

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FOOD RATIONING PROGRAM

No Substitute For Freedom

sighted leaders know that the challenge of the post-war world will be the toughest of all. It will be far tougher than the facts justify because of demagogic attempts to soften our people with illusory social dreams of total "economic security."

Industry Makes Plans

But industry is making its plans. These plans will have to be daring. Industry must go on the offensive. It must show that unprecedented production under a system of free enterprise is the only sure way to build a lasting peace under the banner of individual freedom. It must lay the groundwork for this production now. And it must have the wholehearted cooperation of all Americans on the home front. There is no room for the labor racketeer any more than for the exploiting capitalist or the faithless politician.

We on the home front must do a lot of clear thinking. We must now be hardened by a determination that above all else we must save the right of the individual to be free. We must realize now and in the peace to come, that individual freedom is more important than individual comfort. Bitter experience has demonstrated that without freedom there can be neither comfort nor security. We must reaffirm our belief in our Constitutional government.

Forestry Courses For War Emergency

According to a new plan students will be admitted to the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University for regular courses on the following registration dates: January 19-20. Classes begin January 21. Also, students may register May 31 and June 1. Classes will begin June 2. This announcement was made by Dean Samuel N. Spring of the College.

Application for enrollment should be filed with the Registrar as early as possible so that the College will know approximately how many students will enter. This information will facilitate the arrangement of special courses in connection with the war emergency.

"The June registration," says the Dean, "has been made possible by the establishment of a three-term year. This means that the College of Forestry will continue its courses throughout the year. The regular summer vacation period will be taken up by the addition of the new third term."

The Dean also announces that superior students who have finished satisfactorily three years or three and a half years in high school with the necessary requirements for regular or proposed special courses will be eligible for enrollment in January and in June.

There is a probability that students, due to the war emergency, may be unable to complete a full-study program in forestry. The present forestry program is being rearranged so as to deal with those subjects that will be most helpful in pre-induction or pre-industrial training. These students may return and complete their college courses after the war.

Full information may be obtained by students who desire to take advantage of this war emergency program in forestry training, by addressing the Registrar at the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N. Y.

10% OF INCOME IS OUR QUOTA IN WAR BONDS

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Table with columns for TAXI, ATTORNEY, VETERINARIAN, HOSPITAL, and UNDERTAKERS, listing various services and contact information.

Paris Hill Way

HUBBARD'S CORNERS December 29—Mrs. H. H. Nell of Katonah, N. Y., spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clark.

Miss Beverly Stapleton of Syracuse spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stapleton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bugbee and Jarriet of Spencerport spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phillips spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cook.

PARIS STATION

Paris Station, December 9—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davies entertained the Misses M. M. Townsend and Davies on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Evans and daughter Barbara spent Christmas day with the Evans family at Saquoit.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Wicks on Christmas were Mrs. Lillian Wicks, Waterville; Mr. and Mrs. James Hess and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gates, Clayville.

THE SWAMP SECTOR

The Swamp Sector, December 29—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Blair and family spent Christmas day at the John Moran home at North Brookfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Pierson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Merrell Stone and two sons, D. H. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Head and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Linn Head, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stone were Christmas dinner guests at the Lee Stone home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fredericks were Christmas day guests at the Louis Phinney home at Oriskany Falls.

Dorothy Maine of Hamilton spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Maine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elias Thomas Saturday, December 26, a son, Bernard Delos.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn Head entertained at dinner Thursday evening, December 24, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Head and son and daughter, Mrs. Addie Head, Mrs. Sarah Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Head and daughter.

Belle and Mellicent Maine spent Saturday and Sunday with their Grandmother Blair at Hubbardville.

The same group had Christmas day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Draheim Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pryor and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brady of Utica.

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and family Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Kitchen and family of Lairdsville were Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clark.

Miss Harriette Oliver of Oxford and Irving Lord of Washingtonville were Monday callers at the Oliver home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Head and son Dewitt were Christmas guests of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lansing of Canastota were Saturday callers of her father, J. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Helmer and daughter Janet of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Crandall and son of Sherrill were Sunday callers of relatives.

A pleasant time for about 45 was enjoyed at the Christmas tree and supper Monday evening, December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn, Utica, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ebert.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennan and Harold Brennan were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher, Whitesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morgan and son Donald spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts, Paris Station.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan and daughter Patricia were Christmas day guests of the Cook family, Saquoit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wicks spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Davies, Caserville.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith, Alma Smith and Maynard Smith.

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Miss Glenn Crumb and brother Arthur spent Christmas day with Mrs. Mary York.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kling and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barnes and daughter spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barnes and family.

Production Larger "Nearly half our production of canned fruit and vegetables will go to our boys in service, mainly in this country. Now our production of processed fruits and vegetables is larger than it ever has been. Even so, after taking out large quantities for our armed forces, we have available for civilians just a little more than half the amount they have been using in recent years."

How much of the rationed foods each consumer will get remains to be determined. The new ration book will give every member of the civilian population, young or old, a certain number of ration points which he can spend during each ration period. These periods will be announced in advance.

Here Until Victory Elmer Davis, director of war information, spoke first during the broadcast to explain why the program was being announced so far in advance and to assure the nation that rationing was here to stay until victory had been won or a better system devised.

"It is perfectly true," he acknowledged, "that this interval (before the start of the program) gives chiselers and hoarders a chance to stock up, if they are so inclined—and if they can get away with it. But I am confident that the overwhelming majority of the American people are patriotic enough, and sensible enough, not to try to do that."

The rationing regulations exempt certain items in large containers, such as frozen fruits and vegetables in containers over 10 pounds and fruit and vegetable juices over one gallon, but OPA officials explained this would have no effect on the program since containers of that size and larger will not be available to the retail trade.

Quantity sales of that type will be permitted only to institutional users, such as hotels and restaurants, and they will be limited in the amounts of their purchases as they are now with regard to sugar and coffee.

Secretary Wickard said that "the way we manage our food supply will have a lot to do with how soon we win this war."

"Here are the prospects for some of our foods: "Dairy products—90 to 95 per cent as much per capita for our civilian population in 1943 as was consumed in the 1935-1939 period. Meats—100 to 105 per cent of the 1935-1939 period. Poultry—150 to 160 per cent. Eggs—90 to 95 per cent. Potatoes—95 to 100 per cent. Fresh citrus fruits—125 to 130 per cent. Fresh vegetables—90 to 95 per cent. Cereals—Abundant supplies, we can have all that we want to eat.

"In general, then, we can be fairly well satisfied with the prospects of food supplies. But we must be deeply concerned about food distribution."

Two Kinds of Coupons The new ration book will have two types of coupons—blue ones for canned goods, including soups, and red ones for meat which is scheduled to be rationed soon.

The program will apply to: Canned Foods—Canned and bottled fruit and fruit juices, including spiced fruits; canned and bottled vegetables and vegetable juices; all types and varieties of canned soups.

Dried Fruits—Prunes, raisins, apricots, etc. Frozen Fruits—Cherries, strawberries, peaches, etc. Frozen Vegetables—Asparagus, lima, green and wax beans; broccoli, corn, peas, etc.

Exempt Items The new program specifically exempts the following: Canned fruits, jams and jellies; candied corn, fruit cakes and pudding; meat stews containing some vegetables; olives, pickles and relishes; pasta products, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles; and potato salad.

Wickard emphasized that fresh fruits and vegetables and home-canned and processed foods will be exempt.

Every civilian, from the new-born infant to the most elderly person, will have exactly the same number of coupon points to spend during each ration period, expected to be about a month in duration. The periods will be announced in advance. Point values for various foods will be identical throughout the country and housewives will be able to shop in any store they choose with complete freedom of choice of foods for which they elect to spend their coupons.

As free American citizens we have found we can meet the test of war. We have the ability to get things done. We have courage and daring. Our men have shown in stark realism that on the military front we are not soft. We can fight with the tricks our forefathers learned from the Indians, and we can fight with machines. Guadalcanal and North Africa have proven that. In brief, we can win the war.

But there is more than the military front. There is the home front. And here, except for the production miracle of industry, there is evidence of softness, of confusion of ideals. Group bickering has put the attainment of personal comfort and security ahead of the national welfare. In many quarters a desire to eliminate human want at one fell swoop has become an obsession. An agency of government has even prepared a new bill of rights, the basic tenet of which is economic security. This new bill is proposed as a supplement to the old bill defining our liberties at the time the United States Constitution was adopted. It puts security on a par with freedom, on the theory that the American people will abandon freedom if they are not guaranteed three square meals a day. It implies that the American people, bitter from the "great depression" and fearful of post-war uncertainty, do not propose to go hungry; that if they cannot have their freedom with full stomachs, they will do without freedom.

Have Drifted Far If such is true, we have drifted far from the ideals the Pilgrims carried ashore at Plymouth Rock. Even as our men on the battlefields are now dying, the Pilgrims died and suffered hardship for just one reason: to preserve a spot on this globe where the individual could be free. And they got that freedom. They got it because they were tough. Their ideals came first, their stomachs second. Our men are winning battles now because they are tough. They are thinking of freedom.

A year ago there was a grave question in the minds of millions as to whether we could arm fast enough to stem the tide of aggression. There was an equally grave question of whether we could do it without destroying free enterprise and representative government. There were those who believed it would take total dictatorship to beat the dictators. The challenge fell on industry. The machines had to be built by industry. Our natural resources and our factories had to be mobilized for war on a scale that wrought shattering changes in technique and precedent. Industry knew that the cracker-box agitators were waiting to pounce upon the country with revolutionary schemes at the slightest sign of failure.

Free Enterprise Had Chance It is to the credit of thinking government officials that revolutionary changes in government and industry were not forced before free enterprise had a chance to show what it could do to prove that our democracy was not a failure. Our factories did a magnificent job. In a matter of months, they underwent retooling and conversion. Today tanks, planes, guns, ships, are rolling off the assembly lines by the scores of thousands. Our war production has caught and passed the dictator enemy who spent years producing for war under an elaborate "economic security" program which by its very completeness had destroyed individual freedom—the same years that our industries continued to produce for America's unregimented, peaceful millions. Back of the manufacturers stand American oil producers and distributors, together with the metal and coal mines industries. They feed our war workers and keep the materials moving in to the assembly lines.

The end of the war may be distant still, yet it is in sight. Again free enterprise faces a challenge. And again it faces it against a backdrop of threats. Those threats are cloaked in the prevalent idea that a full stomach is an inalienable right. Far

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STATE THEATRE Thursday, Dec. 31 "BAMBI" "YOKEL BOY" "WRESTLING IN DIXIE" "GEORGE WASHINGTON LEFT HERE" "REXALUT'S SECRET"

FELLERS—Not So Dumb

By GENE BYRNES WE'RE SAFE—UNLESS THEY ASK TO SEE OUR REPORT CARDS!

