

Ration News

SLAUGHTER INCREASES
 Permission to slaughter 10 percent more cattle, sheep and lambs during slaughtering period, beginning on or after July 1 was granted non-federally inspected commercial slaughterhouses to attain a better balance in meat distribution, OPA District Director, L. W. Driscoll, explained today.

This increase brings Class 2 slaughterers' maximum percentages from 75 percent to 85 percent for cattle, with sheep and lambs raised from the former 100 per cent to 110 percent. Slaughter percentages for calves and hogs are unchanged, Mr. Driscoll said, remaining at 75 percent and 50 percent respectively.

Mr. Driscoll also gave the reason for OPA's recent extension of the June 30 deadline for registration of farm slaughterers.

Many farmers slaughter only in the late fall, he said, and consequently were unprepared to make early application. The new deadline Mr. Driscoll pointed out, is October 14, and all farmers who intend to slaughter meat animals for sale, or have meat slaughtered for them for sale, must apply for Class 3 permits by that date.

TIRE DEALERS CAUTIONED

Tire dealers in the Charlotte District were cautioned this week about acceptance of new tire certificates presumably issued by War Price and Rationing Boards in other states, in a statement by A. M. Hollingsworth, OPA Rationing Officer in Charlotte.

Many tire dealers have been victimized by crooks who have tendered stolen or counterfeit tire certificates, drawn on distant boards, he said.

All tire certificates now being sent to the OPA verification office in Atlanta after being turned in by dealers, Mr. Hollingsworth explained. All counterfeits are charged against the dealer's inventory account, he added, which means his stock of new tires will be reduced by that number.

In case of any doubt regarding certificates, Mr. Hollingsworth suggested that tire dealers call their own local War Price and Rationing Board for advice on how to proceed.

Signal Battalion Rebuilding Lines

Pfc. Willard H. Ross of Route 4, Kings Mountain, N. C., is a member of the 431st Signal Heavy Construction Battalion, serving in Italy. This Signal Corps unit has just been released from its assignment with the 15th Air Force, an integral part of the MAAF which has been one of the most effective instruments in accomplishing the defeat and subjection of Hitler's Europe.

The 431st Signal Heavy Construction Battalion has a noteworthy record of service having provided telephone communication facilities in England, North Africa, Southern France and Italy, for the Air Support Command (the American element of the North African Tactical Air Force), the North African Strategic Air Force, the Twelfth Air Force, the Fifteenth Air Force, Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force and the Mediterranean Allied Air Force. Two of the most important achievements of this battalion (officially recognized by Lt. Gen. Eaker as the outstanding signal unit working with the Air Forces in the entire European Theatre of Operations,) were the building of the communication network for the XII Air Support Command in Tunisia and the communication network for the 15th Air Force (the Strategic arm of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force) in Italy.

Pfc. Ross is a valued member of his organization, which will be engaged in providing telephone communications necessary for the administration of the readjustment period and to aid in the reconstruction work now being undertaken to bring Italy back to its proper place in the economic life of the world.

"Jack rabbit" starting or letting the clutch pedal up with a bang driving mechanism as well as the when driving a car, is not only hard tires.—General Motors User's Guide.

It takes I WO to make A BLACK MARKET!



Both are violators if they do this without ration stamps — or at overpricing price.

LOOKING AHEAD
 by GEORGE S. BENSON
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 Searcy, Arkansas

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Moving-picture blacksmiths are elderly gentlemen with droopy mustaches, but not this man. He was about 30, clean shaven and active. The tempo of his hammer was lively. The hopeful picture he unwittingly posed of post-war America has come to mind several times since. More recently I have been listening to men discuss post-war plans that involved moulding public opinion.

Fabricating Sentiment

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For eleven years in China I watched selfish local war lords exercise their power over a patient, toiling peasantry. It could be done easily where the great mass of the people were unlearned, as in China, where 80% could neither read nor write. Unlearned masses sometimes rebel, but they usually fail because the energy they exert is not power; only ill-directed force.

Common Sense of Most

For 156 years the United States has prospered and grown as a republic. This is superior to a democracy in that it provides for the safety and protection of minorities. A democracy places the minority at the mercy of the majority, sometimes just as heartlessly as a dictatorship. That is why minorities have retained freedom in America; why each individual is still free to think for himself.

It is impossible to get a corner on a nation's ideas. Every man and woman has a brain and there is only one way to keep them from utilizing these assets to enrich themselves and the whole race, namely, keep 'em ignorant. The American way is the other way: schooling is free; libraries are everywhere; press and radio prosper keeping people informed. Our people have knowledge and our nation has power.

An Offensive Figure

A country, whose leaders want the benefit of the best thinking of the whole nation, is on its way up. A nation that confines its thinking and planning to boards and bureaus is on its way down. Central planners reason thus: "The blacksmith has a head on him, but so does his hammer. Why bother about either? We will do the thinking and the planning."

Germany planned for the whole of her people, but her wages were only half as high as American wages in 1930. Russia does governmental planning for all of her people. Wages there were about one-sixth of American wages in 1930. I am for the free market, for the free thinking and planning of our people, and for the knowledge and power that come from it.

Record Peach Crop

With peaches spotlighted as the nation's most abundant food for the next few weeks, Hillman Moody, district representative of the War Food Administration's Office of Supply, this week called on "every consumer" to "add this delicious and nutritious food to their diet."

Moody said "the greatest crop of peaches in the nation's history is now moving to market," and that shipments will reach their peak in the next two weeks.

Proved or know reserves of crude oil in the U. S. on January 1, 1945, totaled 20,064,152,000 bbl., a net increase of 389,079,000 bbl. Higher reserves resulted from 1944 operations despite record production of 1,678,421,000 bbl.

Announcement

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KEETER'S Department Store

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Vacation News!

NEW SHIPMENT OF Luggage Received

Varying sizes to fit your needs

Boy's Slack Suits

Sizes: 4's to 10's, with short pants, tans and blues.

Sizes: up to 18's, with long pants.

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