IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Civilians At War

The Government needs and asks its citizens in this 173rd week of the war to:

1. Play fair with the available supply of meat by paying ration points in full, and by paying no more than ceiling prices.
2. Give two special Easter Gifts to our men on the fighting fronts—a pint of blood and an extra dollar to the Red Cross War Fund.
3. Search closets for clothing, shoes and bedding to send to millions of war-improverished people through the United National Clothing Collection Committee, Drive, which starts April 1.

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—Period 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 coupons, good for ten gallons per units, continue valid throughout the country for the rest of the heating year.

SHOES—Airplane stamps No. 1, 2, 3 in Book Three continue valid indefinitely.

No Need For Pessimism About Food Supply, Says Marvin Jones

"I hope no one will be misled about the food situation," says War Food Administrator Marvin Jones. "No one has gone hungry in this country. No one is going hungry. In 1943 the American farmers produced 32 per cent more food than this or any other nation ever produced before the war. In 1944 they upped this by 5 per cent, making a record increase of 37 per cent above prewar production. This record was made in spite of the handicaps of war. This year the farmers themselves set goals that call for an even greater crop acreage. Our armed forces will continue to be well-fed. We will continue to help our fighting allies. Our own people will continue to have plenty of good, wholesome food, and we will contribute our share to the relief of starving people, even if it means a new hitch in our belts. This is a practical matter and a part of the war itself. Anyone who sells the American farmer short makes a mistake."

New Chemical Treatment for Poles and Posts Announced

Scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have developed a method by which farmers and other users of wood-lot trees can introduce chemicals into the sap stream of the wood to increase the length of service of fence posts, bean poles, garden stakes and other utility poles. The fresh-cut saplings are simply allowed to stand in a wooden tub or trough containing the right amount of chemical in solution for a period of about six hours or until they have taken up the required amount of chemical. Chemicals recommended include chromated zinc chloride, zinc chloride, and copper sulfate (bluestone), of which the chromated zinc chloride is the best. The chromated zinc chloride is twice as expensive as zinc chloride or copper sulfate, but it protects the wood longer and is also less corrosive to wire staples than copper sulfate. One pound of either of the chemicals dissolved in a half gallon of water will treat one cubic foot of wood, or the equivalent of a sapling which measures about four inches at the base and is about 30 feet tall. All of the recommended chemicals are poisonous and should be kept out of the reach of children, pets and livestock. None of them should be stored in metal containers. Because copper sulfate is corrosive, it must not be used in metal tubs or troughs.

Program To Provide Longer Wear For Shoes

WPB announces an intensified program for the conservation of shoe leathe rand for sole leather treatment to provide longer wear. The sole treatment program, which has received wide support from the shoe manufacturers, will be extended to retailers and consumers in order to assure their understanding and cooperation. Shoe retailers and salesmen, as well as the public, will be informed of the extra value of shoes with soles treated with oil, wax or equivalent materials. Tests have shown that such treatment prolongs the life of shoes substantially. The program will cover all types of shoes adaptable to sole leather treatment, since stress previously had been placed largely on men's work and dress shoes. Methods of treatment of women's shoe soles for use in the cemented type of women's shoes are the subject of research in the conservation program, and important results are expected, WPB said.

Policy On Church Meetings And Religious Gatherings Announced

The policy of the War Committee on Conventions on church meetings and religious gatherings is explained in a letter from the Committee to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Office of Defense Transportation announced. No permit is required for the holding of any meeting for religious worship or for ecclesiastical ceremony, the Committee stated. No permit is required for any conference or meeting attended by not more than 50 persons from beyond the local commuting zone, or, in the case of rural communities, from beyond the normal trading area of the locality in which the meeting is held. The committee said application must be made for permission to hold other type of church meetings.

Meetings of auxiliary groups such as women's organizations, youth groups and missionary societies held concurrently with a church legislative conference require separate applications for a permit. Meetings of denominations that have no central governing body are not eligible for permits as church legislative meetings. Permits are required for meetings of missionary societies, organizations of laymen, and for ministers' conferences, youth group meetings and various other church auxiliary bodies. The policy of the committee is to deny such permits.

Church camps and summer assemblies following the normal vacation pattern do not require a permit. But any convention or meeting held at a camp or summer assembly ground does require a permit.

New Ruling On Seed Potatoes Announced

Because of changes in the definitions of certified seed potatoes and "war approved" seed potatoes, such potatoes sold for table use must be sold as "table stock" potatoes, at or below the ceiling prices established for table stock potatoes, OPA said. It has never been intended, OPA said that seed potatoes sold for table use should be sold at seed potato ceiling prices at any level or distribution. This action, which became effective March 24, 1945, is necessary because information received by OPA indicates that farmer-producers and carlot distributors of potatoes have been selling certified and "war approved" seed potatoes for table use at seed potato ceiling prices that are higher than the ceiling prices for table stock potatoes. Wholesalers and retailers have always been prohibited from selling certified or "war approved" seed potatoes at seed potato ceiling prices if the seed potatoes were delivered for ultimate table use.

Iron Castings Up-Rated To Aid Farm Machinery Production

To insure delivery of essential farm equipment, a limited volume of malleable iron castings needed in the production of farm machinery and equipment will be uprated to AA-1, WPB announced. Production of farm equipment (exclusive of repair parts) is at present about 20 per cent behind schedule, and shortage of malleable iron castings is one of the chief factors retarding production, WPB said. The up-rating to AA-1 is expected to result in a considerable improvement in meeting production schedules for the year July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945.

Disabled Veterans Urged To Use Inter-Regiorpl Recruiting Facilities

Disabled veterans are urged by WMC to take advantage of the interregional recruitment facilities offered by the U. S. Employment Service, thereby avoiding traveling great distances to find work only to learn that no suitable jobs are available in a given locality. Reports reaching the Veterans Employment Service of USES have shown that veterans attracted by "help wanted" advertisements in other localities have discovered that the work is not permanent or is only for a few days a week. WMC also pointed out that in a number of cases no housing has been available, and veterans have been forced to leave their families behind. Although veterans are not subject to job controls, USES is concerned about their future jobs and has provided a job counseling program and a system of selective placement, in addition to which the regular inter-regional recruitment program provides material assistance, officials stated. When a community is overcrowded and work prospects are poor, USES can suggest alternative places to which veterans may go and be certain of maximum employment opportunities, WMC said.

Transportation of 1945 Crops Calls For Truck Mileage Reduction

Transportation of 1945 crops and farm products, says ODT, poses serious difficulties for the nation's farmers and agricultural haulers unless further efforts are made to reduce and conserve trucking mileage. Manpower, equipment and tire shortages will be increasingly felt because of inductions into the armed forces, the steadily advancing age and deterioration of trucks and trailers and the tread-worn condition of large numbers of heavy duty tires. Less manpower and a reduced number of older trucks, ODT emphasized, will be available to haul approximately the same, and in some products, larger tonnages than were hauled in 1944. The WFA 1945 production goals call for planting and harvesting of 300,000,000 acres of cultivated crops and 64,000,000 acres of hay. It is also expected that 135,000,000 head of livestock will be slaughtered. During 1944, ODT said, the greatest harvest of agricultural products ever produced by the American farmer—livestock, poultry, milk, fruit, vegetables, grains, etc., was successfully moved from producing areas without any loss due to lack of trucking transportation.

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

Pasture yields can be materially increased by following improved practices which have been tried over a period of years and found effective.

Turning animals on pasture too early in the spring and grazing too closely through the entire season are the practices that are responsible for low yields. It is well to remember that plants obtain from the air through their leaves about 90% of the materials from which they manufacture the dry substances they contain.

The amount of materials plants can take from the air and manufacture into substances they use in making growth depends largely on the amount of leaf area exposed to air and to the light. It is impossible for plants in continuously close-grazed pacture to produce good yields of feed because of the small amount of leaf surface exposed to air and light.

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Pasture care pays.

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"Food is a weapon of war, and everyone is called upon to produce just as much as his circumstances will permit," says Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland extension Service, who calls attention to an attractive bulletin, written in popular style, about "Recommendations for Control of Insects and Diseases in Victory Gardens." A copy of it can be obtained from the office of any Maryland county agricultural agent or by writing to the University.

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