

Individual percentages, however, do not begin to tell the whole story in the absence of price control over rents, a great number of services, and a very large number of items of every description, the entire cost of living would spiral rapidly upward, carrying with it wages, materials, and the cost of all war weapons and war equipment.

Far-Reaching Changes Coming

The year 1943 will see far-reaching changes in our buying and budgeting habits. Before spring the "point" method of rationing scarce products will be in full swing, and families then must decide whether to use up more points of Ration Book Two by purchasing scarce articles, or use less points by buying more plentiful ones.

By next summer there'll be fewer kinds of canned goods in metal tins on store shelves than at present. Tin-can metals are needed for our war machines. The bulk of our canned food products, if they continue to be sold, will come in glass or other metal substitute containers. Many of the "fancy" canned goods and delicacies will be unobtainable, and the housewife will be cooking more products sold in bulk or brought in fresh from the farm without passing through a cannery.

The wartime demand for labor of all kinds will be felt in almost every home in the country, partly in the absence of familiar articles for the manufacture of which neither labor nor materials can be spared. The greatest change, however, will be in the number of members of families at work. It is expected that by the end of 1943 about 70 per cent of all persons in the United States between the ages of 15 and 65 will be employed or in military service, around 20 million of these will be in war industry. To secure millions of new workers and train them for skilled operations in war plants will be a stupendous undertaking—yet it must be done if we are to meet next year's production schedules.

Fuel Situation More Acute

The fact that recently 4,000 men enlisted in the Army were released from service to return to the mining industry illustrates the need for the new "Manning Tables" system that will provide for a methodical and orderly replacement of skilled workers taken into the armed

forces. Under this plan skilled miners or other experienced workmen would not be inducted until new workers had been secured and trained for their jobs. The fuel situation in the East has become more acute as cold weather sets in. The number of those who could change over from fuel oil to coal and have failed to do so in an indication of indifference to a very grave situation. And in New England users of soft coal are slow to stock up for the winter. Every effort is being made to take the edge off the fuel shortage.

Tire Inspections Under Way

To meet possible coal shortages, control has been extended to all vessels in the Atlantic coastwise coal traffic. In addition, coal and oil heating stoves have been rationed in the fuel oil rationing area, first choice on coal heaters going to householders who will use the new stove to replace oil heating equipment. But all these measures will still leave the main part of the fuel-saving program up to the consumer, who must employ every possible means of saving fuel and tightening up living quarters against the cold.

Tire inspection—an essential part of rubber saving—now is in progress throughout the country. All motorists must complete the record of their first tire inspection by January 31, 1943, and owners of commercial vehicles must be ready for tire inspection by January 15. Members of car-sharing groups will not be subject to insurance liability for carrying passengers, through agreement with more than 200 companies writing the bulk of automobile liability insurance. After January 15, 1943 some 27,000 items of builders hardware will be reduced to 3,500 types, sizes, weights and standards, saving metals and production costs.

Consumers of sugar and coffee who eat 14 or more meals a week at the same boarding house or restaurant must give up their ration book one to the proprietors, but they will get them back temporarily in order to secure Ration Book Two. Matches must be used sparingly; they use up vast quantities of wood, besides being needed by the armed forces. An instrument has been developed that will make it possible for blind persons to make precision inspections of certain machine products. And a high-power "X-ray eye" is used to test die castings used in making ammunition. New Year's Day will not be a holiday for war workers or government employees.

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TIRE INSPECTIONS

Persons applying for new tires and recaps are urged to have the inspector list on the application form the serial number of each tire on the vehicle and the exact conditions. If this is not done the applications will have to be returned to the person applying without action, and will take time for board members and the clerks.

Agricultural Crop Statistics Useful

They Are Used For Making Loans at Banks, Intelligent Marketing Programs and for Distribution of Farm Machinery and Supplies Which React to the Farmer's Advantage.

They are used directly by farmers as a guide to changing acreage of particular crops, and as a guide to marketing, the best indication of future price.

Indirectly they are used to prevent ill effects of misleading crop reports. They reduce speculation, furnish dependable information on supply. Stabilize prices and reduce the speculation margin that is necessarily taken when uncertainty of supply exists.

They aid railroads to distribute the cars needed for farm products, and enable economical distribution of farm equipment and supplies.

Indirectly also, they are essential for crop programs of Agricultural Colleges, intelligent marketing programs of public marketing agencies, making farm loans by banks and insurance companies and the maintenance of maximum farm prices in terminal markets in accordance with supply and demand, all of which react to the farmer's advantage.

Cooperative Farmers' Associations use them as a guide to intelligent marketing which results in maximum prices.

To dealers and handlers of Agricultural products, they reflect price trends, reduce speculation which goes with uncertainty of supply and reduces the necessary handling margin and enables the payment of maximum farm prices.

Agricultural College workers use them as the best basis for crop production programs.

State marketing bureaus consider them the first essential for all marketing programs.

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The extension man said that scores of dairymen had either a large or complete turnover in labor during 1942. Much of the new labor, when any could be secured, has been high priced, green and inefficient. "This condition," said Arey, "together with the ceiling price on milk, has in some instances eliminated all profit from the dairy business and resulted in the dispersal of a number of herds."

Yet, interest in dairy farming was at a peak in North Carolina during the last 12 months. During August, the top month in milk production, dairy processing plants in the State received 11,869,970 pounds of milk. This is 1,836,930 pounds more than the 1941 August receipts and is the largest on record.

Arey said that the annual cattle sales featured by the state Ayrshire, Guernsey and Jersey breeding associations in 1942 were tops. Through these sales 361 purebred animals, many of them heifers were sold for a total of \$72,801.72. At least 380 cows, most of which were Holsteins, were purchased from without the State by local dairymen.

Tobacco Variety Resists Blackshank

Tobacco seed of a new variety which is resistant to blackshank disease are now being distributed through the Tobacco Branch Experiment Station at Oxford, it is announced by Dr. L. D. Bayer of N. C. State College, director of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station. Sales are restricted to one ounce per farm.

Dr. Bayer said that the new variety of tobacco was developed cooperatively by the Experiment Station, the N. C. Department of Agriculture and the Tobacco Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The plant breeding experiments were conducted under the leadership of Dr. James F. Bullock and Dr. E. G. Moss of the Oxford Station over a period of 12 years. The seed are being released under the name "Blackshank Resistant Tobacco, Strains 1, 2, 3 and 4." The research director emphasized that Strains 1, 2 and 3 are adapted to conditions wherever blackshank occurs, but Strain 4 is adapted only to Old Belt soils where wrappers are grown.

"Blackshank is one of the most destructive tobacco diseases known," Dr. Bayer de-

Care Of Christmas Linens Suggested

If you were lucky enough to receive linens as Christmas gifts this year, Miss Pauline E. Gordon, Extension house furnishings specialist of N. C. State College, suggests that you give them extra good care. Sheets and pillowcases are on the "make 'em last" list, she declared.

Textile mills are taxed to the limit with orders for the armed services and Miss Gordon says that homemakers can help to ease the heavy schedules of these mills by taking extra good care of the household linens. She suggests that one of the best ways to get good service from a sheet or pillowcase is to distribute the wear as evenly as possible.

"Sheets wear out most quickly where the sleeper's shoulders normally rest," the Extension specialist explained. "This wear can be distributed by reversing the sheet occasionally, putting the top part at the bottom of the bed. Also, be careful to alternate their use by placing freshly laundered sheets on the bottom of the pile in your linen closet."

"Sheets not large enough for the bed wear out quickly. When used as undersheets, they may get hard pulling in an effort to tuck them in. When used as topsheets, they may get yanked at the top as the sleeper tries to cover his shoulders."

"Underslips, the removable covering for pillows, lighten the wear on pillowcases. A pillowcase may show first signs of wear where folded. Constant folding makes these places so weak that in time they will split."

"Using a sheet or pillowcase as a laundry bag is one of the hardest uses to which it can be put. There is a strain on the sheet where it is knotted to hold in the laundry. If a pillowcase is used, it seams suffer the chief strain."

clared. "It first appeared in 1929 on the farm of T. M. Lewis in Forsyth County. Experiments which led to the development of the resistant variety were started on Mr. Lewis' farm in 1930."

blackshank is widespread now in Forsyth, Guilford, Rockingham and Stokes counties, and is also present in Surry, Yadkin, Caswell, Person and Pitt counties. It is continuing to spread each year into new counties.

"It is especially fortunate," said Dr. Bayer, "that a resistant variety was developed before it gained more headway. At the present time it is recommended that this variety is grown only on blackshank infested soil."

IN OKLAHOMA

Will Rogers Field, Okla., Jan. 7.—Sergeant Carroll M. Ricks, formerly of Wallace North Carolina, is one of the soldiers stationed at this Army Air Force bombardment base. Sergeant Ricks is assigned to a Bombardment Squadron here as an aerial gunner. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Ricks, Wallace, North Carolina.

CARD OF THANKS

Pvt. D. E. Rivenbark, of Camp Lee, Virginia, wishes to thank his many friends in Wallace for the deluge of Christmas greetings mailed him during the Christmas holidays.

Hatcheries to Help Meet Poultry Goals

Hatcheries of North Carolina are prepared to do their part in meeting the poultry and egg production goals for 1943, says T. T. Brown, Extension poultry specialist of N. C. State College. He said that Tar Heels have been asked to produce 23,656,000 chickens, exclusive of broilers, and approximately 4,280,000 fryers this year.

Brown, who is secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina State Mutual Hatchery Association, Inc., said that the State has the source of hatching eggs and the hatchery capacity to produce at least 35 million chicks during 1943. North Carolina has more laying hens than any state in the South Atlantic region. The incubator capacity in the State is approximately 7 million eggs at one time.

"When the Mutual Hatchery


production was estimated at 23,700,000," said the Extension specialist. "It was estimated that only 35 per cent of the chicks raised in the State annually were commercially hatched. Ten years later it was determined that at least 75 per cent of the chicks hatched came from commercial plants within the State."

Brown said, also, that the annual egg production per hen in the State in 1931 was 81 eggs, whereas in 1941 it was 103 eggs per bird per year. In 1942 the egg production goal assigned to North Carolina was 85 million dozen, and the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that Tar Heel egg producers exceeded this goal by at least 7 million dozen.

The Government has called upon North Carolina to increase egg production another 10 per cent in 1943, and to produce 79,204,000 dozen eggs. Brown predicted that this goal also will be exceeded.

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