IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A3 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.

Vacation Travel Can Cost Gas Coupons

Motorists who use gasoline illegally to travel to winter resorts face the loss of their mileage rations the Office of Price Administration warns. Chester Bowles OPA Administrator said: "The millions of patriotic drivers throughout the country who are abiding by the mileage regulations and getting along on tight rations so that all may share fairly the scarce civilian supplies have a right to expect OPA to shut down hard on those who obtain gasoline unfairly for nonessential trips. We intend to do just that." The agency has ruled that persons who are planning a seasonal trip for a definite period of time are not making a bona fide changeofresidence and that special rations may not be granted for such trips.

Tenant Farmers Get Fertilizer Price Aid

Landlords selling fertilizers to tenant farmers cannot charge more than the applicable retail ceiling price of these products, the Office of Price Administration has ruled. An additional mark-up by landlords never was authorized, the agency stated.

Cirgarettes To Go Unrationed

The shortage of cigarettes experienced throughout the country reflects the bad distribution due to war time conditions and the fact that the armed forces are now smoking a fourh of the country's total production, but no rationing of them is contemplated, the Office of Price Administration states. The War Food Administration reports that the number of cigarettes being manufactured for civilian and soldier consumption is the greatest in the history of the tobacco industry. Only a negligible amount of tax-free cigarettes is sent abroad for consumption other than by our armed forces. Black market operations and hoarding are also believed to be factors contributing to the spotty distribution and civilian shortages.

Finds Jobs For Veterans

Jobs were found for 60,064 veterans of this war and for 10,892 from the last war during the month of September by the United States Employment Service, the War Manpower Commission reports. Of the total of placements, 12,492 involved disabled veterans whose skills, aptitudes and experiences enabled them to perform many types of productive work.

Land Boom Periled Rural America

By Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture

History is threatening to repeat itself in the farm land market. Another farm land "boom", closely paralleling the one that ended so disastrously after the last war, is building up in this country. Both the price of farm land and the number of farm sales in many areas have been rising at about the same rate as in the last war. If this trend continues, Rural America had better watch out.

One encouraging sign is that actual land prices haven't yet reached the high level of 1919-20. But still we can't say now ho w much higher these prices are likely to go because, in the World War I period, the high point in the land market was not reached until more than a year after the fighting stopped.

It would be sad indeed if the Nation should witness another seige of farm land foreclosures, bankruptcies, and forced sales such as hundreds of thousands of rural families experienced after the bottom fell out of the land boom that accompanied the World War I period. For 13 hazardous years after 1920, land prices were on the downhill trail. And that statistical fact doesn't begin to tell the full sory of human tragedy and misery. Because when a wave of bankruptcies hits a community, everybody suffers—lender and borrower, business and professional people alike.

It will be particularly unfair for returning veterans, who want to buy land, if they have to compete in an inflated land market. For them, or farmers either for that matter, to go heavily in debt on land prices bid up far beyond longtime earning capacity is an invitation to disaster.

So my advice is: Don't buy land at inflated prices. Put your wartime income into sound investments, such as war bonds, so that you can benefit from that money in the years ahead.

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Public Asked to Help Doctors

The necessity of everyone of us to cooperate with the medical profession in order to keep to a minimum the demands on our physicians is urged by Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission. Pointing out that about 1,500 physicians had died on the home front during the first six months of this year, Mr. McNutt said, "all over the nation our doctors are sacrificing themselves to help us do a magnificent job." He cited the day and night work, the extra travel and physical hardships facing doctors responding to the calls of increased numbers of people.

Boy Scouts Exceed Paper Goal

The Boy Scouts of America have exceeded their goal of 100,000 tons of waste paper during the two months drive of August and September. As a result, says J. A. Krug, Chairman of the War Production Board, about 85,000 Scouts and cubs throughout the country will qualify for the individual WPB award. He called the number eligible for th e individual award "an astounding fact when we consider that it required a certified 1,000 pounds of waste paper collected and moved to the waste paper dealers in order to earn this individual award."

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

The Supervisors of the Kent and Queen Anne's Soil Conservation districts urge all farmers in these two Eastern Shore Counties to contact their local County Agent or any of the supervisors of these two districts now if they want conservation or drainage plans developed for their farm for the 1945 planting season.

It takes some time to develop these plans so that they must meet the needs of the individual farm. Every farm is a problem unto itself and requires careful planning. It may not be the wish of the farmer to develop a complete farm conservation plan in a single year so each practice that is developed should be so arranged that it will be a unit or a definite part of the finished plan.

It is to the benefit of each land owner and tenant to follow conservation and drainage practices. Contour planting will, in the first year, increase per acre production by at least 10 percent and in many cases even more. Adequate drainage will, in many cases, give even a greater increase in per acre return.

The one big thing in favor of this work is that "It Pays". It not only pays the first year but continues to pay year after year and in most cases will increase the value of the farm beyond the time spent in its establishment.

Our total farm production must be maintained if we are to supply the food and fiber required for our own consumption, our armies and all those dependent upon us for these items.

Every farm will some day be turned over to someone else. It is the obligation of each one of us to turn over this land in as good shape or better even than it was when we first took charge. This is the measure of a good farmer.

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Philosopher's Stone

If you know how to spend less than you get, you have the philosopher's stone.—B. Franklin.

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Different Bacteria

Bacteria are of several different types. Some of the most heat-resistant forms in canning, such as spore-bearing types, are found in the soil and may contaminate the vegetables, particularly snap beans and greens which grow near the soil.

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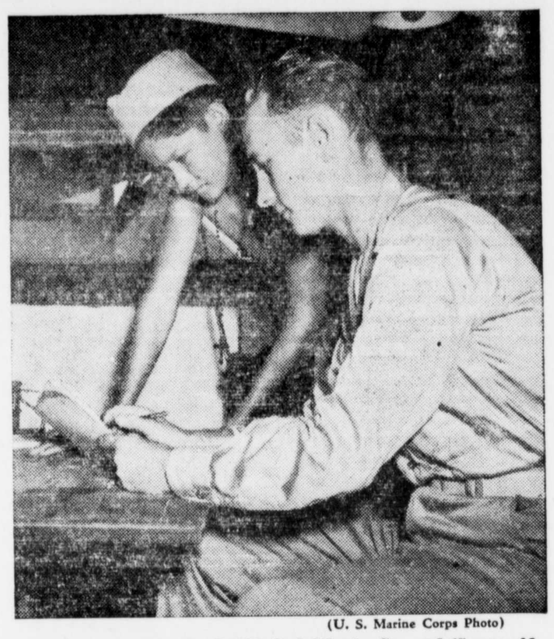
Open Kettle Canning

Open-kettle canning is generally satisfactory for such products as pickle relishes, preserves and jams. It should never be used for nonacid vegetables or for meat, poultry and fish because the heat is insufficient to guard against spoilage and possible poisoning. It is not even approved for fruits and tomatoes because of the danger of recontamination before the jars are sealed.

Guam Recruit for Marines



(U. S. Marine Corps Photo)

Marine 1st Sgt. Charles Gulliford of Atlanta, Ga., and 17-year-old "would-be" Marine Jimmy Guerrero of Agana, Guam, look over enlistment papers at a Leatherneck base in the South Pacific. Jimmy stowed away aboard ship to accompany the Marines who freed his homeland and now is seeking admittance to the Corps. Meanwhile, he's unofficially attached to the first sergeant's unit.

Give Me Liberty....And I'll Get Her Telephone No.

A sailor met a girl and they liked each other. She gave him her telephone number. Later, when he wanted to call her, he remembered only the exchange. But, she had told him the number was the same as the year Patrick Henry delivered his famous "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech. So this was the date in history they looked up for him at the canteen. "That's it—1775," he exclaimed, and rushed to the telephone to make the call.

About 108 million miles of wire the majority underground, provide connections for the 26,381,000 telephones in the United States. These totals include 97,370,000 miles of wire serving the 21,246,000 telephones of the Bell System.

The vast extent of the telephone wire mileage is suggested by comparison with the average distances of 92,830,000 miles between the earth and the sun, and of 238,793 miles to the moon.

The larger part of this nationwide wire network is unseen. For example, three-fifths, or 59,321,000 miles, of the Bell System wire mileage is underground, in cable. And more than four-fifths of the mileage above ground is enclosed in protective cable.

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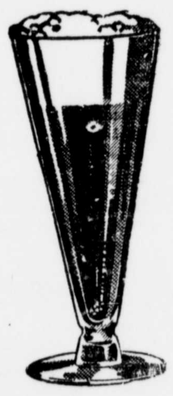

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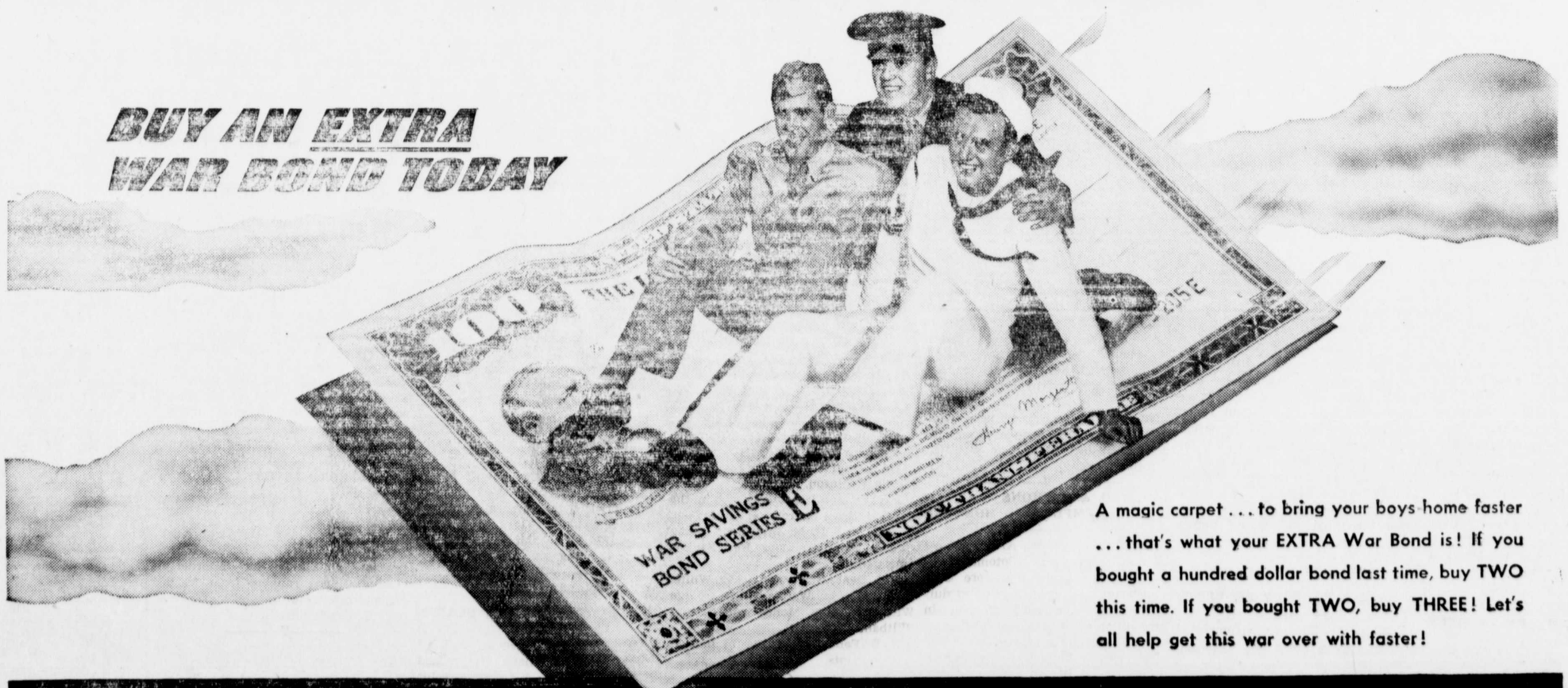

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