

# Sugar Rationing Soon Will Begin

## Teachers Will Issue Sugar Ration Book

Washington, Feb. 8.—The national public school teachers were tonight tonight the huge task of issuing sugar rationing books to every man, woman and child in the nation and were directed to crack down on hoarders by withholding the sweets from them until their supplies are used up.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced details of the rationing program under which books containing stamps will be distributed entitling each individual to a strictly limited quantity of sugar—probably 12 ounces a week.

When the 130,000,000 copies of "war ration book No. 1" are distributed "within a few weeks" persons who have built up hoards of sugar will have stamps torn from their books at the time of issuance, to prohibit purchases by them until stocks in their cupboards are exhausted.

Only one person in each family will have to apply for the stamp books. He will be required to sign an application stating the amount of sugar in his household. All supplies over two pounds per person will be considered hoarding sugar, Henderson said.

As a discouragement to dishonest reporting of family sugar supplies the application will carry on its face the warning that false reports to the government are punishable under the Federal criminal code with penalties up to \$10,000 fine or 10 years' imprisonment.

"It is expected that there will be relatively few cases of falsification in reporting the amount of sugar in the possession of any family," Henderson predicted in a formal statement.

Each book will contain 28 numbered stamps, each good for the purchase of a definite amount of sugar—probably 12 ounces—during a designated week. As sugar is purchased, the storekeeper will tear out the proper stamp and paste it on a master card which he must turn in, when filled, to replenish his supplies for the following week.

To prevent injustices under the hoarding provision, the plan will permit individuals when living in a household, but not members of the family unit, to register separately. Stamps will not be removed from their books because of hoarding by the family with which they live.

The War Production Board, rather than the Office of Price Administration headed by Henderson, is charged with the responsibility for seeing that sugar supplies are distributed throughout the country, that every store will have sugar when the rationing plan goes into effect.

The WPB must also supervise the flow of sugar throughout the year to meet the requirements of the persons seeking to buy sugar under the ration plan each week.

The exact amount of sugar purchasable each week by every book holder will be determined, Henderson said, when the WPB decides how much can be made available to the thousands of retail stores.

The public school teachers, under supervision of local rationing boards, will personally supervise the registration of consumers, the issuance of books, and the removal of stamps from the books of persons having excess supply.

"This action is necessary," Henderson said, "in order to place all sugar consumers on an equal footing. There has been a considerable amount of hoarding in recent weeks.

"Justice and fairness to all requires that those who have built up hoards be restrained from buying any more sugar until their stocks have been used up. The rationing plan we are developing will tend to insure this and to provide for equitable distribution of sugar in the future.

"In the meantime, every patriotic citizen should reduce his normal sugar consumption by at least a third. Those who have hoards should stop buying more sugar and start using up their hoards. Retailers should continue limiting sales to individuals until the formal rationing plan is put into effect. And consumers should remember that the retailers are not responsible for the shortage."

The rationing of sugar is absolutely necessary as a war measure, the price administrator emphasized. "The facts are that we can count now on only about 5,300,000 tons of sugar this year as against 7,989,000 tons in 1941. That means a one-third reduction must be made in both household and industrial consumption."

## Talks for Indies



Lieut. Gov. Gen. Hubertus Van Mook of Netherlands, East Indies, shown at Netherlands club, New York. He described the Netherlands East Indies as a barrier to Axis aspirations in the Pacific, and called them a bridge for the Allied forces between Australia and India. He said their loss would lessen the United Nations' chances of winning the war.

considerable factor in the supply shortage.

Henderson explained the major reasons for the decline in supply as being threefold:

"Sugar cane is required to make molasses from which alcohol can be derived for manufacture of smokeless powder. Cutting down on sugar means more powder for our soldiers."

"Secondly, our imports from the Philippines have been cut off and those from the Hawaii will probably be curtailed.

"Third, our allies have lost some of their supply sources and will draw in part on some of our sources this year.

"For the first time every person in the country has an opportunity to make a direct contribution to the war by reducing his consumption of sugar. I am counting on every person to do his bit."

Other OPA officials said that supplies of sugar for home fruit packing and canning would be made available under some system to be worked out in future months. This problem will not become acute until fruit and vegetable crops begin to come in.

Actually, it has been explained the amount of sugar available for the year approximates a full pound a week for every person in the country, but some must be reserved for home canning, restaurant and hotel use and other types of consumption.

## Stenographers Are Needed In Civil Service Positions

The manager of the Fourth United States Civil Service District announced today that there is a critical shortage of stenographers and indicated that hundreds must be recruited at once for duty in the Government departments in Washington. All who are qualified are urged to apply immediately to the local civil service secretary at the post office in North Wilkesboro for full information.

To expedite the filling of existing vacancies, the speed of dictation in the civil service examination for junior stenographer has been reduced from 96 to 80 words per minute, and the local civil service secretary has been authorized to accept applications, examine competitors, and forward the papers to Washington for immediate grading. Those who qualify will be offered immediate employment in Washington at an entrance salary of \$1,440 per annum. Applications cannot be accepted from persons under 18 years of age or from persons who are not American citizens.

In the event more eligibles are obtained than are necessary to fill existing vacancies, the names of those not appointed will be used in filling vacancies occurring in the immediate future.

The district manager stated that a great many stenographers are required by the Government agencies and that he hopes that qualified persons will patriotically volunteer their services so that the war may be brought to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible date.

## BURLAP

New burlap bags will be available in much smaller volume than in the past in 1942 and will be of light construction because of the army's need for burlap.

## THREE FROM WILKES—NYA Workers Locating Jobs

Thirty girls and seven boys trained on NYA lunchroom, sewing, clerical, weaving, canning and cooking projects received employment during the week ending January 31 as a result of work experience gained on NYA projects, State NYA administrator John A. Lang announced yesterday.

Types of work in which the youths found employment included jobs as electricians, mechanics, textile workers, cooks, stenographers, clerks, waitresses, sewing machine operators, and librarians.

Those receiving employment were Mary E. Gaddy and Wray Woody of Marion, Irene Patterson of Hendersonville, Naomi Nichols of Murphy, Irene Bland Louise Kannan, and Mary Glenn of Greensboro, Margaret Klontz and Leuy Greene of Kannapolis, Annie Tickle and Sarah Marie Stuart of Winston-Salem, Wand-Kerley, Sylvia Pruitt, and Lucy Sparks, Moyan Beam, and Marie Burchette of Wilkesboro, Evelyn Carpenter of Sardis, Mary Alice Lane of Sta esville, Mildred Rose-Lane of Morganton, Mary E. Hahn of Lenoir, Rebecca Kiser of Lincolnton, Rebba Lee Hardee of Greenville, Ruth Southern and Christine Steward of Sanford, Elbert Cecil Rose, Calvin Smith, Willie Curran, Homer A. Watson, Leonard Adams, Bruce Stinson, and Lay'on Campbell of the Durham NYA resident center, Kathleen Herndon of Laurinburg, Alice Jenkins of Fayetteville, and Sybil F. Kennedy, Addie W. Heath, and Reba I. Coombs of Pink Hill.

During the week youths employed on those projects, representing only a small segment of the NYA program, served 30,173 lunches to NYA youths and to school children, made 100 posters, weaved 1,257 yards of cloth, repaired 20 automobiles, canned 101 quarts of foodstuffs, made 29,996 garments, and 289 arm bands for civilian defense use.

## Raiders Sink 22nd Vessel Off Seaboard

Lewes, Del.—Daylight sinking of the 8,403-ton tanker China Arrow, 22nd victim of the Axis submarine drive against Atlantic coast shipping, was disclosed yesterday with the safe landing of the entire crew of 37 here.

The navy's account of the sinking, made public by Ensign Frank Zumbro of the fourth naval district, said the tanker was attacked by a surfaced submarine at 11:15 a. m. Thursday "about 100 miles off the coast."

Four hospitalized. The survivors were picked up Saturday night by a coast guard patrol boat after their three life boats had drifted 20 miles shoreward in 56 hours. Four men were hospitalized here.

Capt. Paul H. Browne, 46, of New York City, skipper of the China Arrow, a Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. tanker, said that two torpedoes fired without warning when the submarine was only 500 feet away failed to sink his vessel immediately.

## Wavell Visits Burma Front, Is Optimistic

Staunch British defenders of treasure-laden Burma and its vital gateway to China have checked the Japanese along the Salween river to the satisfaction of the united nations commander, General Sir Archibald P. Wavell who visited the front a second time recently.

The generalissimo's visit, disclosed yesterday, spotlighted the Burma front as potentially the most important opposing Japan's ambitious drive for hegemony over all eastern Asia.

Flew From Java. Wavell spoke with officers and men on the Moulmein front with in sound of opposing artillery, and was understood to have expressed "reasoned optimism" regarding the united nations' position in the southwest Pacific. He flew from Java, his headquarters in the threatened Netherlands East Indies.

To encourage growers to produce more eggs, the Canadian government has offered a bonus of 3 cents a dozen for all Grade A eggs purchased for export to Great Britain.

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## It's Their Turn This Time



GERMAN PRISONERS, taken in the recent Allied reconquest of Eastern Libya, are put to work behind the Allied lines to build new roads and repair the towns and fortifications which were destroyed in the fighting. The men who guard them are Poles—members of the Polish Middle Eastern force which took such an important part in the drive to Benghazi. These men have families and friends back in Poland whose lot, under German rule, has been one of starvation, disease and forced labor—yet military discipline forbids the Polish soldiers from showing the pleasure they must be feeling at making the Germans work for them for a change.

## Flames Damage Myers Home Here

Fire of undetermined origin this morning did considerable damage to the residence of Mrs. J. I. Myers on B street.

Flames were discovered in the base end near the chimney about 9:30 a. m. and firemen soon had the fire under control and saved the residence from destruction.

The fire department also extinguished a grass fire in the upper part of the city this morning.

## CARDS OF THANKS

We wish to use this means to express thanks to friends and neighbors for the kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness, death and funeral of our mother, Mrs. C. D. Duncan. THE FAMILY

## Living Under Axis Horrible, Diplomat Says

Philadelphia.—Life in occupied Europe "is so horrible, it isn't worth living," George H. Earle, U. S. minister to Bulgaria, told a charity campaign group yesterday. The diplomat recalled when Bulgaria declared war on the United States in December, made his official report to the State Department in Washington Wednesday.

Earle said in a speech that Russian parachutists landed in Bulgaria while he was there and to stir up a revolution, but were captured, soaked with gasoline, and set adrift by the gestapo "to make them confess."

"Life is so horrible with absolutely no security of any kind it just isn't worth while," he declared.

"The German military are very efficient and very ruthless. They were merciless when they thought it would serve their ends best. The gestapo are the horrors of Germany. They furnish the sadistic horrible things that go on."

Earle said he talked to a German woman who said the Reich "seemed to have forgotten that they lost the last war because of the collapse of the home front."

She said the Germans were throwing everything to the army, taking from the people at home, and that the sick were not being taken care of. She felt that this was a great mistake.

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