

TOWN and FARM in WARTIME

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MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through T8, good indefinitely. U8, V8 and W8 become valid June 4 and remain good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue Stamps A8 through V8, good indefinitely.

MOST PLENTIFUL FOODS—Onions and eggs over most of the country.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

GASOLINE—A-10 coupons good through August 8.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

OWI REPORTS ON FOOD SITUATION

Although farm population of the United States is four million less than during the last war, American farmers produced 47 per cent more food in 1943 than in 1918, the Office of War Information said in reporting need for four million volunteer farm workers until after harvest this year. With the aid of the War Food Administration and the Office of Price Administration, OWI reported on the current food situation. Comparing this year with last: apples, peaches, pears and cherries will be more plentiful; slightly less fluid milk and cream will be consumed; less chicken will be available; eggs will continue plentiful. Other highlights: wartime increases of income and food have enabled millions of Americans to increase their diets; rationing will be needed until the war is won; current point-free meats will remain reasonably plentiful, with some cut of better grades less plentiful; the present point holiday on canned vegetables is only temporary and on some meats may be temporary; the 1943-44 citrus fruit production will be 10 per cent higher than last year; the last half of 1944 will show less butter and lard, but more margarine, shortening and vegetable oils than during the first half; sugar supply is adequate but no increase in household allotments is in sight this year. For nutritional reasons, the report recommends home production of Vitamin C-rich foods, such as tomatoes, and consumption of milk, meat and enriched cereals as sources of riboflavin and niacin.

VOLUNTEERS CHECK FOOD PRICES

About 90,000 more volunteers are needed to continue the price control program, OPA says. More than 40,000 price panel volunteers recently visited 386,289 food stores in this nation-wide drive to tell community grocers about price control and help them comply with OPA regulations. Some volunteers in rural areas worked under considerable hardship, OPA points out. On an island in Lake Michigan, reached only by mail plane, arrangements were made with the

mail plane pilot to check the four stores located there. In Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, boats were used to survey stores in swamp areas. And, in some rural mountain communities, price panel volunteers walked 10 to 12 miles to carry out the compliance program. The survey showed 166,785 price violations on the 10 food items checked and 448,041 price posting violations.

GAS FOR FARM VOLUNTEERS

Persons who volunteer for spare-time labor on farms and in food processing plants this summer may apply for special gasoline rations to get to and from this work, OPA announces. The applicant must arrange to carry at least four persons, including the driver (or as many as the car will hold), and must show there is no other adequate transportation.

REEMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS

To be entitled to reemployment rights under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, the veteran must be honorably discharged and must apply for reemployment "within 40 days after he is relieved from training and service, according to National Headquarters of Selective Service. A soldier placed in inactive status and transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps at his own request to engage in essential industry, loses his reemployment rights if he does not apply to his former employer for reinstatement within 40 days after his transfer. A veteran has recourse to the courts to collect back pay if his reinstatement is improperly delayed by the employer.

SUGAR STAMP 37 INVALID

Sugar Stamp 37 in War Ration Book 4 will never be used, OPA announced. Because many housewives mistakenly sent this stamp to their local boards when applying for home canning sugar, instead of the correct stamp—Spare Stamp 37—OPA has announced that Sugar Stamp 37 will not be used at all, so that no one will suffer for this mistake.

PLENTIFUL FOODS

Eggs, white potatoes, canned peas and canned green and wax beans will be in plentiful supply throughout most of the country during June, the War Food Administration reports. Other plentiful foods now include: oranges, frozen vegetables; frozen baked beans; peanut butter; citrus marmalade; raisins; dried prunes; dry-mix and dehydrated soups; soya flour, grits and flakes; wheat flour and bread; macaroni; spaghetti; noodles; oatmeal; and rye breakfast foods.

SUGAR FOR HOME CANNING

Sugar consumers may apply for their 1944 home canning allotment in two periods, the Office of Price Administration reports. In each period, users may obtain up to 10 pounds of sugar per person in addition to five pounds available with Sugar Stamp 40 in War Ration Book 4. Persons not applying in the first period but who need sugar in the second period, may obtain up to their full 20-pounds-per-person allowance if the application justifies that total.

MORE TELEPHONES COMING

Resumption of manufacture of civilian-type telephones to the extent of 200,000 sets per quarter has been authorized by the War Production Board. First deliveries are expected by fall. Approximately 100,000 new orders for telephones that cannot be filled because of lack of equipment are accumulating each month.

WHEAT LOANS TO AVERAGE \$1.28

Wheat loans that will average \$1.28 a bushel at the farm will be made on the 1944 crop by the Commodity Credit Corporation of WFA. The average last year was \$1.23. Loans will vary from the basic national rate of \$1.28 to take into account location, grade and qual-

Beta Club Of High School



Beta Club members of the Sylva Central High School. First row, Joy Stillwell, Freda Haskett, Jeanne Barrett. Second row, Mary Cecil Bryson, Jean Monteith, Barbara Dillard. Third row, Terry Howell, Kate Kitchens, Elizabeth Clayton. Fourth row, Bobby Terrell, Walter Brown Cape and Mrs. W. K. Chapman, sponsor. To be a member of the Beta Club students must make an average of B plus for the first two years in high school. The Beta Club was a very active organization in the Sylva high school. They gave ten volumes to the library, all modern books of fiction.

Warning Given Against Sudden Rise In Prices Of Farmlands In The State

The much talked of boom in farm real estate has struck North Carolina, with rapidly rising values almost at the 1920 level, says Dean I. O. Schaub of State College.

"Farmers should be on their guard in purchasing more land at this time because, if they do not have the cash money to pay the entire purchase price, they are almost sure to lose the money that they have put into the land, when farm commodity prices are lower," the Extension Director warns.

"As I look at farm land values over the United States, I am convinced that high prices for tobacco are the cause of inflated farm land values in this State," he adds. "The greatest boom is in North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. Out in Iowa, farm real estate is less than half of what it was during the 1920 boom."

He also points out that farm land values are relatively high in California and Florida, and suggests that this may be due to prices received for citrus crops and truck. During the past year land values have been rising throughout the country but the most rapid advancement has been made in North Carolina and California.

"War Bonds are a much safer investment than farm real estate and it is my opinion that growers should pay off all their debts, make no long-time purchases, and save a nest-egg for the days after the war when it will surely be needed for making adjustments," Schaub concluded.

ity. Loans on farm-stored and warehouse-stored wheat will mature on demand, but not later than April 30, 1945. Any loan may be liquidated by payment in full, plus three per cent interest from date of note. Loans will be administered in counties by county Agricultural Adjustment Agency committees under the supervision of the State committees.

PROPER METHODS FOR HOME CANNING

The "open kettle" method and the "oven" method of home canning cannot be depended on to kill harmful bacteria in food, say canning specialists in the Department of Agriculture, and in addition oven canning has caused serious accidents when jars explode. The specialists recommend that fruits, tomatoes, and pickled vegetables be precooked and packed boiling hot in hot jars, with lids adjusted correctly, then processed in a boiling water bath canner with sufficient water to cover the jars. Peas, beans and other non-acid vegetables should be packed in the same way, but processed in a steam pressure canner. Some of the 400,000 new steam pressure canners authorized by WPB for the canning season are now available in certain areas in the South and others should be available throughout the country before long. Many community food preservation centers provide local home canners with equipment and supervised instructions on proper canning.

MEN WANTED—MERCHANT MARINE

Youths between the ages of 16 and 17½ years may enlist, with their parents' consent, for training for service in the U. S. Merchant Marine, the War Shipping Administration announces. Thirteen weeks of training is required for service in the deck and engine departments and six weeks for service as messmen and utility men in the stewards' department. Volunteers will be assigned to merchant vessels within a few weeks after completion of training. Men

Fontana Workers Send \$370 To Red Cross Chapter

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, chairman of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross, received a few days ago a letter from F. C. Schlemmer of Fontana Dam enclosing a check drawn to the Haywood Chapter American Red Cross in the amount of \$370.00.

Mr. Schlemmer served as chairman of the War Fund Campaign at Fontana Dam this year and with a quota of \$10,000 actually raised from the men, women and children now living there \$20,964.74.

Many of the workers there desired that their contributions be sent to their home chapters and the check referred to above represents the contributions made by Haywood County people who are now working at Fontana.

"We would like in this public way to express our thanks for the support of our Haywood county citizens in this War Fund Campaign," commented Mr. Williamson. "I am sure that the public would like to know that with a quota of \$6,400 for our chapter, we have received to date \$7,816.18," he continued. "While the greater portion of this money is being sent to National headquarters, enough is being retained by the chapter here to carry on its many activities including the many services rendered the soldiers, sailors and marines who have gone from our country as well as rendering aid to numbers of their families. "We would like also for the public to know that in the event of a local disaster the local Red Cross Chapter together with the assistance of our Regional headquarters, will come to the rescue cost what it may," said Mr. Williamson.

Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted

DR. ALDEN C. DOWNS

will examine eyes and fit glasses in Sylva at the Jackson Furniture Store Friday, June 2, from 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

If you have eye trouble or don't see well you should consult Dr. Downs on above date.

FUEL WILL BE SCARCE THIS WINTER

All fuel—coal, oil, gas and wood—will be scarce this coming winter, the Solid Fuels Administration for War says. There will be a deficit of about 38 million tons of coal. Consumers should order their coal now, during the summer season, and store whatever kind the dealer recommends. Householders using fuel oil should order their supply as soon as their new ration coupons become valid—probably, within the next month. By filling consumers' fuel orders early, dealers will be able to re-fill their own oil tanks or coal stockpiles and thus add to the total storage capacity of the rationed area for use later in the winter. The Solid Fuels Administrator urges all fuel users to help conserve fuel next winter by weatherstripping, insulating and getting heating equipment in good shape now during the summer.

ROUND-UP

After the recent lowering of the age limits for Merchant Marine trainees, more than 7,000 young men between 16 and 17½ years old, applied at U. S. Maritime Service enrollment offices, and about 600 have already been ordered to report to training stations. All War Food Administration restrictions of farm slaughter of livestock and delivery of meat have been removed.

WPB reports: A proposal for limited resumption of the manufacture of shotguns, rifles, pistols and revolvers have been submitted to WPB. There is no prospect of authorizing the production of any new radio receiving sets for civilians this year. A tentative production goal of 9,464,000 tons of normal superphosphate for the agricultural year, 1944-45, has been approved by the Chemicals Bureau.

OPA says: Watermelon prices to be established soon will mean a sharp reduction at retail from last season's inflated prices. Lard has been removed from all rationing restrictions, since the present supply is considered adequate for all civilian needs. The old-type B and C gasoline ration coupons—B-2 and C-2 without serial numbers—may not be used by consumers on and after June 1.

The United States Employment Service placed more than 74,000 veterans of the current war in civilian jobs during February and March. Use of mineral oil in salad dressings and in foods has harmful effects such as causing loss of vitamins, which, the Department of Agriculture says, far outweigh its advantages and may lead to deficiency ills. Onions, now back in plentiful supply, according to WFA are, if eaten raw, a source of vitamin C and thiamine. U. S. shipyard employment increased from 63,000 in January, 1935, to 1,722,000 in December, 1943, and the 1943 merchant ship tonnage delivered was 16 times the amount delivered in 1941, according to the Secretary of Labor. WPB reports that housewives will have to get along with short supplies of oil-cloth for some time to come because of the war need for critical materials used in its manufacture.

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Wednesday — May 31

"The Great Gildersleeve"

Thursday-Friday — June 1-2

"Tarzan's Desert Mystery"

Starring J. Weissmuller and N. Kelly.

Saturday — June 3

"Overland Mail Robbery"

With Bill Elliott and A. Jeffreys.

LATE SHOW — 10:30 P. M.

"Moon Over Las Vegas"

With Anne Gwynne and David Stone.

Monday-Tuesday — June 5-6

"Lassie Come Home"

In Color—Starring R. McDowall and E. Gwynne.

Wednesday — June 7

"The Lodger"

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