

Town & Farm In Wartime

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New Regulations on Used Car

Used 1942 automobiles were removed from rationing on July 2, OPA announced. The principal reason for the rationing of used 1942 cars—that they were the best automobiles in the country aside from the new 1942 cars in stock and so should be restricted to essential users — no longer holds true. Many of these cars have been driven by public officials, doctors and war workers who travel long distances and, consequently, the cars have had more mileage and more hard usage than some earlier models that have been driven fewer miles. Therefore, continued rationing is unnecessary, OPA said.

The four percent decrease on used passenger car ceiling prices will not affect the warranty allowance when this allowance amounts to \$100 or less, OPA said. The July 1 reduction, announced June 7, is the first of a series of four percent reductions to be made once each half year, reflecting normal depreciation in value, OPA explained.

Civilian Motorists Get 2,500,000 Car Tires in July

Borrowing 833,334 tires from inventories to meet hot weather replacement needs, WPB allocated 2,500,000 passenger car tires to OPA for civilian motorists during July, OPA announced. "The 2,500,000 tires allocated to OPA for rationing should meet the immediate requirements of the most essential drivers," Max McCullough, deputy administrator for rationing, said. "Only B and C ration holders are eligible for new tires and these drivers, as well as A-card holders, who must depend solely on their present tires, must continue to conserve their tires in every way possible. Motorists whose tires can be recapped are not eligible for new tires and should not apply."

Interregional Worker Recruitment to Spur Employment

Because of the gradual conversion from wartime to peacetime activity and the simultaneous continuation of war production, interregional recruitment facilities of U. S. Employment Service offices will be made available to employers engaged in certain civilian production, as well as war production, the War Manpower Commission announced. Local USES offices in areas where the supply of labor is in excess of local employer needs will receive orders for workers from employers whose needs cannot be met in their own localities, WMC said. "By such an arrangement, surplus labor will be more quickly reemployed and the labor requirements of employers more quickly met," WMC officials said.

New Ceiling Prices For Farm Products

A simplified schedule of cents-per-pound zone ceiling prices for all poultry except ducks was announced by OPA. It replaces the former basing point system of pricing poultry and provides ceilings for all sellers. The recently announced national average increase of 1.26 cents a pound in the ceiling price of young chickens is reflected in the new zone prices, effective July 1. The general level of present retail ceiling prices for all other poultry remains unchanged.

Ceiling Prices Set on Surplus Army Shotguns

Ceiling prices have been established for shotguns, both new and used, declared surplus by the Ordnance Department of the Army Service Forces, OPA announced.

The Big Three



Gates County ROLL of HONOR

KILLED

Ensign O. C. Turner of Gatesville.

Lt. Harry Matthews of Drum Hill.

Carlyle Spivey of Hobbsville.

Cpl. Fred D. Matthews, native of Drum Hill.

Cpl. Shirley E. Bunch of Sunbury.

Lieut. Julian K. Jollif of Gatesville.

T/5 Luther A. Eure of Eure.

Pfc. Daniel C. Jones of Gates.

Pvt. William E. Everette of Gates.

Pvt. W. H. Wilkins of Sunbury.

S/Sgt. Thomas H. Langston of Gates.

T/5 Norman Buck of Drum Hill.

Pfc. Sawney Cecil Eure of Gates.

Pfc. Bernard E. Hobbs of Gates.

C.W.O. James E. Hinton of Hobbsville.

Walter R. Blanchard, USN, of Eason's Cross Roads.

W. T. Pittman, USNR, of Gates.

George D. Sparkman, Negro, of Gates.

William Powell, Jr., Negro, killed at Pearl Harbor.

S/Sgt. Hilton Harrell of Eure, Negro.

T/5 Jesse J. Bond of Gates, Negro.

Announce Marriage

Ahoskie.—Mr. and Mrs. Thad Holloman of Ahoskie, Route 4, announce the marriage of their daughter, Rose Goodwyn, to Billy Richard Donkin, U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Donkin, Pa.

The marriage was solemnized Saturday, July 21, at 7:30 p. m. in Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, Norfolk. The Rev. W. D. Morris, pastor, officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

FSA Families Making Plans to Can 50,000 Quarts of Food This Year

Jackson.—Plans for food conservation made by FSA families in Northampton County for the current year call for 50,000 quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats to be canned. This food will be produced by the families from their orchards, gardens and livestock.

Put in dollars and cents, it means that \$7,500 worth of food will go into jars and be placed on pantry shelves during the next six months. FSA families know the value of producing their own food and feed. They also know they are contributing to the war effort by not going to the store and buying food from the shelves. As one homemaker expressed it to Mrs. Aileen Brown, FSA Home Supervisor:

"Those of us who live in the country and can grow our food certainly should do so. I feel

real sorry for the city folks who can't go to the garden and get vegetables for dinner when they want them."

"My children were not sick nearly so much last winter, and I know it was because they had more to eat," said Amie Mitchell, another FSA homemaker. "When we came on the program in 1941 Mrs. Brown talked to me about planting a better garden and canning 560 quarts of food, and I didn't think it could be done, but with her help we did it. Last winter we canned 385 quarts of vegetables, 210 quarts fruit and 68 quarts of meats—a total of 663 quarts. If we had had to go to the store and get that much food it would have cost \$140. We couldn't have had that such because we would not have had enough points to get it, neither would we have had that much money."



YANKS SHELL JAPAN AT WILL—In the boldest naval action of the war, units of the U. S. Pacific fleet steamed into the Jap front yard and for the first time tossed tons of shells from heavy warships into a Jap city. The target was Kamaishi, strategic steel-producing center on Honshu. More than 1,000 carrier planes swarmed over northern Honshu and Hokkaido and, unchallenged by Jap aircraft, blasted enemy installations. Maps shows the U. S. base at Okinawa in relation to Japan.

Seventy German Prisoners To Do Farm Work

Winton. — Seventy-five German prisoners at Ahoskie Camp have now been made available for farm work in Hertford, Bertie, Chowan, Gates and Northampton counties, according to J. W. Ballentine, county agent here. One hundred ninety are now being used in industry.

The type of farm work they will do will be regulated by priority, with priority ratings changing often. Ratings on farm work from August through December are as follows:

August 1-15: 1. Harvesting ensilage and hay, 2. Tobacco harvesting, 3. Suckering tobacco, 4. Chopping peanuts, 5. Applying land paster to peanuts, 6. Shrugging.

August 16-31: 1. Hay harvesting, 2. Tobacco harvesting, 3. Suckering tobacco, 4. Cutting peanut poles, 5. Digging holes and setting peanut poles, 6. Grading tobacco, 7. Shrugging.

September 1-15: 1. Harvesting tobacco, 2. Peanut harvesting, 3. Grading tobacco, 4. Cutting peanut poles, 5. Digging and setting peanut poles, 6. Shrugging, 7. Seed winter cover crops.

September 16 to October 15: 1. Peanut harvesting, 2. sweet potato harvesting, 3. Tobacco grading, 4. Seed winter cover crops.

October 16-31: 1. Stacking peanuts, 2. sweet potato harvesting, 3. Picking peanuts, 4. Corn harvesting, 5. Tobacco grading, 6. Seed winter cover crops.

November 1 to December 31: 1. Peanut picking, 2. Corn harvesting, 3. Preparing tobacco and plant beds, 4. Tobacco grading.

During the peanut harvesting season the camp's total number of prisoners will be increased to 500 to take care of the peanut harvesting, according to C. J. Quarrington. Contracts for prisoner Labor will be made through the county agent's office.

Tar and Gravel Treatment Given Highway 305

Jackson. — The Jackson-Rich Square highway is being tarred and gravelled by a work crew of the state highway and public works department. The project carried out extends from Pine Fork at Jackson to the stop light at Rich Square.

Due to the condition of the roads that have been tarred and the rainy weather of the past week, the highway has been very slippery in sections and several automobiles and trucks have slipped off the road into ditches near the shoulders.

Although no serious accident has been reported, some of the cars have sustained bent fenders and dented radiators and a few drivers and occupants have been slightly bruised and shaken up when their automobiles ran off the embankment.

Suggestions For Tying Tobacco

Winton.—Tobacco farmers are urged by the Bright Belt Warehouse Association to do everything possible to enable the buyers to handle the maximum amount of tobacco through their redrying plants during the selling season.

Farmers are asked not to do four things: Do not tie tobacco in large bundles, do not tie tobacco when wet or in high order, do not dip stems in water before tying, and do not cover the butt ends of stems with leaf.

They are asked to tie tobacco in neat, medium-sized bundles, sort tobacco carefully and remove all strings.