

Higher Prices For Cocktail Fruits Coming

New ceilings for the 1944 pack of fruit cocktail produced in California announced today by the Office of Price Administration will mean average increases at retail over last year of about one cent on the popular No. 1 can and about two cents on the No. 2½ can, L. M. Kearns, OPA food price head, said.

Dollars-and-cents processors' maximum prices announced today, now effective, are higher, Kearns explained, due to the \$15 per ton advance since last year in the price allowed for raw pears, an important ingredient of fruit cocktail.

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No Change In Gasoline Quotas Is Anticipated

No substantial change in the civilian quota of gasoline can be expected until the war with Germany ends, Frank S. Balthis, Jr., OPA Los Angeles district director, said today.

Minor changes or improvements of the present program involving "A" and "B" ration book holders are possible, such as clarification of ration allowances of some categories, Balthis commented.

"We must keep within the civilian quota set by the Petroleum Administration for War," Balthis continued. "This quota just announced for the fourth quarter of 1944 is 146,000 barrels per day for the Pacific Coast region—a cut of 1,000 barrels per day under the third quarter total."

"For the Los Angeles district, comprising eight southern counties, the fourth quarter quota is 49,640, a cut of 340 barrels per day from the 49,980 third quarter allocation. This is 34 percent of the entire quota allocated to the five western states."

"When the war with Germany ends some relaxation of rules in regard to civilian gasoline is probable," Balthis declared.

Pvt. Bohannon Holds Souvenir From Queen Mary

Despite his wounds, from which he was rapidly recovering, Pvt. Morris Bohannon of Torrance, Calif., was a very happy soldier when Queen Mary recently visited the military hospital where he was a patient and signed his short snorter for him. This souvenir ranks among his most valued possessions.

Morris has been in the E.T.O. for six months with an infantry division and following the usual strenuous maneuvers went over with his outfit on "D" day.

"The Red Cross girls were certainly the most cheering sight we ever saw during those months of training," declared Morris. "They used to come down with their Clubmobiles in our 'combat zone' and serve hot coffee and doughnuts which were certainly welcome. And now that I'm back from France and convalescing, I spend most of my time in the Red Cross recreation hut of the hospital, writing letters home and making small items like braided bracelets to send back home to my folks."

Morris comes from a very army-minded family. Both his elder brothers, Lawson and Vergil, are infantry men in other theatres of operation, and his sisters work in war plants. Prior

Trout Placed In Many Streams Of California

Distribution of trout from the state fish hatcheries has been about completed for the year 1944 in spite of numerous obstacles, according to A. C. Taft, chief of the Bureau of Fish Conservation of the Division of Fish and Game. The principal "bottle neck" has been the lack of trained men and men acquainted with the areas to be planted. While some curtailment in the normal planting program was necessary, Taft states, the problem was largely solved through the assistance of the Bureau of Patrol.

P.E. CHEERIO CLUB TO MEET

Mrs. Ila M. Gilbert will entertain members of P.E. Cheerio Club at her home, 1631 Cota ave., at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.

AT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. R. Garner attended an American Youth Activities conference conducted Wednesday by Mrs. J. Paul Elliott at Los Angeles.

to his induction Morris worked in the National Supply Co., Torrance, making munitions.

His wife, Mrs. Helen Bohannon, and little son, Ronald, live at 1555 221st st., Torrance, Calif.



LOCAL BOY IN NOVEL COLLECTION . . . Shoulder patches that have been worn by Army veterans in nearly every theater of operations make up the insignia collection of three enlisted men assigned to the Fort Douglas personnel center. The three men obtained most of the insignia from enlisted men who have passed through the personnel center on rotational furloughs from overseas duty. Some were donated by men who wore them in battles in which they were wounded. The three collectors are: (above left) Cpl. Paul J. Hippick, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hippick, 1603 West 220th st., Torrance; (center) Pfc. Herschel F. Coleman, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coleman, Grandview, Wash., and (left) Pfc. Thomas R. Buttery, 22, son of Mrs. T. R. Buttery, 704 East 9th South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Started last May, the collection includes

shoulder patches that have been worn by American troops in many distant corners of the world, including Saipan, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, China, Alaska, Greenland, France, Italy, Sicily, England, North Africa, Panama, the Persian Gulf Command, China-Burma India theater, Central Pacific and Southwest Pacific. Each insignia has a history all its own, assert the three collectors, who have become engrossed in Army heraldry. For example, each of the white stars on the blue field of the Americal division insignia represents a major island battle in which the unit participated, including that at Guadalcanal with the Marines. The collection contains more than 70 shoulder patches at present and the three collectors eye each returning veteran to see if he has a different patch which they can add to the growing hobby.

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Nation's Fire Loss Mounting Each Year, Chief McMaster Says

For seven consecutive years the annual fire loss in the United States has been steadily mounting. During the past year it reached the staggering total of \$400,000,000.

A part of this fire loss is rung up on the cash register every time you make a purchase. Increased living costs, higher rentals, insurance rates and taxes over increased fire losses as well as other increases induced by war conditions. Insurance companies pay losses as they occur so business may be reconstructed and carried on, but eventually the costs become part of the people's cost of living. Burned buildings cease to be taxpayers; other taxpayers have to make up the difference. It is almost impossible to secure materials with which to rebuild factories destroyed by fire at the present time, but even when materials are plentiful, management sometimes fail to rebuild a burned business. Economic disaster often follows on the heels of large fires in peacetime. In wartime, their harmful effect on war production is even more far reaching.

It is estimated that more than half of all our fires occur in homes. About 7,000 people are killed and about twice that number are injured every year; many of the victims are asphyxiated or trapped by smoke, fire gases and flames. While many cities have adopted ordinances to assure safety in places of public assembly, conditions in residences are generally controlled by the people who build or live in them.

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster of the Torrance Fire Department pointed out that during the past year 400,000 fires occurred in homes and the majority of these were attributed to one of the following causes: Rubbish, defective chimneys, sparks on flammable roofs, defective heating equipment, careless smoking and use of matches, flammable liquids and electrical defects.

"Most fires in dwellings are preventable," Chief McMaster said, "and a room by room check should be featured by all home owners during Fire Prevention Week." Observe the following points:

1. Check from cellar to attic, inside and outside buildings for rubbish and remove it promptly. Rubbish is a double fire hazard; it may ignite spontaneously, or it may serve as a quick fuel for a stray spark. Send it to your salvage committee, or if it is entirely worthless, burn it between the hours of 6 to 10

2. Oily rags, like rubbish, may ignite spontaneously. Burn them if practical; otherwise store them in closed metal containers. Paints, too, should be kept tightly covered.
3. Heating systems should be examined for cracks or other defects, soot or clogging in chimneys and flues. Repairs should be made promptly. Make sure that no combustible material, including woodwork, is exposed to heat.
4. Keep ashes in covered metal containers; shield fireplaces with screens.
5. Replace weathered flammable wood shingle roofs with fire resistant roofing.
6. See that ample ash trays are available wherever smoking is permitted and that careful smoking habits are cultivated by all members of the family.
7. Put matches in metal containers out of reach of small children. Use a flashlight for temporary illumination.
8. Use great care with any flammable liquid brought into the home for any purpose. Do not use flammable cleaning fluids. A correctly built fire needs no kerosene.
9. Replace frayed electric cords, have defective electrical equipment replaced or repaired by a competent electrician. Check the fuse box to see that proper fuses are installed. Make sure that lamp shades are a safe distance from electric light bulbs.
10. See that any fire extinguishers you may have in or about your home are properly charged. Keep them in a place where they will be readily accessible if a fire should break out.

The shortage of manpower in the fire service, the tremendous increase in population and new industry has increased the need for greater adherence to the rules of fire prevention. A need that can only be realized by the individual efforts of all civilians in eliminating fire hazards.

Misinformation Is Hit by Social Security Board

Inaccurate advice from well-meaning but inadequately informed friends may be costing some retired workers money in the form of old-age and survivors insurance benefits, J. G. Bretherton, manager of the Long Beach office of the Social Security Board, said today. The same kind of advice also may be keeping benefit checks from widows, children and parents of workers who die, Bretherton said.

To counteract this, Bretherton advised that every worker who is 65 or over and has been working in insured employment—generally business and industry—should get in touch with the nearest office of the Social Security Board immediately for information, as soon as he quits his job. If he is qualified for benefits, the board will assist him to file a claim. If he needs additional work in covered employment to qualify, he will be told just how much more, Bretherton said.

Similarly when a worker dies, if social security taxes have been taken from his pay, the widow or other close relative should contact the board's office immediately, Bretherton said. Full assistance in completing claims will be furnished by the field office. Contacts may be made by visit, by letter or by telephone.

Several retired workers who have delayed in filing claims have informed the board that friends had told them they were not eligible, Bretherton said. "The best thing to do," he added, "is to come to our office and ask about our services. We have the exact information."

While provision is made for some back payments on delayed claims, Bretherton said, delay may reduce the amount of benefits or wipe them out entirely in some cases.

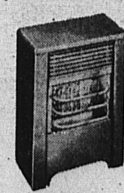
"Many workers of retirement age tell us that they did not realize that they may continue to earn credits towards benefits after reaching age 65, or that they may work in covered employment, even after benefits start, without sacrificing their retirement insurance rights," Bretherton said.

"The true facts are that a worker may qualify for retirement benefits at any age above 65, and that he merely gives up his benefit for those months in which he makes as much as

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLANS MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov. 7, is missionary and council meeting day for members of First Christian church. The ladies will meet at 11 o'clock for the council and the missionary group will immediately follow a noon luncheon. A continuation of the study of American Indians will be held, it is reported.

\$15 in covered employment. He might work one month and give up his benefit, and not work the next month and receive his benefit."



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