IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME- FRONT

Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A3 through Z8 and A5 through K5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until October 29.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through R5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until November 1.

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 for three gallons each through November 8. In States outside the East Coast Area, A-13 coupons in new "A" book, good for four gallons each through December 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. New stamp good November 1.

PLENTIFUL FOOD—Onions.

There's More Sugar Coming

Housewives who have found their sugar stamps temporarily worthless because their grocer's sugar shelf was bare may take hope, now that War Food Administration promises stepped-up production from the nation's sugar-beet factories in the West and Midwest. On September 1 the nation's sugar inventory was lower than on any date since 1935. During the first eight months of this year, 483,000 tons more of sugar were distributed in the U. S. than in the same period of 1943. Most of the increase went to civilian usage for preserving and canning. In one form of another, civilians got most of the increase—in preserving and canning of fruits and vegetables, in larger-than-normal production of condensed milk and in supplemental allotments for other purposes.

Reclassify Men 38 and Over

Men over 38 who have been anxiously watching the mail-box to learn of their final disposition under National Selective Service can now relax and continue their civilian work with the assurance that they are in an age group not acceptable for induction into military service. Local boards have been instructed to place registrants of 38 and over in IV-A, to retain in I-C all men honorably discharged and to discontinue the I-A (L) classification. Men in Class I-C may not be removed from this classification without action by the Director of Selective Service. Local boards will put in other deferred classifications men found physically acceptable for limited military service only, who have heretofore been placed in Class I-A (L).

Farmers-Ranchers to Get Guns

New shotguns and rifles for farmers, ranchers and law enforcement agencies are on the way, the War Production Board announced recently. Production of 495,000 shotguns and rifles has been authorized, but it takes from three to six months to turn out such firearms.

Less Nitrogen and Phosphate

U. S. farmers probably will have less nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers to use on 1945 crops because of increased military use of these materials WFA reports. The supply of potash, WFA says, will be materially larger than last year. If farmers lay in their fertilizer stocks soon this will clear the way for manufacture of more mixed fertilizers in case the supply situation improves in time.

Hey, Kids, Listen to This

You can tell Dad and Mom that you got it from WPB that there will be a few toy soldiers and miniature automobiles and trucks made out of zinc on the market this year. The folks may not be able to buy new electric lights for the Christmas tree, but they can get tinsel and those gorgeous, colored blown glass ornaments. Tell the folks that while toys will be a little higher they will also be a little better—less paperboard and more wood and metal. And if you're looking for ideas to put into a letter to Santa Claus, here's some information to keep in mind— rubber for toys, still prohibited! tricycles, scooters and other heavy toys, not being made; electric trains, none but some new track for electric railroad maintenance is on the market; toys with gears, not to be had; some toy wagons with wooden wheels and some with metal wheels; fever sleds than before the war and some of them with wooden runners; some doll carriages with metal chasis, others with wood; doll carriage tires, to be made of "mud," the residue by-product of reclaimed rubber; dolls in pre-war quantities, with curls, moving eyes and even voices; plenty of Teddy bears and stuffed toys; more of those new plastic doll dishes and a few modern, steel unbreakable dishes; both metal and wood construction sets, 10,000 of the metal ones with electric motors; a "fair" supply of chemistry sets; a "limited" supply of checkers, dominoes, dart boards and other games this year because your "G. I." brother is getting some of your share.

Apple Ceiling Stays Up

Reduced apple yields have led the Office of Price Administration to extend the September increase in apple ceiling prices to cover the rest of the season in nine of the 11 States in which OPA granted a September increase. The nine States covered are Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas. The increase of 1.267 cents a pound—equivalent to 57 cents a box or bushel—will be carried through wholesale and retail transactions to the consumer.

U. S. and U. K. Exchange Rubber

More than half of the crude rubber produced by the British Commonwealth is coming to the United States as reverse lend-lease this year, the Foreign Economic Administration announces. Meanwhile, the United States is supplying to the United Kingdom under Lend-Lease, 86,000 tons of general purpose synthetic rubber, together with tires. This quantity of synthetic rubber is equivalent in manufacturing processes to approximately 70,000 tons of crude rubber. This exchange works out very satisfactorily, FEA says, inasmuch as natural rubber is essential to synthetic rubber in most production programs. The manufacture of truck, bus and aircraft tires still uses an appreciable quantity of crude rubber. Ninety per cent of the tires that go to the U. K. are for military use, the remainder for essential civilian services.

Time to "Start Digging"

"Shelve everything else" and "start digging," was the advice a German radio speaker recently gave to men and women living along the West Wall, as reported by the Federal Communications Commission. The speaker said that while the German word, "schanzen," which means to dig trenches and build earthworks, "smells of sweat and toil," it is "fine and manly" and "healthy exercise."

Famine, Floods, Cold, Darkness

"Famine, floods, cold and darkness" threaten the densely populated provinces of German-occupied Netherlands, the Netherlands Foreign Minister warned in a recent press conference reported by Aneta, official Netherlands news agency. As a result of German inundation of Dutch farm lands, much of it with salt water, the Netherlands has lost a large proportion of its prospective 1944 crops: wheat, 30 per cent; barley, 40 per cent; sugar beets, 50 per cent; potatoes, 25 per cent; oil seeds, 25 per cent and oats, 10 per cent.

Danes Bid Reluctant Farewell

When the Germans moved armed forces into Denmark, the Danes received them reluctantly. When the Germans, pressed on several fronts recently, tried to remove these forces the Danes let them go the same way. One German division is said to have been delayed 16 days, according to the Danish Listening Post. On a freight train departing from Copenhagen, Danish saboteurs forced the crew to stop the train and disconnect four cars belonging to the German army, before the train was allowed to continue its journey. In other cases the saboteurs bombed and machine-gunned German trains.

Petroleum Stockpile Is Down

The stockpile of principal petroleum products for civilian use in now 29 per cent lower than it was in October pre-war levels, the Petroleum Administration for War reports. Civilian gasoline stocks are 39 per cent less, heating oils and diesel fuels are 12 per cent less and industrial fuels, 32 per cent less.

Farmers Buy Surplus War Goods

Much of the surplus construction materials used on 400 Government projects that have been sold by the United States Surplus War Property Administration have gone to American farmers through recent auction sales held in collaboration with county farm agents. Shovels, picks, rope and left-over paint were among materials sold.

Round-up

Half the candy bars, candy rolls and candy in packages designed to sell for five cents and produced during the last quarter of this year are to be set aside for procurement by the armed forces, according to a WFA order. . . In spite of war, since Pearl Harbor, by making short extension from existing lines, the Rural Electrification Administration has electrified 160,000 farm homes, the Department of Agriculture says. . . To help care for sick, injured and wounded soldiers, the Army Medical Department has appealed to Red Cross Nurses' aids with hospital experience to apply for civilian jobs in Army hospital or dispensary services. Eligible women should write Medical Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., for the Army Nurses' Aide booklet. . . Metal license plates issued by State or local Governments may now be made from metal, as a result of a removal of WPB restrictions. . . WPB has approved the building in the U. S. of nine hydro-electric turbine generators to replace those destroyed by the Russians in their Dnieprostroi plant when they retreated before the Germans in 1941. No one thing, say the Russians, will do so much to remedy the damage done by the Germans as restoration of this power plant.

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Good news for the housewife! Don't pass up the relatively plentiful supplies of Utility beef now on many markets, says Miss Margaret McPheeters, Extension nutritionist, University of Maryland, just because it may have yellow fat. The yellow color is largely carotene, called the precursor of vitamin-A, she explains. Therefore, yellow beef fat is likely to be superior to white in food value because of the vitamin-A it contributes. Similarly, yellow corn meal is more valuable for vitami-A than white corn meal, and sweet potatoes than white potatoes.

Last year the nation's fire loss showed a sharp increased over 1942, with indications it will go even higher by the end of 1944. More than 10,000 persons lost their lives and more than $370,000,000 in property was destroyed. It is every person's duty to eliminate fire hazards for their own as well as the nation's welfare.

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A recent study made by the University of Maryland agricultural economics department showed that the following additional farm equipment, over and above that now on farms, would be needed to operate Maryland agriculture at capacity: 4,000 tractors, 4,000 tractor plows, 5,000 tractor cultivators, 4,000 milking machines, 1,500 grain combines, 1,000 pick-up balers, 500 corn pickers, 800 potato planters and diggers, 2,000 tomato transplanters, 2,000 gasoline engines, 5,000 electric motors, 1,000 wood-saw rigs, and smaller quantities of numerous other implements.

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It happened to that young, lovely film star, Louise Allbritton.

They didn't tell her that day in Hollywood when the U.S.O. invited her to join an overseas troupe that anything like this would ever happen.

They didn't tell her because they didn't know either. This "act" was never on any program.

She went overseas. Gave show after show, many of them to the accompaniment of the thunder of enemy guns.

Then one night she gave a show, and as usual, it was more than a show. It was, to its audience, a dream of home come true. Here was a live, lovely American girl—a symbol of all the girls all the boys had left behind them.

A week later she was asked to visit the wounded in a base hospital, and as she passed betweeen the long rows of cots, a voice, weak and shy, called her name.

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She bent over the youngster's cot. "I was in the audience at . . . . . ," he whispered. "Since then we were in the fighting at . . . . . They got my right eye. In a few minutes the doctors are going to take out the other one. It's gotta be done, they told me. My girl at home looks a lot like you. So if you could be—well, the last thing I'll ever see in this world—if you could stay with me until—I'd be a lot happier . . ."

She didn't answer. She couldn't. Could you? But she stayed there with the boy's single-eyed gaze fixed upon her, and her hand in his, until they wheeled him to the operating room and the anaesthetist's merciful cone slipped over his face, and the last thing he saw, or ever was to see, was her face—so much like the face of the girl at home he loved . . .

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But for the grace of God it could have been your boy upon that operating table. So for that boy—and every boy—fighting our battles for us everywhere in the world, support the National War Fund of which the U.S.O. is one of the 19 participating agencies. You can do this by giving to your local Community War Fund. For boys in battle zones—and prison camps. For starving Allies—and for "casualties" right here on the home front. For everyone and everything concerned—including your own conscience—give . . . give . . . give . . . NOW!

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