IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Civilians At War

The Government needs and asks its citizens in the 178th week of the war to:

1. Stay in the fight against a wartime rise in prices. Inflation will remain a danger until supply and demand regain a normal balance. Buy only what you need. Save your money for the better products to come after the war.
2. Ask your local salvage committee whether your community has tin collection facilities. If so, save and turn in all discarded tin cans.
3. Serve all the daytime hours you can spare if you are a trained Nurse's Aide. Employ the training the Red Cross has given you, thus releasing registered graduate nurses to use their special skills.

Reminders

MEATS, Fats—Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2 through D2 last date for use June 2.
Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2 last date for use. June 30.
Red Stamps K2 through P2 last date for use July 31.
Red Stamps Q2 through U2 last date for use August 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps H2 through M2 last date for use June 2.
Blue Stamps N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, last date for use June 30.
Blue Stamps T2 through X2 last date for use July 31.
Blue Stamps Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1, last date for use August 31.

SUGAR STAMPS—35 last date for use June 2.
36 Stamp last date for use Aug. 31.

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.

Nationwide Campaign Under Way To Check Automobile Brakes

An automobile brake check program, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in cooperation with Government agencies, started April 15 and will end June 1. Purpose of the program is to help save passenger cars from the scrap heap, to maintain adequate transportation for war workers, and to reduce traffic accidents. In 1944, it is estimated, some 250,000 cars were scraped after they were damaged beyond repair in accidents. To determine whether your breaks are adequate to stop your car in time, a simple brake check is recommended. The check is made by placing an object one inch thick at the base of the brake pedal, and pushing down the brake pedal. If it strikes the object before the brakes begin to take hold, they are inadequate and may be in dangerous condition. Between April 15 and June 1 traffic officers will check passenger cars involved (1) in accidents, (2) in traffic violations in which cars are moving, and (3) cars operated in a manner indicating faulty brakes.

Oil Stoves Requirements Tightened: More Electric Ranges Authorized

Eligibility for certificates permitting purchase of oil cooking stoves is being tightened to make sure that the increasingly scarce supplies go to consumers who need them most, OPA has announced. Under the new provisions, local War Price and Rationing Boards in the emergency oil shortage area (all States except Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas and parts of California and Florida) will issue certificates for oil cooking stoves only if consumers need to replace oil cooking stoves that they have been using for at least six months before making application, or if a coal or wood stove cannot be used. Coal and wood stoves are not rationed. The new requirement is being made an eligibility test for oil heating stoves also. Its purpose is to prevent persons from acquiring an old unusable oil stove and establishing eligibility for a new oil heating or cooking stove, OPA said.

Assignment of authorizations for production of 57.816 additional domestic electric ranges during the second, third and fourth quarters of 1945 has been announced by WPB. Standard size four-burner ranges are authorized to the amount of 44,816, and the remaining 13,000 will be three-burner apartment-type ranges. About two-thirds of the range production authorized is expected to be available to certified institutions and individual consumer. The remainder is intended for the military services and for housing projects approved by the National Housing Agency, WPB said.

War Bonds For Postwar Security

The farmers of the country are among our most patriotic citizens. They can be depended upon to meet their obligations, insofar as possible, in contributing to the war emergency.

Farmers have been cutting down their indebtedness appreciably during the period of high prices which has accompanied the war, and this is as it should be. However, these same individuals have found it possible to buy War Bonds in very material quantities.

In addition to the patriotic urge which farmers have for investing in War Bonds, it is highly essential to their future welfare that they provide reserve funds for later years. They will need reserves for all types of farm improvements which have been greatly neglected during the war. They will need funds for soil improvement. They will need funds for insuring protection against low prices of farm products during the postwar period.

It is also highly important that farmers avoid speculation in the purchase of land. This is essential not only from the standpoint of controlling land prices but for the future security of the farmers themselves. The farmer who is able to place the bulk of his savings in War Bonds is providing such security for the postwar period.

Agricultural Brevities

In 1944 the European corn borer caused a corn crop loss of over $22,000,000. Corn borer surveys in the fall of 1944 revealed a potential infestation that can cause increased losses in 1945, if weather conditions are favorable to the pest. Because of the early spring, safe dates for the disposing of stalks and stubble of corn and other coarse-stemmed crops and weeds may have to be advanced in all areas. . . Since Cheddar cheese production is expected to increase this year, supplies for civilians in 1945 may be equally as large as they were in 1944 . . . Most dependable way to prevent hog cholera is to keep the herd safely immunized either by the serum-virus method, or by use of the newer crystal-violet vaccine. Both types of treatment should be administred by a verterinarian experienced in swine diseases. . . Demand for chicks at the present time far exceeds supply. Practically all hatcheries in the country are booked solid for the next few months.

PRODUCE MORE
FOOD FOR FREEDOM
the CONSERVATION WAY

The Supervisors of the Kent and Queen Anne's Soil Conservation Districts fell that every farmer in these two counties should have a working drainage or soil conservation program, both if necessary, on his farm for his own peace of mind if for no other reason.

Many farmers sit out a heavy rain storm wondering what is going to happen to their crops, how big a gully will be out in that cornfield when it is over or how long the winter will lay on the wheat.

All this is unnecessary if the farmer has taken the proper steps to protect his land before such storms come. Complete active conservation planning removes this worry and transfers this wasted energy (worry) to productive activity on the farm.

As gullies form in a farmer's fields, wrinkles appear on his face. If the fields are kept smooth by contour farming, the face smooths out, and weight falls from the shoulders.

Many have been thinking and living with obsolete farming methods. This is a new day and requires new methods of doing things. If conservation farming did not pay, it would be all right to go on as our grandfathers did, but it has been shown conclusively that conservation farming does pay in a big way so why not go along with the system that pays off?

Farmers have many jobs to do but the most important one is to care for the land so that the land can continue to care for you.

Soil losses lead to poverty and poverty makes no investments. Now is the time to do something about it while there is still something to do with.

Malaria Widespread

Altogether more people are probably affected by malaria than by any other known disease. In 1931 nearly 18,000,000 people were reported to the League of Nations to be under treatment for malaria, yet the number of those going without treatment was far greater.

Popular Dish

Carrots and peas are an inevitable and popular dish. An unusual way to serve the cooked yellow vegetable is tossed with butter and bruised mint or with sour apples in a casserole. Grated carrots also are good in muffins, biscuits or marmalade.

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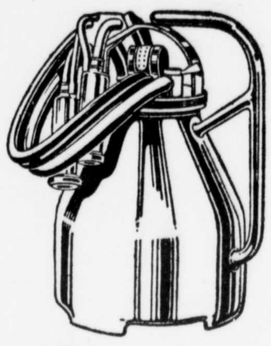

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