

Coffee drinkers throughout the land should draw a sigh of relief over President Roosevelt's announcement Wednesday evening that the coffee situation has improved to the point where the ration stamp is no longer needed. Suggestions that use of the stamp might be discarded have been circulated through the press and over the radio in recent weeks and authority was given in the president's announcement.

Housewives will be glad to learn that the OPA has allowed increased amounts of sugar this year for jams, jellies and preserves, the district OPA announced today.

Out of the top limit of 25 pounds of sugar per person permitted for home canning of this season's fruit crop, 5 pounds per person may be used for jams and jellies, it was explained. This is a more generous allowance than last year when sugar for preserves was limited to one pound per person.

Stamps 15 and 16 in war ration book 1 are good for 5 pounds of sugar each so this reduces the amount of sugar which can be issued by local rationing boards to 15 pounds. It was emphasized by the OPA that the 25 pounds is a maximum allowance and that total sugar requirements of most consumers, based on one pound per four quarts of fruit, will be considerably less.

When a consumer has already received a home canning sugar allowance from the board since March 1, 1943, she may not use stamp 15 or 16 to obtain sugar if in so doing, she will have received more than 25 pounds, the OPA declared.

Housewives are urged by the OPA to put up more fruit at home so there will be less demand on the limited civilian supply of commercially packed foods. Millions of soldiers and war workers depend entirely on commercially packed foods, so every can of the commercial pack saved for them by home canning is a direct contribution to the war effort.

Michael "Mike" Turner, five-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. Robert V. Turner of Portland, arrived in Heppner Monday to visit his grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Frank W. Turner. The young man was brought to Pendleton by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Northrup of Portland, and "Grandpa" Turner met him there. Mike says he is going to stay a whole month.

Heppner members of the Assembly of God church are planning to attend a series of camp meetings to be conducted by that faith at Free-water, beginning Aug. 3 and continuing through Aug. 13. Principal speaker will be Rev. Eric M. Johnson, returned missionary from Africa. Rev. Atwood Foster, district superintendent, Salem, also has been scheduled as a speaker.

Dr. Bernard H. McMurdo and wife left today for Portland after sending a few days in Heppner with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo. They were accompanied by Mrs. McMurdo and Miss Doris McMurdo who will enjoy a short vacation in the city. Bernard will leave for Farragut, Ida. Monday to take up training in the navy.

Roy Chandler is reported quite ill with spinal meningitis, according to word received by his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gammell of Heppner. Chandler is in a hospital at Lebanon. During the past week his condition was serious but later word received indicated that he was improving.

Mrs. Bonita Sibley and daughter Lillie Bett of Los Angeles are guests for the week of Mrs. Sibley's grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Aiken. They came from Coquille where they were visiting Mrs. Sibley's mother, Mrs. Cyrus Aiken.

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Funeral services for Edward Ovro Neill, 62, were held from the Phelps Funeral home at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, Rev. Sterl D. Spiesz officiating. Interment was in the Hepner Masonic cemetery. Mr. Neill passed away Sunday, July 25, following a brief illness with pneumonia, death occurring at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton to which place he was taken from Hermiston where he was a guard at the ordnance depot. A detail of guardsmen, including Edward Clark of Hepner, attended the final rites.

A native of Missouri, where he was born Feb. 19, 1881, Edward Neill came to this section when a young man and engaged in the sheep business on Butter creek for a number of years. In more recent years he lived at Baker and about a year ago took a position as guard at the ordnance depot.

Survivors include the following children, Oleta Akers of Hamilton, Neva Neill of Ontario, Lenna Herman of La Grande, Edward Neill and Helen Neill of Beaverton; two sisters, Hattie Garner of Hartville, Mo., and Ora Neill of Mount Grove, Mo., and a brother Orval Neill of Prior, Mo. Commissioner L. D. Neill of Heppner and Dee Neill of Butter creek are cousins of the deceased.

The red-stamp costs of meats during August will be substantially the same as at present, while the housewife will pay an additional two ration points a pound for butter and one point less for shortening, lard salad and cooking oils, the Office of Price Administration announced yesterday.

These changes are made in the fifth OPA official table of consumer point values for meats, fats and dairy products which is effective from Aug. 1 through Sept. 4.

In contrast to previous months, the changes in meat values are negligible, with the major revisions confined to the fats and oils groups.

The two point increase in the value of butter, which places the ration cost of this item at 10 points per pound, is offset to some extent by the cut of one point in lard, salad and cooking oils and shortening. No change is made in the value of margarine, which remains at the July figure of four points per pounds.


For the past several months, it was explained, the rationed demand for butter has been running about five per cent in excess of the amount allocated for civilian use. If this trend continued unchecked, supplies might shrink to an uncomfortable low level by the latter part of the July-August-September allocation quarter. Accordingly, the point value has been raised to 10 points per pound for August as against an eight point value since the start of rationing.

The point values of all popular types of meat will be the same in August as during the present month.

Sgt. N. W. Smith, newly appointed state police supervisor for the Arlington district, was a visitor in Heppner the first of the week getting acquainted with law enforcement officials. He was guest of Sheriff John Fuiten at the chamber luncheon Monday at the Lucas Place. The Arlington district in state police territory embraces Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties.

Larry Lyman is the name of the nine-pound boy born to Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles Monday, July 26, at Riverside hospital in Pendleton. He is the Tibbles' second child, both boys.

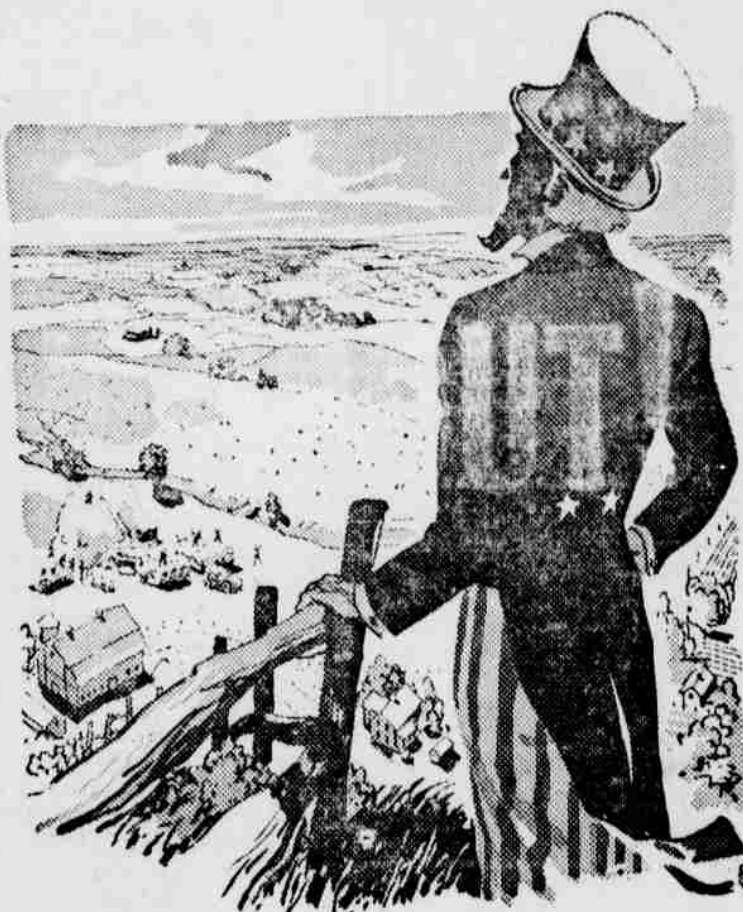
Anna Marie Johnson returned Sunday from Portland where she spent a short vacation. Her mother, Mrs. Allen Johnson, who is visiting in Portland, will return home at a



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