

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS



U.S. MERCHANT SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY WILL REACH 5 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY BY '43 — ENOUGH TO MATCH IN TWO YEARS OUR TOTAL AT THE WAR'S START



Record Production
ON THE BASIS OF COST, U.S. INDUSTRY AT PRESENT HAS A TASK EQUAL TO BUILDING FIVE PANAMA CANALS EACH MONTH

DOCTORS OF THE 17th CENTURY CONSIDERED COFFEE A VALUABLE MEDICINE AND GAVE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR 20 CUPS A DAY FOR THEIR PATIENTS




STRAW HATS WERE A FEATURE OF THE FIRST REGULAR UNIFORM ADOPTED BY ANY BASEBALL TEAM



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65 MINUTES
SPEEDING DEFENSE
TIME NEEDED TO BORE HOLES IN THE CRANKCASE OF ONE LARGE AIRPLANE HAS BEEN CUT FROM 6 1/2 HOURS TO 65 MINUTES!


OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

AN AVERAGE DAY IN THE U.S.A.




OUR UNCENSORED DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS HAVE A READING PUBLIC OF 104,700,000

12,142,000 GO TO THE MOVIES 31,950,000 REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE




3900 COUPLES GET MARRIED



6200 BABIES ARE BORN — ABOUT 51.4% BOYS AND 48.6% GIRLS

3800 PERSONS DIE



POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES RECEIVE \$7,397,000 EACH AVERAGE DAY MORE THAN 36,000,000 MEN AND MORE THAN 11,000,000 WOMEN GO TO WORK. ON SCHOOL DAYS 30,300,000 BOYS AND GIRLS GO TO CLASS IN SCHOOL OR COLLEGE.

DOZING BY THE RIVER

MANY clay-carrying rivers sluggishly empty their red freight from the Piedmont into the Gulf of Mexico. Not many people have ever heard of the Piedmont. They don't know that throughout the southeastern states this area between the mountains and the coastal plain marks the boundary between enterprise and sloth.



Both black and white just sit on squalid porches and talk.

Nowhere is one so reminded of this as at Apalachicola. It is a small town on the banks of a river, both named from the Indians who once lived there. Today the village seems asleep. It lives in the past, and in spite of cheering pamphlets issued by the Chamber of Commerce, the place seems doomed to gradual stagnation.

The inhabitants of this Florida hamlet talk of the glories of the place as a port, of the only two famous men who ever lived there, but many of their

neighbors, both black and white, just sit on squalid porches and talk.

Slowly the red river flows past them, almost as stagnant as the mental outlook of the people. It has risen hundreds of miles northward, flowed through prosperous cotton farms and thriving industrial cities. But the blight of the coastal plain seems to be reflected in the slow meandering of the stream, just as it certainly is in the people. That blight is malaria.

The disease is the curse of the South, especially along rivers like the Apalachicola, which in spring freshets flood thousands of acres of flat land. Mosquitoes and malaria are inevitable, and figures issued by the Florida State Board of Health show that this corner of the state is one of the worst in America.

Quinine, of course, would control this condition, but not enough people know it, know the correct dosage, nor that it is a cheap and safe remedy for this plague. And some are too poor to buy the little that is needed, which seems tragic considering how little it is. Malaria experts have many times pointed out that 20 grains of quinine per day for 5-7 days is all that is needed. The total requirements of Apalachicola would not amount to a fraction of what is lost annually both here and throughout the South because malaria saps ambition and kills initiative.

Feeding An Army Big Job

Much has been made in these strenuous times of the new weapons of defense and offense. There has been little written about one of the hardest, most important, and most fascinating jobs in this defense effort of ours.

Few words of praise have been said of the task of clothing and feeding the men, furnishing transportation, gasoline, and routings for the army—the "house-keeping" of our all-out effort.

This job is that of the Quartermaster Corps of the Army.

In the current maneuvers in Louisiana between the Second and Third Armies, the Quartermaster of the Fourth Corps Area has the gigantic duty of supplying the 303,000 men of the Third Army with subsistence, clothing, and the gasoline needed for a mechanized Army.

The amounts of food that will be consumed in these maneuvers is stupendous. Enough coffee will be drunk to float a 20,000 ton ship. A freight train two and one half miles long would be necessary to carry the 6,696,300 pounds of beef the boys will eat.

If all the frankfurters to be consumed were laid end to end, they would reach from Norfolk, Va., to New Orleans and have enough left over to encircle both cities.

One hundred and sixty three thousand hogs will lay down their lives for Uncle Sam to keep the men of the Third Army supplied with ham for the coming maneuvers. The rest of the animals will be utilized in sausage, hot-dogs, salt pork and the like.

It would take a champion, egg-day hen 100,000 years to lay enough eggs to supply the boys with breakfasts.

Quantities of some of the items of food to be consumed by the Third Army on maneuver are astronomical:

Potatoes, 8,756,700 pounds.
Oranges, 13,680,450
Evaporated Milk 2,478,540 14 1/2 oz. cans.

Fresh eggs, 2,498,991 dozen.
Coffee, 2,060,400 pounds.
Butter, 1,624,080 pounds.
Bread, 11,271,600 pounds.
Apples, 10,852,550.
Sugar, 2402,790 pounds.

In fact, half the people in the United States could sit down and make a meal of what the men in the Third Army will consume in the sixty days of the maneuvers.

The job done by the Quartermaster is the closest and at the same time the least conspicuous to the average soldier. As one old-timer aptly put it:

"Within three hours after a recruit is sworn in, the Quartermaster provides his first meal; within ten hours, his first army bed; within 24 hours, his first transportation; and within three days, his first uniform. Thereafter, wherever he serves, from the fogs of Newfoundland to Zambanga's vales, the Quartermaster meets his every demand. When his left sleeve is like a barber pole with ten enlistment stripes wavy under sun and winter blasts and he turns from his last parade to retirement, the Quartermaster moves his family home. After the gray-headed citizen soldier has answered his last roll call, the Quartermaster provides a military funeral with burial in a national cemetery, a soldier's headstone, and keeps his grave green forever after."

With the enormity of the task the Quartermaster will do in the coming maneuvers let's not forget, when the story of the maneuvers is being told, that the backbone of the Army is the Quartermaster Corps. Without food a soldier can't fight and without gasoline a tank can't run. The man who does these jobs is the Quartermaster.

COLLARDS RICH IN VITAMINS

Because weather conditions have barred a plentiful supply of winter legume seed this year, it is necessary to make available supplies go as far as possible, says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist of N. C. State College.

This may be accomplished by reducing the rate of seeding per acre, but to do this the best possible methods of seed bed preparation and planting must be followed.

Seeding legumes in September has two advantages. First, they do a better job of covering the land during the winter; and second, they are ready to turn under at least 30 days earlier next spring than if planted later.

Blair pointed out that a good seed bed should be prepared by shallow plowing or adequate discing, followed by harrowing and discing until the soil is thoroughly pulverized. Soils that have not been limed in the past four or five years should receive an application of 1,200 to 2,000 pounds of ground limestone per acre before the last harrowing. Then the crop should be fertilized with 200 pounds of 16 or 20 per-

cent superphosphate and 50 pounds of muriate of potash per acre. This will cause the winter legume to make a much better growth and will, in turn, bring about a better yield of the following crop.

One of the best ways of conserving seed, the State College specialist explained, is through the use of a grain drill. Fifteen pounds of hairy vetch and 20 pounds of Austrian winter peas per acre will suffice where the seed are planted with drills. Crimson clover will give excellent results at 15 pounds per acre if the drill is equipped with a special attachment.



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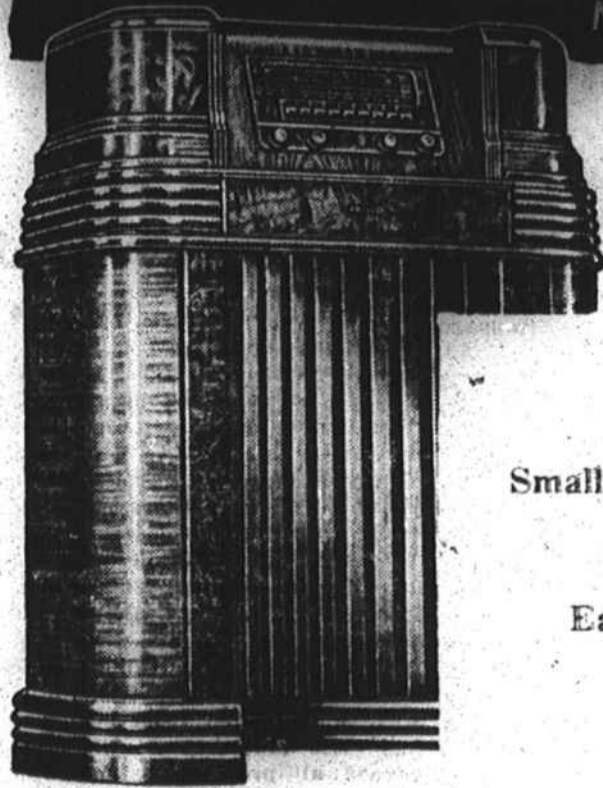
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