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Not very long ago, someone made the statement to me that post-war planning sort of left them cold. It seemed to be just "knitting" for not too busy groups in all communities such as the "Society for the Betterment of So and So." How many of us have criticized government work programs in the days when such were necessary. Unless we become actually interested in Post-War Planning, we shall have no right to criticize any measures which may be necessary following the war.

The United States Department of Commerce has issued a bulletin "Community Action for Post-War Jobs and Profits". You may borrow the library copy.

"Don't be fooled by the word 'post-war'. Private business must be ready to provide productive jobs when the war is over, not at some vague later date."

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"Here are five things business men can do in your community: First is the work pile plan. This is essentially a summary of the new jobs which the grocer, druggist, lawyer and other businessmen know they will have to offer.

Second is a survey of manufacturing opportunities which your community could reasonably expect to attract after the war.

The third suggestion is for communities with a greatly swollen population. It is a plan whereby businessmen working through their chamber of commerce or other business organizations can make an estimate of the size of the problem the community will face at the end of the war, and take certain definite steps now to prepare to meet that problem when it arises.

The fourth suggestion relating directly to post-war problems is a simple program to urge consumers, retailers, wholesalers, bankers, manufacturers, and businessmen generally to build reserves of ideas and money for the post-war period.

The fifth suggestion is to strengthen present business in your town."

"Here are some tested questions to help you uncover opportunities to strengthen the professional and business services available in your town:

1.—Are there enough of these in your town: ambulances, barber shops, banks, beauty parlors, day nurseries, dentists, doctors, tailors, and laundries?

2.—Does your town have modern and adequate hospitals?

3.—Are the utility services adequate: electric power, telegraph, water, etc.?

4.—Are good repair services available for: autos, electric appliances, farm equipment, shoes?

5.—Do banks give adequate service on business loans, crop loans, investment advice?

6.—Are there plenty of good public eating places?

7.—Are stores attractive?

8.—Is there any place mothers can leave children while shopping?"

"List advantages and attractions which your town has to offer industries—natural resources, power, labor supply, nearby markets, transportation facilities."

"This bulletin suggests that families write service men about plans which are being made by the community. This would certainly be a moral builder.

"Have your own shelf of public works so that when Federal, State, or city funds are available for this work there will be no misguided projects in your area—just solid substantial, needed work. Don't blame civic leaders if they spend money on ill-advised projects in your area for lack of better ideas."

RANGER

Pvt. John Kilpatrick, who is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., spent a few days here with his mother, Mrs. N. O. Kilpatrick, recently.

Mrs. Arthur Evans made a business trip to Murphy Saturday.

Miss Eloise Mason and Miss Bessie Ruth Evans spent the weekend at Bryson City with Mrs. John Henson.

Mrs. P. R. Hughes and Mrs. W. W. Hall spent Saturday in Murphy.

Mrs. H. Montieth was a visitor in Murphy Saturday.

Pvt. John H. Ledford, who is stationed at Camp Mackall, N. C., spent the week-end here with his wife and parents.

Mrs. H. C. Johnson spent Saturday in Murphy.

Fred Sneed, who is employed at Pontana Dam, spent the week-end with home folks.

Consumers will use their processed food stamps to buy fruit spreads. These include the green stamps in Book Four.

Town And Farm In Wartime

WFA Releases Canned Foods

Approximately 2,790,000 cases of canned peaches, peas, and tomato catsup were released to consumers recently by the War Food Administration. The canned goods probably will not reach retail shelves for several weeks. These foods were a portion of the reserves owned and held by canners to meet possible emergency requirements of the government.

Reduce Octane In Gas

Premium gasoline used by civilians will be reduced from 78 and 80-octane to 76-octane to conserve tetraethyl lead and volatile gasoline fractions, both of which are required in the manufacture of high-octane military gasoline. More than 50 million gallons of gasoline, fuel oils, lubricants and other petroleum products are going directly to the fighting forces every day, the Petroleum Administration for War disclosed. One-third of all gasoline produced in the U. S. is now required for military purposes.

Penty of Turkeys

The civilian turkey supply, just starting to come on the market, will be almost as large as last year, according to the Department of Agriculture. However, this year's demand will probably be much larger and shoppers will be wise to put in orders early. Men and women on duty in the American armed forces, at home and abroad, will be served a pound of turkey at dinner Thanksgiving Day and will have all the traditional "fix-ins."

V-Mail Christmas Presents

Relatives and friends still have time to send men and women overseas V-mail notices of war bond gifts for Christmas. The Army Postal Service has assured delivery by December 25 of all V-mail notices sent before December 1. War bonds as Christmas gifts will help to hold down inflationary buying of scarce merchandise, and will be a financial cushion for the service man or woman upon return to civilian life, the Treasury Department added.

Raise Hamburger Point Value

The ration point value of hamburger has been increased from seven to eight points per pound. OPA has also broadened its definition of hamburger to include additional meatier cuts of the lower grades of beef.

Increase Civilian Food Supply

More peas, beans, rice, and cheddar cheese are going to be available for civilian consumption. Supplies have been increased by the removal or reduction of government set-aside orders. Present conditions indicate there will be enough dry beans to provide about 10.4 pounds per capita for civilian consumption in the 1943-44 marketing season, compared to 8.6 pounds in 1942-43.

Tire Situation Tightens

Operators of passenger cars may find it impossible to obtain used tires because commercial vehicles delivering essential goods are now eligible to receive used passenger and truck tires of sizes smaller than 7.50-20 to replace tires no longer serviceable. November quotas recently released by OPA for new passenger and truck tires show 30 percent fewer for trucks and 14 percent fewer for passenger cars.

No More Issue Of Books One Or Two

No more copies of War Ration Books One or Two can be issued by local rationing boards for any purpose whatsoever. All stamps in the two books have expired except Stamp 18 in Book One, for shoes, and blue stamps X, Y, and Z in Book Two, which may be used to buy processed foods through November 20. OPA said the covers of the two books may be thrown away when the stamps have been used or have expired.

Asks Cooperation On Coal Situation

Consumers and dealers have been urged to cooperate in an effort to alleviate suffering in homes and public institutions, which may be without coal. "Consumers who have any coal or urgently requested to refrain from ordering more while their neighbors may be without any," Harold L. Ickes, Solid Fuels Administrator for War, said recently. Retail coal dealers have been asked to check the fuel supply of their customers to discover where the need for coal is most acute. Dealers in communities where coal has been short and where the weather has turned cold have been directed to get in touch with the area distribution manager of the Solid Fuels Administration so the limited amount of coal may be distributed where most needed.

Ration-Free Children's Shoes

Some relief from the shortage of youngsters' shoes will be provided about the first of the year by a new supply of children's non-leather shoes for general wear, to be sold ration-free, OPA has announced. In general, children up to about eight years of age will benefit. The shoes will have canvas uppers and soles made from remnants and heavy woven fabric, reinforced with vulcanized rubber. Shoes of this type larger than misses' and youths' size three will be rationed.

Unsalted Butter Price Down

Maximum prices of unsalted butter have been reduced by 3/4 of a cent a pound, which means direct savings to consumers. Other changes made by OPA in the price regulation for butter will act to end inflationary pressures which had arisen. Unsalted butter previously had a 3/4 premium over salted butter.

Revise Limit On Farm Construction

The limit on farm construction, including residential, has been placed at \$11,000 under a revision of Order L-41 by WPB. Previously, there were separate limits, farm residences not being considered part of the farm unit.

CCC WHEAT LOANS

Loans on 103,877,754 bushels of 1943 wheat, totaling \$130,509,475.72, have been made by the Commodity Credit Corporation through October 23, 1943. The average amount advanced was \$1.26 per bushel, which includes some transportation charges.

Soft Wheat Prices Set

Sales of soft wheat by producers and all other distributors in 34 states east of the Rocky Moun-

tains have been placed under ceilings by OPA. The maximum price established at Chicago and St. Louis is \$1.64 1/2 a bushel. Prices at other terminal markets are: Kansas City, \$1.59 1/2; Evansville, Ind., \$1.63 3/4; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$1.68 1/4; Louisville, Ky., \$1.68 1/4; Baltimore, \$1.78 3/4; Philadelphia, \$1.79 1/4; New York City, \$1.80 1/2; Boston, \$1.81 3/4; Memphis, Tenn., \$1.68 1/2; Atlanta, Ga., \$1.86 1/2; Galveston, Tex., \$1.76 1/2. Maximum service charge by a commission man is set at 1 1/2 cents a bushel.

Plane Production Reaches New High

Production of all types of aircraft reached a new high of 3,362 planes in October, including the largest number of heavy bombers ever produced in a single month. It was announced recently.

Country Grain Elevators Exempt

Country grain elevator establishments which employ not more than eight individuals now are exempt from applying for War Labor Board approval of wage and salary increases, even if the establishments are part of a chain which employs a total of more than eight, according to WLB.

Pickle Prices Up

Quart jars of pickles will cost about one cent more since OPA has put maximum prices on all pickles (except fresh cucumber pickles) and picalilli. The regulation applies to sales by all persons except wholesalers and retailers. Wagon wholesalers are included, however.

Cut New Car Quota

Only 20,600 new passenger automobiles have been released for rationing during November, OPA has announced. This is the lowest

figure since rationing began and represents a reduction of nearly 35 percent from the October quota of 30,800.

Millions Sign Home Front Pledge

More than 12 million pledges have been signed during OPA's Home Front Pledge campaign—the citizens' battle to kill black markets and hold the line against higher prices. In Minnesota, so many rural families signed the pledge that the district OPA office ran out of forms, and had to stipulate that one member sign for the entire family. When the supply ran low in Evansville, Ind., newspapers printed the pledge so the campaign could carry on. Similarly, in West Virginia, 1,030,000 pledge scrolls were printed without charge to relieve a shortage. Newspapers in San Francisco and Wenatchee, Wash., likewise printed the pledge form.

Ceramic Stove Model Built

The first ceramic cooking stove model to be built in the U. S. was recently demonstrated at the Na-

tional Bureau of Standards. The stove contains only 80 pounds of metal, mostly cast iron. The pre-war all-metal model which it supplants weighed 1,085 pounds. The ceramic stove is designed to be heated with anthracite or coke. It uses only about 10 pounds of fuel in 24 hours and if it is fired every 12 hours, it will be ready for use at any time. It is expected that the first ceramic cooking stoves will reach the market around the first of the year. The purchase price has not been determined yet, but it presumably will be lower than that of the all-metal ones.

Under the present set up, our armed forces get 13 percent; 1943's food; civilian, 75 percent; Lend - Lease, 10 percent; and friendly neighbors, two percent.

WFA points out that farmers can save money and at the same time make a substantial contribution to the war effort by buying higher analysis fertilizers.

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President

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