Questions And Answers About Point Rationing

The following questions and answers were presented to The Herald by Mrs. Sara H. Rhyne, Chairman of the Community Service of the local Rationing Board. These are published here in an effort to enlighten citizens in regard to the point rationing system which goes into effect March 1st:

Q.—When will actual rationing begin?

A.—Rationing will begin Mar. 1.

Q.—How will the housewife know when point values are changed?

A.—The newspapers and radio will carry the announcements, and every food store will have an OPA poster showing the current point values of each particular product. A new poster will be issued when point values change.

Q.—Will the point values be the same in all store, or will they vary between high-price and low-price stores?

A.—The point values are the same in every store in the country regardless of the price charged. The housewife, in buying a No. 2 can of tomatoes, will have to surrender the stamps for the same number of points regardless of whether the price is 12 cents or 15 cents, or whether the can is Grade A, B, or C, or any other grade designation such as 'fancy', 'choice', or standard."

Q.—How long will the first ration period last?

A.—The first ration period very probably will take in the entire month of March.

Q.—What is going to be done about people who have an excess supply of these commodities on hand?

A.—Everyone applying for War Ration Book Two will be required to fill out and sign a "Consumer Declaration" form stating exactly the stocks of processed foods on hand. Book 2 will have stamps removed for excess stocks and thus, in effect, will compel the applicant to use up those stocks before buying any more. Heavy Federal penalties can be applied to those making a false declaration.

Q.—Does this "Declaration" mean that I will have to declare the fruits and vegetables I canned at home last fall?

A.—No. Nothing you have packed at home need be declared and no stamps will be deducted for these home supplies. It is expected, of course, that you will use your home canned goods instead of buying commercial products and thus help your Government spread food supplies as widely as possible.

Q.—There seem to be some questions about dried and dehydrated vegetables and things like dehydrated dog food. Are these covered by rationing?

A. No! Only dried and dehydrated FRUITS — apples, peaches, and the like. Dry vegetables like navy beans, split peas, and lentils are not included.

Q.—What about chicken soup, canned beef broth, turtle, soup, and other soups made of meat or poultry stock containing few, if any, vegetables?

A. All canned soups are rationed, no matter what their content. But not dehydrated soups.

Q.—But why ration all canned soups, why not only those made all or largely from vegetables?

A.—Because all canned soups are interchangeable. If we can't get one kind, we are likely to take another. If we only rationed vegetable soups, a great demand would develop for meat and chicken soups, with the result that these would disappear from the shelves in a very short time.

Q.—Why is not canned salmon and canned meat included in the present rationing program?

A.—Because ordinarily canned meats and fish are not used interchangeably with canned vegetables. The present program was intended primarily to cover processed fruits and vegetables.

Q.—Will the housewife have to make an inventory of her canned goods by products—or so many cans of peas, so many of beans, so many of cherries, and so on?

A.—No, she need report only the total number of cans that her household has on hand when rationing begins.

Q.—Can the housewife use the ration books of all the members of her family when she goes shopping? How about the maid who is furnished meals?

A.—Yes, she may take along each ration book issued to members of her household, just as she now does in buying sugar or coffee with War Ration Book One.

Q.—Why does the Government ration all of the listed canned foods together?

A.—If only the canned foods that are most scarce were rationed, consumers would rush to buy the unrationed foods which could be used instead. This would create shortages of the alternate foods which would then have to be rationed after the supply had been seriously depleted.

Q.—What foods are included in the new rationing program?

A.—Canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, fruit and vegetable juices, dried fruits and all canned soups. These are known as "processed" foods.

Q.—Just what is a processed food?

A.—A processed food is one that has been preserved so that it will keep as long as it stays in its processed condition. Canned foods, for example, keep as long as they remain sealed frozen foods as long as they remain frozen.

Q.—Are jams, jellies, and marmalades included?

A.—No. These are not generally used interchangeably with canned fruits.

Q.—Why are foods that are not used extensively included in the rationing program.

A.—To preserve for consumers as wide a choice of foods as possible in spending their ration points.

Q.—Is evaporated milk included in the new rationing program?

A.—No, canned milk is not being rationed in this program.

Q.—What do the numbers on the ration stamps mean?

A.—The numbers on the stamps—8, 5, 2, and 1—show how much the stamp is worth in "points."

Q.—What is a point?

A.—A point is a ration value much as dollars and cents are money values. Rationed foods have both point and money values.

Q.—Why are the stamps of different colors?

A.—The blue stamps will be used for rationing processed foods; the red stamps will be used later for meat rationing.

Q.—What do the letters on the stamps mean?

A.—The letters on the stamps will be used by the Office of Price Administration to designate the time during which a stamp is valid. For example, stamps lettered A, B, and C could be designated for use during the first ration period.

Q.—Why is it necessary to give different point values to different kinds of processed foods? Why can't they all have the same point value?

A.—Low point values will be given to foods that are relatively plentiful; high point values to those that are most scarce. The buyer can get more for his "points" by buying the foods with low point values. Since most housewives will no doubt do this, it will relieve the demand for very scarce foods.

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Graduates In Aviation Mechanics' Course

Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.—Pvt. James D. Goins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goins, Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C., was graduated last week from the Aviation Mechanics' course of this branch of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

At Seymour Johnson Field he studied airplane maintenance and repair. From this school and others of the Technical Training Command come an unending stream of soldier mechanics to "keep 'em flying." Most graduates proceed to tactical units of the Air Forces on fighting fronts throughout the world. A few are retained to instruct future students.

Pvt Goins attended Kings Mountain high school. Before entering service on August 25, 1942 in Charlotte, N. C., he was employed at the Cora plant of Textiles, Inc.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association will be held Thursday, Feb 11, 1943, at 6:30 P. M. in the City Hall for the purpose of electing directors and to transact any other business to come before the board.

J. C. Lackey, Sec'y-Treas.

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Having qualified as Administratrix for the estate of C. Q. Rhyne, deceased, all persons are hereby notified to file any claims against estate to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of January, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make settlement.

This the 14th day of January, 1943.

Cora L. Rhyne,
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Women

Bessie

"All right, Bessie," said the boss of the little factory which was making jackets for soldiers. "Did you want to see me about something?"

The thin middle-aged woman stood up from the chair in the outer office and looked earnestly at the boss with her huge, grave gray eyes.

"It's about this ten percent pledge," she began.

"Oh, that's all right, Bessie," the boss said. "I'd been meaning to speak to you about that. We don't expect you to pledge ten percent of your pay for War Bonds like the others are doing. We know you have a hard time making ends meet since Jim died. Eleven kids, isn't it? That's quite a lot of mouths to feed. Let's see, you make $23.50 a week including overtime, don't you?"

"Yes, sir, but . . ."

The boss smiled.

"Don't give it another thought, Bessie. You've got your hands full now. Uncle Sam knows you haven't got a penny to spare. Don't let it worry you. We understand."

The boss turned to go back into his private office.

"But what I wanted to say was . . ." Bessie raised her voice and the boss looked around. "I wanted to say, would a dollar a week be too little? You see, after we get the living expenses paid, there's just about a dollar a week left. Would they be willing to accept a dollar a week?"

"They'd be more than willing," the boss said quietly. "They'd be proud."

Bessie looked relieved.

"All we have to do is scrimp a little," she said. "I'd feel just terrible if we couldn't give something."

Back in the boss' office a representative of the Treasury Department was waiting. The boss shut the door and sat down.

"I've just seen the greatest single sacrifice I know of," the boss said. "Listen, if you want to hear what American women are made of . . ."

(Story from an actual report in the files of the Treasury Department.)

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Are you making a sacrifice? Are you buying War Bonds, Stamps, Bonds? Sign a payroll savings plan at your office or factory.

U. S. Treasury Department

You can aid wartime bus service by planning essential trips for February or March—instead of Mid-Summer

Never in history has it been so important to choose with care the time and occasion for travel. Through the years bus travel has always been very heavy in some months, less heavy in others — and this has held true even in wartime when the demands on transportation are naturally increased. That's why Greyhound has long urged everyone to travel during less crowded periods—and February and March are just such times. Essential trips taken in mid-winter will greatly relieve overcrowding in the mid-summer months ahead.

You can aid wartime transportation still further by choosing the right day—mid-week—and the right schedule—the least crowded one. It's wise to take along as little baggage as possible—and to get information on any trip well in advance.

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