IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Civilians At War

The Government needs and asks its citizens in this 169th week of the war to:

1. Give all you can to the 1945 Red Cross Drive. Voluntary contributions of $200,000,000 are needed to carry out its vast program of service.
2. Keep on saving urgently needed waste paper and kitchen fats—also tin cans, where they are locally collected.
3. Help save cargo space in transport planes by V-Mail when writing to soldiers overseas.

Reminders

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps Q5, R5, S5, Last date for use March 31
Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5, last date for use April 28.
Red stamps Y5, Z5, and A2, B2, C2, D2, last date for use June 2.
New stamps will be validated March 4.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps, X5, Y5, Z5, and A2 and B2, last date for use March 31.
Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2, last date for use April 28.
Blue Stamps H2, J2, K2, L2, and M2, last date for use June 2.
Blue Stamps N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, last date for use June 30.

SUGAR—Stamp 34, last date for use Feb. 28.
Stamp 35, last date for use June 2. No new stamp will be validated until May 1.

FUEL OIL—East, Period 5 coupons become good March 1, 1945.
Mid-West, Period 4 and 5 coupons become good February 5, 1945.
Far West, Period 5 coupons become good March 5, 1945.
South, Periods 4 and 5 coupons became good January 29, 1945.

Declaration of Eestimated 1945 Tax

Farmers (persons receiving at least two-thirds of their income from farming) are permitted to delay filing 1945 Declarations until January 15, 1946. At that time they may, if they desire, file their annual returns instead of their declarations. Declarations are required from farmers who expect to earn $500 or more this year. If they postpone the filing of Declarations until January 15, 1946, they must pay the full amount of estimated tax at that time. Special forms and instructions have been mailed out to all persons who filed Declarations last year. Additional copies may be obtained from the office of any collector of internal revenue. Farmers who have not as yet filed their 1944 income tax returns must do so by March 15.

Total Food Rationing In Japan

All food, and clothing in Japan is rationed, as well as matches, medicines, gasoline and fuel, the Office of War Information states in a comprehensive report on conditions within Japan. Food is distributed to Japanese consumers through neighborhood associations, which issue the rations. Each association serves 10 families. A local chairman is appointed by the police. Local food corporations deliver food rations to the consumers at their doors.

"Safety First" for Farm Investments

When the farmer invests his hard-earned money he should be careful to invest it where he is certain that his principal will be safe, is the advice of M. L. Predmore, Chief of the Agricultural Section of Treasury's War Finance Division. He recalls how many farmers, lured by high interest, invested to their sorrow in speculative stocks and bonds during the last war period. "For this reason," he declares, "War Bonds are a first choice for the investment of farm savings. They have all the resources of America back of them. In addition, the Series E War Bond pays the highest interest rate of any Government security now available."

Tightened Home Canning Sugar Program

A tightened home canning sugar program for the 1945 season—a program designed to insure a fair distribution of the available sugar to those who actually need it for canning—has been announced by Administrator Chester Bowles, OPA. Highlights of the new program are as follows: The housewife will apply at her local War Price and Rationing Board and indicate the amount of canning she intends to do this year. Local boards will issue five-pound home canning sugar coupons. No ration stamps in War Ration Book Four will be good for canning sugar this year. For canning fruits and fruit juices, the allowance will be on the basis of one pound for each four quarts to be canned. The total allowance must not exceed 20 pounds per person, or 160 pounds to a single family, even though the family may contain more than eight persons.

Cotton Goods for Smaller Towns

Distribution of the 10,000,000 yards of cotton goods that is being made available for the first quarter of 1945 to merchants in rural areas has been limited to merchants who, in 1944, received less than 20 percent of their 1943 sales of cotton goods, the War Production Board reports. The allocation of the cotton goods was made specifically for over-the-counter sale to persons who live in small towns and rural areas and who usually purchase such goods for use in making garments in the home. For the purpose of the distribution program, small towns and rural areas were defined as communities of less than 25,000, WPB exylained. No priority assistance was granted to retailers in towns with greater population.

Home Repairs A Vast Program

Nearly 390,000 American families financed urgently needed home repairs and maintenance last year with funds advanced by private financial institutions and insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Abner H. Ferguson, commissioner of the National Housing Administration, says. "Property repairs and improvements are expected to create a large number of jobs during the transition period from war to peace. As soon as wartime restrictions can be removed FHA stands ready to extend its aid to property owners and financial institutions to undertake the vital task of property rehabilitation with a convenient plan of financing." It is estimated that property repairs and improvements, when restrictions are removed, will aggregate $3,000,000,000 in the first 12 month period.

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

Soil is a living, growing thing. In the top few inches of it are packed most of the life-giving elements which alone can produce plants—and food. Every thimbleful of topsoil contains millions of miscroscopic, living organisms plus a store of minerals and organic matter. With the help of the sun and rain, these highly complex ingredients generate the vigor which makes life possible for us. Without topsoil, we should all perish. In the past, civilizations which have exploited their land have vanished, for good soil is a heritage that can easily be dissipated and is not easily renewed.

Already erosion has caused appreciable damage to the topsoil on most of the sloping farmland in Maryland. Some 450,000 acres have actually lost more than three-fourths of their topsoil. Furthermore, 603,000 acres of otherwise good Maryland land are not producing all the food they should because they are poorly drained. Drainage channels which are supposed to clear them of water have become clogged with silt.

The Kent Soil Conservation District is making every effort to help farmers in the county control erosion and improve drainage both of which are causing considerable damage to valuable farmland in the county.

The Supervisors of the Kent District believe that everyone, farmers and urban people alike, have a stake in the soil, water, forestry and wildlife resources of the county. If they are used wisely and well—now, and in the future, everyone will benefit. The Supervisors of the Kent Soil Conservation District are in a position to help with the conservation job now at hand. Let us all make sure that this valuable assistance does not lie idle.

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BETTERTON

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore have returned home after a pleasant visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., and sons in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Catherine R. Groves spent a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. Marion Frasher near Woodside, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. William Riley of Phila., spent several days with Mr. Joseph Minster.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lesage of Melitota, and Mrs. John Atkinson of near Chestertown, visited Mrs. Mary Moore and Mrs. Minnie Coleman on Sunday.

Walter Joiner of Worton visited relatives here over the week-end.

Miss Kay Wheeler has purchased the house and lot on Bayside, adjoining the property of Richard Fellows, from William Turner, Swarthmore, Pa.

Graham Watt of U. S. A. N., spent a few days at his home here, left early Tuesday morning for Bainbridge, Md.

Homemakers Club held a covered dish luncheon at the Fire House last Thursday and entertained the Flatland Homemakers Club.

Miss Jean Duyer, a student nurse at Maryland University Hospital, in Baltimore, had a leave of a few hours off on Sunday which she spent at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenwood and daughters of Camden, Del., spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Virginia Groves of University of Maryland, College Park, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Catherine R. Groves.

Mrs. Hattye Crew and son, Billy, visited Baltimore on Sunday.

Mr. Leonard Starkey of New York and Mr. Chas. Willis of Wilmington spent the week-end with their home folks.

Mrs. Frank Whitehouse of Baltimore spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Tull on Bayside.

Mrs. Mary Ann Nicholson and little girl spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nicholson in Still Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hilyard in Millington.

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Back in 1899 it was a Coast Guard cutter—the McCulloch—which first wired the news of Dewey at Manila to Hong Kong, where it was cabled to the world.

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When the destroyer REIR was sunk near the Philippines in December, a Coast Guard patrol craft picked up the survivors four hours later. Similar rescue jobs overseas have become routine to the men who "guard the coast—anybody's coast."

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Coast Guard ince-breaking vessels have a peculiar propeller arrangement. There is a propeller fore and aft. The bow propellor churns the water ahead, thus making ice breaking comparatively easier.

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