

THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS EXPLAINS THE STATE-WIDE RATION PROGRAM

The following answers—explaining the ration banking program which will be established on a nation-wide basis this month—were released today by the Office of Price Administration in response to questions asked by storekeepers, gasoline wholesalers and others.

- 1. Q. When will ration banking go into effect?
A. On January 27, 1943.
- 2. Q. What rationed commodities will it cover?
A. In the food group—coffee and sugar. In the oil group—gasoline but not fuel oil.
- 3. Q. Will the program be extended to include other rationed commodities?
A. Yes. Ration banking will be applied later to other ration programs, including the point plan which is scheduled to go into effect next month.
- 4. Q. What is ration banking?
A. It is a banking operation that utilizes the facilities of the nation's banking system for handling and safeguarding ration stamps, coupons and certificates after they have passed out of the hands of consumers into trade channels.
- 5. Q. Will consumers be affected?
A. No. They will continue, as at present, to get their ration stamps, coupons and certificates from the local war price and rationing boards and to spend them in stores and elsewhere for the rationed commodities they are authorized to buy.
- 6. Q. What tradespeople and others will come under the ration banking program?
A. In foods. All primary distributors, wholesalers and chain stores, and foodstuffs totaling \$5,000 or more must open ration bank accounts. Retailers whose sales totaled less than \$5,000 may do so if the want. In gasoline. All wholesalers, distributors and refiners (if the latter are licensed to distribute gasoline) also must open ration bank accounts.
- 7. Q. Why aren't gasoline retailers included?
A. For the present, at least, it is believed that the system now in effect is more satisfactory. Re-

tailers turn in their coupons to tank wagon distributors at the time of delivery.

- 8. Q. How will ration banking help the grocer whose sales average \$5,000 monthly or more?
A. It will reduce detail work and simplify his bookkeeping. It will also provide the same kind of bank protection for his ration paper that he now gets for his currency when he banks it. In addition, the larger sellers of rationed commodities will no longer find it necessary to exchange stamps for larger denomination certificates for surrender to their suppliers in replenishing stocks. A ration check will serve the purpose.
- 9. Q. How does the grocer (or other seller) open a ration bank account?
A. He should apply to the bank where he has his checking account. It is authorized to open ration bank accounts. If the grocer has no checking account he may go to any bank that is convenient for him.
- 10. Q. How does a ration check differ from an ordinary check?
A. A ration check is non-transferable. It must be deposited by the person receiving it. It is not a check in payment but strictly an authorization to buy rationed commodities ordered.
- 11. Q. How many accounts must be opened?
A. In the case of a gasoline wholesaler, only one ration account may be opened for each rationed food listed in the ration banking program for the food trade. Thus, the grocer would open an account for each of the following. Sugar, coffee and later for processed foods when point rationing goes into effect.
- 12. Q. Does the grocer (or other qualified depositor) have to maintain a minimum balance in his ration bank account?
A. No. And once he makes his ration deposit, the grocer may begin drawing against it immediately. However, he is cautioned to watch his balance

COPPER FINDS OUT IF IT IS BUSINESS



If Sunday driving is a chore and no pleasure, then all right. A motorcycle patrolman examines the papers of a New Yorker after stopping him on Pulasky Skyway. The driver was en route to Kearny to work, and was permitted to proceed. Police authorities and OPA agents worked together to enforce the ban on Sunday pleasure driving in the East.

ON THE NEWS FRONT

High Schools Are Being Urged To Help Train Youth For War

Emphatically favoring pre-induction training for able-bodied youths before reaching their 18th birthday, the policies commission of the National Education association has also gone on record with a statement that high schools must become primarily schools for war, with elementary schools remaining largely schools for peace.

These pronouncements are part of a series being prepared by the association for the guidance of public school officials in their war-time planning from the nation's schools.

Recommendations go so far as to approve the issuing of certificates of competence by high schools to boys who successfully complete one or more pre-induction courses and further submit that these certificates be presented at the army reception centers upon induction.

Two Large Divisions

School children are considered in two large groups: (1) older students who will almost certainly fight in the war or work full-time in essential industries and services; and (2) younger students who will not be so directly or completely involved unless the war is greatly prolonged. Different educational treatment is recommended for each group.

The younger group should be prepared for service as adult

carefully. A ration check must be covered by the ration bank balance at the time the check is written. An overdraft is a serious Federal offense.

- 13. Q. Do ration credits (created by the deposit in a ration bank account of stamps, coupons and certificates) expire if they are not spent within a specified limit?
A. No, such credits—unlike most stamps, coupons and certificates which are not valid after specified time limits—are valid at any time after the deposit is made.
- 14. Are commercial banks required to open ration bank accounts?
A. No, however, it is believed that almost all will do so because of a desire to render a public service. Representative bankers, including a ration banking committee appointed by the American Bankers Association, and OPA is establishing the ration banking system.
- 15. Q. Has ration banking been tried out before?
A. Yes, in Albany, Troy and Schenectady and surrounding communities in New York State where ration banking has been subjected to the test of actual operation since October 28, 1942. It has also been applied in England. Here and abroad the results are good.
- 16. Q. Will the commercial banks, under ration banking, supersede the local War Price and Rationing Boards?
A. No. Local boards will continue to have the same jurisdiction and possess the same authority over rationing that they have now.
- 17. Q. Will ration banking help local boards?
A. Yes, it will relieve them of a heavy burden of detail work. After January 27 they will no longer make exchanges of ration stamps and coupons for certificates. They will have more time to dispose of other ration matters.
- 18. Q. Will ration banking services cost ration depositors anything?
A. No. The government will reimburse the banks for all expenses.
- 19. Would it be practicable for the Government to create its own system for clearing transactions in ration stamps, coupons and certificates?
A. It would be difficult for the Government to acquire the equipment and trained personnel needed to handle such a large scale and technical operation, and the cost would be great. It is much less expensive to utilize the existing commercial banking machinery.

citizens in a world which this war should make essentially peaceful and democratic, the commission states. For the older boys and girls, however, "the tyranny of time squeezes out everything that is less than essential. Long-range values, for them, must be subordinated to the life-and-death needs of today and tomorrow."

On the basis of this differentiation of educational treatment, the nationally known educational policies body recommends that elementary schools continue to lay sound foundations in reading, writing and arithmetic and to teach basic habits, appreciations and democratic ideals. Secondary schools are the ones to convert to an all-around war basis.

Specialized Training

According to the commanding general of the army services of supply, 630 out of every 1,000 men inducted are assigned to duties requiring specialized training. Out of this group of 630 trained men, the army needs roughly 16 radio operators, 15 medical technicians, 15 telephonists and telegraph linemen, five master mechanics, and over 35 automotive mechanics. So far the army has had to train these men, for they have not been prepared when they entered the service. The commission urges that secondary schools assume the responsibility of providing some of this specialized training before induction. To this end the U. S. army and the U. S. office of education have prepared a series of pre-induction courses, based on the technical manuals used in the army. Material is also available for special aviation training in the high schools.

Action by local and state school systems in rapidly converting their programs to the task of training large numbers of men in the skills required by the military services is not enough, however, the policies body goes on to say.

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