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glutted at war's end. The sugar producers, especially the manipulators, were thinking about glutted markets in the postwar period, and well realized glutted markets could wipe out profits, that it was best to play it safe, so to speak. That the way it is, and that's democratic action.

There are cigarette smokers on short rations now who would have the OPA come to this section and tell the farmers to grow more tobacco. We would have the OPA tell the best growers to produce more sugar. Who's going to hold the bag when the best growers produce and the demand will not offset production? A little over a quarter century ago, Martin County farmers produced a big tobacco crop at an enormous cost, and sold it at a great loss. Remember? And yet, we curse the OPA for trying to iron out the peaks and fill in the pits.

Many explanations for the plight we are now in are to be had if we would just stop and think. By close observation one could soon recognize some of the underlying causes for our present plight. Individual greed has combined to start wars, and individual greed can and will wreck the rationing system if the individual does not want to play the game fair. The sugar shortage is traceable partly to individuals who went into the market and bought all their canning sugar at one time, leaving others without enough for scant table use. That's bad enough, but there has sprung up a mean boastfulness. It is about as bad as black marketing for any one, after a greedy fashion, to help disturb the market and it is disgusting to hear one tell how much sugar he or she got. "I got mine," more than one patriotic housewife has been heard to remark. "I got canning sugar and can make cakes now," others have had the audacity to yell in public places. If some of those who got theirs could see the tables where working men and women place their feet, they would, at least, keep their contemptible mouths shut. Just a few days ago, a working man entered a meat market. He was given a ticket, but before his turn at the meat counter came, he was busy at his job helping to turn out a product used in the war effort.

But strange as it may seem, these who got theirs and those who did not get theirs all curse the OPA.

Then there are those who curse the OPA for attempting to fix prices. "We can't make money at that price," they say. With some mighty doggone few exceptions, everyone has made money in this war except those who were called to the colors. And if the income tax authorities can get around to it, they'll find that more money has been made than many ever dreamed about making. But we go right on cursing the OPA. Why?

In Man Himself

Appearing before a meeting of bankers in Chapel Hill recently, Dr. Malcolm McDermott of the Duke University Law School, was asked "What is wrong with this world of ours?"

"The fault is in man himself," the teacher declared, adding, "The time has come when something must be set to work on men from the inside whereby he shall be led to say with himself, 'I shall not covet—anything that is my neighbor's.' And he shall say, 'I shall not covet even though I may have the power, the votes or the money with which to take it from my neighbor.'"

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

More Work Clothing

New fabric controls to insure increased production of 15 items of work clothing are announced by WPB. The 15 items include men's and boys' overalls; men's and boys' jumper or coats and blanket lined overall jumpers and coats; men's and boys' dungarees and waistband overalls; one piece coveralls; cossack jackets; work coats; work aprons' work and shop caps; men's and boys' work pants and breeches; men's and boys' work shirts and washable service material including gowns, suits or coats for doctors, dentists, internes, orderlies, druggists, and coats and apron sets for bakers, butchers, fish handlers and dairy workers.

Production of five types of work gloves will be increased by a new method of granting manufacturers fabric priorities, WPB says. These types include canton flannel gloves and mittens; canton flannel hot mill gloves; canton flannel two-thumb husking gloves and mittens; leather combination gloves and mittens; and jersey gloves and mittens.

No Early Delivery For Engines
Municipalities that are in the market for motorized fire-fighting equipment should not expect early delivery, members of the Motorized Fire Apparatus Industry Advisory Board were informed at a recent meeting, the agency reported. Although the limitation order (L-43) governing production and delivery of this type of apparatus was revoked April 27, certain manufacturing problems remain extremely difficult, committee members said. All segments of the industry are having difficulty in making deliveries.

While the shipment of a fire truck for Williamston has been repeatedly delayed, it is understood that the ruling does not apply in the local case.

Civilians Get Antimalarial Drugs
An adequate supply of effective antimalarial medication is available for civilian medication needs, WPB reported. The military services have notified WPB that a small percentage of veterans now being discharged from the services will require some form of antimalarial treatment during periods of relapse of this disease. WPB has assured the military that such medication is available through normal trade channels for civilians needs.

Quinacrine hydrochloride (atabrine) is readily available in adequate supply to meet civilian requests for both oral and parenteral use, WPB said. Quinine may be obtained in ampoule form for parenteral use when required, but is not available for oral use. However, totaquine, USP, representing the total alkaloids of cinchona bark, is available for oral use in quantities sufficient to meet all requests for natural antimalarials.

MIRACLES

There has been miracles of production in this war, including miracles in food production, but hard work is still ahead, says Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

The national wheat goal for 1946 has been set at 67 to 70 million acres for harvest, or full production. Dealers and manufacturers no longer will be required to obtain special application forms from farmers before making deliveries of fertilizer.

Loan Administrator



REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON say that Emil Schram (above), president of the New York Stock Exchange, will be named Federal Loan Administrator by President Truman. Schram will succeed John W. Snyder, now Director of War Mobilization. (International)

Nation Is Planning For More Hospitals

Over the next ten years some three hundred to four hundred and fifty million dollars annually will be spent to meet the country's civilian hospital needs, says a recent survey by Modern Hospital Publishing Co., Inc. With thirty-one states having less than "reasonable minimum" hospital standards, and with the spread of hospitalization insurance having brought the possibility of hospital expansion into practically every community, construction and rebuilding of civilian hospitals will be big business in the postwar years. So big, in fact, that building supply people already are calculating the demands that will be made upon them. One of the first of the building industries to present the facts are the makers of wall and floor tile. The tile men say more than 9,250 products a year will be needed just to produce and install the 33 million square feet of tile they estimate will be required for the hospital building program.

News From The Soil Conservation Front

J. L. Knowles of the Dardens community, who is cooperating with the Coastal Plain Soil Conservation District, has 5 acres of kudzu planted in the spring of 1943, which is making a very good growth this spring. This kudzu is on a deep sandy soil—Ruston sandy loam, deep phase—which is not the best type of soil for general crops in this section. Mr. Knowles plans to use it as a grazing crop to supplement his pasture.

Mr. Knowles has fenced a portion of his woodland that had a thick undergrowth and has turned cattle in to kill out the undergrowth so as to lower the fire hazard.

Mr. Knowles also has an 8 acre field terraced with the assistance of the local conservationist in the spring of 1943. He says that the terracing with contour tillage has very definitely increased his crop yields.

As this is the planning season in soil conservation work, farmers interested in any type of drainage, soil conservation or the prevention of soil washing, pasture or woodland improvement, should see the County Agent or the soil conservationist located at Williamston.

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