



Washington, D. C., July 12—With eggs scarce to the point where grocers are selling three or six to a customer; with bacon unavailable, ditto beef and ham; with butter commanding so many red points that housewives cannot afford it; with oleo almost as expensive as butter in red points; with poultry scarce, and a shortage of potatoes, and with sugar rationed, Fred M. Vinson, former war mobilizer and now secretary of the treasury, told the American people they have been eating too much from January to July 1, and will have to pull up another hole in their belts for the remainder of 1945—and perhaps in 1946.

Mr. Vinson, who was a member of congress until Mr. Roosevelt appointed him to the federal bench and then turned the job of war mobilizer over to him, expected soon to return to the bench, from which he was taking a leave of absence. The judge, who continued to draw his judicial salary while engaged in war work, became war mobilizer when Jimmy Byrnes resigned that task just before Mr. Roosevelt passed away.

The American people had an idea (erroneous according to Mr. Vinson) that they were on short rations thus far this year and it will be difficult to convince them that they have been over-feeding. Regardless of what administration officials reiterate that people are well-fed, the average man in the street challenges this statement and is convinced that not since Pearl Harbor has the menu in the restaurant or on the table at home been so skimpy as it is at present. And from now on our food will be even scarcer and more difficult to obtain.

There will be just as many soldiers to feed, with the concentration in the Pacific, as there were when America was fighting on two fronts, and it will require a longer haul to deliver the supplies to the islands in the far Pacific. Then, for the immediate future, instead of feeding troops in Europe immense quantities of foodstuff must still go to that continent to keep several million civilians from starving. This will be under UNRRA. The European relief problem is expected to make heavy demands on the United States for at least 18 months or two years. After the 1946 harvest sections of Europe will be self-sustaining, but meanwhile the job of feeding the hungry is the responsibility

of Uncle Sam.

Judge Vinson's report explains that this year food production will be lower than in any year since the war. The report ignores the fact that the quotas established for the current year were deliberately set lower by the government and, naturally, there will be a shortage compared with previous years. It isn't so long ago that farmers were told to kill off a large percentage of their hens because OPA was afraid of the growing surplus of eggs. This directive curtailed egg production until today they are almost a collector's item and caused such a shortage of poultry that it takes real money to buy a chicken—if the chicken can be found in the meat shops or groceries.

Jam is still going to Britain, but in America housewives cannot obtain sufficient sugar to preserve the berries and fruits that are going to waste. By and large, the food supply for the civilian population will be almost seven per cent below what was available in 1944.

Not all of Judge Vinson's report discusses food and the shortages that are ahead. He speaks of the Japanese war and suggests that it may be brought to a close at an earlier date than the military have estimated. The United States, he explains, should be prepared for a fold-up in Japan and proposes that war industries be ready to reconvert to civilian production with as little loss of time as possible.

Paralleling this suggestion, WPB is authorizing the production of several essential articles immediately for marketing in six months; the quantity produced will not meet the accumulated demand, but it will be a start. The articles will be refrigerators, automobiles, vacuum cleaners, cooking utensils and electric ranges. There is still to be ironed out what the prices shall be but OPA insists that prices shall be those prevailing in 1941 or 1942.

Judge Vinson proposed a higher wage scale, also a minimum wage scale of 50 cents an hour, although practically no one has been willing to accept that wage for any kind of work. Like other high federal officials, the judge proposed broadening old age benefits and higher unemployment benefits. The meat of the report, however, is the statement that food will be scarce for the next half year at least.

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**Lans To Write Again In Three Weeks**

Writing from Basdon to the Sentinel last week, Lane Leneve says:

I'm out of the hospital. In fact, I was up for a couple of days but had to take to bed again as a badly fractured rib is slow in healing and very painful and the doctor ordered me off my feet until it knits, which he figures will be another three weeks.

The fracture in the rib is near the spine, any sharp movement of my hand or arm is very painful so therefore I am unable to pound the typewriter to put out my columns. But I'll be with you at the end of three weeks, I sincerely hope.

I have received dozens of letters from readers of my column to date, not only from Coos and Curry counties, but from over the state and from several states besides. I didn't realize so many people read my columns and that I had so many friends and well wishers. Many letters received were from persons I have never met nor corresponded with.

You may depend upon the fact that I'll have my columns going as soon as possible.

**Mrs. Buckner Receives Letter From Son**

Mrs. Ernest Buckner received a letter last week from her son, Pvt. T. T. Robinson, who is stationed with the Army in Germany. Pvt. Robinson has been recovering nicely from wounds received in action, but is now barbering, since she is unable to enter active combat duty at this time. Marburg, Germany, is a beautiful old university town. The building in which Pvt. Robinson is billeted is the one in which Dr. Goebbels conducted his propaganda school. Part of the letter to his mother reads:

This is very pretty country even if it is Germany. The people are more modern and cleaner by far than they are in France and some of the other countries.

I am with a reinforcement company that used to send troops up to the front lines. We are busy now having them go the other way—home—and also going through here on passes to Paris and Brussels.

We have moved twice since I came with them and are preparing to move back to Marburg on Lahn river again.

This is very pretty right here on the Rhine river [Bad Godesburg]; I took a walk Sunday after church down along the river. I was going to take some pictures but there is too much remains of battle to make scenery pictures nice. You can almost smell it, with the shot-up equipment, foxholes, gun emplacements, empty cannon shells and old clothes lying around. I will take my pictures from a distance. I want it all to be just a bad dream.

Just had a customer come in the shop wanting to be made all pretty so will say so long for now. I have no idea when I will be coming back to U. S. but it's a lot better here now, than it is in the Pacific. So I will just have to wait it out.

**Donald Cochran Recently Bought A Registered Jersey Bull**

A registered Jersey, Tristram Basil Dawn 1462482, was recently purchased by Donald Cochran, of Coquille. The American Jersey Cattle Club records each change of ownership, each production record and each type of classification of Jerseys in the forty-eight states of America. More than thirty-six thousand Jerseys found new homes last year.

**Oregon Traffic Death Rate Up This Year Over 1944**

Oregon's traffic death rate for the month of May this year was 13 persons killed per hundred million miles of travel, according to Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell. This is an increase from the rate of eight recorded in May of 1944.

For the first five months of the year, the death rate was 12, compared to eight for the same period of 1944.

Explaining that the death rate showed the trend in fatalities according to the exposure to accidents through travel, Farrell said the increasing death rate this year was evidence of the need for the exercise of greater care on the part of drivers to avoid accidents.

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**Coast Guard Still Needs More SPARS Recruits**

Need for more men at sea as the Pacific war expands creates a necessity for more recruits in the SPARS, women's branch of the U. S. Coast Guard, reports the Coast Guard Recruiting Station at 806 S. W. Morrison street, Portland.

Thousands of Coast Guard men now serving at sea were made available by SPARS taking over jobs which they formerly held ashore, declares the recruiting officer.

"More women 20 to 36, especially those with office training and experience, are needed to help swell these ranks of men released from shore duties," according to the recruiter. "The war is far from ended and the demands on the Coast Guard grow greater as the battle lines extend farther toward the Jap homeland."

SPAR recruits must be American citizens, in good health, have at least two years of high school or business school education and have no dependents under 18 years of age.

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