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RADIO CLIP SHEET

While we sit in the comfort of our own homes, listening to the invasion news and of the brave deeds of our fighting men - we think more and more about our responsibility to these men. We think of the day when they will return home - and the kind of country they will return to.

These men - who are doing our fighting - are dreaming of a world where peace and freedom mean prosperity and security. Are we doing our part to see that these dreams will come true?

Our forces abroad are risking their lives to guarantee us peace and freedom. It's up to us at home to guarantee prosperity and security. We can do it by fighting and winning on the home front, just as our men are fighting and winning on the battlefield. We can do it by holding down our wartime living costs - by sticking to our ceiling prices - by preventing inflation and chaos - by keeping our economy stable.

Then when our boys come marching home - they will find the security and prosperity they dream of - as they fight for peace and freedom.

As we sit near our radios, listening to the thrilling invasion reports how many of us can declare with patriotic satisfaction - "I've got a hand in the fight! The gasoline I didn't use is playing its part in the invasion!" Yes, the gasoline you didn't use - to drive to the country - or to go to the movies - or to the beach - together with the millions of gallons we all saved - is playing an important part in winning the war. It's flying our planes - driving our jeeps and tanks - propelling our landing barges. Yes, that gasoline you didn't use - has gone to war on all three fronts - land sea and air.

We homefronters will continue our march to victory in rationed shoes until there is a marked improvement in the supply situation. There is no indication that any such increased supply of civilian shoes will be coming this year. In 1943, there were 53 million fewer pairs of shoes on store shelves than usual. Our normal stock may be reduced by as many as 75 million pairs before 1944 is over. This would bring our national total of shoes down to the lowest point in years.

Neither OPA nor the War Production Board can predict now when civilian shoe supplies will increase. But it is apparent that it will not be until the huge demand for GI shoes falls off ...and we all know why those GI shoe orders are filled first these days.

Your local Board can now issue you a ration certificate for a coal-wood heating stove - if you are an eligible applicant - without regard to quota restrictions. A person is considered an eligible applicant if he has no stove to heat his living or working quarters - or if his stove is beyond repair.

Production of coal-wood stoves during the summer usually exceeds demand and it is keeping pace now with the number of eligible buyers. For these reasons it is possible to remove quota restrictions on coal-wood heating stoves.

WANTED! Your fuel oil tank! Your government wants and needs your fuel oil tank for vital storage space, regardless of how small its individual capacity. A large percentage of industry tanks are storing the huge oil reserves necessary for our armed forces. There's not enough room to store civilian supplies, too. So, it's up to you to store as much oil as possible in your own home tank and now!

Your next winter's fuel oil coupons can be used immediately. Don't wait. Order your fuel supply from your dealer today. Help ease the shortage of storage space - and at the same time, protect yourself - by making sure you'll have heat next winter....

Get your home-canning sugar as you need it. That's the wartime watch-word for you home-canners. Sugar is rationed because it is scarce. Sugar for home-canning is limited to 25 pounds per person for the same reason. War has made us short on sugar. We must use it as carefully as possible. That is the reason you are asked to apply for home-canning sugar only as you actually need it.

As you know, the canning season has been divided into two periods (GIVE DATES FOR YOUR AREA) for early and late canning. You can get up to ten pounds per person from now until _____ (DATE) for your early canning. When you put up later fruits, you can apply for whatever additional sugar you need - within your quota.

None of us should forget that the special provision for home-canning sugar is made because home-canning is such an important part of our total food supply. You, and every homemaker in the country, are urged to put up as much this wartime summer as you possibly can. Make every ounce of home canning sugar do its part for victory!

If any area where practically all fruits ripen early, home canners will be able to get their entire sugar allotments during the first period - if they need it. (FOR EXAMPLE: You home-canners here in _____ (LOCATION) will be able to get your full allotment of sugar - if you need it - right now.

This exception is made because _____, _____, _____ and _____ (LIST FRUITS) are ready now and _____, _____, _____, _____, (LIST FRUITS) soon will be. Remember to apply for only as

much sugar as you actually need. That's the wartime watchword of us home-canners.

You'll be finding a bigger choice of pies, cakes, puddings and other deserts when you pick up the menu at a restaurant, hotel or lunchroom, which does its own baking. They're able to offer more sweet rolls and desserts, because, they are getting about 25 per cent more sugar for baking now. School and war-plant cafeterias - which do their own baking - are getting the same increase.

Your grocer can give you Red and Blue tokens in change for ration checks or certificates, as well as for stamps. OPA has made this provision especially for mail order refund cases. Mail order houses refund ration stamps with ration certificates or checks, when they cannot fill the order. Now you can use these ration checks or certificates, just as you do your ration stamps - even to getting tokens in change.

If you've been using oil for summer cooking in the past, then you're entitled to extra summer rations this year, according to word from the OPA. These extra rations are being limited only to those who switch to oil every summer and who already have the necessary oil-burning equipment.

F L A S H!

Housewives did you know that you can now get your own individual ceiling price lists for meats and groceries? Yes, the OPA has issued reproductions of the ones you've seen posted at your local grocer for home use. On them, you will find printed in clear type and in compact form, the ceiling prices for practically every food item you purchase. Many housewives jot down on their market pad at home, the ceilings for the foods they intend to purchase that day. These lists are yours for the asking. Just stop in at your local War Price and Rationing Board, or if you haven't the time - write

or phone them and they will be pleased to send you a copy, in the mail

Would you like to get into the fight to keep prices down? Well, here's your opportunity. The Office of Price Administration is conducting a drive to recruit thousands of more price panel assistants. There are more than 40,000 volunteers engaged in this work throughout the country - but thousands more are still needed. If you have a genuine interest in preventing living costs from rising - and I know you do - call your local War Price and Rationing Board and tell them you want to volunteer as a price panel assistant. Do it today - and help lick inflation!

Here's an item for housewives who are interested in profitable transactions.

Your butcher is still accepting used kitchen fats. In return for each pound he receives, he will give you four cents and two red points. This is especially profitable now because those thirty red points we're getting have to last us four weeks. Now more than ever, your government needs those extra pounds of kitchen fats - for they are vitally important in the manufacture of explosives, drugs and other war materials.

A local War Price and Rationing Board at Port Arthur, Texas, recently got more information than they originally bargained for. When a woman, applying for additional sugar allowances for home-canning forgot to state the number of pounds sought for each member of her family, the Board promptly returned the application to her with instructions to specify the exact weights. The woman, via return mail, wrote back that she weighted 210 pounds, her husband 145 and her mother-in-law 160!

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