

Peanut Program Is Subject To Change

Franklin, Va., Dec. 10—As the peanut threshing season draws to a close in the Carolinas-Virginia-Tennessee area, the United States Department of Agriculture announces national marketing quotas for edible peanuts in 1943 at 1,255,800,000 pounds. This figure is equivalent to an allotment of 1,610,000 acres, the same as in 1942.

In addition to this acreage, however, which is sufficient to supply the normal needs of the edible trade, the Secretary of Agriculture has set a Food-for-Freedom goal of peanuts for crushing into oil at 3,890,000 acres, making a total of 5 1-2 million acres in the two classifications, a million acres more than it is estimated will be harvested in 1942 and half-a-million acres above the 1942 goal.

Farmers in this area responded magnificently to the Department of Agriculture's plea for excess peanuts in 1942 for crushing into oil, according to W. T. Parker, manager of the Growers Peanut Co-Operative, Inc., the agency which channels Carolinas-Virginia-Tennessee peanuts and soybeans into the oil trade for the Agricultural Marketing Administration, and added that while producers are being asked to greatly increase their peanut production in 1943 USDA officials point out that peanut marketing quotas divide the crop between edible and oil purposes, thus assuring the edible trade a reasonable amount with which to operate, and diverting the remainder into peanut oil.

While the 1943 quota will not be subjected to a referendum since peanut producers in 1941 approved marketing quotas for each of the three years—1941, 1942 and 1943—the Department of Agriculture has recommended a single price system for peanuts in 1943, whether for edible use or for oil. Such a program would assure growers of an average return of between 80 and 85 per cent of parity, meaning an average price of about 6 1-4 cents a pound in the old producing areas of this section.

Highest Award for Marine Hero



President Roosevelt presents to Mrs. Michael Fleming, of St. Paul, Minn., the highest award of the nation, the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously awarded to her son, Capt. Richard E. Fleming, Marine Corps aviator. Lieut. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, Marine Corps commandant looks on. The twenty-four-year-old flier crashed while trying to attack a Jap battleship from a height of only five hundred feet, although his plane was already damaged. This is a phonephoto. (Central Press)

A program of this type requires legislation which has already been introduced by Congressman Pace of Georgia in a bill that would suspend marketing quotas in 1943 and 1944. With the referendum to be held for 1945. If a single price plan or its equivalent is not possible, price support programs for peanuts for both edible and oil purposes, similar to those now in force will be continued in 1943.

Mayor Hassell and Bob Manning were in Washington yesterday.

Heads the SPARS



Seated at her desk in her Washington, D. C., office is Lieut. Commander, Dorothy C. Stratton, commander of the SPARS, new Women's Auxiliary Reserve of the U. S. Coast Guard. Note the two and a half stripes of a lieutenant commander on her uniform's coat sleeve and the U. S. Coast Guard insignia on her hat. This is a phonephoto. (Central Press)

The 52nd Week Of The War

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ships—two large destroyers or cruisers, four destroyers, two troop transports and one cargo ship—at a loss of only one U. S. cruiser. The enemy will try again Mr. Knox said, but the November 30 attempt indicates clearly that the condition of the Japanese on the island is becoming acute. Navy communiques throughout the week reported 170 Japanese killed on the island, three planes downed and one cargo ship hit.

The Navy reported five U. S. naval transports were sunk by axis submarines during the occupation of North Africa in the early part of November, and during the operation three other U. S. transports, one destroyer, and one tanker were damaged. Reports showed that 218 axis planes and 10 tanks were destroyed and a number of prisoners were captured, with the allies reporting 14 planes missing and five lost.

In a daylight raid on Naples on December 4 allied heavy bombers successfully attacked docks and other targets, scoring hits on one Italian battleship and two cruisers.

The nation's intelligence service has estimated Japanese casualties from the day of Pearl Harbor to November 25, 1942, at 250,000 men killed or permanently injured, with naval losses representing about 10 per cent of the Japanese navy's total personnel. U. S. army and navy losses in the same period number about 50,000 men killed or missing, with naval losses representing about one per cent of the total U. S. naval personnel.

Agriculture

The 1943 food-for-freedom goals are expected to cause some regional changes in agricultural production, as changes from the food production pattern throw sharp emphasis on crops and livestock most essential to war effort. All possible assistance, the Department of Agriculture announced, will be given farmers in meeting the record goals—to ease the shortage of farm labor, to support prices, to provide loans and technical assistance—but crop payments will be conditional on the degree to which each cooperating farm family carries out its individual farm plan, with deductions for over-planting of non-essential products and for under-planting of essential crop allotments and goals.

To provide labor for 1943 farm production, WMC Chairman McNutt announced a comprehensive program which will be worked out in detail during the winter and launched as soon as spring planting begins. The plant provides for the transportation of Mobile groups of experienced farm workers, the transfer of ex-

perienced operators and workers from sub-standard lands to productive areas, the adjustment of farm wages in relation to industrial wages and a farm labor training and management program. Because of the "wide disparity" between salaries and wages paid agricultural labor and those paid industrial labor, OES Director Byrnes gave control over agricultural wages to Secretary Wickard. The house passed and sent to the Senate Legislation directing that farm wages be included in calculations of parity prices for farm products, defining wages as those not only of hired hands, but of operators and owners as well.

Rationing

A new system of rationing known as the "point system," will be used with war ration book No. 2 to ration certain commodities not yet announced. The system will not replace straight coupon rationing of sugar, gasoline and coffee, as it will be used only for groups of related or

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Pate announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Brown, December 7th, at the Brown Community Hospital.

Returns from Chicago

Mrs. Joseph A. Peele has returned from Chicago where she has been visiting her husband, Pvt. Joseph A. Peele, for the past two weeks.

Meat

Meat slaughtered on the farm for home use and that which families purchase in quantities for storage in freezer lockers should be counted in the 2 1-2 pound weekly sharing allowance.

similar commodities which can be interchangeably used. Each commodity is plentiful, a high point-value if it is scarce—and the government, to protect the supply of scarce commodities, can lower or raise the point-value of any commodity at any time.

Gasoline Rationing In Other Sections

Gasoline rationing brought home recently to some 20,000,000 additional owners of passenger cars and trucks the need to conserve rubber. The restrictions weren't new to 7,000,000 easterners—they've been under curbs since last spring which are more drastic now than they were then. In a preview of what would happen if the nation's tires are used up, Perior, Ill., staged a "car-less Tuesday" before rationing went into effect. Half of that city's 40,000 motorists—those whose license plates ended in odd numbers—left their cars in garages and used other means of transportation. To OPA, "car-less Tuesday" was a success. But whatever it proved about autos, it was a great day for horses. All kinds of them—from Shetland ponies to

Things To Watch For In The Future

Zinc-coated steel pennies to replace the copper coins... Synthetic plant smells to lure insects to traps... Quick-frozen mixed fruits—a blend of raspberries, apricots and seedless grapes—marketed by Birds-eye Frosted Foods Division of General Foods Corporation... Jewel Tea Company's coffee "extender," "Troxa", a chicory blend. By adding half as much "Troxa" as coffee, the blend will make twice as much coffee... Decorative kitchen cabinets of cardboard—strong enough to withstand the weight of the family groceries... mules—made their appearance on Peoria's streets with their car-less riders.

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