IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Reminders

MEATS, FATS — Red Stamps Q5 through X5 good indefinitely. No new stamps until January 28.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps X5 through Z5; A2 through G2 good indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until February 1.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamp 34 good for five pounds indefinitely. No new stamp until February 1.

FUEL OIL—East and Far West land 2 period coupons good indefinitely. Period 3 coupon in East will become good on January 15. Period 3 coupon in Far West will become good on January 8. Mid-West and South Period 1, 2 and 3 coupons good throughout heating year.

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

Still Goodly Number of Unrationed Foods

While the over-all food rationing program has been tightened by restoration of point values to five vegetables and application of points to 85 per cent of the total meat supply, there remain a substantial number of foods for which rationing points are not needed, states OPA. All frozen and dried fruits and vegetables, fruit spreads, lard, soups, baked beans and baby foods—along with fresh fruits and vegetables, cereals, eggs, poultry and fish—are unrationed. In the meat list no point value is attached to beef hearts, sweetbreads and beef tongue; lamb is unrationed on such cuts as breast and flank, shanks of all grades, patties, steaks, chops and roasts in utility grade, hearts, liver, sweetbreads and tongue; all grades of mutton are pointfree; veal is unrationed in such classes of cuts as breast, flank meat, neck shank and heel meat of all grades in utility grade and lower for steaks, chops and roasts, and also hearts, sweetbreads and tongue. No points are needed to buy pork fat backs, clear plates, hocks, jowls, knuckles, regular plates and bacon ends, hearts, liver and tongue. A number of sausage types are also on the no point list.

Fuel Oil Warning Issued

Cold homes later on this winter, with no extra rations available, will be the inevitable result of present overconsumption of fuel oil, OPA warns. The request to conserve supplies came from the rationing agency following widespread indications that many householders have dipped too heavily into their fuel oil rations and are burning oil at a rate considerably in excess of what they should have used up to the present point of the 1944-1945 heating season.

Background For Farm Draft

Background of the Selective Service action requesting draft boards to reclassify and induct, to the full extent permitted by law, men in the age group 18 through 25 years who hold agricultural deferments is contained in a letter written to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hersey, Director of Selective Service, by the Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, James F. Byrnes. Pointing out that the Tydings Amendment to the Selective Servcie Act does not give the agricultural worker absolute exemption, and was not intended to, Director Byrnes states: "The Secretaries of War and Navy have advised me jointly that the calls from the Army and Navy to be met in the coming year will exhaust the eligibles in the 18 and 25 year age group at an early date. The Army and Navy believe it essential to the effective prosecution of the war to induct more men in the age group. . . Other than the men becoming 18 years of age the only remaining substantial source in this age group is in the 364,000 men now deferred because of agricultural occupation. You have further advised me that if this group is not available, you must call into the service occupationally deferred men in the next age group, 26 years and older, most of whom are fathers. The chairman of the War Production Board, Mr. Krug, advises me that the loss of these men would make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to meet critical war demands. Moreover, these older men would not meet the expressed needs of the Army and Navy."

Expert Explains Farm Values

by
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The farm land boom during and immediately following World I was the cause of great distress among farmers. Thousands of them lost heavily mortgaged farms which they had purchased at boom prices. Remembering this disastrous experience, persons interested in the welfare of American agriculture wish to see every effort possible made to prevent a land boom during the present war period.

Farm land prices have risen sharply since 1940. In many regions they are already at levels which cannot be supported by probable long-time earnings from the land. Fortunately, remembering the distress which followed the last boom, many farmers are cautious in buying farms. They are paying debts and buying War Bonds.

By maintaining a cautious attitude on land values and using savings to pay debts and War Bonds, farmers can contribute much toward stability in farm real estate. City buyers of farms should remember that return from capital in farms over a period of years usually is low, and they will not be helping themselves and will only be contributing to distress among farmers by paying inflated prices for farm land.

Speculative buying of farms should by all means be discouraged. Buyers of farms will find it desirable to bear in mind that present prices of farm products are war-time prices and, therefore, they should use normal prices in estimating probable returns from the farm in future years. The only safe method for protecting an equity when buying a farm is to make a down payment of sufficient size to hold the mortgage to an amount which can be carried from earnings in average peace-time years.

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GALENA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By MARTHA L. DAVIS

On Friday, Dec. 22, 1944, the student body and faculty met to exchange their Christmas gifts. It is a tradition with us to draw names a couple of weeks before the holidays and give a tricky little article to the one whose name we hold. A stamp album with a ten-cent stamp in it was awarded to each student by the teachers. Alumni who visited us on that day were: Helen Mitchell of Harcum Junior College; George Nicholson, now of Sudlersville; Sandy Huey of Beacon School and Gwendolyn Johnson of Salisbury State Teacher's College.

The following are a few of the twenty new library books that the high school has received:

Avalanche by Kay Boyle.
Winter Wheat by Mildred Walker
By Ways to Adventure by Edwin Teale.
Tarawa by Robert Sherrod.
Queen of the Flat-top by Stanley Johnston.
Seventeenth Summer by Maureen Daley.
How To Be Attractive by Joan Bennett.
God Is My Co-Pilot by Robert Scott, Jr.

The following students made a perfect attendance during the month of December:

Seniors—Phyllis Shorts and Hazel Newnam.
Juniors—Robert Schelts.
Sophomores— George Wood, Donald Crew, Hester Miller, Clara V. Jarvis, Mildred Durham and Margaret Bingnear.
Freshmen—William Davidson, Lee Freeman, Elizabeth Jester, Agnes A. Hadley, Audrey Fogwell, Virginia Edwards, Carrie Mae Dulin and Rose Marie Behringer.

Those who received all A or B average for the month of December are:

Freshmen — Kent Wharton and Audrey Fogwell.
Sophomores — Hester Miller, Mildred Durham, Rita Donahoe, Frances C. Luray and Margaret Bingnear.
Juniors—Julia Wharton.

On Thursday, January 4, 1945 the monthly meeting of the P.T.A. was held in the elementary school. Since Mrs. Logan was unable to be on the program, Miss Leager's music classes had a program of songs. Jean and Joan Hadley did a special number of "Shortnin' Bread" and Phyllis Rudnick sang a solo, "Peaceful Evening." Both of these numbers were accompanied by the chorus. The business meeting was opened by the vice-president. The P.T.A. decided to purchase paper towels to be used at the school until the year's supply is received. There was a discussion as to the need and possibility of installing a telephone in the school. The suggestion was made that the association sponsor a covered dish supper during the month of February. No definite plans will be made before the next monthly meeting on February 1.

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Spiced Crumb Pudding

It is rare indeed to find a family who does not get an accumlation of stale bread over the period of a week. In many cases the housewife is somewhat at a loss what to do with it all—particularly if her family is not fond of bread pudding or doesn't like bread stewed with tomatoes—well, never give up trying—it usually turns out that one way every member will like stale bread is a

SPICED CRUMB PUDDING

1 cup dry bread crumbs
1 cup sour milk
¼ cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons molasses
½ cup sifted flour
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
¾ cup raisins

Soak crumbs in sour milk for ½ hour. Cream shortening and sugar together until light and fluffy, add molasses and beat well. Sift flour mixture. Add raisins and crumbs and beat thoroughly. Bake in a buttered baking ring in slow oven (300 F.) 45 minutes. Serve hot or cold with any desired pudding sauce. Serves 8.

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Uncle Ab says the man who wrongs you always fears and dislikes you.

Production of arm machinery, exclusive of wheel tractors, repair parts and attachments, for the four months' period July 1 to Oct. 31, 1944 is approximately 25 per cent behind manufacturers' schedules. In making this announcement, War Production [illegible] that military requirements which are more critical than they were two to three months ago, are creating critical shortages in components needed for farm machinery production.

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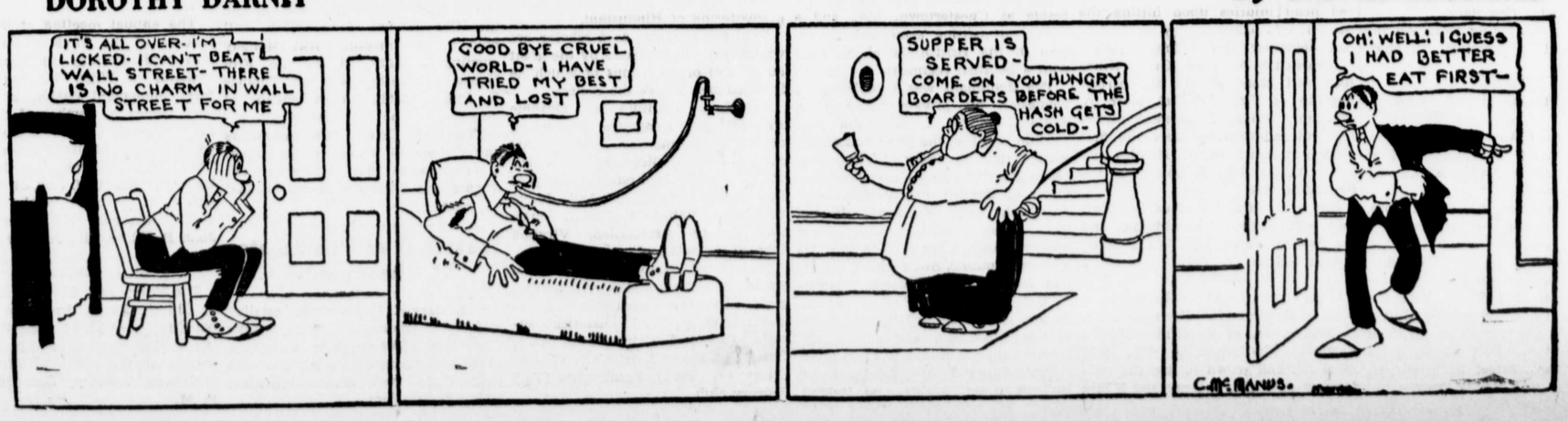

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