

Home Owner Questions, Answers

The following explanations, in question and answer form, were issued today by the Plumbing and Heating Branch of the War Production Board to clarify some of the problems which have arisen in connection with the conversion of fuel oil burners to coal:

Q. I have an oil burner type boiler which cannot be converted through the use of grates. Can I buy a new boiler that will burn coal, and have it installed?

A. No. A new boiler cannot be sold except to defense manufacturing plants and others having priority ratings (A-10 or better). Persons who have boilers that can't be converted should take steps to conserve fuel oil by insulation, etc.

Q. My oil burner is old, and very inefficient. Can I buy a new oil burner, and thus save oil?

A. No, the sale of new oil burners is restricted to rated orders. Furthermore, in many states, a WPB order L-66, prohibits the sale of oil to new equipment.

Q. I have two heating boilers. One of these is fired with oil and the other with coal, is used only in severe weather. Can I get oil and continue to heat my building as I have in the past?

A. In most states, delivery of fuel oil is prohibited to anyone who has standby equipment unless that equipment is being used to its maximum capacity. This would mean that you would have to reverse your old procedure and use the coal fired boiler for as much of the season as you possibly could. In that case, you would be entitled to receive some oil to supplement your coal fired boiler in severe weather.

Q. Where can I get a set of grates?

A. Get in touch with your local plumbing or heating dealer or contractor.

Q. I have ordered a set of grates from my plumber, but he tells me he cannot get them unless I file papers and get a priority rating. Do I need a priority rating?

A. No priority rating is needed to secure grates. A distributor, jobber, or wholesaler may purchase grates, stoker bars, fire doors, etc., for conversion without a priority rating. In turn, these may be sold to home and building owners, and to plumbing or oil dealers without any rating.

Q. I have a rating on a stoker application, but my supplier tells me that the manufacturer refuses to ship the stoker unless he gets a higher rating. What should I do?

A. The rating which you received gives you a place on the manufacturer's shipping schedule. It may be that you will have to wait some time for the equipment, but the manufacturer has to fill your order after filling other orders with higher ratings, provided he has the material to build it.

Q. I want to convert my oil burner, but my oil dealer tells me that I won't be able to get any coal either. Is this so?

A. We would advise you to get in touch with various coal dealers and see if you can get coal. We have been assured that coal will be available.

Q. Can I convert my oil burner to gas?

A. No, the sale of gas burning equipment is restricted by a WPB order (L-79, as amended) to rated orders.

Q. My heating man tells me that if I convert to coal, my boiler will not be large enough. Can I put in an extra section?

A. No, not without a preference rating. It should be realized, however, that the entire capacity of a boiler is used only during the most severe weather, and that most of the

time, the boiler will be large enough.

Q. How can a conversion job be financed?

A. Conversion jobs have been removed from the credit-time restrictions of the Federal Reserve Board. Owners now can apply to a local bank and arrange to finance the cost of the conversion.

Dealer and Wholesaler Questions And Answers.

Q. I am in the heating business and want to buy some grates, but my jobbing house will not sell them to me without a preference rating. What should I do?

A. The sale of grates is not restricted, and no rating is necessary. If you will let us have the name of your jobber, we will be glad to call him and explain this to him.

Q. Can I use Order P-84 to get grates for conversion?

A. No. You do not need any preference rating to buy these grates. P-84 is only to be used for replacement and repair purposes.

Q. I am a wholesaler. If I sell my grate stock without ratings, how am I going to replace it?

A. You may file a special form (PD-1X) showing what ratings you have on grate stock for replacement and repair and showing the balance as grate oil conversion sales.

Q. I want to put a stoker on a job to convert from oil to coal. The stoker manufacturer tells me that he needs a preference rating. I thought that stokers could be sold without preference ratings.

A. If a stoker has a capacity of less than 60 pounds per hour, a rating is not needed to get it. If over 60 pounds, the manufacturer has to have the rating of defense plants or others with high priority ratings to assemble it, and you will have to get your customer to file an application for a rating on a special form (PD-1A).

Q. I have lots of jobs signed up to put in grates for conversion purposes. I can get the grates, but I need some bolts, rivets, nuts, and pins to install it. What can I do about this?

A. File a special application (PD-1A) giving complete information relating to the planned conversion and send it to Operations Section, Plumbing and Heating Branch, WPB.

Q. I am a jobber and can't buy an adequate supply of grates to take care of what the demand will be this winter. What should I do?

A. You should file an appeal, addressed to the WPB, Washington, D. C. Show in the appeal that you need this equipment for anticipated conversion jobs.

Q. How about grates for fireplaces?

A. Portable grates for fireplaces can be sold without a preference rating. However, their manufacture was prohibited September 3, 1942.

2 Negro Ministers Assaulted On Train

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Rev. Mr. Jackson, who is president of the New England Negro Baptist convention, charged that he was sexually attacked a short time later when he attempted to return to his Pullman reservation after visiting Negro delegates in the forward day coach. The 76-year-old minister stated that his glasses were broken, his face cut and his lips bruised. A train conductor and attendant intervened in the dispute.

Daughters of Zion To Meet October 8

The Daughters of Zion of Providence Baptist church will meet Thursday, October 8 at the home of Mrs. N. R. Donnell.

An Italian-born Oregon stone-cutter contributed 1,500 pounds of fine-steel stone-cutting tools to the local scrap campaign.

OWI Will Radio News To Soldiers

In an effort to provide American troops in remote stations with the kind of contact they want with home the office of war information announced today that it would purchase a minimum of eight hours radio time daily beginning about October 1 to pipe news and special programs to service men in Alaska.

Commercial shows taken from the three major radio networks also will be transmitted. The programs will be piped from San Francisco to four Alaskan stations at Fairbanks (KFAR), Juneau (KJNY), Kotzebue (KTKN) and Anchorage (KFQD) and rebroadcast over medium wave transmitters.

As equipment becomes available the OWI, in conjunction with the Army Signal corps, will install low-powered transmitters at Nome, Inteh, Harbor and Kodiak.

The OWI already is broadcasting news and variety programs for the information and entertainment of American troops on overseas duty. The schedule of Alaskan broadcasts was arranged by Murry Hophy, chief of the Bureau of Communications Facilities of the OWI's Overseas Branch.

Leave for College

The following students left Sunday, September 13, for State Teachers College, Fayetteville:

Miss Edna Briggs, Rowland, California and Ella Mae Jordan, Maxton, Miss Ellen Brown and Sarah McCoy, of Maxton, Miss Mary Kate McEachin, Rowland, David Mallet, Maxton.

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