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, and new period 1 coupons good throughout coming heating year.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

INCOME TAX—Quarterly payments due September 15.

Blue Tokens, Farewell

If you've got some blue tokens in your purse, better use them now, because after September 30 they will be good only for the kids to play with. Until next Sunday the Office of Price Administration says, you can use them just as you always have used them. Beginning Sunday, September 17, retailers will cease giving blue tokens to consumers as ration change, change, and shoppers will be able to spend them only in groups of 10. If necessary, shoppers may pool tokens to make up groups of 10. Removal of practially all canned and bottled vegetables and fruit spreads and specialties from rationing September 17 makes use of blue tokens unnecessary. Beginning September 17 point values on canned fruits, canned juices, canned tomatoes, catsup and chili sauce will be designated in multiples of 10.

Those Tire Inspection Records

Keep those tire inspection records until you get your new Mileage Rationinng Record form along with your new "A" book, OPA says. Since discontinuance of periodic tire inspection last April, tire inspection records have been kept primarily as a record of gasoline rations issued each automobile, and will no longer be necessary when the new form is issued. Outside the East Coast States, the new "A" book will go into use September 22, and in the 17 East Coast States, February 9.

Loosen Lid on Stove Rationing

The rationing of coal and wood stoves to consumers will end October 15, the War Production Board and OPA have announced, although rationing of oil and gas stoves will continue. Supplies of coal and wood stoves have grown sufficiently since nation-wide rationing started in August, 1943, to make continued rationing unnecessary.

Shoe Rationing Still With Us

Civilians cannot hope for an early end of shoe rationing, WPB says, unless imports of hides increase or unless there is a large cutback in military orders. Hide shortages continue in spite of a large domestic kill of cows and calves. Heavy civilian and military consumption and decreased im ports account for the shortage.

Please Don't Buy Our Shoes

The Australian Commonwealth Footwear Controller has asked American Army authorities to limit purchases of civilian shoes by American troops, the Australian News and Information Bureau says. Sales of footwear to Americans on leave have been seriously reducing supplies for Australian civilians, inasmuch as half of Australia's total output of boots and shoes already is going to Australian and Allied forces.

Returned "G. I. Joes" Get Jobs

More than 50,000 returned veterans of the present war were placed in jobs during July by the Veterans Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, thus making a total of more than a half million who have been placed. Employers are offering veterans the cream of the jobs that come within their capacities, WMC says.

More Education, Mr. Vet?

If you think you are eligible for education under the "G. I. Bill of Rights," file Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Form 1950 with one of these three: 1, the regional office of the Veterans Administration where your discharge papers (C-folder) are filed; 2, a regional office of the Veterans Administration in the State in which the school or college you wish to attend is situated; 3, the school or college you wish to attend. You are eligible if you were on active service for at least 90 days between September 16, 1940, and the end of the present war or were discharged after less than 90 days because of disability incurred in line of duty, if you were discharged "under conditions other than dishonorable" and if you were not over 25 years of age when you entered service or if you were 25 and can show that your education was interrupted. Between 800,00 and one million of your fellows may eventually get more education under provisions of the "G. I. Bill."

Ever Try Alligator-tail Oil?

While Americans complain about their basic gasoline ration of two gallons per car per week, folks in other parts of the world have had to resort to grotesque expedients to keep their automobiles running, the Foreign Commerce Weekly, official publication of the Department of Commerce, says. Cuba is reported to be using fuel that is 75 per cent gasoline and 25 per cent rum, while on the Island of Martinique a mixture of 92 per cent rum and eight per cent gasoline is recommended. Alligator-tail oil is reported successfully used as a Diesel fuel in the State of Para, Brazil, and Free China has made motor fuel out of tung oil.

Into Business for Themselves

As many as three million returned veterans may choose to go into business for themselves after the war, according to estimates cited in an article in Domestic Commerce, monthly publication of the Department of Commerce. To help the veteran learn something about small business before he embarks on an enterprise, the Department of Commerce is preparing a series of text books covering small business in many fields. These books will be used for voluntary study in the Army Education program and in other branches of the armed services.

And the Worst Is Yet to Come

In appealing to German farmers for maintenance of food production, the German food controller admitted that "this will be more difficult than before. . . because every fit farm worker has had to join the fighting forces and . . . because the area from which the nation and army supplied has grown smaller," according to a broadcast reported by U. S. government monitors.

Movies Help Teach Farm Skills

Great-grandfather probably would turn twice in his grave to learn that movies are now being used to help teach such fundamental farm skills as horseshoeing, sheep-shearing and repairing of farm machinery—all to speed up the training of wartime farm workers. To help farmers keep old equipment in working order, the U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, has produced films on mowers, grain drills, cultivators, tractors and two-bottom tractor plows. In addition there are films on horseshoeing, sheep-shearing, community canning and repainting frame buildings. The films are used in vocational agriculture classes, 4-H club and Future Farmers of America meetings, extension groups and community gatherings. Purpose of the films is to teach the beginners and to show old-timers new and better ways of doing these things.

They're Paying Off Mortgages

Farm Credit Administration borrowers with land bank and Commissioner loans repaid four times more than they borrowed during the year ended June 30, thus making farmers' equities in their farms highest in 25 years, the governor of the Farm Credit Administration reported. Farmers also have used their good farm income to buy War Bonds and add to their Future Payments Funds in Federal land banks. They can use money in these funds to make payments on their farm loans in less favorable times. If farmers maintain these savings and don't waste them in farm land speculation such as prevailed after the first World War, they will be in better position to face reconversion from war to peace than at any time in the history of the country, the governor declared.

"Lost" Eight Months in Arctic

This is the story of the "forgotten convoy" revealed this week by the War Shipping Administration. In January, 1943, six U. S. merchant ships left New York harbor on the tough Murmansk run to deliver supplies to north Russia. Battered by air attack, the convoy arrived March 2. After the cargo was unloaded the crew settled down in a small Russian factory town to await formation of a return convoy. They waited for eight months—six months in the constant daylight of summer in the Artic Circle. Seeking entertainment, the men found an interpreter and got him to arrange dates with Russian girls for the two dances held there each week. Later, some of the seamen, having learned a smattering of Russian, hitch-hiked around the country, some as far as 200 miles from port. In September the return convoy was made up, and the "forgotten convoy" sailed into New York harbor approximately one year from the day it had left.

Lumber for Farmers

From trees cut from their own farms, the farmer may receive up to 5,000 feet of lumber annually without certification, WPB says. The farmer may receive an unlimited amount of lumber from his own trees if he takes them to a sawmill that cuts less than 10,000 board feet annually and therefore is not subject to restriction.

Round-up

A prospective spread in the shortage of smaller size truck tires will affect principally small trucks such as farm trucks and those used in delivering milk, bakery products and laundry, the Office of Defense Transportation says . . . France has been the most important source of manpower, raw materials and industrial products among all the occupied countries, the Foreign Economic Administration reports . . . American troops in Australia have taught the Australians to like sweet corn, and the 1945 Australian crop will yield 35 million cans, the Department of Commerce reports . . . Housewives can help the national food situation and their own family meals by using more onions in late September and early October when storage space will be scarce, WFA says . . . While foods properly canned will last longer, in normal times of food plenty home economists recommend eating them within the year, the Department of Agriculture says.

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SOCIAL ITEMS OF VISITORS TO BETTERTON

Pvt. John H. Boone of Ft. Mason, Calif., has been on a fifteen-day furlough at his home here with his sister, Mrs. Hattye Crew, he is looking fine and expects to leave about the last of this week.

We were sorry to hear that little Patsy Hurley, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fleckenschildt had passed away after a lingering illness at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Sympathy is extended to the families.

Mrs. Elva Turner and son, Ross, are spending this week visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Stella Groves and daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Maslin and Mrs. Esther Stone and little son spent last week in Baltimore.

Louis Sykes of Baltimore formerly of this town is very sick at his home in Baltimore, his sister Mrs. Martha Crew and brother, Mr. William Sykes and wife, visited him last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Young of Baltimore, visited Miss Elizabeth Brice and Chas. H. Brice last week.

Doris McMullen of Chestertown has returned to her home after spending the summer at the Charlea.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Crew of Norwood, Pa., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Hattye Crew.

District Supt. Rev. Cummings of Easton, preached at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Price are spending this week in Atlantic City.

Miss Elizabeth Brice spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Harvey Moore and Mrs. Violet Currey are spending a few days this week at Ocean City, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Myers and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenwood and children at Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore have moved in their bungalow on Bayside and expect to make their home here. We welcome them home.

Mrs. Morris Touchtone and Ann left last Sunday for West Point. Mrs. Vera Harris and daughter, Ronnie, and Graham Watt accompanied them.

Donald Owens spent last week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Myers and children of Chestertown visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Myers on Sunday.

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