IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME- FRONT

Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through G5, good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through L5, good indefinitely.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamps 30, 31, 32, and 33 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-11 coupons, good through November 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 now good.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

OPA Helps Dad Get New Felt Hat

The Office of Price Administration considered the problems attendant upon the production of dad's new fedora and has come up with a solution: A new price regulation covering Australian and New Zealand rabbit skins and hatters' fur cut from these imported skins, has been issued by OPA. Recently, sellers of hatters' fur have been forced to curtail their sales and production because of the abnormally high prices in the foreign market for rabbit skins. While the new hatters' fur prices do not lower the general level of hatters' fur prices previously in effect, hat manufacturers will be able to buy raw skins at lower prices or to buy a larger percentage of their requirements of hatters' fur from cutters at the March 1942 level of ceiling prices.

Few New "Down Under" Homes

Melbourne, Australia, has a population of 1,076,000. In 1940, home building in this city was valued at $21,000,000. Last year, because of shortages of labor and material, home building expenditures totaled $39,000—about enough for 12 six-room houses. To help meet the acute shortage in housing which will have to be faced after the war, the Victorian State Housing Commission has drafted a five-year program, providing for 50,000 houses at an estimated cost of $150,000,000.

118-Pound Hammer Forger Is Champ

The champion forger at a Chester, Pa., chain and forge plant is a 70-year-old man who weighs 118 pounds. This man is making records in open hammer forging, one of the heaviest of operations. Frail men and women are doing good work in foundries, particularly where little or no brawn is required—and they are sticking to their jobs, the War Manpower Commission reports. More forge and foundry workers are urgently needed by the industry.

Mine "Ice Box" to Begin Work

The first shipments of food to be stored in the Atchison, Kansas, mine—converted into a huge cold storage warehouse—are ready for moving, the War Food Administration reports. The new storehouse is located about two miles from Atchison and will provide storage space for a wide variety of agricultural products.

Shipping Records Set in 1944

Having moved almost 27,000,000 long tons of dry cargo out of the United States during the first six months of 1944, American ship operators stand to surpass their record of 47,000,000 tons handled in 1943, the War Shipping Administration said today as it furthered plans to honor operators and others engaged in maritime operations on Victory Fleet Day, September 27. In the first six months of 1944 some 9.3 million long tons of petroleum products were moved out, compared to 6.7 million in the first half of 1943.

Tsk! Tsk! We're Losing the War

Germany's supreme optimist and Boebbels' prize pupil turned up in a prison camp where an Aussie stood guard. The Nazi was invited to listen to radio news reports, the Australian News and Information Bureau says. The news the Nazi heard was strictly wonderful. This was his report to his fellow prisoners: "In 1940 we overwhelmed and defeated the British, but most of them got away through Dunkerque. The Fuehrer has allowed them to land in France again This time they shall not escape."

Shoe Stamps Good Indefinitely

Removal of time limitations that restrict the use of special shoe stamps is announced by OPA. The new provisions apply to all special shoe stamps, except that those issued to Mexico border residents must still be used by consumers within 30 days. Previously, some special shoe stamps—such as those issued as extra rations—had to be used within time limits. The provisions affect only special shoe stamps and in no way involve the validity of regular war ration shoe stamps, either for consumer of trade use.

Car Reserves Near Vanishing Point

There are only 20,000 new passenger cars in the country today, OPA announces. The quota of new passenger automobiles available for rationing in September will be 3,000 with another 300 as regional and 300 as national emergency reserves. This is the smallest quota since passenger car rationing began, and a 40 per cent cut from the August quota of 5,000. The new September quota is less than 8 per cent of the September 1943 quota of 40,600 cars.

Food Can Be Bad for Morale

The Nazis have apparently discovered that food can be bad for public morale, especially if it has aspects of exhibitionism. Reichs Marshal Hermann Goering's newspaper, the Essener National Zeitung, is aware of these dangers and reports in an article obtained by the Office of War Information: "It must be considered bad taste to publicly eat a ham sandwich whose origin is generally suspicious even if nothing illegal can be proved." The eating of fresh fruit in public, now that fruit is "also very scarce" was cited as another instance of bad taste. Nazis are also told that Germans may also become resentful if they observe fellow citizens "strutting along with fat cigars."

OPA Limits Security Deposits

From now on landlords may not ask for more than a month's rent in advance in addition to the security deposit (if any) which may be asked of prospective tenants. In other words, a tenant may leave a security deposit, not to exceed ten dollars, for the landlord's use to provide for the recovery of such movable objects as keys or ice trays. But over and above that the tenant may not give more than a month's advance payment of rent. "The action was taken," OPA said, "to prevent use of security deposits as a means of evading rent control." In some cases, the agency said, landlords have been requiring advance payment of six months' or even one year's rent. Even where a tenant does occupy rented quarters long enough to use up his prepayment of rent, OPA believes that necessity for making these payments imposes an unwarranted burden on the tenant.

Dry Cell Battery Production Grows

Progress by the dry cell battery industry in its renewed effort to increase production was reported by Army and WPB representatives at a recent meeting. At the same time, the industry was urged to spare no effort in effecting further increases, since production is still about 28 per cent below minimum military and civilian requirements. Over-all production in July was about 170,000,000 cells as compared with average monthly production of slightly less than 73,000,000 cells in 1940. Auguust reports are expected by WPB to show a greater increase, reflecting further expansion in plant facilities.

Industry Needs 250,000 Workers

With cotton textile production lagging, the industry has been faced since May 1 with a need for hiring nearly a quarter of a million workers by November 1, in order to expand its output to meet fully the estimated demands for cotton products, the War Manpower Commission says. As yet, WMC said, only a small number of cotton textile plants have made manpower utilization surveys or sought this service in order to determine the specific causes of labor turnover.

65,000 Stores Start Paper Drive

Fully 55,000 chain and independent drug stores and 10,000 variety stores are signing a pledge, initiated among themselves, to conserve paper bags and wrapping paper in cooperation with the WPB drive to save wrapping materials. These new pledges are in addition to those which 300,000 chain and independent food retailers throughout the country have already signed in connection with the paper conservation drive.

OPA Sets New Snap Bean Rate

Ceiling prices for 1944 packed snap beans produced in all areas, except New Jersey and Maryland, have been established by OPA. Ceilings for these two states will be announced later, OPA said. The new ceilings, effective August 30, 1944, for sales to civilians are gross maximum prices from which subsidy payments of 11 cents per dozen No. 2 cans and 54 cents per dozen No. 10 cans are to be substracted. This subsidy payment is made to hold the general level of prices to the consumer where they were last year.

Round-up

OPA says: If you smoke imported cigars, you will be glad to learn that dollar-and-cent ceiling pirces for importers, and wholesalers, and at retail for practically all brands have been established. . . Consumer prices on Swiss cheese are being reduced nationally by an approximate average of three cents a pound, while the price at the factory level for the product is being increased by an estimated weighted average of 3¼ cents a pound, through a reduction of more than 6 cents a pound at the wholesale distributive levels. . . Authority for all retailers of meat to pre-cube steaks from top or bottom rounds of utility and cutter and canner grades of beef has been granted. . . Rationing controls have been removed from spiced green tomatoes. . . A new regulation providing specific dollar-and-cent ceiling prices for milling and kiln drying services on Northeastern softwood lumber, when performed on a custom basis, has been announced. . . Several changes in f.o.b. shipping point ceiling prices for fresh peaches produced in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico have been set up under Amendment 54 to MPR 426.

USDA says: Our dominant aims with respect to agricultural policy after the war should be, according to Secretary Wickard: Full production at maximum efficiency; equal living standards for farm and city families; equal protection for all types of farmers; soil conservation and improvement; conservation and improvement of forest resources; encouragement of the family sized farm; retirement of sub-marginal land and reclamation and cultivation of potentially good farm land and improvements in the marketing of farm products. . .

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

Wheat fields in many parts of Kent and Queen Anne Counties need some immediate attention according to the Supervisors of these two Soil Conservation Districts.

There are many draws and small gullies that are beginning to wash out and if allowed to go on until the fields are plowed again for corn or soybeans may cause serious soil loss and make the fields difficult to work. Most of these fields have two and in some cases three winters ahead of them so now is the time to do something to stop the gullying.

Gullies interfere with planting, cultivating and harvesting operations in addition to causing soil loss. Crossing these gullies increases the wear and tare on expensive and hard to get farm machinery. During the past wheat harvest season farmers doing custom combining complained about having to run their combines across gullied fields. In some cases these men refused to combine wheat in badly gullied fields. If gulleying is allowed to go on unchecked many farmers will have to go back to the reaper-binder or else eliminate small grain from their rotation. If this is necessary then it will not be long before we will have a great many abandoned farms and this would mean abandoned towns and hamlets.

Now is the logical time to do what ever is going to be done since this condition is caused directly by run off of excess water over a field or because this water cannot get into the soil. Now there is as little run off, since the area is in new seeding, as there will be for several years.

These draws want to be shaped so that one can get farm implements across them. This can be done by running a disk-harrow up and down them until the sides are smoothed off and the desirable cross section is secured.

These draws want to be seeded to a sod forming perennial grass and be left in sod all the time, especially when the field is planted to corn and later seeded to small grains. If the soil is poor give it a good application of manure and disk this in before seeding. This organic matter or strawy residue will help hold the soil in place until the seed can germinate and take root. Possibly the best seed to sow in such a condition would be ITALIAN rye grass. Next spring some scarified serecia lespedeza could be sown in the rye grass to give a heavier root system and a mixture that would last for a great number of years.

Once these draws are properly shaped and well covered with vegitation is to leave them unplowed and mow them off at least twice a season to keep the growth from becoming too coarse in nature. These are called sod-waterways or meadowstrips and are a wonderful adjunct to any washy field.

The Supervisors of these Soil Conservation Districts stand ready and willing to give all the assistance they can to any farmer who asks for assistance. You are not the only one to have a field that needs attention so do not feel embarassed about asking for assistance. A gully today may be a canyon tomorrow.

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Jelly Cake Makes A New War-Time Appearance

Many of the real old favorites—some that we haven't prepared in years, or haven't since mother did our cooking—are coming back in style again. It isn't that these dishes were less tasty but with so many recipes for cakes, etc., going around, it is almost impossible for the housewife to keep up with the old, while trying so many of the new. Such is the case with jelly cake—my goodness, there even used to be a rhyme about it—

The jelly cake is very much in style these days as a sugar saver, and it's a company cake as well as a family favorite.

JELLY CAKE

1¼ cups sifted cake flour
2¼ teaspoons double acting baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
2 teaspoons grated orange rind
1 cup light corn syrup
2 eggs
⅓ cup orange juice
1 cup red jelly

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream shortening, add grated orange rind. Add corn syrup gradually, beating well after each addition. Add ¼ of the flour, beat until smooth and well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating very well after each addition. Add remaining flour alternately with orange juice. Bake in two greased 8-inch layer pans in a moderate oven (350 F.) 30 minutes. Cool. Blend jelly with fork. Spread between layers. Sift powdered sugar over tops.

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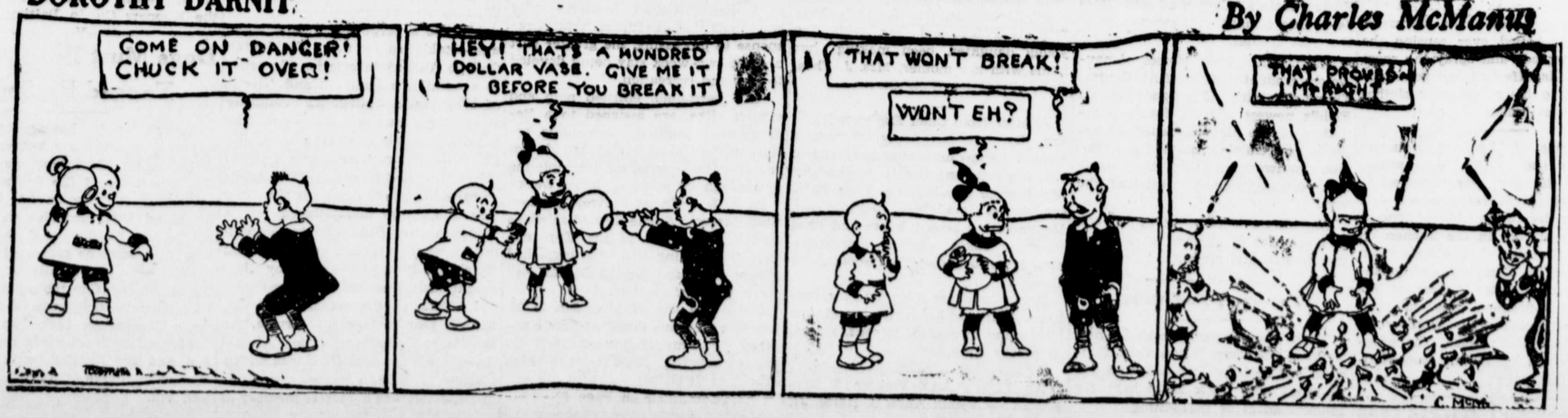

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