

'SPUD' PLANTING TIME IS AT HAND

Put in Potatoes as Soon as
Garden Is Spaded or
Plowed.

If you're planning to plant early potatoes, make preparations now. They should be planted as soon as the ground is spaded or plowed. In most cases in Indianapolis, that means this week or next week.

The good old "Irish potato" is really a South American neighbor, native of Chile and Peru. Since the beginning of the 19th century, it has appeared on most American tables at least once a day. With the threatened potato shortage, that record may be broken unless gardeners with plenty of space include potatoes in their crops.

To raise such a crop, seed potatoes are planted. Buyers are cautioned to buy seed potatoes in bags sealed and certified by the state where they were grown. "That's the only way the gardener can be sure he is getting true seed potatoes," according to A. A. Irwin, assistant Marion county agricultural agent.

Late, Early Varieties
The package should certify that the potatoes are free from the major potato diseases and are true to the variety named on the label, Mr. Irwin points out.

Because potatoes prefer cool, moist growing weather, there is a definite division into early and late varieties. Irish cobbler is a popular early crop and may be planted in central Indiana about April 1 to April 10. Katahdin and Chippewa are recommended for the late crop and may be planted in late May or early June.

To prepare the potato for planting, cut a medium or large potato into three or four pieces with one or two strong eyes to each block. Delay planting for several days to allow time for the cut surfaces to callus over.

"Green Sprouting" Explained

"Green sprouting" may be done and is recommended by experts. The cut tubers are dusted with sulfur which prevents excessive evaporation and prolongs vitality. The pieces are then laid in a shallow box with the eyes up and kept in a dry, cool place until planting time.

If long sprouts come, break them off before planting. The pieces will sprout again. However, if the sprouts are short and thick, they may be left on for the short, stubby sprouts will grow.

Potatoes should be planted to a depth of four inches and should be about 10 inches apart in the row. Frequent cultivation is necessary to control weeds and keep the earth from crusting so that the young plants can break through easily. Early cultivating should be shallow and done with a rake.

Use of "Potato Dust"

To control pests and as a good preventive against possible potato diseases which may damage the plants, a ready mixed combination called "potato dust" may be purchased. The first dust application should be made when the plants are eight inches high, continuing weekly until three weeks before the potatoes are ready to be dug.

Those who wish to dig may use a 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture plus two pounds of lead arsenate. To make three gallons of this spray, use five level tablespoons of copper sulphate, 12 level tablespoons of lime and six level tablespoons of lead arsenate in water.

Potatoes may be dug in the fall when the vines are dying, or they may be dug during the summer when "new" potatoes are wanted. The crop may be stored easily in any cool, dry place with good air circulation.

Rationing Dates

Sugar
Coupon 12 good for five pounds through May 31.

Gasoline
A book—coupon 5 good through May 21.

Fuel Oil
Coupon 4 good for 11 gallons through April 12. Coupon 5 must last until Sept 30 for heat and hot water.

Tires
Tires for holders of A gas books must be inspected today.

Canned Goods
Blue stamps A, B and C good through today. Blue stamps D, E and F good through April 30.

Shoes
Coupon 17 good for one pair through June 15.

Meat
Red stamp A good; B becomes good April 4; C, April 11; D, April 18. These expire April 30. Red stamp E becomes good April 25.

Coffee
Stamp 26 good for 1 pound through April 25.

COATS TO TALK ON INDIANA'S ARTISTS

Randolph Coats, Hoosier artist, will lecture next Tuesday afternoon at Marian college on "One Hundred Years of Art and Artists in Indiana."

Mr. Coats, who began his career at the John Herron art institute, has studied in England, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy and specializes primarily in figure and portrait painting. The lecture will begin at 2:45 p. m.

PENSION GROUP TO MEET

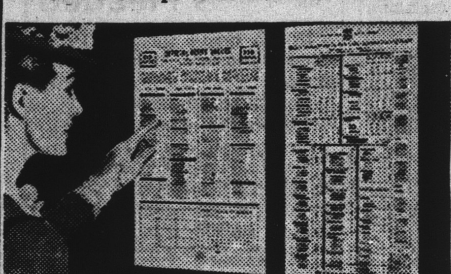
Indiana Old Age Pension Group 1 will meet tomorrow evening at the English hotel, Secretary Clara O'Leary announced today.

War-time Living—

How to Use Red Ration Stamps

Stamp	First Good	Ending Date
A	March 29	April 30
B	April 4	April 30
C	April 11	April 30
D	April 18	April 30
E	April 25	??

The number on each red stamp in war ration book two indicates its "point value." The letter indicates the period during which it is valid. See schedule above. Expiration date of E stamps to be announced later.



Look for the listings of all point values and fixed prices which are posted in every dealer's store. PLAN how many points you will use each time BEFORE you shop. Don't pay more than the ceiling price.

All cuts of fresh or cured beef, veal, lamb, mutton and pork, and all variety of meats such as liver, heart and kidney are rationed and will have both a point value and a money price per pound.



After you have bought meat, cheese, butter and other rationed commodities, add up the point values. Your dealer can give you "change" in one-point red stamps—and you may use them again.

All frozen meats, canned meats, sausage, canned fish, all butter, lard, margarine, shortenings, cooking and salad oils and many cheeses are rationed and also have both a point value and a money price per pound.



Remember—when you are not asked for ration stamps, you are dealing in a black market. Food sold in a black market may endanger your family's health and steals food from our fighting men.

You Won't Starve if You Don't Have Meat; Dairy Products and Fish Are Protein Rich

By MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX

Times Special Writer

Meat rationing is a fact, not just some unpleasant situation quickly to pass. It's part of the war. No one in his right mind expects to enjoy it. But no one in his right mind expects to ignore it.

How can you feed a family when you have only 16 points a week for meat, butter and other fats? In the first place, you can. Nutritionists have answered that question. In the second place, there are as many solutions to the problem as there are families in the United States. It's important to understand that. There is no standard, over-all solution.

For your 16 points a person a week, you can get enough meat, protein and fats to maintain good health and a sense of being well fed. But just what foods you will select must be decided on the basis of personal taste, money in the pocket, your age and activity and supplies available in the market.

Meat rationing is new to us. No one likes to learn all over again. But no one wants to go hungry, either. The brutal truth is that you can go hungry today if you don't master ration arithmetic.

Meat is a complete protein and protein is one of the essential and most important elements of food. We can't live without it. The approximate 2 lbs. a week allowed under point rationing will not supply enough protein for nutritional needs. So what's the answer?

Many Foods Protein Rich
Think of meat as protein. About 70 grams a day of protein are required for a moderately active average man, less for the average woman, more for the active child in the rapidly growing period of adolescence. If your meat points won't give you enough protein for these basic needs, what other foods will supply protein? The answer is the basic solution to your meat rationing problem.

Meat is only one of the best sources of protein. So are all dairy products such as milk and cheese, dried and evaporated milk and buttermilk. Also eggs, fish, shellfish, poultry, game, soybeans, peanuts.

Other excellent and available sources of essential protein are dried beans and peas, wholegrain products such as oatmeal, cracked wheat and other wholegrain cereals, wholewheat bread and baked goods, nuts.

LAUDS CITY'S WAR MANPOWER EFFORT

Indianapolis was among the first cities in the nation to establish an efficient war manpower stabilization program, Eugene J. Brock of Chicago, deputy regional director for the WMC, said yesterday, lauding the community for its efforts.

Speaking before the Rotary club at the Claypool hotel, Mr. Brock urged even more co-operation with the city's manpower stabilization program.

"Communities must solve their own production problems through rationing of manpower," he said. "Instead of robbing other communities which also are suffering from manpower shortages. We must solve the problem by ingenuity, and the sooner we can produce the machine tools of war, the sooner we can end the war."

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau
(Central War Time)
Sunrise . . . 6:31 Sunset . . . 7:08
TEMPERATURE
—March 31, 1943—
7 a. m. 28 2 p. m. 36

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m. 0.4
Total precipitation since Jan. 1 5.84
Deficiency since Jan. 1 3.70

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

City	High	Low
Atlanta	71	46
Boston	35	23
Chicago	70	53
Cincinnati	70	53
Cleveland	70	53
Denver	74	54
Evansville	70	53
Flint	70	53
Indianapolis (City)	70	53
Indianapolis (Sub.)	70	53
Kansas City, Mo.	70	53
Los Angeles	72	59
Mpls.-St. Paul	70	53
New Orleans	72	59
New York	45	37
Philadelphia	45	37
Pittsburgh	72	53
San Antonio, Tex.	72	53
St. Louis	72	53
Washington, D. C.	72	53

CITY EMPLOYEES STRIKE

FT. WAYNE, March 31 (U. P.).—City street employees will meet with members of the board of public works again next Tuesday in an effort to settle a wage dispute. This, coupled with a demand for union recognition, yesterday led to a two-hour strike by city workers.

nourished. If he prefers eggs to the less expensive meats, give him lots of eggs. If he yells for butter, give it to him. But make him realize that if he wants a lot of butter in these days of war he must face the fact that his allowance of 16 points a week for meat, butter and fats, will not stretch to cover beefsteak, too. It's a simple problem in ration arithmetic—you can have only so much—what will it be?

Plan for Health
Make your family menus by the week if possible. Think first of what the family likes to eat and how much money you have to spend. Write out your menus and market list. Now study them. Do they supply enough nutrition for buoyant health? Check. Have you provided for the reasonable taste preferences of individual members of the family? Have you selected foods you know how to cook well?

Still Have Meat Choice
In other words, you won't starve to death if you can't get meat. There are many other sources of excellent protein, and most of them are abundant and relatively inexpensive. The fact should take the panic out of your rationing problem. Although you can be adequately fed from a nutrition standpoint without meat, you don't have to live on a meatless diet. As soon as the meat situation is adjusted, you will be able to spend your 16 points a week for the meats you prefer or can best afford. You can have 16 lbs. a week of meat if you like pigs ears. They cost only a point a pound. Or you can have two pounds of sirloin steak for your 16 points, if that's what your heart (and stomach) most desires in this hungry world.

Kidneys, brains, liver, etc., all cost less than steaks and chops and roasts. But unless you have learned how good they are, or have someone to cook them for you, as delicious as French cooks do, then you may not yet be ready to use these rich sources of excellent protein in your American diet. In selecting your meats, you must think not only of costs in points and cents and of their nutritional values, but also "Do I and the rest of the family like them?" No food is economy unless it is eaten with the smack of enjoyment. You can lead your husband to a kidney stew but you cannot make him eat it, unless he likes kidneys.

He doesn't have to like kidneys or brains or pigs ears or any other meat on the list to be adequately

fed. Fats are essential in the diet, too. Each of us needs about two tablespoons a day. But fat doesn't mean just butter. It can be margarine, vegetable oils, lard and other familiar rationed items. Or you can get your fat requirements from unrationed fat in the meat you eat, from drippings, from suet, olive oil and from other foods rich in fats, such as egg yolk, milk, cream, cheese, olives, nuts.

Again, in deciding how to spend your points for fats, consider personal tastes and health requirements. Give butter to the children in the family and to those whose stomachs are too delicate to digest the heavier fats. Use avocados, fatty fish, lots of milk, nonrationed cheeses—there are a great many—to provide much of your daily fat requirements so that you won't have to spend your points on fats if your family prefers to use them for meat.

URGE U. S. QUIT AUTO TAX FIELD

Study Committee Asks Levy
On Home Renters for
Local Needs.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.).—The intergovernmental fiscal relations committee, in a six-volume report after a two-year study today recommended that the federal government abandon the motor vehicle tax field to the states.

The committee also urged supplementing general property taxes with a rental tax assessed against occupiers of rental properties and the creation of a federal-state fiscal authority to advise the three levels of government on tax simplification and elimination of overlapping taxes.

These recommendations were among 58 specific proposals made to the federal, state and local authorities. The committee's report was made to Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr., who appointed the body in June, 1941. Copies were sent to the president, state governors and members of the senate finance and house ways and means committees.

Trade Barriers Rapped
The rental tax, the committee said, would help boost local governments' revenue. It suggested that such a tax might be "adjusted" according to the number of persons in the renting family.

The committee proposed that as soon as its financial condition permits, the central government should reserve to itself levies on aviation fuel and surrender taxation on automobile gasoline to the states.

It proposed that state reciprocity respecting taxes on trucks operating in interstate commerce be effected as a means of overcoming what "in some cases, amounts to a trade barrier" and that the federal government earmark receipts from aviation fuel for construction and maintenance of free public airports.

Deplore City Conditions
Local governments were urged to give "major attention" to reorganization of local revenue sources, particularly city revenue. The committee reported there was little doubt that city governments were "in a bad way" fiscally.

The committee said much of the blame for cities' plights lay with state legislatures which have denied cities adequate representation. It recommended that municipal governments "demand" better representation in state councils.

In recommending establishment of a federal collection-state sharing tobacco tax program, the committee proposed that the federal tax on cigarettes be increased by 2 cents a pack. This increase would be distributed to the states on a per capita basis.

3D IN FAMILY FAILS TO REPORT FOR DRAFT

DECATUR, Ind. March 31 (U. P.).—Adams county draft board officials today gave Edgar Steele, 36, of Decatur, five days in which to report for physical examination for the army.

Steele, the third member of his family to refuse to report, is a member of the Jehovah Witness religious sect. He had been ordered to leave with a contingent yesterday for examination at Toledo, O.

His brothers, Clyde, 32, and Ralph, 23, also members of the sect, are scheduled for trial in federal court at Ft. Wayne next week on charges of violating the selective service act. Both were freed on a \$1000 bond after pleading guilty to the charge before U. S. Commissioner William D. Remmel.

SAHARA GROTTO GROUP WILL MEET

Sahara Grotto auxiliary's entertainment committee will meet at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow at the residence of Mrs. Chester B. Ellis, 1303 N. Keystone ave.

The auxiliary's ways and means committee will give a card party at 4107 E. Washington st., at 8 p. m. tomorrow. The membership committee will meet at the home of Mrs. Lulu Berry, 4526 E. Washington st., at 12:30 p. m. Friday.

72 DIE IN NAPLES BLAST

LONDON, March 31 (U. P.).—The Rome Radio reported today that an ammunition dump blew up Sunday at Naples, killing 72 persons and wounding 1179.

CEILING PLACED ON USED TRUCKS

Some Prices Being Asked
200% Above Normal
Value, OPA Charges.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.).—The OPA today placed maximum ceiling prices on all used commercial motor vehicles, sharply reducing abnormal prices being charged by some sellers.

An OPA survey revealed that activities of speculators had resulted in some prices that were 200 per cent or more over the normal value of a used truck and in some instances prices that are higher than the price of a new truck.

Covered in the order are complete trucks, tractors, full-trailers, semi-trailers, ambulances, hearses, omnibuses, carryall suburbans, delivery sedans, utility sedans, coupes fitted with pickup boxes, cab pickups, as well as chassis and bodies for the vehicles named.

Not covered are passenger automobiles, taxicabs, station wagons, vehicles operated on rails, self-traveling vehicles, or farm and garden tractors designed and used for agricultural purposes.

Adopt Percentage Table

OPA said that more than 70 per cent of all reported sales of 1941 models of used commercial vehicles during August and September of 1942, exceeded the delivered prices of the vehicles when new.

The new regulation will establish a ceiling at a percentage of the value of the truck when new. Two pricing methods are provided for resales, one for the vehicle "as is," the other if reconitioned and guaranteed for at least 1000 miles or 30 days.

The following table shows the percentage of the price of a truck when new to be used to compute the ceiling price of a used truck if sold "as is" or reconitioned:

Age	"As Is" Per Cent	Reconitioned Per Cent
Six months or less	90	97
More than 6 to 12 months	81	91
More than 12 to 18 months	73	86
More than 18 to 24 months	66	82
More than 24 to 30 months	59	78
More than 30 to 36 months	53	73
More than 36 to 42 months	48	70
More than 42 to 48 months	43	67
More than 48 to 54 months	39	64
More than 54 to 60 months	35	60
More than 60 to 66 months	32	57
More than 66 to 72 months	29	54
More than 72 months	26	51

Permanent retail ceilings already

HOME FRONT FORECAST

By BETTY MacDONALD
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The glad news from OPA is that there will be additional sugar for home canning this summer, but the mechanics of rationing are still being worked out.

Last year's system, handled by local ration boards, resulted in some unfortunate decisions. The sugar situation is much tighter this year, and it's more than likely that a strict overall policy will be adopted by OPA. Experts in WPA's soap and glycerine department cagily predict that America may pull through the war without soap rationing, if the fat supply holds out. European countries have a ceiling price (\$1.43 is tops), grade, long since beep on the soap rationing system.

Meanwhile, men in the U. S. armed services are now using an economical "soapsless soap," guaranteed to clean clothes in any type of water, from the shores of Buna to the streams of Iceland. It produces no suds, but does the job, which is all the army, navy and marine boys care about.

Rayon Here to Stay

Stocking standbys for the duration will be rayons, and the manufacturers are doing their best to take the wrinkles and bulges out of this fibre they'd ignored before the war. Soon there'll be a ceiling on rayon hosiery, and a standardizing quality. Grade A rayons will have a high twist. An OPA label will be tacked to the hosiery after April 15, noting the gauge or needle, the manufacturers' brand name and OPA's number.

Odds and Ends:

Remember your blue stamps A, B and C will not be valid after today for processed foods . . . save your identity stub for this winter's heating ration as you'll need it when next winter's rations are issued . . . the war department will allow the soldier on furlough a half pound of sugar, and 16 points for processed food for each week of his furlough . . . farmers may reap their tractor tires with material made almost entirely of reclaimed rubber, and replacements won't be issued for re-cappable tires . . . grape juice is being made available to churches for religious rites.

OPA SETS SPECIFIC CEILING ON VEAL

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.).—The office of price administration today continued its efforts to wipe out black markets by setting specific dollars-and-cents ceiling prices for veal products sold by packers and wholesalers.

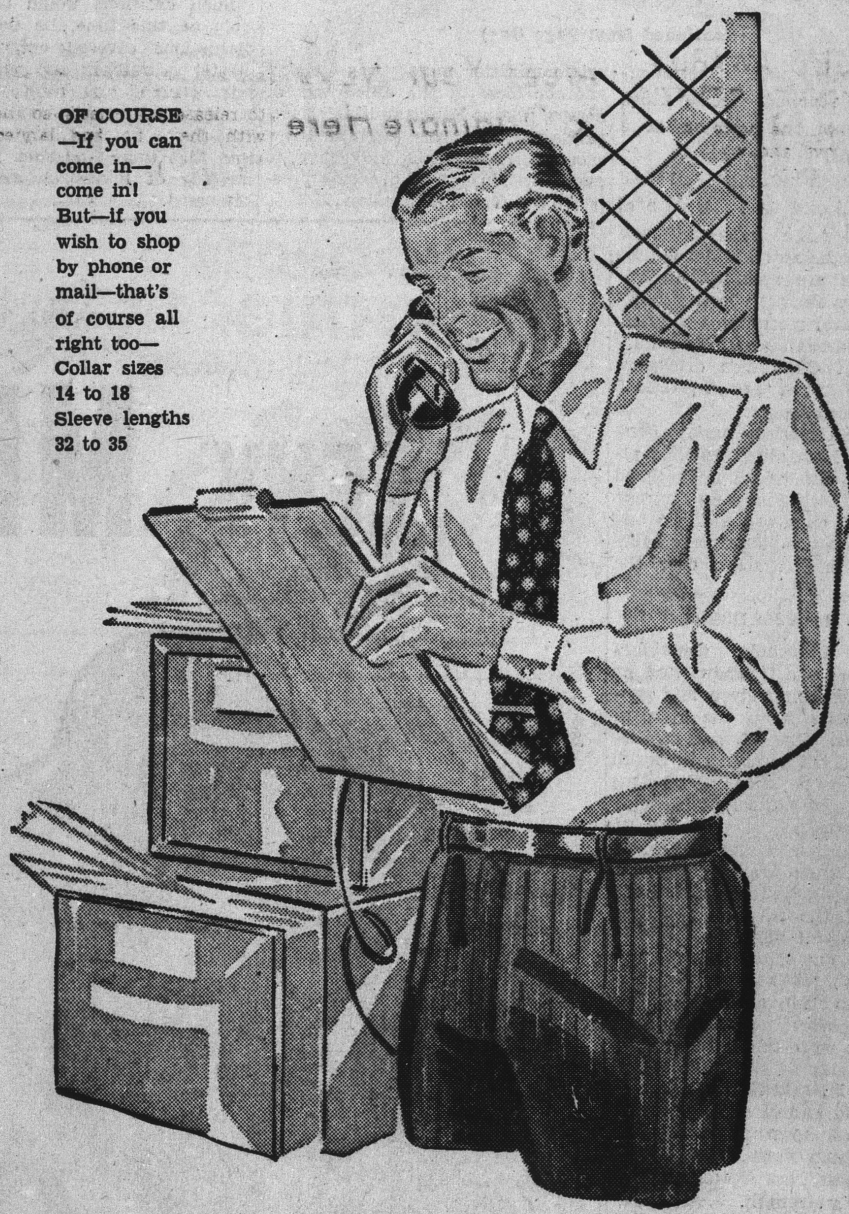
The new ceiling prices become effective April 3 and will replace individual packer and wholesaler ceilings imposed under the general maximum price regulation. Similar dollars-and-cents ceiling prices will be set soon for retail sales of veal.

Permanent retail ceilings already

CRASH INJURIES FATAL

DECATUR, March 31 (U. P.).—Robert Hunt, 30, of Wapakoneta, O., died yesterday in the Adams county hospital of injuries suffered in a head-on collision with his truck and an automobile. Frederick Schinnerer, 39, Willsboro, driver of the car, was in serious condition.

STRAUSS SAYS: . . . IT'S ONE DAY NEARER VICTORY



OF COURSE
—If you can
come in—
come in!
But—if you
wish to shop
by phone or
mail—that's
of course all
right too—
Collar sizes
14 to 18
Sleeve lengths
32 to 35

The "BRUXTON"
WHITE SHIRTS at

ARE A VERY GOOD BUY . . . (A VERY GOOD BUY)

The fabric is substantial, enduring!
The workmanship is first class!
The shirt is cut semi-form fitting . . .
(men like it that way).
The collar is FUSED . . . it stays neat and upright
... (and comfortable) without the use of starch!
We shall repeat . . . what we said at the outset . . .
"A very good buy!"

L. STRAUSS & CO., INC. THE MAN'S STORE