

OPA Price and Rationing News

Surplus Inventories Cut
Another step to put America's food rationing program on a current basis was taken this week by OPA, with the recall of surplus inventories of restaurants, hotels and other institutional users of rationed foods. It has been announced by Director Richard Olsen, of the local War Price and Rationing board.

Similar in its effect to the cancellation of consumer's unused stamps last December, the new move seeks as nearly as possible to put on the same basis the people who eat at home and those who eat out.

During the past year, Mr. Olsen said, some institutional users did the same as some families and individuals. Finding they did not need to spend all their points, because many more foods were ration-free last fall and winter, they accumulated excess reserves, either in actual foods or in points on deposit at their banks.

The latest action provides that institutional users with surplus reserves must use a part of them before they are eligible to receive full issuance of points for each new allotment period, Mr. Olsen explained. Local War Price and Rationing board, studying the user's inventory reports, will figure the amount of adjustments needed and will make them by deducting from current or future allotments the number of pounds or pounds to be recalled.

Pianos Ticked by Maker
As new pianos again return to the stores, they will carry ceiling prices on tickets affixed by the manufacturers themselves, Mr. Olsen said yesterday. Prices will be at the March, 1942, levels.

No Easing on Gasoline
Those who hoped for easing of gasoline restrictions in time for vacation are doomed to definite disappointment, Director Olsen said this week. With military demands stepping

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Cpl. James C. Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Andrews, and husband of Louise Foster Andrews, of Blowing Rock, is now with the army air forces in India. He entered service February, 1943. He was trained at St. Petersburg, Fla., Camp Crowder, Mo., Fresno, Calif., and went overseas in July, 1944.

up as allied forces hammer home repeated blows at the enemy, there can be no lessening of gasoline regulations, he emphasized. Supplemental gas rations are being issued with the utmost care, he added, and every applicant for additional gasoline must present his mileage rationing record at the time his application is made.

Gasoline coupons now valid, he explained, are A-14, B5, B7, C5, C6, C7, E2, E3, R1, R2 and R3.

OPA Okays Cereal Increase
Housewives can look for a slight rise in the cost of the family's morning cereal, as a result of recent OPA action authorizing a new method of figuring costs for processors and re-packers. The action was necessitated by rising production excesses, OPA said.

Tire Patches Come Down
New dollar-and-cent ceiling prices have been established on tire boots, patches and reliners made from scrap materials, and should result in savings at retail of 10 to 33 1-3 percent, OPA office here announced this week.

The regulations, effective March 27, set retail ceilings of \$2.50 each on all uncemented tire reliners for passenger cars, and \$2.75 for cemented reliners. Maximum charges for inserting reliners are 50c without cementing, \$1 for cementing a cemented reliner, and \$1.25 for cementing an uncemented tire reliner.

Reliners for truck tires will range from \$3 to \$12.90, depending on size and ply, with charges for inserting ranging from 50c to \$2.60. New retail ceilings for boots and patches range from 7 cents to \$3.75, depending on size and ply, with service charges for cementing them set at

15c for smaller sizes and 35c for larger sizes.

The Facts About Sugar

Our working inventory is abnormally low right now... sugar stocks have fallen from 2,613,000 tons on Jan. 1, 1940, and 1,781,000 tons on Jan. 1, 1944, to 1,250,000 tons on Jan. 1, 1945. Here is why:

1. Civilians used 700,000 tons more sugar than we could afford in 1944. Industrial use took part of the overdraft; the black market accounted for some. Home canning took a lot, too. Because of the large fruit crop, the demand for canning sugar was very low. In addition, some people applied for more sugar than they actually needed for canning.

2. 1944 beet sugar production was 500,000 tons below normal.

3. Due to the shortage of grain, it was necessary to use 900,000 tons of sugar for production of industrial alcohol for synthetic rubber and munitions.

We must get along with less sugar in 1945. In 1944 we used 6,100,000 tons or 88 pounds per person. In 1945 we must live within the quota of 5,400,000 tons—78 pounds per capita. This includes civilian industrial users.

Government requirements will be larger in 1945. During 1944 the armed forces and lend-lease took 1,300,000 tons. In 1945 their requirements will total 1,600,000 tons.

Why can't sugar production be increased in 1945? Three quarters of our 1945 sugar supply must come chiefly from Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Cuba, and their production has already been sharply increased. Cuba's production of 2,000,000 tons above prewar, and further increases in planting could not affect the sugar supply until 1946 or 1947.

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THE LAW OF LIFE

Lesson for March 18: Matthew 22:34-40; 23:11-12; 25:31-46; Memory Verses, Matthew 22:37-39.

The last lesson showed how utterly the rich young man had failed to keep the law of love—today we consider that law as the law of life. After the silencing of the Sadducees, the Pharisees tried to entangle Jesus and when a lawyer among them asked Jesus what is the great commandment in the law, He answered: "Thou shalt love."

Later Jesus spoke of true greatness—found in great service. Selfishness leads to ruin, forgetfulness of self to exaltation. Truly, some men "forget themselves into immortality."

Note the difference between the Supreme court of the Universe in its last session and an earthly court—in the former the infallible judge

presides, no attorneys plead, no witnesses testify, no jury brings in a verdict. But the great difference is in the charge made. The earthly court condemns a man for the wrong he has done, the Supreme court for the good he has left undone.

And here is a vast difference. It is not enough just to abstain from wrong—men must do the good. This is doubtless realized by everybody in a general way—think seriously of all its implications and of the utter ruin that comes at last to those who fail to do good.

Also remember the blessed privilege offered those who do good. It is reward enough in itself for every good deed that in ministering to the lowliest, a man is serving Jesus Himself.

Canning girls in the 4-H Clubs will attempt to beat last year's record for the nation of 17 million quarts.

Butter for hospitals is being made available from the supplies which manufacturers are required to set aside each month for war programs.

Equalization Board Meeting
The Board of County Commissioners will meet as a Board of Equalization at the courthouse in Boone on Monday, March 19, 1945.
W. M. WINKLER, Chairman.

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WHAT WILL NORTH CAROLINA DO ABOUT THIS PULPWOOD SHORTAGE?

Latest reports show North Carolina has fallen behind in its response to the government's appeal for more pulpwood. The situation is so acute that some North Carolina pulp mills might shut down. There are implications in this that should give serious concern to every North Carolina farmer and business man. Is North Carolina going to lose its standing in this important industry?

Manpower is a Problem
The only problem is to get men to cut it. But this problem has been solved in other sections by getting farmers to cut pulpwood in slack seasons and by recruiting men released by other war industries. It can be solved here. A large area of North Carolina is in forest—much of it suitable for pulpwood.

An Industry with a Future
Pulpwood is playing a vital part in the war. But many of the new war-time developments in pulpwood products have equally brilliant peace-time potentialities. There is every indication that expanding civilian demands will absorb every available cord as fast as military requirements release it.

The 6th Largest Industry
Here is an industry that can mean a great source of revenue for North Carolina farmers; new factories for the towns; thousands of jobs for returning service men; increased prosperity for all.
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