IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Civilians At War

The Government needs and asks its citizens in this 170th week of the war to:

1. Help relieve the nursing crisis. All women, trained or untrained, can participate in one of the eight war nursing programs.
2. Address all overseas mail clearly, correctly and completely to avoid delay and disappointments.
3. Buy only what you really need this Easter. Dollars unnecessarily spent contribute to inflation.

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.

Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2 last date for use. June 30.

New Stamps will be validated April 1.

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.

New stamps will be validated April 1.

SUGAR—Stamp 35 late date for use June 2.

No new stamp will be validated until May 1.

FUEL OIL—East, Period 5 coupons became 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.

New Lettuce Is Called Slobolt

A new summer leaf lettuce called Slobolt has been announced by the Department of Agriculture, and is already being increased by seed growers to make it available to gardeners. It will be listed in the 1946 seed catalogs. This new lettuce withstands midsummer temperatures without quickly shooting or "bolting" to seed. If plants are set 10 to 12 inches apart and only the basal leaves are used as they reach a desirable size, lettuce may be harvested from the same plants over a period of several weeks, making it a very desirable home-garden variety. Slobolt has frilled light-green leaves that have the very wrinkled effect described as savoyed. The plants are of moderate size and the seeds are black.

Ceiling Price Raised For Potato Shipments To Dehydrating Plants

Country shippers of white potatoes and onions who make carlot deliveries to dehydrating plants may add 14 cents a hundred pounds to their ceiling price for services required in carlot distribution, says OPA. Country shippers have always been permitted to add 14 cents a hundred pounds to the ceiling price of potatoes for carlot sales delivered at a terminal market or other wholesale receiving points. However, many dehydrating plants are located in potato producing areas and are not in terminal markets or at other wholesale receiving points. The OPA provision is expected to make it easier for dehydrating plants to obtain supplies of white potatoes from nearby country shippers. It is also expected to free freight facilities for other important uses.

Dairy Herd Improvement Associations Show Results

The well-rounded program of the dairy herd improvement associations, begun in a small way 40 years ago, is each year now showing wider results, says Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard. Effects of the use of proved sires are especiailly significant, resulting as they do in a healthy rise of the average milk production of all daughters of proved bulls instead of outstanding milk production records of just a few individuals. Last year the average production for all of the nation's 26 million dairy cows was less than 4.600 pounds of milk; for the half million cows of the improvement association herds it was 8,300 pounds. With the increased interest in record keeping and the rapid development of artifical insemination, we can look forward to continuing increases in dairy cow efficiency. At Beltsville, for example, the U.S.D.A. has some Holstein bulls all of whose daughters average over 20,000 pounds of milk and over 800 pounds of butterfat a year.

Health Of Nation Showns No Serious Decline

Despite the strains of three years of wartime living and working, and an increasing shortage of physicians, psychiatrists, nurses and hospital facilities, the physical and mental health of America's civilians shows no indication of a serious decline, the Office of War Information states in a comprehensive report on the state of the nation's health. It adds, however, a warning from Surgeon General Parran that our lines against disease are lightly held, and that our shortages of health and medical manpower leaves us vulnerable to a breakthrough on many fronts. The shortage of doctors continues to be more acute in ruural areas than in towns and cities. Sanitation in many rural parts of the country remains at a low level. Correction of deficiencies in the nation's sanitary equipment would require contruction of about 11,500 water systems, adequate sewerage facilities in more than 10,500 communities, safe water and privies for 5,000,000 rural homes, 400 milk pasteurization plants in 34 States.

Half U. S. Spinning Facilities To Be Converted To Cotton Yarn

As a further step toward increasing the production of yarns and fabrics needed to meet urgent military requirements, WPB has directed the conversion to cotton yarn production of at least 50 percent of the country's spinning facilities producing spun rayon similar yarns. The direction affects all mills operating on the cotton system and producing spun rayon, cotton-rayon mixed or other blended or mixed fiber yarn except cotton-wool blended or mixed yarns. It applies to both sale yarn and integrated mills. The direction becomes effective on March 26, 1945 for all persons who produce yarn, but no fabrics; and on April 9, 1945 for all persons who produce both yarns and fabrics.

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

The farm planning work of the Kent Soil Conservation District was greatly curtailed during February by bad weather and almost impassable farm lanes. Last month the District prepared farm plans for Mrs. Thomas Stavely, Henry Gill and Thomas Bonwill farms.

The District has been repairing its tractors, graders and trucks during the winter months in preparation for drainage ditch construction this spring, summer and fall. The District plans to operate two outfits constructing drainage ditches for cooperating farmers this season. If the Supervisors are successful in repairing their tractors, one outfit will work in the eastern part of the county and the other in the southern part of the county.

The District has been using their technicians to do farm planning work during the winter months when they cannot operate their equipment. After the weather becomes good this spring, these technicians will devote most of their time to assisting individual or groups of farmers install or establish drainage or erosion control practices to control erosion or improve drainage. Farmers having drainage or erosion problems can get assistance with these problems by applying to the District Supervisors or the County Agent. The Soil Conservation District can render valuable assistance in correcting these problems.

Mr. Delmar P. Thompson has been transferred to the Kent District. Mr. Thompson replaces Mr. Glenn J. Rawlin who was transferred from his District to Rhode Island. Mr. Thompson was assigned to the Salisbury, Md. Work Unit Office prior to his transfer here.

Cecil County is in the process of organizing a Soil Conservation District. They held their referendum February 1, 1945. 601 Cecil farmers voted for the organization of the District and 72 voted against its organization. The State Soil Sonservation Committee in College Park was to consider the organization of this Soil Conservation District at their regular meeting March 2. Undoubtedly, this committee will grant Cecil County permission to organize a District.

The Kent Soil Conservation District was organized to assist farmers in controlling erosion, improving drainage and to help farmers with their general farm problems. The District has the technical help available to assist farmers having these problems. Farmers are encouraged to take advantage of this assistance.

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Harvesting Peas

It requires less than 18 hours of man labor to grow and harvest a crop of canning peas, according to a survey.

MILLINGTON

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. J. Taylor. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Ella Gale and Mrs. Taylor.

Miss Margaret Wallace of Wilmington spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dawson of Philadelphia were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dixon.

Mrs. Frank Shahan spent last week as the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Frances Sanner and Mrs. Margaret Lloyd of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Adkinson and family of Chester and Mr. and Mrs. George Neal and daughter of Fairlee were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adkinson.

Mr. T. Blair Ely, one of the Lay Delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Church will speak in Asbury Methodist Church, Millington, Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock, March 11th. Special musical selections by the Philathea-Baraca Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higman spent Friday in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tarbutton and daughter, Jean, of Wilmington were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Massey.

Mr. Hiram Walls of Basking Ridge, N. J., was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walls of near town.

Miss Clara Bryan was a Friday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robinson of Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones and Mrs. Warner Porter were Sunday visitors of Miss Ethel Jones, who is a patient at the Baltimore Eye and Ear Hospital.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.S.C.S. of Trinity Church was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. McCosh Walls.

Miss Elizabeth Stevens and Mr. George Sanders of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Stevens and daughter of Wilmington were week-end guests of Mrs. Ethel Stevens.

Miss Helen Hilyard spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Malin of Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. M. Logan spent several days in Baltimore last week.

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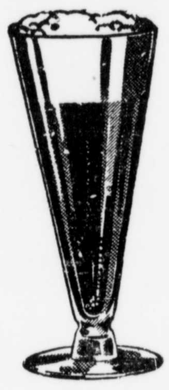
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