IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME- RONT

Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5, good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—On Friday, December 1, five new blue stamps will be validated, under the present system of making new blue stamps good on the first of each month. They will be blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamps 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely. 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.

Victory Pledge Of An American

I am an American. I and my sons have a big stake in victory. While my sons are fighting for freedom, I will work hard here at home that food and weapons in abundance will ever fight on the side of America.

I will do my part to keep our country financially and economically strong. All income from my work, above the need for necessary expenses, will be invested in War Bonds to buy the equipment that my sons —the sons of all Americans—will use to speed the victory. In making this investment in victory. I am also laying up the financial reserve for peace and against the day when my sons will come marching home.

When that happy day comes I and my sons will build a better and stronger America in a world where liberty and justice have been made safe for all. My thinking—my money —my time will stay in this war until the finish.

Christmas Tree Supply Ample

The supply of Christmas trees in 1944 will probably be ample to satisfy holiday needs of Americans, according to data given the Office of War Information by the War Production Board, Department of Agriculture and Office of Defense Transportation. At the same time, however, buyers are warned against "over-zealous buying" as that might create an artificial shortage followed by a waste of trees. In 1943 consumer anxiety about the family tree, which began with slow deliveries to retailers, led to high prices followed by a glut of trees near Christmas time. Many surplus trees sold for practically nothing on Christmas Eve and a sizable leftover had to be destroyed. The 1944 supply should be about that of last year.

Home Loans To Veterans Speeded

American communities have a stake in the fact that the Federal Housing Administration has acted to speed the making of insured home loans to veterans by private institutions under the terms of the G.I. Bill of Rights. The FHA is now accepting at its field offices from private lending agencies applications for the insurance of principal loans supplemented by loans under Section 505 of the G.I. Bill. These are cases where the Veterans Administration guarantees an equity loan not to exceed $2,000, and where the principal loan, which must comply with FHA regulations, is insured by FHA. The federal agency seeks all possible protection of veterans in what may be the most important single financial transaction in their life.

10,000 Nurses Must Be Recruited

Of interest to American families everywhere is the fact that the Army must recruit 10,000 nurses immediately in order to care for wounded and sick soldiers, both at home and overseas. In addition, 1,000 nurses are needed by the Veterans Administration for its services. The Navy will need 500 nurses a month for several more months. In an effort to stimulate the interest of nurses in this indispensable service, Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Chairman, has sent telegrams to all state procurement and assignment committees requesting that additional names of nurses be made available to the American Red Cross for recruitment purpose. Nurses who enter the service are commissioned and will enjoy all rights extended to the armed forces under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Few Consumer Developments

With industry and government war agencies straining to keep abreast of military needs of equipment and ammunition as the armed forces increase the tempo of battle, consumer news developments this last week of the month have been slight.

The Office of Price Administration, however, took steps to increase future supplies of non-rationed footwear by officially classifying that pigskin leather may be used for non-rationed shoes. This type of footwear is largely a wartime development. Ultimately the new shoes will be mainly available in infant's, children's, misses' and women's sizes. OPA cautioned that the shoes with pigskin uppers will not be available in quantity for some time as very little raw material is at present being tanned into leather.

The OPA assured consumers that advance rations of fuel oil will be granted to them while they are having central heating equipment reconverted to burn oil under the provisions that recently made rations available to East Coast and Middle Western consumers who cooperated in the original conversion program.

The OPA has set ceiling prices on two types of Army shoes for men, which the Treasury Procurement Division proposes to sell for civilian use. Retail ceiling will be $6.50 a pair on both types, one of which is leather soled with leather tap over the sole, and the other a leather soled shoe with outside rubber tap. Both types are russet tan with straight tips and bellows tongue.

Rubber Problem Remains Serious

The overall rubber problem remains far from solved and Allied crude rubber stocks are now at the lowest since the start of the war, the Combined Raw Materials Board reports. This statement makes a distinction between the successful synthetic rubber program and the natural rubber supply. It is natural rubber that is being used faster than it can be obtained and it is natural rubber that is so needed in heavy truck tires and airplane tires—which the war uses up at an appalling rate. The upshot of this situation is the unrelaxed dependence upon civilian tire users to conserve and conserve. The shifts to synthetic rubber mean, the board, explained some sacrifice in quantity and quality, but such is an essential price to pay to conserve natural rubber.

Check-up On Engines Asked

The need for cleaning and checking over the working parts of passenger car engines in anticipation of winter weather is stressed by the Office of Defense Transportation as a personal program of conservation for every motorist. "Winterizing" of engines should include filling with winter grade engine oil, cleaning of ignition distributor cap, adjustment of spark plugs, radiator protection with anti-freeze solutions and regular testing of storage battery each two weeks. Objective: to make the family car last 'til victory.

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The index of prices received by Maryland farmers was three points lower on Oct. 15 than a month earlier and 30 points below the same date a year ago, the Maryland Crop Reporting Service has revealed.

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Of the 10,836 cows being checked in the Maryland Dairy Herd Improvement Association during October, the 8.843 cows in milk produced an average of 518 pounds of milk and 23.3 pounds of butterfat.

This year's onion crop is expected to be the largest in history, 52 per cent greater than last year. Careful storage should prevent any such shortage as occurred last year. Onions should be kept in a dry cool place, 32 to 55 degrees F., with free circulation of air. The pantry, attic, or an unused room is better than the cellar, which is often too damp. Onions may be spread on a screen placed overhead in the garage or on the back porch if the temperature remains above freezing.

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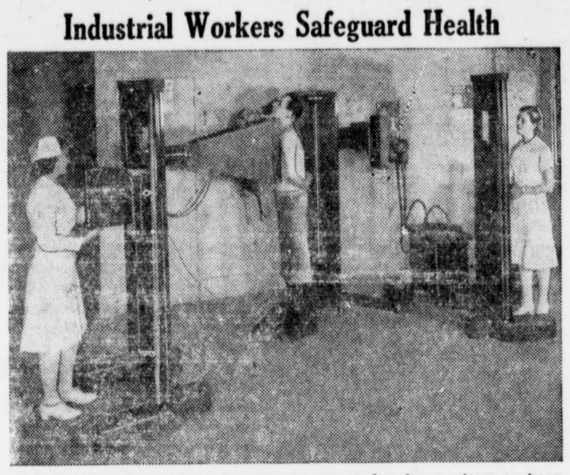
Foreign Representative

The first foreign representative of the Colonies had been Silas Deane. In March, 1776, he was appointed by congress as a commercial and political agent to France. He was a native of Groton, Conn., and a member of the first congress. It was to Deane that LaFayette first tendered his services.

Industrial Workers Safeguard Health



It is becoming more and more common today for workers to keep tabs on their health by having periodic chest X-rays. They have learned that tuberculosis may cause them long months of idleness unless it is detected, through X-raying, in its early stages. An educational campaign to teach the importance of periodic chest examinations is supported by the sale of Christmas Seals.

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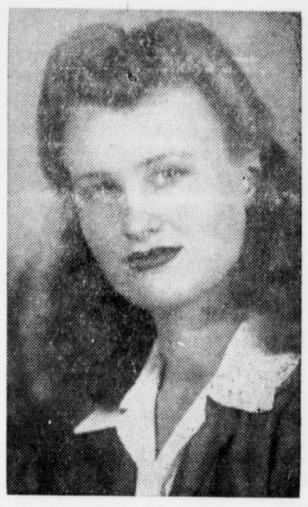

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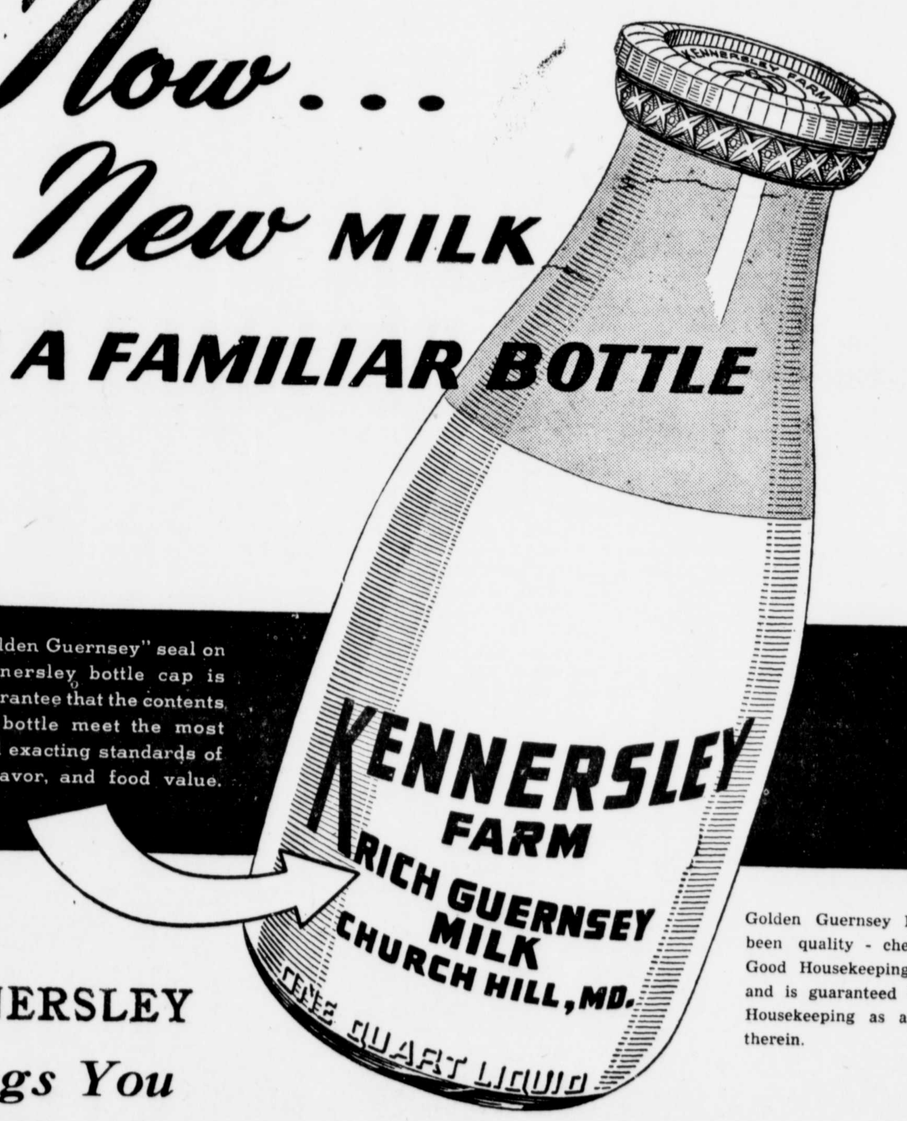

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