

Coffee Rationing Change Ordered

Ration books of children who were 14 when the books were issued may be used to buy coffee, effective Saturday.

At present, ration books cannot be used for coffee unless the holder was 15 at the time the book was issued.

The Office of Price Administration changed this regulation because nearly a year has passed since the books were issued. Hence many of the children who then were 14 now are 15.

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Letters to Editor

STEELE IS GRATEFUL, Torrance Herald, Torrance, California.

Last Thursday evening, I read your newspaper, (as I do every Thursday), and noted your account of the splendid program you arranged for the boys who had been accepted by the Army Examining Board, and were leaving for Camp Arlington to enter active duty in the armed forces.

As a citizen, I wish to congratulate your management in this splendid and patriotic gesture. As these boys leave here, we are aware of the fact that they are on their way to one of the various battle fronts now being fought on all over the world. I am glad to be a citizen of Torrance where we have public-spirited citizens and enterprises who take an interest in these future heroes when they are called on to answer the call of their country.

I hope the program you put into effect last week will be the start of many more such demonstrations by, not only private enterprises, but by the many patriotic organizations of Torrance. We Americans who are in this war to win at any cost appreciate the fact we have people like you that take an interest in the welfare and comfort of our boys who are going to do one of the biggest jobs we ever had to do. I hope that other such public-spirited organizations as yours may follow up the noble and patriotic move you have made.

I am mailing to the other newspapers of this locality, copies of this letter with the idea in view that they may also take the same interest you have in these boys who are on their way to join the armed forces of their country.

Yours very truly, CARL D. STEELE, 1320 Cota Ave., Torrance, Calif.

IN APPRECIATION Feb. 16, 1943. To the Editor of The Torrance Herald:

As Past President of the Women's Benefit Association, I wish to thank you for your kind cooperation in publishing various notices for this organization during the past year.

(Signed) ANNA C. SANDSTROM.

Gas Sale Schedule Limits Add Risks

Southland motorists this week are cautioned to keep an eagle eye on the gasoline gauge—especially if after-dark driving is necessary.

Service stations, complying with the recent order issued by the Office of Petroleum Administration of War, are operating on a 12-hour per day, 72-hour per week schedule. Gasoline pumps available to motorists after p. m. are "few and far between."

Special warning to "watch the gas tank" is directed to war plant workers required to drive to their production line posts through the night or early morning hours.

Civilians Should Follow Navy's Rules on Letters

The Navy gets out a little broadside to its own men entitled, "How to Write a Letter and Not an Advertisement for a Torpedo." It is a set of instructions that every mother and father of a service man ought to have at hand when the long awaited note from Sonny arrives—and doesn't say a thing.

The restrictions which surround and sometimes almost suffocate Sonny's correspondence are placed there for his own protection. Concerning the things his family wants to know about—where he is, how close to the battle area, whether his force is big or small, what's the weather, has he seen any action and how did he come through it—on these things, his silence means his safety and that of other mothers' sons.

For the boys detailed to far battle stations, the Navy writes it out in language they understand:

Use Common Sense "1. Write the name of your ship and its correct address (care of the Fleet Postmaster, N. Y. or S. F.) but DON'T GIVE THE LOCATION OF YOUR SHIP.

"2. Don't write about ports recently visited or when or where you expect to go. Don't write about convoys, ship movements or anything else you wouldn't want the enemy to know.

"3. Most important, USE YOUR COMMON SENSE. It is not smart to avoid censorship when your life may depend on it. The censor does not pry, he protects. DON'T ATTRACT A TUN FISH BY BEING A SUCKER."

Tabooed Topics Regularly a list of prohibited subjects is posted which the boys are asked to study.

For the benefit of mothers, dads, sisters and wives inclined to worry that the service is making their men taciturn and uncommunicative, here are a few of the subjects under Navy taboo: "The location, movement or identity of any merchant ship, aircraft, naval vessel or naval or military force.

"Defensive or offensive forces, weapons, installations or plans of the U. S. or her allies. "The effect of enemy operations, casualties either to personnel or material suffered by the U. S. or her allies.

Make It Good News These instructions to service men should be understood and respected equally by civilians, who might well add one or two admonitions of their own to remember when they write the boys: DO write good news, happy, morale building news. DON'T urge a confidence not freely given. AND DON'T write bad news or worrisome items to the fellows who have their hands full trying to straighten out for us the biggest headache the world has ever known.

At any given moment 600 British naval vessels are at sea.

Vegetables For Victory

(Here is the first of a series of weekly bulletins offering practical suggestions for planting a Vegetables for Victory Garden in backyard or vacant lot. These bulletins are prepared by Edwin B. Angier, Supervisor of Agriculture for the Los Angeles City Schools, chairman of the Production for Victory Program in which the schools and the Parent Teachers Association are co-sponsors.)

PRELIMINARY STEPS There are only three steps to gardening—where—what—how. Lay out a definite plan and follow it throughout the season. The only really necessary tools for effective gardening are the spade, hoe, rake and a small hand sprayer or duster.

Never plant your vegetable garden in the shade. Run your rows north and south to eliminate shading as much as possible.

Production can be increased by "companion" growing. That is, quick-maturing crops, such as radishes, lettuce, and turnips may be planted between side rows of slow-maturing crops. It is wise to limit your choice of vegetables to a few varieties, increasing the quality and production of the vegetables which you prefer.

WATER THOROUGHLY If the family taste is for perennial vegetables, such as rhubarb, asparagus, artichokes, berries, and other such crops, plant them to one side of the garden area.

Planting the entire garden area throughout the year eliminates the weed problem. Prior to digging, the soil should be watered thoroughly and tested for penetration by use of a pointed stick. Penetration should measure from ten to 16 inches over the entire planting area. Soil should be moist but not sticky. It should not stick to the tools.

If the soil is light, use a spade or shovel. If the soil is heavy, a spading fork is best.

PULVERIZE SOIL In spading, drive the blade of the tool full length into the ground, slice three to five inches, and turn the ground over completely. Strike lightly with back of tool to break up clods and ease job of raking. Well-pulverized soil will make it easier to sow seed properly.

Weed control and the fertilizer problem are both easily solved by feeding the soil with an all-purpose or complete fertilizer dressing preceding the spading.

Manure is sometimes difficult to obtain, and sacks at bargain prices (so many sacks for a dollar), are generally full of weed seed and should be avoided.

Pensions Rally In Long Beach Set for Sunday

The Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions will hold a mass meeting in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Heading the list of speakers is George H. McLain, who recently returned from Sacramento where he attended the first session of the Legislature and presented bills to amend the present Old Age Security law to provide the elderly people of California with a more equitable pension system.

A musical show will precede the speaking. The Los Angeles Civic Chorus of 75 voices and the Long Beach Municipal Band will entertain. Doors to the Auditorium will be open at 12:30 p. m. and the show will start at 1:30 p. m. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Motorists Again Reminded About Tire Inspection

Southland motorists with "B" and "C" gasoline rationing books again were reminded that the deadline for their initial tire inspection—required under the nationwide gasoline rationing program—is Feb. 28.

Holders of fleet bulk coupons also must abide by the Feb. 28 deadline.

Motorists with "A" rationing books have until the end of March to stand inspection by an official inspecting station. Because the tire conservation program, however, depends heavily upon voluntary cooperation of motorists, motorists of this vicinity are urged not to wait for deadline dates, but rather to have the tires serving their vehicles inspected as soon as possible.

After the first inspection, holders of "C" books must schedule periodic inspections once in every three months, while "B" book holders must meet the requirement once in every four months. Subsequent inspections for motorists with "A" rations will be once every six months.

Servicemen and Women Must File Tax Data

Men and women in the armed forces in the United States serving in America must file their 1942 Federal income tax returns not later than March 15, Nat Rogan, Collector of Internal Revenue for Southern California, said this week. However, those in the armed forces serving abroad or on the high seas need not file returns until a period not to exceed 75 days after they return to this country.

Even though military personnel in this country are required to file returns, any soldier, sailor, Marine, WAAC, WAAV or SPAR may defer actual payment of tax until a period not to exceed six months from the date of individual demobilization. To secure permission for deferment of payment, the individual in uniform must file an affidavit supporting his or her inability to pay the tax at the time the return is filed. These affidavits may be secured at any branch revenue office. Deputy collectors will notarize signatures on them without charge.

No member of the armed forces in this country should take it for granted that he need not file a return merely because he is in uniform. All single men whose gross income in 1942 was \$500 and all married men whose income was \$1200 in 1942 must file returns.

In defining the term "gross income" special consideration has been given by Congress to military personnel who were below the rank of commissioned officers on Dec. 31, 1942. Men and women who were single on that date may exclude \$250 of their military pay; those who were married on that date may exclude \$300 of their military pay from their total income.

TOUGH ON SPEEDERS Massachusetts motorists convicted of violating the 35-mile an hour speed limit in that state lose their drivers' licenses for seven days and persistent violators are relieved of their automobile registration plates.

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