

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.

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.

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.

Canton Man Given Certificate Upon Completion Of Course

Headquarters, Panama Canal Department—Pfc. Lucius P. Pressley, son of Mrs. Velma Pressley, Canton, was among 36 officers and enlisted men of the Colombian and United States Armies who received certificates of completion from the Panama Canal Department Motor Mechanics School, Army officials here announced.

Pfc. Pressley, who worked with the YMCA at Canton, is a graduate of Canton high school at Canton.

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