

HOUSEWIVES GET GOOD, BAD NEWS ON MEAT RATION

Point Value on Quality Beef Steaks, Roasts Lowered; Pork Values Stepped Up.

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Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today gave housewives both good news and bad—but mostly bad—in announcing March ration values for meat.

Point values for quality beef steaks and roasts were lowered. But values of pork and many presently low-point items were stepped up. And several point-free cuts were put back on the ration list. The changes go into effect Sunday.

Shortage Actual
Price Chief Chester Bowles took occasion to warn that the long-predicted meat shortage was becoming a "reality" and that there was no prospect for improvement before July.

"It is clear," Bowles said, "that rationing of red-point foods for March will be the stiffest since rationing began."

Here is the major rationing news for March:

1. No change in point values for lamb. Mutton stays point free.
2. Porterhouse and T-bone steaks go down from 12 to nine points a pound. Other choice steaks and roasts go down by two to three points.
3. Bacon and hamburger go up from four to six points a pound.
4. Chuck roasts (bone in) go up from three to six points and chuck roasts (boneless) go up from four to seven points.
5. End pork chops go up from five to six points. Boneless ham, whole or half, is raised from seven to eight points. Boneless ham slices remain at 10 points. Spare ribs go from three to four.
6. Veal Round Lower
Veal round steak (cutlet or roast) reduced from 13 to 10 points. All other veal points remain unchanged.
7. Such presently point-free products as variety meats and beef, veal, pork and lamb hearts, sweetbreads and tongues, lamb liver and some canned and ready-to-eat meats have new ration values ranging up to two points.
8. Pork sausage, frankfurters and some dry sausages such as salami go up on the average of about two points a pound.

For the four-week March rationing period, five red stamps worth 10 points each—a total of 50 points—will be good for buying meats, fats and dairy products.

Butter 24 Points
The new values for fats and

Craterian Star



Diana Lynn and Gail Russell are winning plaudits from the Craterian theater fans for their superb performance in "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." The picture plays through Saturday night.

dairy products were previously announced. Butter remains at 24 points a pound. Lard, shortening, salad and cooking oils are up to four points a pound. Margarine is up to five points. There have been no changes for cheese and canned milk.

Explaining the unexpected cut for choice steaks and roasts, Bowles said that in some localities shoppers have preferred to spend points on low-point meats. The result has been that the better grades have gone begging for purchasers. By reducing the better grades and raising the lower grades, a better distribution will be obtained.

Live Projectile Is Taken From Body of Seaman

San Francisco, March 1—(U.P.)—For 47 days, Seaman 2/c Dewey J. Dupre, 20, Opelousas, La., carried a live-fused 20 mm projectile in what navy doctors politely call a fleshy portion of his body, the navy disclosed today.

This "foreign object" which Dupre absorbed aboard a battleship during the aerial battle of Lingayen Gulf off Luzon, was removed by a staff surgeon at the naval receiving hospital here.

Dupre, according to the navy, didn't know he had a live projectile in him until after he had been treated for a leg fracture and chest injury.

Two weeks ago he complained that "it feels like something is inside me, working down my body." X-rays showed the projectile, ready to explode at the slightest nudge. It had caused Dupre's shoulder wound, then gradually worked down.

BIG THREE CONFERENCE HAD AERIAL PROTECTION

Rome, March 1—(U.P.)—Lightning pilots of the First Fighter group of the 15th U. S. air force guarded the Big Three Conference day and night during the historic meeting at Yalta, it was officially announced today.

All movements to and from Yalta and subsequent meetings were guarded by the group, according to the announcement.

EUROPE'S NEEDY MAY BE FINICKY ABOUT U. S. GERMS

Clothing Needed but Greek Representative Doubts if 'Uncleaned Duds' Wanted.

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—A group of big name citizens sat in the White House yesterday and agreed that clothes are needed in Europe almost as badly as food. But they weren't sure whether the same went for dirty clothes.

One gentleman argued that cleaning all the clothes that this country may contribute for relief would tie up all the dry cleaners for months.

Don't Want Germs
Another, representing the Greek relief organization, countered that while the Greeks would like some American clothes they wouldn't care for American germs.

The discussion came up at the first get-together of the national committee of the united national clothing collection for overseas war relief. This committee, headed by Henry J. Kaiser, California shipbuilder, hopes to collect 150,000,000 pounds of old clothes between April 1 and 30 in a nation-wide campaign for shipment overseas by UNRRA.

Mrs. J. Borden (Daisy) Harriman, former U. S. minister to Norway and a veteran clothes collector for the Russians, said folks preferred to give good, clean clothes. Movie Actor Edward Arnold said even a guy without a pair of pants had a right to get miffed if somebody gave him a pair with a hole in them.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, staying out of the sanitation discussions, urged the committee to stick to attic raiding so people wouldn't give away clothes they ought to be wearing.

Need is Great
Former New York Governor Herbert H. Lehman, UNRRA head, told the group that the amount of clothing "even remotely obtainable today is pitifully short in relation to the need."

By the time the meeting broke up and Mrs. Roosevelt invited the committee into the state dining room for coffee and cookies, it was agreed that:

1. When the collection gets started U. S. citizens should show some consideration and give only wearable apparel; something they wouldn't be ashamed to have labeled "from the U. S. A."
2. No toeless, mateless shoes and goofy hats and derbies, please.
3. Underclothes will be washed before shipment.

THE GRANGE

Jacksonville Grange
Ladies of the Jacksonville HEC will meet with Jane McCarty for an all-day Red Cross sewing on Friday, March 2. Bring sewing equipment and sack lunch.

Upper Applegate Grange
Upper Applegate—Grange was called to order with Worthy Master Christine Hair presiding and 33 members present.

Mr. Smith, relief committee chairman, reported that Edward Walker was very ill and was taken to the hospital.

Verna Culy, H. E. chairman, reported every one should gather up their tin cans and have them ready for the drive.

At the March 10 grange meeting Lillian Helms, Alma Col-

ings, Charles and Virginia Chittock will take over the kitchen and serve refreshments and do the dishes.

Lecture hours included community singing, reading by Charles Chittock and Mr. Smith read a poem sent to him by a serviceman in New Guinea.

LARGER AID FOR VETS' SCHOOLING IS RECOMMENDED

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—A special committee of a veterans education conference today recommended that larger living allowances be given to ex-servicemen returning to school.

It proposed \$50 for a veteran without dependents; \$75 for a veteran with one dependent; \$100 with two dependents; \$125 with three or more dependents.

The GI Bill of Rights in its present form provides educational subsistence allotments of \$50 a month, with \$25 extra if the veteran is married. Also provided is a maximum tuition assistance of \$500 a year.

The committee, part of a conference sponsored by the National Education Association said it desired "to remove some of the handicaps to securing further education which veterans with several dependents are encountering."

Another committee said that a recent survey showed that 78 per cent of the servicemen who had one to three years of high school education did not want to continue schooling after the war. Over 85 per cent who had completed only grammar school also had no desire to continue education after demobilization; 66 per cent of the high school graduates were not interested in more schooling. Approximately 7,000,000 servicemen were polled in the survey.

MORE ASSISTANCE FOR ALL CLASSES WELFARE REPORT

January statistics for the Jackson County Public Welfare commission, reviewed at the monthly meeting last week, show public assistance higher than the same month last year in nearly all classifications.

Old age assistance amounted to \$27,560 for 833 cases, as compared to \$22,073 for 785 cases the same month last year. In December of 1944, 836 cases were handled at a cost of \$27,529.

General assistance in January of this year amounted to \$7,792 for 220 persons, including 126 families and 94 single persons. Last year for the same month general assistance totaled \$5,324 for 146 cases. General assistance for December of 1944 amounted to \$6,132 for 186 cases.

14 Children
Fourteen children were cared for in foster homes during January at a cost of \$396 while in January of 1944, 19 children were cared for at a cost of \$369. In December of 1944, 20 children were cared for at a cost of \$477.

Aid to dependent children in January of this year totaled \$4,647 for 157 children while in the same month last year 150 chil-

dren were given aid at a cost of \$3,698. Aid to dependent children in December 1944, amounted to \$4,769 for 155 children.

Blind assistance for January totaled \$405 for nine cases as compared to \$414 for 11 cases in the same month last year. Nine cases received \$381 in December of 1944.

From the time of discovery of Cuba by Columbus in 1492 to its independence in 1898, the island was under Spanish rule except for two years, 1762-63, when it was occupied by England.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE 1944 ANNUAL REPORT

"Living as we all are in a period in which a stupendous sweep of history is taking place, so big that it obscures a full comprehension of it and so diffused that it is difficult to envision the full significance of its impact, our company has continued to do its utmost during the past year to play its full and effective part in our Nation's attainment of decisive Victory in the dire world-wide conflict into which we were plunged.

"Geared to full war tempo with increasing emphasis on military activities throughout and directed from the Pacific Coast, the demands for telephone communication continue to exceed previous record levels. With its tremendously increased and mobile population and teeming with unprecedented activity, the territory of the five Pacific Coast states in which our company operates has rapidly developed into one of the most important strategic military and production sections of our Country.

"As shown . . . from each of our Annual Reports, 1940 to date, the all-out war effort of our company has been woven and interwoven in the warp and woof of its operations. In fact, the Fall of 1939 saw our sights lifted over the horizon beyond which were ominous clouds that cast the impending gloom of oncoming conflict. Throughout this entire period, our company has been put to a test as never before and its ability to serve under the stress and strain of war has been outstandingly strengthened, as it has been over the many years, since 1880, by its membership in the Bell System.

"There is no period throughout its entire history which is comparable to that of the last five years, 1940 to 1944, inclusive, in its tremendous expansion which, through its all-out war effort, has required gross plant additions aggregating more than \$276,000,000, with the net result that at the end of the year the investment in its telephone plant had reached the huge total of \$651,669,679, or one-third more than it was on January 1, 1940.

"Since January 1, 1940, our net telephone increase has totaled 640,223 telephones, or 33 per cent,—a five-year period unequaled in telephone demand in the history of our company. Our net telephone increase for the year was only 19,853 telephones, considerably less than for any year since 1933, and compares with the 1943 net increase of 187,002 telephones, the highest of record. . . . There were at the end of the year 224,573 pending applications for main telephones, 96 per cent of which were for residence service.

"Toll and long distance calls reached a record total of more than 289,700,000 calls, an increase of more than 29,000,000 calls, or 12 per cent, over 1943, which year — the previous all-time high—was 27 per cent over 1942. Since January 1, 1940, the volume of this traffic has increased 124 per cent. The longer haul calls, originating in and destined beyond our territory, have increased almost ten-fold from 797,000 calls in 1940 to more than 7,737,000 calls in 1944.

"In the last five years, due to the tremendous volume of wartime traffic and the unprecedented telephone demand, the number of our employees has increased 13,536, or 45 per cent. The number of employees on our payrolls at the end of the year was 43,534, the highest of record.

"The payroll for the year was an all-time high and exceeded a hundred million dollars, totaling \$104,043,347, an increase of \$10,306,606, or 11

per cent, over 1943. It was higher than the year 1940 by \$44,382,262, or 74 per cent.

"The earnings of our company on invested capital—long-term debt and shareholders' equity—not only have been declining, but also are on the low side as compared with many other businesses. Earnings on its average invested capital in 1940 were 6.06 per cent and in 1944 they had declined to 5.79 per cent. Although costs of operation have risen sharply, adversely affecting its net earnings, our company has had no increases in its price levels nor has it profited by its large volume of business, but to the contrary, rates have been reduced which, since January 1, 1940, have resulted in savings to our customers, based on 1944 usage, aggregating \$15,000,000 annually.

"Promptly meeting as we have all telephone requirements vital to the war effort, it is a matter of deep regret and great concern to us that the unavoidable physical limitations of our plant have prevented us from meeting fully the civilian telephone demand. We dislike to tell people that they have to wait for telephone service, but due to the limited quantities of telephone equipment being manufactured for non-war use, it now appears that we will not be able in the near future to fill promptly all applications. The winning of the war in the shortest possible time, of course, comes first. The amounts and kinds of equipment which will become available to us will depend upon the extent of and the time involved in the shifting from war to civilian production of the manufacture and of the manpower now engaged in direct production for our armed forces.

"As we now visualize our forthcoming work, our postwar requirements will be such that it will be necessary to make plant expenditures aggregating more than \$175,000,000, an increase of more than \$25,000,000 over the amount so estimated a year ago. The construction programs

may well be the largest for the first few years after the war that our company has ever experienced and they will require an extraordinary amount of new capital, the yearly amounts financed being dependent upon business and economic conditions and the availability to us of material, manpower and money.

"Our company has the duty and obligation to welcome home the men and women in uniform and so to direct its operations that it plays its effective part in providing full employment for them immediately upon their return. We have given that assurance to our personnel. . . . We have also the community responsibility so to handle our affairs that the veterans of the war will, on their return, have and hold all that the cause of freedom signifies. To be capable of doing its full part, our company must, of necessity, be able financially to offer the employment opportunities which not only create hope and enthusiasm for the future, but also make for home and happiness through 'work and livelihood for willing hands.'

"We have before us not only the responsibility, with all of its exactions, but also the opportunity to continue to render an indispensable service, with constantly improving standards, to a great section of a great democracy, conceived and dedicated to the public service. To serve as it should, our company must continue to contribute to make our Nation and the world a better place in which to live. In so doing, we go forward with the firm belief that a great service, efficiently and economically rendered, will continue to be received and recognized in accordance with the ideals and traditions of the greatest of all human enterprises—the American way of life."

For the Directors,
R. B. Rowley
President

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