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 34 becomes good November 16 and remains good indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

GASOLINE—A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through December 21.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons and new period 1 coupons, good through present heating year.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

Potato Growers Get Higher Price

Producers of early white potatoes will receive ceiling prices assuring them of the same average return as a year ago and about 17 cents a hundred-weight above the legal minimum price, it is announced by the Office of Price Administration. At the same time, however, consumers will find that the average of this early crop of potatoes will be the same as retail prices of last season. The action was needed to maintain production at a level sufficient to meet estimated demands.

New Celing Price Lists For Retailers

Supplemental ceiling price lists that will include all the changes that have been made in the prices of dry groceries since issuance of the current quarterly communiity ceiling price lists will soon be forwarded to food retailers in most areas, the Office of Price Administration announces. Objectives of the additional lists is to make it easier for retailers and consumers to keep track of changes in ceiling prices. Under this plan it will only be necessary for grocers to post two lists for dry groceries—the quarterly list and this supplement—instead of the larger number of separate postings previously required. Thus it will be easier for housewives to find the price of an item.

Less Nitrogen For Farms

Continued high military requirements for nitrogen mean that less will be available during 1945 for use on American farms, according to a report of the Chemicals Bureau of the War Production Board to the Nitrogen Producers Industry Advisory Committee.

Light Naptha Under Rationing

Light naptha, the petroleum product normally used for cooking and lighting, will be brought under rationing control, effective November 20, in 15 Midwestern states, the Office of Price Administration states. This is being done to prevent the illegal use of this product as a motor fuel—a practice that has become prevalent in the area. Legitimate users of light naptha can apply to their local rationing boards for issuance of "E" and "R" non-highway gasoline coupons for such rationed naptha as they may need in bulk. No coupons will be needed to buy that which is already packaged in containers of less than eight ounces. Local boards can deny requests for light naptha for home dry cleaning—it is not well adapted to such use—if a suitable non-rationed substitute can be found at reasonable cost.

(Note To Editors: Affected states are: North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee.)

Vacuum Cleaner Price Basis Set

Makers of new household vacuum cleaners and attachments may agree to sell these products at prices that can be increased up to maximum prices that will be in effect when the cleaner is delivered, as a result of action taken by the Office of Price Administration. Thus buyers can place orders for the new cleaners and manufacturers agree to deliver them at the maximum price that will be set by OPA when production begins. However, the action specified that no seller may deliver or make an agreement to deliver new vacuum clearners at prices to be adjusted upward in accordance with a maximum price to be set after delivery unless so authorized by OPA But no such authorization will be given at retail.

More Low Cost Shoes Seen

An increased production of low cost shoes of rationed types for men, women and children is anticipated by the War Production Board through relaxation of quality and quota restrictions. It is expected that better values will thus be made available to the public. The amended order eliminates price line and quota restrictions on footwear under certain price levels. The order affects shoes selling at about $4 to men, $3 to $3.50 for women, and $2.75 to $3 for children.

Distillers' Alcohol Not Needed In January

Facilities of the nation's grain beverage distillers will not be needed during January for making industrial alcohol, states J. A. Krug, Chairman of the War Production Board. The distillers, however, will return to industrial alcohol output in February 1945. The January release reflects the cut in requirements of alcohol for synthetic rubber during the fourth quarter of this year, due to the nearing of capacity rates by synthetic rubber plants producing butadiene from petroleum.

Army Releases Pacific Area Mail

Families of soldiers engaged in operations in the Philippines will soon be receiving batches of mail that have been delayed for security reasons during the period preceding the invasion of these islands. Some 40,000 letters and a large number of parcels were impounded. This mail originated with units now engaged in American Army operations in the Philippines. Some of the letters date as far back as last July.

PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

The Supervisors of the Kent and Queen Anne's Soil Conservation Districts wish to pass on to their many friends the warning recently given by Claude R. Wickard, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

"It's Time to Get Down to Earth."

"No great nation can long afford to neglect the productivity of its soil. The problems of abundance, baffling as they may seem, are a challenge. They can be solved; and their solution will be the gateway to a better way of living. But to the problems of steadily declining production there is no answer. That pathway leads eventually to decline and ruin. It not only is impossible to produce abundently on depleted soils; it is also impossible to produce efficiently.

"After four years of record breaking production for war, farmers have special need for checking up on their soil resources and for repairing the effects of depletion.

"In recent years farmers and the public at large have become keenly aware of the dangers of erosion and taking steps to combat it where its effects are clearlin apparent. Much less thought has been given to soil depletion on land which is not obviously washing or blowing.

"But the drop in soil fertility is not simply something which might happen unless we are careful. It is something that is happening now.—

"Through a comprehensive program of limited cropping and the use of good yields of all my crops. But I know if I relax my efforts for even a short time, yields will drop off.

"Deciding on what steps to take to improve his soil often is a puzzle to the average farmer. He may not know exactly what to do. As a first step. I would advise studying the records of his State Experiment Station, and advising with his County Agent.—The new method of putting fertilizer on a field at plow depth, for instance, instead of applying it at the side of the seeding, seems to offer promise on some soils.

"Finally, intelligent use of manure is one of the best ways of maintaining and building soil fertility. A large percentage of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash that are restored to the soil are put back in that form.

"Man, like all other living things never can afford to get far away from Mother Earth. Despite the urgency of finding ways to deal with great farm production, the fundamental problem of soil fertility remains. Surplus production and fertility are not separate problems; they are parts of the same great problem. So as we plan how best to use abundance, let us not forget to make sure of having it."

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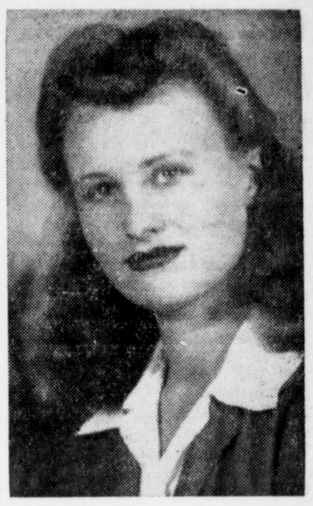

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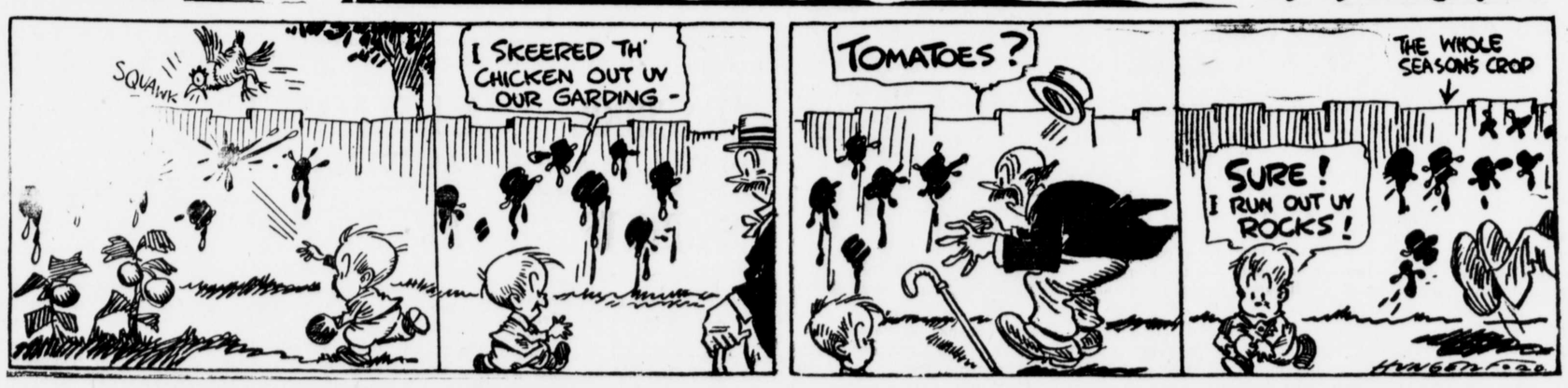

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