IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Civilians At War

The Government needs and asks its citizens in this 174th week of the war to:

1. Plan now to take a summer job on a farm, and be one of the four million workers who are needed to meet this year's wartime food production goals.
2. Drive your car slowly, check tires regularly, lubricate frequently. Your car must last until Victory—and then some.
3. Save kitchen fats. Every teaspoonful of waste fat is still needed, and the two red points per pound are more important to you than ever.

Reminders

MEATS, FATS—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 validated April 1, K2, L2, M2, N2, P2, last date for use July 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—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 validated April 1, T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, last date for use July 31.

SUGAR—Stamp 35 late date for use June 2.
No new stamps will be validated until May 1.

FUEL OIL—Period 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 coupons, good for ten gallons per unit, 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.

Seventh War Loan Drive To Open May 14 With Goal of 14 Billion

The Treasury will open the Seventh War Loan Drive on May 14, 1945, with a goal of 14 billion dollars, the Treasury Department announces. One objective of this drive will be the sale of $7,000,000,000 worth of Government securities to individuals. This is the largest quota ever set for individuals in a War Loan Drive. As a part of the campaign to raise this amount, an intensive program for the sale of Series E Bonds in plants and factories will begin April 9. "It is clear," Secretary Morgenthau said, "that Federal expenditures are going to remain at a high level for some time to come. It is also apparent that funds in the hands of non-bank investors will continue to increase sharply under present conditions. It is highly desirable to channel as much of these funds as possible into Government security investment, and to put them to work in the prosecution of the war."

Purchasers of Passenger Car Tires Classified In Four Groups

A preferential list of occupations of use in selecting persons to receive passenger car tires has been prepard by OPA in cooperation with the War Manpower Commission. Under the new plan the number of eligibles is not reduced, but they are classified into four preference groups for the aid of local War Price and Rationing Boards in issuing tire certificates. Group I is limited almost entirely to persons whose occupation are of emergency nature, and to workers at establishments faced with production emergencies. Within this group are eligible physicians, public health nurses, police and employes at critical war industries such as those producing urgently needed aircraft and ammunition that are experiencing a manpower emergency. The exact plants, however, will be determined on the advice of local WMC officials. Group II includes persons employed in other essential plants, and those whose occupations are highly important to the war effort. In this group are farmers, farm workers and representatives of management, labor and Government who recruit for essential establishments. Group III includes such occupations as buyers for essential establishments, and persons who travel to essential establishments on request to perform necessary technical services, such as those who advise these establishments on machinery maintenance problems. Group IV takes in all other persons eligible for Grade I passenger tires.

Rise of Farm Real Estate Values Continue

The average index value per acre of farm real estate (1912-1914, index value 100) for the United States as a whole was 126 on March 1, 1945, representing a rise of 11 per cent during the last year, and 6 per cent during the preceding four months, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Values rose 15 per cent during the year ended in March, 1944, and 21 per cent in 1919-1920, when the peak of the World War I boom was reached. Values have now advanced at an average rate of one per cent a month for four years. The rise for the 1941-45 period is 85 per cent of the increase for the four-year period 1916-1920. During the year average values increased 15 per cent or more in nine States, and 10 per cent or more in 26 States. The increases during the year equalled or exceeded the record increases of 1919-1920 in five State.

Sale or Ungraded Farm Eggs Now Permitted

Because of heavy demand for eggs and a relatively short supply, steps have been taken to permit the sale of "current receipt" (ungraded) eggs, f.o.b. the seller's farm, place of business or other location, OPA has announced. OPA also said that on sales to a Government agency, one and one-half cents a dozen may be added to the ceiling price for eggs that have been treated for preservation by immersion in hot water followed by a coating of mineral oil.

Milk Production for 1945 Expected To Equal Last Year's Output

Milk production on farms during 1945 is expected to be at least as large as the 1944 output of 119 billion pounds, says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Milk cows on farms January 1, 1945, totaled 27,785,000 head, or 129,000 more than on January 1, 1944. Returns to dairy farmers, because of higher production payment rates for butterfat, probably will average higher in 1945 than in 1944. Also dairy products-feed price ratios will continue favorable to milk producers with the 1924-1943 average.

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Give Nurses Rank

The National Defense act of June 4, 1920, carried an amendment providing for "relative rank" for members of the army nurse corps. This for the first time gave army nurses the dignity and status of commissioned officers, though the pay and allowances provided were not the same as those received by officers of equivalent grade.

PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

The Soil Conservation Service technicians loaned to the Kent Soil Conservation District are busy laying out erosion control and drainage practices on many of the farms in the county. Soil erosion has been very active and destructive to unprotected farmlands in the county this winter. Many of the productive fields have been badly gullied and washed by the heavy winter rains. Simple easily established erosion control practices will help prevent these destructive gullies and washes.

Farm plans were prepared for the W. L. Simms, Joseph G. Falck, William R. Crow, George N. Cooper and S. Sanford Stickney farms during March. These farm plans provide the farmers a farm lay-out whereby erosion can be controlled and poor drainage conditions improved where drainage is a problem.

The District Supervisors were shocked to hear of the death of Captain Raymond G. Ripley, who was killed in action on Luzon Feb. 10, 1945. Captain Ripley was one of the first technicians assigned to the District during the summer of 1938, and worked in the District until he entered the Army in January 1942. Captain Ripley was serving with Company C 151st Infantry at the time of his death.

Captain Ripley was a loyal conservationist. The splendid work he did while assigned to the Kent Soil Conservation District is a credit to him and to the District.

Captain Ripley made many friends with Kent farmers. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to those needing assistance. Captain Ripley will be greatly missed by the District Supervisors and farmers of the county.

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A two-week cow testers' short course at the University of Maryland came to a close last weekend, March 31. The course was offered in an effort to train enough testers to boost the number of county Dairy Herd Improvement Associations in Maryland from 18 to 20. Three testers completed the course: Tracey Wine of Staunton, Va., Roger Cave of Hagerstown, and William Evans of Moorestown, N. J. One of the testers will go to Caroline county's DHIA as a replacement while the other two will go to new associations in Baltimore and Cecil counties. The course was taught by George Hyatt, Jr., Extension dairyman at the University.

STILL POND

The church auditorium was filled with friends, guests and members, Sunday to hear the Easter message in sermon and song. Our pastor, Rev. L. B. Morgan was at his best as was also our church choir, under the direction of Mrs. F. B. Harper. The Still Pond Methodist Church welcomed into its membership the following: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hopkins, Miss Carrolton Nichols and Miss Pauline Starkey and Mrs. Dorothy Pine White during the church school session. The Loyona Class presented the school with "Christ at Heart's Door," our church school Supt. Mr. Ralph Geary accepted the picture in behalf of the school with a few well chosen remarks. Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Copper favored us with a duet at the close of the Church School session and as always our Easter day was a joyful day.

Mrs. Edward Schofield has returned home after visiting with her children in Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bonwell were hosts to the following Easter guests, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Weer, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Bonwell and daughter, Miss Betty Bonwell, and friend of near Galena, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bonwell of near Millington and Mr. and Mrs. Silcox and Jimmy Bonwell.

The blanket winner from the County Wide Club was Miss Jeane Stradley, Chestertown.

Mrs. A. J. Hackett celebrated her birthday anniversary last week. Her many friends remembered her with cards and flowers.

Mrs. Boulden and Miss Pearl Coleman were Easter guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ray King of Betterton.

Fire Chief and Mrs. Charles Clark (nee Louise Clark, formerly of this town) are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a little girl.

Miss Jennie Bowers of New York has been enjoying her Easter vacation at her home here.

Mr. Harry Hendrickson of Baltimore and Mr. Gale Rasin of Delaware visited with their home folks during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Greenwood of Chester, Pa., were the Easter guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood.

Lt. and Mrs. Harold W. Joiner and son, Donald, left for Greenville, S. C., Tuesday after a 10-day stay with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Joiner.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service are holding their regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 5 Leader of Devotions, Miss Louise Pennington. Mrs. Carson Greenwood is the leader of the program.

Mrs. Dora Meeks was an Easter guest of her neice, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith in Denton.

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James D. Davis of Kent county is the owner of the dairy herd that produced the largest number of pounds of milk and butterfat per cow of all the hundreds of herds being tested during February in Maryland's Dairy Herd Improvement Associations. His nine cows, registered Holsteins, averaged 1,185 pounds of milk and 41.5 pounds of butterfat during the month Owners of other high ranking herds are: Juliet G. Smith and G. Edgar Roderick of Frederick County, E. D. Fry of Montgomery county, John Fuchs of Caroline county, and Everett Mullinix, Howard county.

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Ship Comforts

The living comforts of the officers and men of the Victory ships and Liberty ships which deliver the goods to the battlefronts are enhanced by the amount and quality of the plumbing fixtures in quarters. Each vessel has about 300 plumbing items. For the 45 officers and men there are 32 lavatories, 17 water closets, 16 showers, in addition to accessories, service sinks and laundry tubs.

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