

TOWN FARM

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Farmers Will Get Gasoline

Farmers are entitled to first call in receiving motor fuel when they present valid 'E', 'R' or bulk coupons or ration checks which are issued pursuant to Nation Order 5-C of the Office of Price Administration. Dealers (whether retail or wholesale) must accord them this privilege, his means, that if necessary, the dealer shall not deliver any motor fuel for any non-agricultural or non-military use until these preferred demands have been "satisfied"—statement by Acting Petroleum Administrator for War Ralph K. Davies.

Dairy Products Supplies

Civilians will get 3 of every 10 pounds of butter produced in the year which began July 1, the War Food Administration has announced. The Armed forces will get 1 1-2 pounds, and the Russian Army will get 1-2 pound. Civilians will also get 5 1-2 of every 10 pounds of cheese, and 4 1-3 cases of evaporated milk out of every 10.

Dry Beans for Civilians

Civilians will get more dry beans and peas this year than they consumed in 1942, said the WFA in announcing allocations of these foods. More than half of the 22,200,000 hundred pound bags of beans will go to civilians, who will also get 1,624,000 bags of dry peas—more than were eaten in 1942, and 76,000 bags more than the 1935-39 average civilian consumption.

Canned Vegetables and Fruits

Nearly 70 percent of the canned vegetables, and 53 percent of the canned fruits and juices available in the next 12 months will go to feed civilians. These quantities, allocated by the WFA for the 12 months beginning July 1, constitute about 4 percent more canned vegetables but about 40 percent less canned fruit than were consumed on the average during the 1935-39 period.

Egg Supplies Hold Even

About the same quantity of eggs will be available to civilians in the 12 months beginning July 1, as in the same period last year, the WFA has indicated. Of a total of 5 billion dozen eggs, civilians will get about 3 1-2 billion dozen.

Soldiers Send Money By Radio

American soldiers overseas except those in Alaska, Hawaii, Panama Canal Zone, and Puerto Rico may now send money home by radio. In a recent week more than 9,000 soldiers sent nearly \$1,000,000, in amounts of \$10 or more, with no maximum limit. Money may be transmitted to an individual payee, or to a bank. The process is speed and sure. If a soldier desires to do so, he may also purchase war bonds by this method.

Frozen Food Locker Prices

New operators of frozen food lockers must charge prices in line with those charged by firms in business in March 1942, the OPA has ruled. Prices charged by new frozen food locker plants will be investigated and adjusted by the OPA according to prevailing prices for similar services in the same locality in March, 1942.

No Corn for Liqueur

Corn cannot be used for manufacture of distilled spirits and high wines, a recent directive of the War Production Board says. The action was taken to conserve stocks of corn for essential purposes, although the amount of corn saved is likely to be small because distillers already had shifted largely to the use of wheat.

No Cotton Quotas for 1943

The War Food Administration, on recommendations of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, has announced that there will be no marketing quotas for the 1943 cotton crop and that no quotas will be in effect for the 1944 crop. On July 1, farmers were cultivating about 8 million acres less cotton than the acreage permitted in 1943, and about a million and a half acres fewer than they were cultivating on July 1, 1942.

More Hunting Time Allowed Under '43 Rules

Early rising sportsmen will get in an extra half-hour of hunting daily during the open season on migratory game birds this year. The 1943 hunting regulations, announced this week by Interior Secretary Ickes, permit shooting to begin a half-hour before sunrise, 30 minutes earlier than last season. As last year, it must end at sun set.

This good news for the nation's 8,500,000 bird hunters was accompanied by word from Ickes' fish and wildlife service that game stocks this season would be "decidedly big" with the "greatest southward flight of ducks and geese in a couple of decades." Normally 15 to 20 million are bagged annually.

Furthermore, it was reported that the government probably would make some additional ammunition available to sportsmen, although "not much" should be expected. Wildlife service officials expressed belief that many hunters already are well stocked.

All in all, they said, it should be a "very good season" for those who have plenty of shells—and can find the time and gasoline to get out hunting.

The fall 70-day hunting season begins September 25 in the northern zone, October 15 in the intermediate zone, and November 2 in the southern zone. Iowa and Pennsylvania were placed in the northern zone at state official.

The extension of hours was the major change effected by the new regulations. The wildlife service said changes were held to a minimum—the fewest in years—to avert adding confusion to other war interferences with hunting.

An exception to hours is that white-winged doves may be hunted only from noon to sunset.

Changes in open seasons included:

- Mourning or turtle dove—Texas, northern zone, Sept. 1 to Oct. 12; southern zone, zone, Nov. 20 to Dec. 19
- White-winged dove—Texas, Sept. 13 to Sept. 19.
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Camolli and children, Kent Collier and Caroline visited in the home of Mrs. Camolli's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Collier of this city Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Camolli live in Sweetwater.
- Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor had as guests in their home during the past week-end Mr. and Mrs. Austin Taylor of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor of Dallas.
- Loyal Connel of Clyde preached at the Church of Christ Sunday. Mr. Haggart accompanied him here. Mr. Haggart is from Clyde, also.

Farm Land Values

Farm land values on March 1, 1943 were higher than they were in 1942, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics said, in explaining that the index of average per acre values had risen to 99. (1912 to 1914 equals 100). The index of average per acre values in March, 1932 was 91. A low point of 33 was reached in 1933 in the aftermath of inflation started during the last war. One anti-inflationary force at the present time is the fact that many farmers have been using a considerable part of their cash income to pay off mortgage debts.

Country Shipper Berry Prices

Maximum prices of seven kinds of fresh berries for table and home canning use have been set by the OPA. Maximum prices, per pound, f.o.b. country shipping points are set as follows: red raspberries 16 cents; youngberries; boysenberries, loganberries, and blackberries 15 cents; gooseberries 11 cents. These prices represent a sharp rollback at the country shipper level and comparable prices have been established at wholesale, both of which are expected to reduce prices of berries to consumers.

8 Million Pounds of Waste Fats

American housewives salvaged almost 8 million pounds of waste kitchen fats in May—highest total since the fats and grease salvage program was started. This result surprised government officials who said that a drip might have been expected because meats and fats have been rationed since March. Nevertheless, the 8 million pounds is only about 50 percent of the needed quota of 16,667,000 pounds per month.

Rollback of Vegetable Prices

Effective July 20, a rollback of about 25 percent in the price of lettuce and 50 percent in the price of cabbage was ordered by the OPA. This was the first step in a program to cut back the excessive prices of fresh fruits and vegetables to keep the cost of living down.

More Community-Wide Prices

OPA will continue to establish community-wide prices on foods sold at retail, even though it has recently issued over-all fixed mark-up regulations. The housewife cannot easily tell whether a storekeeper has made his prices by the mark-up method, and that is the reason OPA will proceed with community-wide maximums.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Rationing Red Tape

A young man of my acquaintance, after registering for draft with his local board, went approximately 1,000 miles from home and took a permanent job. Regulations require that such cases be transferred to a board near where the individual has moved. But the young man did not know the rules, so he wrote a letter to the board back home and asked permission to deal with the board nearest him. His request was refused! The board answered his letter and said it would be unlawful to grant his request.

The incident illustrates one of the gravest dangers of government by bureau, as contrasted with government by law. Bureaucrats themselves may become hopelessly entangled in meshes of red tape. Evidence has come to light recently which indicates that various boards (not just a few) are falling to follow instructions from Washington. Undoubtedly red tape is extensively to blame.

How Abuses Start

Rationing rules are especially complicated, due to the great variety of civilian needs. The regulations could not be simple and do what is expected of them. But people who work in ration board offices are only human. They like to do as they please and they are in positions of authority. Some of them probably find it a lot easier to make their own rules than to digest the printed matter that comes to them from higher-ups who are far away on the Potomac.

I have no doubt that employees of local boards imagine that what they do is all for the best; that their decisions in special cases are in harmony with the spirit of existing rulings. This, in fact, is the trouble with bureaucracy. Persons who have authority, which does not originate with the people they serve, often develop a frame of mind which makes them think whatever they do is right. Moreover, the authority of such rulers is rarely challenged unless some citizen makes a special effort to know his rights.

Ration Book Renewals

It is not yet common knowledge that an OPA regulation authorizes gasoline rationing boards to mail applications for coupons to holders of certain ration books before their ration books expire, and sets up a plan for sending out new books by mail. Many local boards do not mail such forms prior to expiration, and refuse moreover to mail the coupons after the application has been completed. In short, they compel car owners to make two unnecessary trips for each ration book.

With farmers and their problems of transportation primarily in mind, I addressed some questions about renewal of gasoline ration books several weeks ago to Mr. Prentiss Brown, head of the OPA, and more recently had a reply from his office signed by John R. Richards, head of the gasoline rationing branch. The letter is long. It goes into satisfactory detail. But it adds up to this: Farmers no longer have to visit their local War Price and Rationing Boards in person four times a year for each truck and twice a year for every other vehicle they own that is run by a gasoline engine.

Fewer Motor Trips

Holders of Certificates of War Necessity for trucks have to present them at least once, subsequent to last March 2 when Amendment 25 took effect, but once is usually all. Regulations now authorize rationing boards to mail application forms to most holders of gasoline ration books before the ration books expire, and provide methods whereby coupons may be obtained by mail. This applies to holders of B, C, E, R and sometimes T ration books.

This is no small matter. There are 5.7 million automobiles and trucks (not counting tractors) on farms of the United States and it is safe to say that farmers live, on the average, more than five miles from the closest ration board office. One trip to the ration board and back home can be called ten miles per motoring farmer. For 5.7 million farm cars and trucks, that's 57 million miles. Multiply this by four times a year and you have 228 million miles. Such travel is the equivalent of sending 500 automobiles (getting 20 miles per gallon of gasoline) on an unnecessary trip to the moon and back over gravel roads.

The Farmer's Time

Time wasted by more than half of America's ten million farmers, going back and forth to the ration boards and waiting in line, is an unknown quantity but a big one. Even if such trips required only half-day piece four times a year for each car, the sum total of time lost would exceed ten million days; about a year's work for 30,000 farmers. Such a saving of time can't help but make a difference in food production.

What is more valuable than farm work? It is not rationed but it is essential to the war effort as rubber or motor fuel in this crucial year of food shortages and price ceilings. The brain which conceived the idea of having every farmer with a car call in person at his ration board office four times a year was helping the Axis, maybe not intentionally. We can be thankful that one more bureaucratic blunder has been corrected.

July 31 Deadline For Transferring School Children

Mrs. Iva Palmer, county superintendent, again reminded parents of school children in Haskell county that July 31 is the deadline for making application for transferring school children from one district to another for the 1943-44 school year.

If a child attends school outside his home district, and a transfer has not been made, tuition must be paid for the entire school year, Mrs. Palmer explained.

Mrs. Leon Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Cobb spent Friday evening in Wichita Falls.

Miss Jean Cobb of the Rockdale community spent a few days last week with Mrs. Leon Gilliam and Pearl Ivy.

Judge and Mrs. John Ivy and Mrs. Carl Powers were in Abilene Wednesday. Mrs. Powers is the chairman of the Red Cross and carried some things to Camp Berkeley.

Frank Havran of Silverton, Texas, was a business visitor in Haskell last week.

Mrs. Ada Rike left Tuesday for Madison, Wis., where she will spend the remainder of the summer with her daughter and family. Prof. and Mrs. Gaines Post of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Renshaw are on vacation at Glen Rose. They left Sunday.

Marie Ivy visited in the Rockdale community over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy and children spent Monday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lyles spent part of last week in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grissom left last week for Kansas. They intend to stay there about a month.

Gayle Roberts, assistant Home Demonstration agent of Tarrant county and Mrs. John E. Fouts, Jr., of Fort Worth, spent Sunday in Haskell, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Fouts, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boggs, Jr., and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Boggs and family of Monday visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boggs Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. McDonald and daughter, Doris Ann of Lubbock spent last week in the home of Mrs. Beulah McDonald and other relatives.

Annual "Ladies' Night" Observed By Lions Club Tuesday Night

Annual "Ladies' Night" was observed by the Haskell Lions Club Tuesday evening with a picnic supper at Rice Springs municipal park for members of the club, their wives and invited guests. The regular weekly meeting of the Club, scheduled Tuesday at noon, was postponed for the evening event.

Lions Bill Richey and George Neely were in charge of arrangements for the "point-free" picnic supper, and menu for the evening included barbecued chicken, salads, home-canned pickles and other "trimmings" with iced watermelon for dessert.

County Treasurer Willie Lane presided as chairman at the impromptu gathering and Mrs. Wm. N. Sholl led in group singing of "America" and Dr. Sholl, minister of the First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

Members of the Lions Club and guests enjoying the annual affair included Messrs. and Mesdames L. R. Smith, Alton Middleton, Willie Lane, F. L. Daugherty, Fred Stockdale, Wm. N. Sholl, S. E. Lanier, George Neely, Bill Richey, and Messrs. Emory Menefee, John A. Couch, and Judge T. R. Odell.

READ THE WANT ADS

Lt. Col. Thornton, Back from London, Visitor in Lubbock

Lieut. Colonel C. B. Thornton of Washington, D. C., and former resident of Haskell, visited his mother, Mrs. A. J. Lewis of Lubbock last week.

The officer, who is director of statistical control in the Army air forces under Gen. H. H. Arnold, was on tour of statistical offices of the air corps and planned to go from Lubbock to Fort Worth. He returned recently from several months in London, where he established a branch of the statistical control office.

Before going into the statistical control office of the army air corps, the officer was a statistician in the department of the interior in Washington.

Marvin Cobb, prominent farmer and rancher of the Rockdale section is in the Stamford hospital, recovering from injuries suffered in a fall the early part of last week.

Misses Geneva Thompson and Addie Lee Hayes are spending their vacation in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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Case of Juvenile Delinquency Should Source of Concern For Every Parent, Haskell County Public Official Declares

Note the evil influences that surround our girls and boys. The cafes referred to may not endorse the activities of some of their customers, but since his place of business is a public place he is reluctant to drive away customers who pay their bills and are not disturbing the people outside of the cafe.

The question naturally arises, what is the cause of this? And to give a plain concrete answer would be difficult for we find so many different factors contributing to the cause. One thing worthy of mention would be the mental unrest, tending toward daring or recklessness, which is common to a country at war.

We need to be concerned more about what to do to better the situation than about what has caused it, yet knowing the cause would help us to remove the cause thus curbing the spread of the trouble. As to what to do the answers would differ depending on the source of the answer.

But the main source of correction is the home, how closely do we watch our own children? What time it is when they reach home when they have been out at night?

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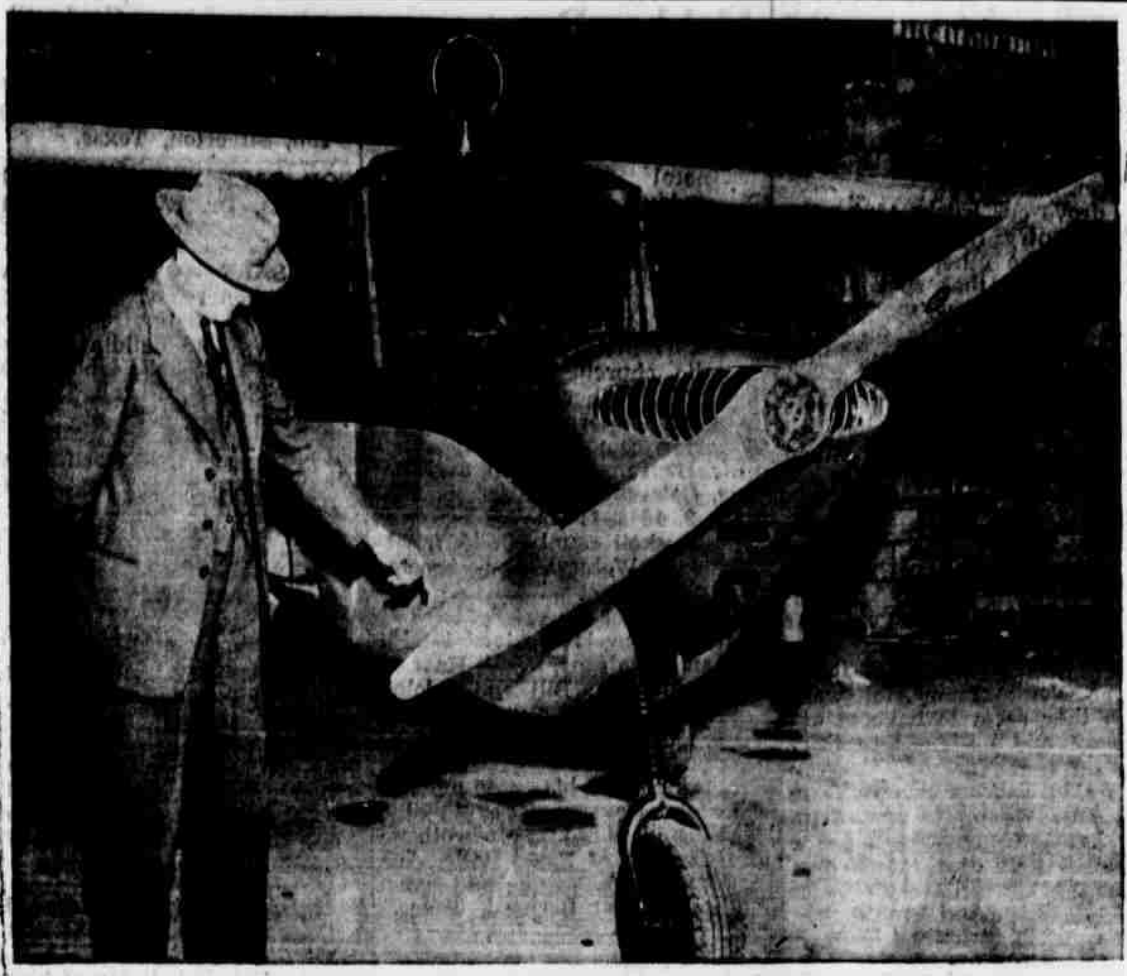
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President Frederick H. Mueller, of Grand Rapids Industries, Inc., is shown here with the "Skyfarer," which his organization will manufacture, marking the entry of Grand Rapids furniture makers into the field of complete airplane production.

1943 Crop Outlook Is Below Last Year

WASHINGTON.—The Agriculture Department reports that food and feed crop prospects improved during June after getting off to a poor start, but its estimate on production indicated an aggregate crop output of about 9.5 per cent below last year.

An improvement in weather conditions in June and early July raised official hopes that total production this year—crops and livestock products—might yet surpass that of last year. The Government had set a goal for a 5 per cent increase in all foods over 1942.

After a child reaches their ten age, I doubt the wisdom of attempting to force them to do anything. Instead, we should endeavor to create in them a desire to do the right things, then if we can succeed in causing them to want to do right we will have escaped the necessity of forcing them to do the same.

Therefore, let us each do our best to keep our youths' morals and ideals on a high plane. They have a right to enjoy life and it is our duty to see that they have an opportunity, but it is not necessary that they be out at all hours of night in places of questionable character, in order to have pleasures to which they are entitled.

LUBBOCK, Tex. — Jessie D. Fagan of Haskell has arrived at Texas Technological College for course of Army Air Force instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Forces.

Cook plenty of beets. Pickle those you don't use at the first serving, or try them in salads. Dice them for tossed vegetable salads, or combine chopped beets with chopped hard-boiled egg.

WASHINGTON.—In the air-conditioned Postoffice department building, even a July hot spell does not preclude thoughts of Christmas. Wherefore the department announced today that Christmas gifts for Army personnel overseas must be mailed between September 15 and October 15 to insure delivery on time.

UP PAYROLL SAVINGS If you haven't gotten around to buying a Second War Loan Bond, stop and think what it would mean to you if our soldiers hadn't gotten round to the fight.

Gripping About 'Sacrifices' on the Home Front? We're at War, You Know

(By Susan Thayer) I saw the telegraph boy stop at the house next door this morning and my heart seemed to stand still. Could it be a message about Johnnie, somewhere in Africa?

At Dodge City Army Air Field Dodge City Army Air Field, Kan.—Newly arrived from Airplane Mechanics school at Sheppard Field, Texas, for additional course of instruction here are Privates First Class Duncan H. Head, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan H. Head, Sr., of Haskell and Lloyd W. Gilleland, son of Walter D. Gilleland of Haskell.

Dedicated to providing the world's sharpest pilots for the world's speediest medium bomber, Dodge City Air Field, second and newest pilot school of its kind in the nation, trains hand-picked officers (just graduated from AAF advanced flying schools) in operation of the hard-hitting B-26 Marauder, deadly flying powerhouse now smashing the Axis on many fighting fronts.

When choosing berries, color is a better maturity guide than size. Make sure they are uniform size so they will cook evenly.

Sagerton Soldier Home on Furlough

Sgt. Charles Clark arrived in Sagerton this week for a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Clark. Sgt. Clark is stationed at Camp Mackerrall, Hoffman, N. C.

Miss Beulah Mae Summers of Sagerton attended a meeting of the Brazos Valley Postal Association in this city Monday night.

Guests in the Resse Clark home in Sagerton last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark and Joe Clark of Sagerton, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cobb of Pampa, Sgt. Charles Clark of Hoffmann, N. C., and Misses Dorothy Lee Benton and Glenda Clark.



Corporal Clyde Harrell Taking Factory Training

Mrs. I. H. Harrell received word this week from her son, Corporal Clyde W. Harrell, that he was taking additional training at a factory school at Seattle, Wash. He stated he liked the cool climate there and was enjoying his work.

Mrs. Glenn Edwards returned last week from New Jersey, where she had been visiting for the past month with her husband, Pfc. Glenn Edwards.

Sgt. Rector H. Guinn is visiting his wife and their daughter, Judy, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Guinn in Sagerton this week. Sgt. Guinn is stationed at San Bernardino, California, where he is attached to a Military Police unit.

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