

Let's Face Facts

Container Shortage
A Primary Headache
For Farmer in 1944

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It is the advice of this correspondent that every farmer and shipper who requires wooden or paperboard containers to ship his crop to market make arrangements as soon as he can with used container dealers to supplement his supply of new containers. It would be well to get those used containers into his possession just as soon as possible.



Barrow Lyons

This advice is given because the demand for containers, both new and used, is certain to exceed the supply this year. If you do not know the address of a used container dealer, hunt one up in the nearest terminal market, or if you cannot do so yourself, get your commission house to send you the address of one.

The reason for this caution is the fact that for several years consumption of forest products has exceeded production, and stockpiles in most instances are at an irreducible minimum. Yet military and industrial requirements this year will be at an all-time peak. Lumber has become one of the scarcest commodities in general trade, and it is going to be scarcer.

The War Production board has announced a system for allocating lumber to each type of user according to the importance of that type to the war effort. No doubt adjustments will be made as experience indicates errors that have been made in this allocation.

Use Local Committees

Coordinating with this order, local committees under War Food administration will determine specifically what each shipper will receive within the quotas for packaging of various classes of fruits and vegetables. Quotas of containers for the less essential vegetables will be cut down on the basis of a percentage of what the shipper used in the 1942 crop season. Each shipper will be expected to offer proof of the quantity of containers used in 1942.

The general situation was outlined by R. A. Palen, chief of the Containers and Packaging Branch, Office of Materials and Facilities, WFA.

"It is impossible at this moment to know just how short of forest products we shall be," said Mr. Palen, "because it is impossible to calculate exactly what military demands will be."

"We do know that inventories have been practically exhausted. Although we expect to get some additional help in lumbering from war prisoners, this will not compensate for the loss of men drawn into the armed services, and additional numbers that will leave the forests for shipyards and industrial plants."

"There will be no relief from this situation, so far as we can foresee, except when direct war requirements decline, or men return to the woods after their release from the army and navy."

Military Needs High

"So far as machinery goes, tractors and trucks will be required in greater numbers for beaching operations and military transport, and the tires on this heavy equipment are the same as those used on guns and military trucks."

"Packaging of food requirements for the army and navy are way up, and are likely to continue very high. We shall have to move vast quantities of food off shore for lend-lease and other governments. Of course, we must preserve a flow of essential civilian supplies—but the word essential will come to have a new meaning to most of us."

"Restricting the less essential crops that require a large amount of containers, implies getting the maximum use possible from the containers we have. However, the size of containers must be increased and lighter materials must be used."

"While the demand for pulpwood has mounted enormously, production is not sufficient. The amount available for essential uses is far below minimum requirements. Huge quantities of paper are now being used for waterproofing purposes by the army."

The greatest deficiency, Mr. Palen said, would be in hampers and baskets to supply growers in the Middle West, Northeast and Middle Atlantic sections, although scarcity will be felt from Florida north, including the Mississippi valley and New England. There will be no more containers than last year, but a considerably larger crop will be harvested.

In one area farmers cooperated with box manufacturers to insure their supply of containers by bringing the lumber into the mills themselves, and then helping out in the mills by processing the lumber. It is hoped that in the fall many other sections will adopt this plan.

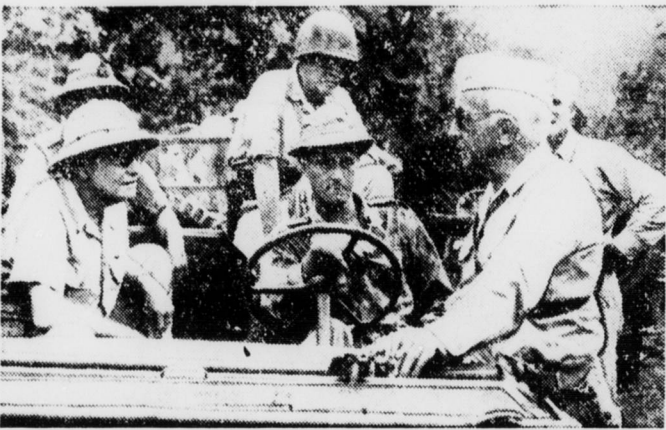
In the meantime, it will be well for each farmer and shipper to obtain used containers if he can do so. The next best plan is to contract for supplies, not overlooking the used container dealers. If one cannot be located, write Mr. Palen in Washington.

Gives Trench Concert in Italy



Corp. T. Gallacher, at the organ. Seated at the console of a captured organ in a trench in Italy the corporal is about to begin an impromptu entertainment for the English Tommies seen with him. Just 800 yards from the soldiers' position another concert—shellfire—is being given for the Italians by the British Fifth army.

Admirals Tour Green Island



Admiral William F. Halsey, USN, commander of the South Pacific forces of the U. S. fleet, chats with Vice Admiral A. W. Fitch, commander of aircraft in that area, as they pause on inspection journey of Green Island. This island is 120 miles from Rabaul bastion, which is being pounded by U. S. forces from time to time. Steel helmeted Rear Admiral R. B. Carney is seated in rear of jeep.

Stump Didn't 'Stump' This Play



By Gotkin (12) of St. John's (Brooklyn) dribbles down the court with Cene Stump (92) of De Paul (Chicago) in hot pursuit to "stump" him. Action took place at Madison Square Garden in New York where Flatbush cagers trounced Windy City five to cop top honors in National Invitation basketball tournament for second successive year.

Secretary Hull Meets Press



Secretary of State Cordell Hull is shown (center) chatting to a gathering of newsmen and newswomen after he had spent several hours explaining foreign policy to a group of Republican "freshmen" congressmen. Secretary Hull revealed to reporters that he had a full and complete exchange of information and ideas on international affairs with 24 Republican representatives.

Royal Couple



The quiet king and smiling queen of England pictured as they arrived at the Yugoslav legation in London where they attended the wedding of King Peter of Yugoslavia to Princess Alexandria of Greece.

Helsinki Haven



Continual bombings by Russian planes have taught Helsinkiers there is no safe place outside the air-raid shelter. Here two young girls who make it a habit to sleep in the shelter are bedded down for the night. They bundle up with every kind of available clothing in order to keep snug.

Beam Tipper



No, this young fellow isn't throwing his weight around. He's just making sure he gets an accurate reading from the scale. This camera portrait was made by Carl Mansfield of Bloomingdale, Ohio. It was an entry in the 31st annual exhibit of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Salon of Photographic Art being held in that city.

Another Fuehrer?



Head man of German minority in Rumania, since Nazis have taken over this Balkan country is Andreas Schmidt, (right). He is shown inspecting volunteer storm troopers.



The first time Sinatra came to H'wood he brought three suits. This time he arrived with 18. . . What! Only three changes a day? . . . Spencer Tracy has beaten the gas shortage with a surrey. . . Sign in a jewelry shop window in Hollywood (over the wedding ring tray): "Is the feeling nuptial?" . . . Since there were no signs of their publishers (Scribner's) throwing a cocktail party in honor of their debut as novelists, Kyle Crichton and Robert Glassner chucked one for their publishers on March 6. The title of the new book is "The Proud People" . . . Garbo, who will never die as a favorite over at our house, was warned by a Hollywood paragrapher to watch her step. . . "My dear man," she said, "orchids never end up in gutters."

Brawls between the White House and Congress aren't anything new. . . Almost every President has gone through the Congressional wringer. . . When, frinstance, Coolidge's inner circle told him that the legislators were after his scalp, Coolidge gazed through the White House windows and calmly answered: "Well, I see the Washington monument is still there."

Novellette: Irving Berlin arrived the other day from England with messages for kin and loved ones of members of "This Is the Army." Berlin phoned parents, wives, sweethearts and pals, and took down messages to relay to the boys in his show now abroad. He made several hundred calls.

The most touching: Two soldiers gave him the same name of "the only girl in the world."

Broadway Rembrandt: The wise-guys are still talking about it breathlessly. A drunk wobbled into one of the saloons, clutching fistfuls of \$20 bills. He went to the bar and yelled: "Fill 'em up. Everybody drink!"

For a gag one of the wisenheimers asked him if he had two 20s for a ten.

"Sure, sure!" he yelled back. "Anybody else want two 20s for a 10? I can keep this up all night. But I warn you, I'll break you!"

That kept up for half an hour, and finally, out of 20s, he staggered into the night. He kept his word, too.

His 20s were counterfeit.

Ringside Seat: Robert Sherrard, whose new book, "Tarawa," is a click already, says the Pacific war was nearly two years old and he had seen much of it elsewhere when we invaded Tarawa. On the transport a youthful lieutenant asked Sherrard why he hadn't written a book. He said he was waiting for a real story.

On the first day on the Tarawa beach, where our troops held only a 20-foot beachhead, charges of dynamite were flung into a Jap pillbox. The officer turned to Sherrard, grinned and asked: "Will this one do?"

Norma Shearer is expected to resume her screen career in the role of Katy (the mother) in "Tree Grows in Brooklyn" . . . Franz Werfel, author of "Song of Bernadette" (after two heart attacks), is able to leave his bed for two hours daily . . . Maureen O'Hara and her groom expect another image in June . . . G-Man Hoover has commended the alertness of Mexican officials, who last week captured four escaped German war prisoners and deported them back across the border . . . Of about 300,000 investigations by the FBI (for draft violations, etc.) more than 140,000 men are now available for military service. G-Men also got 7,700 convictions for violators.

Quotation Marksanship: Walter Lippmann: The writers who have nothing to say are the ones you can buy; the others have too high a price . . . James J. Walker: A reformer is a guy who rides through a sewer in a glass bottom boat . . . Ben Hecht: He ate like a man with a stowaway under his vest . . . Mark Twain: It ain't so much the things people don't know that makes trouble in this world, as it is the things that people know ain't so . . . B. Kay: He beat a hasty retreat like a Congressman screaming: "I was misquoted" . . . Hildegard Schine: Little forget-me-nots looked up and laughed . . . Mary Roberts Rinehart: Gnawing on her grievance like a dog on a bone . . . F. Gasner: A deep kiss, up to the heart . . . M. Bonnston: No words could translate the thoughts in her eyes.

Dancers' Mirror: Maestro Meloa of the Cotillion Room sums up the types of dancers who pass his gaze. To wit: The girl who doesn't shag, but will stand practically still while her partner does; the unmanageable trio on the floor—he, she and her hat; the chap who looks like a left halfback and waltzes through the crowd in much the same way he does on the gridiron; the dippers who get into positions seen elsewhere only on auto radiator caps; the couple that ogles the orchestra, waiting for heaven knows what.

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