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Brown Book 3 Ration Stamps Good Sept. 12

Stamps to be Used For Meats, Fats; Uniform Dates Set

Brown ration stamps in war ration book three will be used by consumers to purchase rationed meats, fats, oils and rationed dairy products beginning Sept. 12, the OPA announced Tuesday.

This is the first official announcement validating stamps in the recently distributed war ration book three, a replacement book containing ration currency to be used as the stamps in current ration books run out.

At the same time, OPA set the validity dates for red stamps X, Y and Z in war ration book two. These stamps, which will expire on October 2, are the last of the red stamps series in war ration book two.

The validity dates for the red and brown stamps (each series worth 16 points) are as follows:

BOOK TWO	Validity	Expiration
Red Stamps	Date	Date
X	August 22	October 2
Y	August 29	October 2
Z	September 5	October 2

BOOK THREE

Brown stamps	Validity	Expiration
A	September 12	October 2
B	September 19	October 2
C	September 16	October 30
D	October 3	October 30
E	October 10	October 30
F	October 17	October 30

As in the past, stamps will become valid on successive Sundays, but, thereafter, they will always expire on the Saturday nearest the end of a month. This will give consumers and the trade the advantage of knowing the day of the week on which the meats-fats stamps will always expire, and will permit them to plan accordingly.

Between September 12 when the first series of brown stamps become valid and Oct. 2 when the final sets of red stamps expire both red and brown stamps will be used for purchases. After October 2, only the brown stamps in war ration book three will be used for purchases of meats, fats and rationed dairy products. The brown stamps in war ration book three are similar in size and have the same point value as the familiar red stamps of war ration book two.

Minister Ordained Elder Sunday

Rev. Allen Backer, minister at the Evangelical church here was ordained by Bishop E. W. Praetorius of St. Paul an elder in the Evangelical church Sunday morning at Jennings Lodge where the annual business meeting of the Oregon-Washington Evangelical conference was in session. That afternoon Rev. Backer was assigned to return to Vernonia for another year.

Rev. H. R. Scheurman, who was here before Rev. Backer, will go from Kings Valley to Monmouth.

Births Number 43

There were 43 births to Columbia county parents during June; total deaths in the county during that month numbered 17. According to the Oregon Health bulletin, disease cases reported in the county during the week ending August 7 included 3 of whooping cough and 2 of mumps. Sixty-two percent of the physicians reported

Dimout Aid

August 19—6:15	8:14
20—6:17	8:12
21—6:18	8:10
22—6:19	8:08
23—6:20	8:07
24—6:22	8:05
25—6:23	8:03
26—6:24	8:01

5 Counties Pledge 70 Per Cent Oregon 3rd War Loan

Success or failure of the third war loan drive, set to start September 9, will depend largely on the work done in the five metropolitan counties, according to figures compiled at the state war bond office.

This quintet of counties, headed by Multnomah and including Hood River, Washington, Columbia and Clackamas, had an outstanding production record in July. Their combined sales totalled \$6,479,209, or 108.6 percent of quota.

At a conference at the Benson hotel in Portland last week, chairmen from the five counties, W. S. Finney, Hood River; H. L. Larson, Clackamas; Larry Hilaire, Multnomah; H. L. MacKenzie, Washington county; Irving T. Rau, Columbia, agreed to accept responsibility for 70 percent of the September goal. This will mean increased proportionate quotas for each county involved.

More Deductions Urged

Before the drive gets underway every concern in Oregon will be asked to cooperate in bringing its employee personnel to fuller participation in the payroll deduction program.

Need for all employees and employers to understand the "figure-it-out yourself" program of the war finance committee and its connection with the major effort to win the war is stressed by E.

C. Sammons, state chairman of the war finance committee.

The "Figure it out yourself" plan is as simple as it sounds. It is merely this: You compute your family income by the month, total your monthly expenses and arrange for the difference to be put in war bonds through the payroll savings plan.

"These are not idle proposals," says Sammons. "They are as vital to final success as any part of the war program. Our boys at the front, those in convoys on the high seas, those in maneuvers preparing to go, are all concerned with the question: 'What can I do to help?' The 'Figure it out yourself' program is the ordinary citizen's answer to this same question. Loyal Americans are acting now."

Local Price Panel Given More Duties

Board Given Authority To Adjust Price Complaints Here Now

New and important steps were taken by the district OPA Thursday evening, August 12, to hold the line against rising prices when authority to adjust complaints on price matters was delegated to price panels of all Portland war price and rationing boards and to 15 boards in other counties in the OPA district, Richard G. Montgomery, director, announced Friday.

Decentralized authority for price panels to deal with price adjustment matters on a friendly, cooperative basis in their own communities among their own neighbors is expected to acquaint merchants with the price regulations and forestall need for enforcement action, it was emphasized. The price panels have been established and are being trained to keep dealers and consumers informed of OPA pricing regulations and the need for observing ceilings.

Advise, Not Police

Delegation of authority to adjust price complaints, which formerly rested with the district OPA office, was made to the chairman of the local boards, but in actual practice the price panels will do the educational work with the merchants. The panel's relationship to the community is purely advisory, not of a policing nature. Complaints of violations of retail regulations and of those pertaining to sales by private parties may be made to local war price and rationing boards which are now authorized to handle them.

Vernonia is among those towns in the Portland district having a price panel board which was delegated this authority. W. O. Livingston is chairman of the board and it meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Dr. Bittner's office. It meets on other dates if necessary.

Recent Call Takes 46 County Men

Forty-six Columbia county men, 21 for the army, 23 for the navy, and 2 for the marine corps, were recently inducted by the Columbia county board. Among those called is Mason McCoy, who resigned last summer as coach at Vernonia high school to go to Roosevelt high school in Portland. Another man from this community on the list is Paul R. Cummings.

The following were inducted: ARMY: Edward Francis Wade, Ernest Elmer Keltz, Masson Mortimer McCoy, Lindsay Wallace Lain, Theron Elmer Thompson, Enos James Kucera, Hubert LeRoy Guthrie, Raymond Willard DeVin, Herbert Eisenschmidt, George Edward Richardson, Frederick Claire Fogel, Melville Cook Hemenway, Joseph Vance Havlik, Ragnar Edwin Johnson, George Wayne Headlee, Leonard Ralph Anderson, John Elmo Hathaway, Ralph Edward Powell, Herman Dennis Kunnanz, Joe Francis Brady, Aubrey Francis Hurt, Jr.

NAVY: Boyd John Glover, Ivan D. Smith, Paul Roy Cummings, Arion Redmond, William Alfred Larson, John Conrad Josephson, Harold Vincent Schefstrom, Milton James McConnachie, Richard Emanuel Hald, Bertram Alexander Garner, Jr., Frederick Frank Mardorf, Doyl Silas Huff, Don Harvey Rockney, Walter Frederick Johnson, John Murgic, Donald J. Randall, Clarence Jensen, Robert Joseph Kocarnik, Daniel Francis Housley, William Francis Watt, Andrew George Willard, James Bennett Hoag, Ernest Wm Lockard, (transfer from Baker county)

MARINE CORPS: Howard William McGlone, Loren Delbert Smith.

Those Who Are in It

WRITES OF AFRICA

Recent letters from Pvt. Bob King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, tell of his reaction to Africa, where he is now stationed with a repair squadron of the army air corps. Here are some parts of his letters:

"... It isn't as warm as it has been and it even rained the other day for the first time since I hit the continent. I went out and stood in it for awhile just to feel at home. I could just about imagine myself behind Grenia's or at Keasey with a fishpole in my hand. (Maybe the African sun has been getting me.)

"... Five of us are in a tent and arguments and discussions of everything from war to labor unions, and even states and cities are frequent. At our present jobs we have quite a little time off but we are up at night and the hours are no good.

"... They have a few peaches and apples over here, but they are no good. I wish you could see the tiny marble-like green, mostly rotten, apples... The Germans left the place in a bad state as far as food is concerned and I suppose it will take time for them to get on their feet again... "Every once in awhile I have been guard over Italian prisoners—mostly small, dark, skinny guys. They never give anyone any trouble and are quite willing to work..."

ENTERS NAVY

Fred Thompson, who attended high school here several years with the class of '42, left Portland Wednesday, August 11 to begin duty with the navy. Fred graduated from Lincoln high school in Portland and had been working in the shipyards until he started school at OSC at the winter term.

TELLS OF MAJOR'S WORK

Major W. F. "Red" MacDonald is "sure doing a swell job," says T/Sgt. Walt Parcels, recently returned from the African theatre of war after completing 50 missions over enemy territory, being shot down twice. MacDonald, former Vernonia high school teacher who went into the air corps after school closed in 1941, took part in the invasion of Sicily and will undoubtedly take part in future invasions, the veteran Flying Fortress radio gunner thinks.

Parcells has been in contact with his former teacher almost since the two arrived in North Africa; he missed seeing him in Sicily and Tunisia, but did get to talk to him when based near Constantine in Africa. There he was in charge of all passengers, freight, etc., which was transported by air between

Algiers and what was then the front. In a letter received by Walt before he left Kingston, MacDonald said he was "moving on."

Walt, together with his mother, Mrs. L. B. Parcels, and his sister, Ethyl, arrived here Sunday evening to visit friends for several days. They have been staying at the home of Mrs. Parcels' cousin, George Johnson.

Walt is now entitled to service in the United States and will probably be an instructor. The one thing he seemed to enjoy most while at home at Kingston, Washington was his mother's cooking—in contrast to army rations. Incidentally, Hugh Caton, who had just finished officer's training, and Walt came from the east coast on the train together.

NOW IN PACIFIC

Sonny Schalock, watertender 2/c, is now with the navy in Pacific waters after spending some time in the Atlantic.

RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA

Sgt. George Turner is now back in Australia from New Guinea, he said in the first letter his parents had received from him in four weeks. He reported himself fine and willing to go back.

FOWLER NOW SERGEANT

Ben J. Fowler, in a letter received by his sister, Mrs. Charles Melis, tells the good news of his promotion to a sergeant. "From now on you can address me as Sergeant Ben J. Fowler instead of a lowly corporal," Ben wrote. "The lieutenant came up yesterday and walked in and said, 'Good morning, Sgt. Fowler, how are you this morning,' and it took me several minutes to figure out what he meant."

Sgt. Fowler is stationed at Long Beach, California.

HEADED FOR RADIO DUTY

Philip C. Estabrook, 22, son of Mrs. Catherine M. Munson, 831 3rd street, has completed a month's instruction at the navy's pre-radio materiel school at the naval armory, Michigan City, Indiana. Ultimately to be assigned to active duty as a radio specialist, he now will be transferred to a primary radio materiel school for further training.

The training just completed has served as a "refresher" course, providing instruction in mathematics, fundamental electricity, and general naval indoctrination. He was selected for this special training upon the basis of his civilian experience and results in a series of aptitude tests taken during recruit training. More "Those Who Are" page 6

Tiny Hen Egg Found Here

Walter Kent, Vernonia's water superintendent, thinks he has one for Ripley—the smallest banty egg he has ever heard of or seen. He found the egg in his banty's nest on Wednesday, August 11; it was the last one laid by the hen before she started setting.

So light is the egg that it couldn't be weighed on scales at the post office. Scales used at drug stores in filling prescription proved the tiny egg weighed 24 grains. It is only 11/16 of an inch long.

E. Nygaard Hurt In Woods Accident

The condition of Egil Nygaard, who suffered ruptured lungs when his chest was crushed by piling which rolled on him at about noon Tuesday, was still doubtful Wednesday morning. Five minutes after the accident occurred at United Loggers camp a truck had brought the victim into town. He was kept alive for three hours with the inhalator and then taken in the Bush ambulance to the St. Vincents hospital in Portland. Dr. Eby says that the American Legion's inhalator was the only thing that saved his life.

A telegram received later Wednesday morning by Lew Floaten from Mrs. Nygaard said that he was under an oxygen tent and his doctor gave him a good chance to recover.

Damage to Ball Park Is Feared

In the interests of the city park as an athletic field, W. W. McCrae urged the city council Monday night not to allow a carnival on the park in the future. Others share his views, he said, that considerable damage will be done to the field by the carnival currently playing there. If the field is to be thus damaged, the high school principal explained, there will be no use trying to keep a turf on the field. Time and money were spent last spring in order to put the field in top condition for this fall's football season.

Considering that the percentage of intake received by the city from the carnival is usually equivalent to money spent on the field, that no other location is as suitable, and that the turf may not be badly damaged, members of the council present expressed the opinion that the carnival would not be allowed there again only if the field doesn't rally after a thorough soaking and a little time.

As two councilmen, L. G. Adams and J. E. Tapp, were out of town, there was not a quorum present.

Several Donate Blood

Local women who donated blood in St. Helens last Friday, even though it was Friday, the 13th, were Mrs. Louis Huntley, Mrs. Glen Gibson, Mrs. Howard Reher, Mrs. R. W. Workman, and Rona Workman. The mobile blood bank will next be in St. Helens on Friday, August 27, and anyone who can go at that time should contact Mrs. Frank Hartwick.

Oil Forms Sent

Fuel oil applications have been mailed out from the local rationing office to those who have been previously receiving oil rations and the forms should be mailed back as soon as possible. The new rations will be more liberal and time to recalculate each ration will be required.

Wed., Sept. 15 Set as Opening Date for School

One High, Two Grade Teachers Lacked; Several Repairs Made

Wednesday, September 15 is the date which has been set for the opening of the high school and grade schools here. This date was agreed upon at a grade school board meeting Saturday night, and approved by the high school. This will be the first time school has started in the middle of a week. As late a date as possible was set because of the large number of students engaged in hop picking and other seasonal harvesting, not to mention high school boys working in the mill, and at Red Hat forestry camps this summer. The compromise in date is also due to plans for closing next spring early enough to allow students to pick strawberries.

Faculty lacks at present consist of a commercial and social science teacher at the high school, and a first grade and an art teacher at the Washington grade school.

Floors Refinished

Repairs on both buildings are progressing satisfactorily. The reshingling of the high school gymnasium roof is half finished, and the refinishing of all floors is nearly complete. Wood for the winter is in and painting and cal-somining of some of the walls and woodwork has been done.

At the Washington grade school a downstairs room has been prepared for use as a classroom—the floors and walls painted and the brick wall plastered. The supply room has been divided to make a reading and lost-and-found room for the children. Also the floors have been refinished and the gym floor readied for another year of hard use. Rather than purchase new curtains, the old ones were taken down, patched, turned around, and put up again. New furniture is to be obtained for the teachers' room.

Rod, Gun Meeting To Be Tonight

First meeting of the rod and gun club which is being organized here has been called for 8:00 p.m. Thursday (tonight) at the Bush chapel on Third street. From 75 to 80 Nehalem valley men and women have signed petitions to become members.

Anyone who is interested in a rod and gun club, stocking this region with fish and game, and investing \$1.00 dues in the organization is urged to be present at the meeting tonight.

"Buy Your Bonds Here!"

"Any stamps today?" "Want to buy a U. S. war bond today?" Such queries come from the lips of local Rainbow Girls, for the local organization is seeing that two of its members set up their table on the street each afternoon and go about the not-too-difficult task of selling investments in the war, U. S. war savings bonds and stamps.

And the girls are making sales; there's no doubt about it! Last week they took in for the U. S. treasury \$93.90 from stamp sales, and sold five \$25 bonds, as well as one \$50 and one \$100 bond. This is the first time that individuals have devoted daily effort to the exclusive sale of bonds and stamps here.