

TOWN AND FARM IN WARTIME

Reminders

Meats and Fats—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through D5, good indefinitely.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through F5, good indefinitely.

Sugar—Sugar stamps 30, 31 and 32, each good for five pounds indefinitely, and 33 good for five pounds after September 1 and remains good indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

Gasoline—In 17 East Coast States, A-11 coupons, good through November 8.

Fuel oil—Period 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30. New Period 1 coupons now good.

Shoes—Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Organize for Food Agriculture

An international authority that would provide international agricultural credit is one of the proposals of the United Nations Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture in its report recommending that a Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations be set up. The FAO, proposed to 44 governments for their acceptance, grew out of the United Nations food conference in June, 1943. Other functions the FAO would include are: to collect, interpret and disseminate information relating to food, nutrition and agriculture; to recommend action with regard to research, education, administration, conservation, agricultural production, processing, marketing and distribution of agricultural products; to furnish governments with requested technical assistance.

McNutt-Nelson on Reconversion

In a joint statement on the reconversion from war production to civilian production, Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, and Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, declared that "wherever labor and materials are available which are not needed in, or cannot be made available for war production, they should be employed in civilian production" and that planning "should go forward—so that, as employment in war production ends, jobs in civilian production can be readily found."

Plan School Lunch Program Now

Before school opens communities should plan their school lunch program, the War Food Administration says. First step is to organize parents, teachers and representatives of civic organizations to discuss the number of children to participate and facilities and financial assistance available. If the group finds the community is unable to act or is without financial assistance, the official sponsor, usually the board of education or the state department of education, may appeal to WFA's Office of Distribution. A Federal fund of 50 million dollars is available for

the school lunch program during the 1944-45 school year, funds to be used exclusively for food purchases.

To Keep Record of Gas Rations

When motorists outside the East Coast area renew their basic "A" gasoline rations to replace the present "A" rations that expire September 21, they'll get a Mileage Rationing Record that will replace the Tire Inspection Record as a record of all gasoline rations issued for use with the basic "A" ration. The OPA has announced. Dates for renewal applications and manner of filing will be announced locally. The Tire Inspection Record must serve until the new form is issued. With every application for a special or supplemental ration, except fleet or official ration, the motorist must present his Mileage Rationing Record form to the local board. While the new "A" book will give the same monthly ration as the old, eight gallons a month, the new coupons will be worth four gallons instead of three. In 17 East Coast States and the District of Columbia, present "A" rations do not expire until February 8, 1945.

Less Nitrogenous Fertilizer

American farmers will have less nitrogenous fertilizers as a result of the curtailed supplies of nitric acid, now critically needed by ordnance plants, WPB says. Some of the loss may be offset if arrangements can be made to import larger amounts of Chilean nitrates for agricultural use.

Arrow Poison Now Saves Soldiers

Curare, a deadly poison that native Indians of the Amazon called "flying death" because they used it to make poison arrows, is now saving lives of the fighting men of United Nations, the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs reports. Curare is now used to relieve spastic paralysis and to relax the muscles of mental patients undergoing convulsive shock.

Take Your Own Shopping Bags

When you go shopping, you can give your merchant a lift if you take your own shopping bag or else carry your purchases home unwrapped, because WPB reveals that this year less than half as much paper for retail wrapping and paper bags is available than during a normal year. WPB has asked merchants to wrap for protection rather than for appearance.

Japs Guess This One Wrong

The Japs apparently figured that the rainy season from mid-May until late August would retard the Allied advance in Burma. The Japs made a "gross miscalculation," the Chungking radio said, inasmuch as the Allied capture of Myitkyina by Allied forces occurred at the height of the monsoon season, when the Nipponese, assuming the Allies couldn't "take" the monsoons may have diverted the "main part" of their forces to the eastern sector of China.

Easy Storage Of Vegetables

Any fruits and vegetables available in the fall can be kept for a few weeks in a garage or on the back porch if they are used before freezing weather sets in, the Department of Agriculture says. Where winters are not severe, apples and pears can be kept by setting the containers on a thick layer of newspapers and covering with old rugs, carpeting or newspapers. If matured and thoroughly cured, onions will keep for several months in an attic or an unused room where temperatures stay above freezing. Potatoes may be stored in dry cellars. In any storage, they should be protected against light. Potatoes should be kept in barrels or boxes to reduce loss of moisture and they do better in temperatures of 50 to 60 degrees than if stored at 40 or below.

Round-up

OPA says: Any farmer who sold 6,000 pounds or less of dressed meat having any ration point value and produced from his own livestock during the past 12 months must file a report of his sales on Form R-1609 and file with OPA . . . cotton compress and warehouse operators may charge a 17 per cent surcharge over maximum rates authorized for the 1942-43 season . . . individual consumers, small boarding houses and eating places operated to feed workers inside industrial plants may apply for supplemental ration points if they are in areas where the fresh vegetable supply does not meet nutritional needs . . . because of extensive counterfeiting of A-11 gasoline coupons, service station operators should be sure that every A coupon they accept is torn out of a valid ration book and that the motorist has endorsed the coupon with the license number of the car into which the gas is delivered . . . because of the shortage of kerosene and other heating oils, issuance of fuel oil rations for water heating, domestic cooking or domestic lighting has been halted if the applicant has use of electric equipment for these purposes . . . manufacturers of 1,768,968 electric irons allocated for products

have agreed to market them at their March, 1942, prices.

USDA says: Much of the pulpwood for the V-box, a soak-proof, paper-board box used in carrying supplies to the armed forces, comes from the thinning and logging operations in farm woodlands . . . sweet potato meal, made from dehydrated sweet potatoes, compares favorably with corn as a feed for steers . . . forty-one per cent fewer cattle were on feed for market in 11 corn belt states August 1, this year, than on that date, last year, one of the sharpest decreases ever shown . . . thirty-five Latin-American students are studying extension methods and farm practices in the U. S. and about 80 will receive such training before July 1, next year.

Tips For Saving Extra Hay Crops

The latest crop report predicts that the United States' hay crop will be about four million tons less than last year's. This can mean a serious shortage of feed during the coming winter, but if every farmer will strain a point and save just a little more hay and roughage than he had planned, roughage will be considerably increased.

"The farmer who has considerable acreage of soybeans for seed can afford to cut a few acres of hay rather than sacrifice part of his livestock or let his neighbors sacrifice theirs," says Enos Blair, Extension agronomist at State College.

"Some hay may also be harvested from cowpeas planted for seed or for turning under.

"Lespedeza planted for seed may be used in part for hay. In fact, lespedeza cut for hay now has a good chance of making enough seed to harvest later. This, however, is not true if the hay harvest is delayed until September.

"All stubble fields should be mowed. There is usually a stand of crabgrass at this time of year which will make hay equal to oat or timothy if cut in early bloom. Some of these fields in Western Carolina will

yield a mixture of red clover, lespedeza, crabgrass and ragweeds. This makes good hay if cut about September 1.

"Many tobacco fields grow up in crabgrass in the late summer. In such fields the tobacco stalks should be cut and the hay harvested just as soon as it comes into bloom.

"Corn stover rates between hay and straw in feeding value. Where there is plenty of hay, we advise letting this material go back to the land, but it is a bountiful source of emergency roughage and should be used as such when needed.

"Any soil depletion that results from cutting more acres of hay than usual can be made up by planting more winter legumes this fall or more summer legumes next year."

Question Marks

Lawyer (to lady witness)—Married?

Witness—Yes. Twice.

Lawyer—Your age?

Witness—Twenty-eight years.

Lawyer—Also twice?

Reasonable

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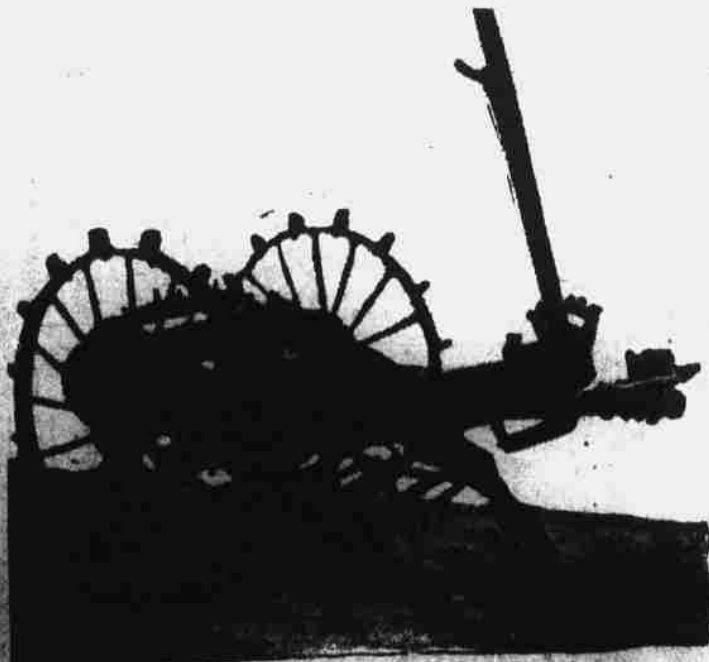
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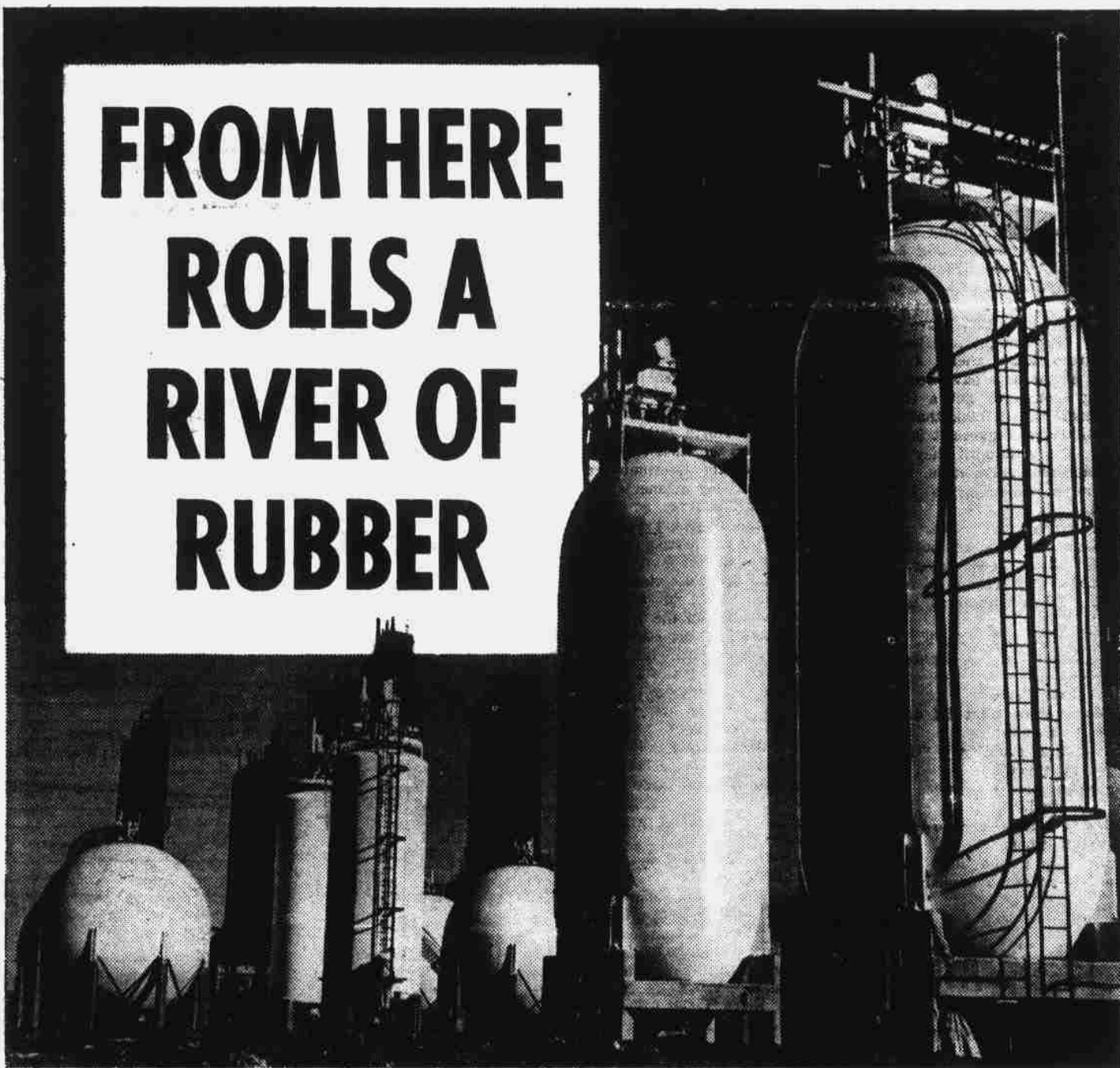
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