be drawn upon as the needs of the respective branches develop....Shoe dealers may sell limited quantities of "odd lot" shoes ration-free to consumers at specified price reductions July 10 through July 29, OPA says....WFA expects that shipping will be available to import six million bushels of corn from South America during July to aid the war food and livestock feed situation in the United States....U. S. Public Health Service reports that approximately 20,000 patients have been treated for syphilis and gonorrhea with new intensive methods in more than 50 rapid treatment centers and that penicillin is being used on a large scale in the treatment of early syphillis....Home canners who have the use of a pressure canner this summer will do well to put up chicken when farmers are selling large numbers of hens that are not laying enough to be worth their keep, the Department of Agricutlure advises.

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

***the* CONSERVATION WAY**

One of the treatest contributions that this Nation has been able to make to our fighting Allies has been food. Without the food that we were able to furnish, England might not have survived during the dark days when she stood practically alone between civilization and organized destruction. A Russian general who fought in the battle of Stalingrad has stated that it was the food and supplies that America made available that enabled the heroic Red Army to win this important battle. Without our rich soils that food could not have been produced.

The capitol stock of a Nation is its soil resource. No business can stand a continuing drain on its capital, likewise. No Nation can endure long excessive drains on its capital resources.

We were able to furnish this food because we had a vast, new country, rich in natural wealth.

What are soil resources? They are the food and clothing locked up in nature's warehouse against the time when man, through his efforts takes them out. Our great soil resources in this country have enbaled us to develop a great race of people. History shows that the character and strength of a Nation goes up and down with its soil.

In our fast development of this new country, we have not always been careful in the preservation of our soil and, much of this valuable God given birthright has been permitted to wash or blow away. We have cut down our timber on the watersheds and hillsides; and rains have descended, and floods have come and beat upon the soil, carrying it into the branches and streams and on to the sea where it is lost forever. There are only a few inches of topsoil on which we must depend. Not only now but so long as we remain a Nation, man's destiny is linked to the soil. From it he came and to it he must return. From it, he must draw his sustenance.

We stand aghast before the spectacle of destruction in so much of a war-weary world today—the devastated fields and gutted homes, the ruins of great cities now rubble and ashes and bones. But all this wreckage, even in the scorched earth areas, can be rebuilt with time and work. North Africa is already able to produce most of its food demands. Well directed efforts can retsore production in stricken areas.

Here in our own United States, we are concerned with an even greater destruction, of our own fields—not by the Nazi or the Jap, but a destruction of which we ourselves have been guilty, with our oyes open, our own hands stained with the dust and mud of our eroded soils.

According to H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, we have ruined more land in less time than any other nation in history.

More than 50 million acres of land in the United States, once cultivated, no longer produce crops. That is nearly as much as the entire wheat acreage of the Nation last year. And the best topsoil has been washed away from an additional crop acreage twice as large as that. Fortunately we are learning of this danger before it is too late.

The soil of our country is our heritage. If wisely used, its value, its strength, and its productivity are ageless. In peace or in war, no Nation can afford to waste its substance The children of the future have a stock in this—our greatest source of National Security.

Dr. W. C. Loudermilk sets forth our responsibilities as stewards of the land in his Eleventh Commandment which is as follows: Thou shalt inherit the hold earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safe guard thy fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect thy hills from overgrazing by thy herds, that thy descendents may have abundance stewardship of the land, thy fruitful forever. If any shall fail in this fields shall become sterile, stony ground and wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth.

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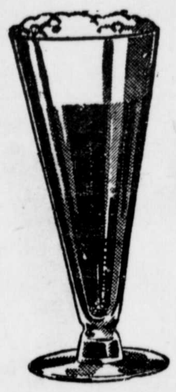

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