IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Ration Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps A8 through Z8, good indefinitely.
PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps A8 through Z8, and A5, 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 August 8. In States outside the East Coast area, A-12 coupons, good 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 new.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Buys $50 Bond Each Month

When the War Finance Division of the Treasury sent Fay McDougal, Fairmont, W. Va., farmer, a letter urging him to buy Fifth War Loan bonds, Mr. McDougal wrote back: "Beg to reply I do not have to be asked to buy more War Bonds. I have a son in service in Italy, who is buying a $100 bond each month. I bought $675 worth of bonds last year on a salary of $1,540.65. I have averaged a $50 bond per month so far this year. I do not see where I can do better than the above average." The last day of the Fifth War Loan drive is July 8.

Procedure for Selling Used Cars

Newly established ceiling prices for used passenger cars and certificates of transfer required on all completed sales may be obtained from local War Price and Rationing Boards or car dealers, the Office of Price Administration announces. Prices vary by three geographical zones. After July 10 any seller and the buyer of a used car must jointly fill out a transfer certificate giving the applicable maximum price, the actual selling price and other details of the sale. The purchaser then files the completed certificate with his local War Price and Rationing Board.

How To Be Warm Next Winter

You can make scarce fuel go further next winter by preparing your home for winter now, be you owner or merely a lease-holder, the Federal Housing Administration says. An FHA Title loan will enable you to borrow enough to pay for both materials and workmanship needed to insulate your home, to repair your heating plant, to install storm windows—up to as much as $2,500. You can borrow enough for any or all of these things without down payment, without security and with three years in which to pay, FHA says. Get best prices on jobs you want done, then get your local dealer or contractor to tell you where you can get an FHA Title 1 loan to cover the entire bill.

Some Foods Again Rationed

The OPA has restored rationing to best cuts of lamb in order to get better distribution among consumers, and it has restored point values to certain types of cheese and canned asparagus, peas and tomatoes, which were unrationed for two weeks because of large stocks on hand.

OPA Names New Ceiling Prices

Ceiling prices have been established by the OPA on watermelons, alfalfa hay, sweet peppers and hothouse cucumbers, none of which had been under nationwide retail price control. Retail watermelon prices should decline substantially from last summer's figures. Alfalfa producers' per ton ceiling prices range from $19 to $26.50. Ceilings on sweet peppers and hothouse cucumbers represent reductions at retail. OPA also has set maximum prices for the 1944 crop of red and black raspberries, dewberries and blackberries.

Jeeps for Farm Use

The Army jeep promises greater usefulness as an auxiliary work implement on a large farm than for general work on the average farm, according to indications reported by Domestic Commerce, official publication of the Department of Commerce. Tests have been made on jeeps at the Tillage Machinery Laboratory, Auburn, Ala., and in connection with Pennsylvania State College. Perhaps helf a million jeeps have been manufactured and more will continue to be made until the war ends.

National Restaurant Regulation

For the first time, public eating and drinking places will be covered by a national restaurant regulation July 31, when they must post their April 4-10, 1943, base period ceiling prices for 40 basic menu items served, OPA announces. However, a cup of coffee with sugar and cream may sell for no more than a nickel at any establishment that did not charge more than a nickel for it October 4-10, 1942.

Housewives Help Save Eggs

The extra egg-buying of American housewives has made it posible to save the 25 million dozens of eggs that were in danger of spoilage a few weeks ago for lack of storage space, War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said. Retail stores, newspapers and radio were of great help in calling attention to the problem, he said.

Round-up

OPA announces that: Retail ceiling prices recently established on certain farm tractor tires include: $52.85 for 9-24 10 ply rear; $35 for 7.50-10 8-ply front; and $9.55 for 4.00-12 4-ply front. The stock of 30,000 new cars yet remaining in the U. S. July 1 was the equivalent of a three day's normal supply, and 7,000 have been allocated for July rationing .... "T" gasoline coupons marked "2nd qtr.", issued as special rations and which do not expire until after June 30, may be exchanged for third quarter "T" coupons.

WPB says: Two-tone shoes with other than leather soles may be made beginning September 1....Shortage of workers, and not material or machine is holding up production of farm radio batteries, but production is expected to be improved by fall....Full responsibility for rationing and distributing new trucks, truck tractors, trailers and other commercial vehicles to essential users has been transferred to the Office of Defense Transportation....The linen toweling and sheeting situations continue to grow tighter....Dry cleaners report urgent need of wire garment hangers because paperboard hangers have proved costly and impracticable.

WFA says: Farmers and dairies may now purchase new milk cans for handling milk and milk products without purchase certificates....Government reserves of canned fish from the 1944 pack have been increased because of increased war requirements.

Before DDT, the new insecticide, may be recommended for general use for agricultural purposes many more tests must be completed as to its effects on insects, plants and higher animals, the Department of Agriculture says....Despite shoe-rationing, the American people have bought an average of 3.2 pairs of rationed and unrationed shoes annually, more than consumers in any other country, the Department of Commerce reports.

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HIS NAME WAS . . . . . .

Army Signal Corps Photo

An army doctor with the Fifth Army in Italy looks at the dog tags of a dead American soldier so that his beloved back home may know that he gave his life for his country. All your country is asking you to do is to give your dollars to back up the men who are fighting for you by buying War Bonds.

PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM the CONSERVATION WAY

For many years, the United States has used kapok asilky seed pod fibre, for filler in life jackets. Although the tree which produces kapok grows in many places in the tropics, only in Java are there any plantations where large quantities could be obtained. When the Japanese captured the East Indies our supply was suddenly cut off and we have been using up what kapok we had in the United States and what was in ships on the way.

Other things will do in some articles for which kapok was formerly used but milkweed floss is the best material, sufficiently waterproof and buoyant to use in life vests. This is why large quantities of it are so urgently needed.

The floss contained in two bushel bags of milkweed pods fill a life jacket. Your collection, though small, may help save a life. We must have all the milkweed we can get because our armed services will continue to need life jackets as never before. Remember there will be no more Kapok for our fighting men until after they and the Allies have wrested Java from the Japanese.

The collection of milkweed floss is very vital to the war effort. Boys and girls can now effectively share in this program. A campaign is getting under way throughout the state of Maryland to collect the pods of this weed. Announcement of the milkweed collection campaign will be announced and directed by the County Agent.

The supervisors of the Kent and Queen Anne's Soil Conservation Districts urge every farmer to collect the pods from milkweed regardless of how large or how small the collection may be. Payments are to be made for the collection of milkweed pod. If you have any milkweed growing along fence rows or in fields please notify the District supervisors, County agricultural agent, war board or the local Soil Conservation Service office.

If everyone makes an effort to collect and save this vital material, many lives may be saved.

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Canning Pears

Unlike other fruits, pears should be removed from the tree before ripe and stored in a cool place (60-65 F.) until ripe, but not soft. The Bartlett is considered superior to other pears for canning, but the Keifer and similar varieties are satisfactory if properly ripened and then cooked until almost tender in plain water before sugar is added to make syrup.

Wash, pare, halve, or quarter, and core pears. (The cores are not removed if the fruit is canned whole). Drop the pared fruit into water containing salt, and vinegar, (2 tablespoons of each to a gallon of water). Rinse. Boil gently from 4 to 8 minutes in syrup made of equal parts, sugar and water. Pack into hot jars; layers overlapping, cavity side down. Cover with syrup in which cooked. Process 20 to 25 minutes in hot water bath; then complete seal. Use the longer period for large or hard fruit.

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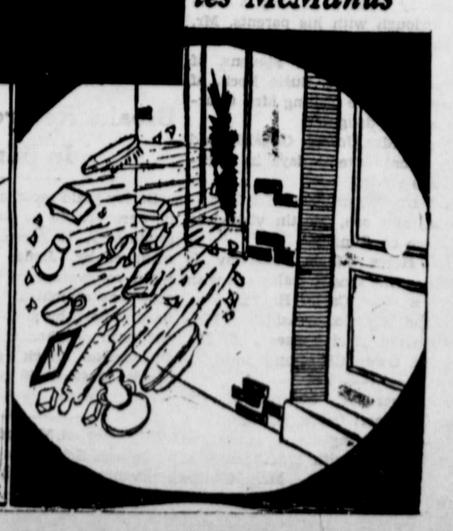

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