IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5, good indefinitely. The four red stamps validated October 29 totaling 40 red points will have to last for at least a 5-week period. No New red stamps until December 3.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 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 28, 1945.

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 through present heating year.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely. Airplane Stamp 3 becomes good November 1 and remains good indefinitely.

Off-Highway Gas Coupons Expire

Farmers and other non-highway gasoline users are notified by the Office of Price Administration that any "E" and "R" coupons, not serially numbered, will expire November 1 and may be exchanged for valid currency at their local War Price and Rationing Board. The expiring coupons can be identified by two points: First, they have no serial numbers, and, second, they bear the capital letters "E" and "R" with no number after them. Currently valid coupons bearing serial numbers are lettered "E-1", "E-2", "R-1, and "R-2."

November Auto Quota Set

The quota of new passenger cars available for rationing in November is set at 3,000 by the Office of Price Administration, or the same number as in the past two months. In addition a regional and national reserve of 600 cars has been authorized. The stockpile of new cars available for rationing is now under 20,000—less than a normal pre-war two-day supply.

More Children's Apparel On Way

America's consumers from six months to 16 years—not to mention their mothers—will be cheered by the fact that the War Production Board has taken further steps toward allocating materials in its third infants' and children's apparel program calling for production and distribution of roundly 30,000,000 units from December 1 through next February 28. WPB has given priority assistance to producers to obtain cotton and flannelette fabrics. Outerwear, pajamas and underwear are included in the current children's apparel program. Low cost goods of durable quality is stressed. The increased quantities of apparel are expected to be available to retail stores during the first quarter of 1945. The first program, announced December 24, 1943, called for 24,852,000 garments and the second, on May 10, 1944, scheduled output of 24,781,000 units.

Clothing Controls to Protect Public

Public interest will require that War Production Board controls over leather and cotton textile industries be maintained after the fall of Germany to guard against possible disruptive shortages in those fields, J. A. Krug, WPB chairman, said. He cited considerable depletions of inventories of these commodities as a factor. "These basic commodities are in tight supply and will be protected through continuance of WPB directive powers and allocation controls after controls in most other fields have been abolished," said Chairman King. "However, even in these industries the controls will be removed as soon as production is seen to be meeting minimum essential civilian requirements." On the basis of current figures it would take some time after the end of the war in Europe to replace existing shortages and return to a minimum working supply level.

Summer Worker Loss Hits War Work

The return of students and teachers to their classrooms, plus women who have gone back to being housewives and workers who have quite wartime jobs to go into post-war jobs with the notion the war is about over has resulted in a seasonal loss to war plants of over one million workers, according to September figures of the War Manpower Commission. Despite concern over this loss in workers, government officials agree that the return of students to schools is in the best interests of our democracy.

Soldiers Better Educated Now

American soldiers in this war are better educated than those who fought in the last war, studies by the United States Office of Education, Federal Security Agency and the War Department indicate. Median level of education of soldiers in this war is the second year of high school, whereas that level was only the sixth grade grammer school in the last war. In this war 23.3 per cent of our fighters had completed four years of high school in contrast with only 3.5 per cent of the soldiers in the previous war. The two largest groups in both wars included those who had completed no more than five to eight years of grade school, with a percentage of 27.4 in this war as against 55.5 per cent in the last war.

5-Year Rural Electrification Proposed

A five-year rural electrification program that would create a $5,546,283,000 outlet for goods and services and provide electric service to 3,655,000 rural homes was declared possible in a preliminary report submitted by the Rural Electrification Administration Post-War Committee to the United States Department of Agriculture.

Farmers Aiding Veterans on Farming

Some 11,000 practical farmers in two-thirds of the nation's counties, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service, are checking land values and other agricultural facts in preparation for service as personal advisers to returning veterans interested in farming. Veterans agricultural advisory committees have been organized in 2,162 counties of 43 states. There are a total of 3,070 counties in the nation.

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The Rural Electrification Administration has announced the allocation of $58,796 for loans to expand electrical facilities among Maryland farms during the fiscal year ending next June 30. The announcement said there were 16,575 Free State farms without central station electric service on July 1, 1944. It was emphasized that no funds will be made available on applications which do not fully comply with the War Production Board regulations.

STILL POND

Mrs. Richard Owens of Virginia, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. M. J. Norris.

Mrs. Lester Coleman, of Baltimore, visited with her father, Mr. W. K. Hackett, and other relatives here, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Greenwood of Chester, Pa., enjoyed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loller of Bristol, Pa., were recent visitors with relatives here.

Mrs. Lilly Hossinger and Miss Hepburn of Lynch were Sunday guests with their cousin, Miss Edna Wroth.

The Official Board held their regular monthly meeting in connection with the Church Night, Wednesday evening. President Clark in charge of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bonwell have been entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Allan Bonwell and children from Damascus, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary and mother, Mrs. J. Leonard Price were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson in Lititiz, Pa., from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitely and children, Nancy and Joan, were Sunday visitors with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenwood in Camden.

Messrs. Baynard Harper of Hurlock, Md., Harry C. Hendrickson of Baltimore, Wallace Ford, Carson Greenwood, Luke Nicholson, Ralph Copper of Aberdeen, and Edw. Schofield of Georgetown, Md., all enjoyed the week-end with their home folks.

Miss Avis Clark arrived from Philadelphia Saturday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. William Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper, Jr., and son, F. B. Harper, third, of Baltimore spent the week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Baynard Harper.

Mrs. Josephine Taylor of Baltimore spent several days with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Malhon Taylor and was honored with a birthday surprise dinner.

We celebrated Hallowe'en Tuesday with a social held in Campbell Garage hall. The children in their funny attire had a merry time. Refreshments of doughnuts and cocoa were served to all.

Miss Louisa Travers, Mrs. F. B. Harper, Mrs. John C. Boulden attended the all-day meeting of the District of the W. S. of C. S. held in Denton, Md., on Wednesday.

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Maryland's 16 Dairy Herd Improvement Associations had 355 herds on test during September(according to a report issued this week by the dairy extension division of the University of Maryland. Of the 10,295 cows on test, 8,556 were being milked while 1,739 were dry. The average milk production per cow during the month was 584 pounds, while the butterfat average was 24.2 pounds.

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To remove those grease spots just above the davenport or hand prints on the wall, Helen Irene Smith, Extension home management specialist at the University of Maryland, suggests the use of a paste made of some dry absorbent, Fullers earth, cornstarch, white cornmeal, talcum powder, or salt, with a grease solvent such as carbon tetrachloride.

To remove the spots, spread the paste over the stain, allow it to dry, then brush it off. Repeat the process until the stain disappears. Before applying the paste to the stains, test the mixture on the wallpaper in some inconspicuous spot.

From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Cracker-barrel versus Dog House

Most of the political conventions in our town are held around the cracker-barrel—in Sam Abernethy's store.

We were settling how the country should be run the other night when Homer Watson starts to put in a word.

"Wait a minute, Homer," Sam said sharply, "did you vote in the last election?"

"Well," Homer fumbled, "I was awful busy just at the time."

"That don't matter," Sam insists. "Free speech around this cracker-barrel is for them who help protect it—and all the other freedoms in America—by voting. Folks that just talk freedom don't count here."

From where I sit, it doesn't make any difference *how* you vote—the important thing is that you Do vote. Call it a sacred right if you want to, but to me, it is the bedrock of the whole idea of democracy.

Joe Marsh

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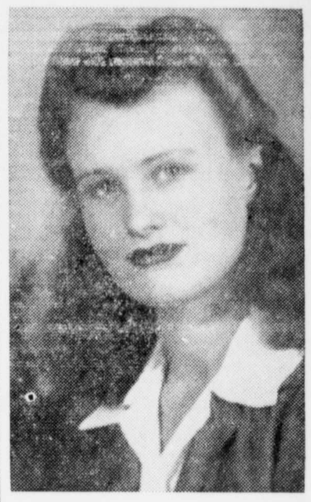

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