

### RATIONING OF AUTO TIRES TO BEGIN SOON

Even Essential Civilian Users to Be Rationed; Other Items Are Also Affected

No more new automobile tires will be sold to the public, and after January 4 even essential civilian users will be rationed, Price Administrator Leon Henderson has disclosed.

Essential civilian users will consist of individuals and agencies requiring tires for the "maintenance of industrial efficiency and civilian health." They will be granted ration cards by state and local boards, marking the first use of the ration card system in the United States.

Henderson said the framework of the state and local rationing boards conceivably might be used later to ration other scarce materials.

The tire blackout was made complete when the OPM extended its original sale ban from December 22 to January 4. The OPM originally banned from December 11 through 22 to prevent a buying wave.

Henderson also announced that: New cars are allowed to be equipped with only four new tires—no spares. Whether or not any passenger cars are produced after February 1 will be determined at a January 15 meeting with industry and labor representatives.

Controls will be established over sale of retreaded tires and the re-treading of tires.

For the time being, production of new passenger car tires "will be almost entirely eliminated" and new truck tire production will be curtailed.

Consumption of crude rubber by less essential civilian industries must be limited to not more than 10,000 tons a month—an 80 per cent cut. Henderson said this induces a "pessimistic" view of the situation "but no other attitude is justified in the present emergency."

The curtailment will affect production of golf and tennis balls, bathing apparel, toy balloons and thousands of other articles.

Supplies would be available for the manufacture of essential mechanical goods and such other products as fire hose, transmission and conveyor belts, packings, jar rings, surgeons' gloves, syringes and kindred products.

A monthly quota of tires which

can be sold will be determined on the basis of the amount of crude rubber which can be used in new tires. Monthly quotas will be broken down into state and county quotas, primarily on the basis of commercial, not pleasure, vehicle registrations in each area.

Under the tire rationing program, would-be purchasers will be required to show their local boards that they fall within the eligible groups and that it is essential for them to have tires. Purchasers then will be given purchase certificates.

Henderson said the rationing regulations will be promulgated as a priority order and will carry all legal sanctions—including the power to withhold priority assistance in replenishing stocks—and criminal penalties.

He also set prices for reclaimed rubber—most important substitute for crude rubber—at levels prevailing between November 5 and December 5. The new schedule was effective on December 20.

### APPROPRIATION OF BIG DEFENSE SUM LIKELY

An appropriation of at least five million dollars to cover Pennsylvania's defense needs will be included in the special session call expected early next month, Governor Arthur James indicated recently.

James, gratified by the fact that legislative leaders and members of the state defense council agree on asking that amount, said it was "very clear" there should be an additional appropriation for the military affairs of the department and the council's spearheads of the defense program.

At the same time, James said the state's voluntary industrial police system was started with the appointment of sixty-eight persons to augment guards at plants throughout the state. Eight thousand applications were mailed to others eager to help police industries.

Under a war act of 1917, James is authorized to commission such guards with industries asking for them to pay their salaries.

A section of that same act allows the state to appropriate up to \$5,000,000 for "repelling invasions, suppressing insurrections and defending the state in war."

Urgency for additional funds for the state's ever expanding efforts to combat industrial sabotage and place the citizenry in position to face every possible emergency was revealed by the governor after another defense council session.

### State Welfare Institutions Can Employ Older Persons

Wardens and superintendents of state-owned welfare institutions have been authorized to employ guards, attendants and other personnel over 50 years of age.

E. Arthur Eweeney, welfare secretary, notified institution officials recently that the 50-year age limit was thrown out "in view of the decision of Congress to consider an age limit of more than 50 in the registration of male citizens for war duty."

He cautioned officials to consider carefully the physical, moral and intellectual abilities of applicants but no longer to consider age a bar to employment.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED FOR DPA

Two long weekends will be enjoyed by employees of the Department of Public Assistance in accordance with Gov. James' recommendations, which were approved by the DPA County Assistance Board at a brief meeting late last week in the county relief headquarters.

DPA offices in Ebensburg and in Johnstown will be closed from noon on Wednesday, December 24, until 8:30 a. m. Monday, December 29, for the Christmas holiday and from 5 p. m. Wednesday, December 31, until 8:30 a. m. Monday, January 5, for the New Year's holiday.

—Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps! Help your country to retain freedom.

### WEEKLY FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from State College School of Agriculture

Select Corn Exhibits—The farmers who expect to exhibit corn at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January should begin at once to select uniform mature and true-type ears for entry. A large number from which to select can be gotten by laying aside ears of show quality as the corn is fed out of the crib.

Tractor Storage Tips—Tractors to be stored for the winter should be placed inside a barn or shed with the wheels on some old boards. If they are equipped with rubber tires the weight should be taken off them by jacking up the wheels.

Reduce Soiled Eggs—Soiled eggs which give the poultryman extra work can be reduced by good management practices. Providing dry litter, a sufficient number of nests, and plenty of nest material will reduce the number of eggs of this kind.

Order Chicks Now—Farmers are advised to place their orders for baby chicks as soon as possible. With good egg prices now and the continuation of favorable prices next year fairly certain, there will be a great demand for proved chicks next spring.

House Plant Suggestions—An even temperature of at least 68 degrees should be maintained for successful growing of plants indoors, and the plants should be located in the coolest section of the room. Since the air in most houses is too dry, evaporating pans can be placed on radiators or radiators to supply the deficiency in moisture.

Machinery Repairs—Machinery repair this winter will be easier if done in a warm, well-lighted room with ample space to work on implements. A room 18 feet wide and 20 feet in width with a double door can usually be found in an existing building on the farm. Some heating arrangement is quite important.

Ladino Clover—Ladino clover in Pennsylvania is finding its greatest use in grass mixtures for hay, grass silage, intensive dairy pastures and for poultry ranges. It is a good crop for good land, say extension experts of Pennsylvania State College.

Dairy Feeding Tips—The dairyman who feeds plenty of good roughage, allows cows all the fresh water they desire, purchases or mixes a well-balanced grain mixture, and weighs each cow's milk daily as a basis for feeding grain, is the one most apt to make profit from his dairy cows.

Feeding Ewes in Winter—Feeding ewes a balanced ration and giving the ewes proper care will result in the production of strong vigorous lambs and the elimination of 75 per cent of the difficulties at lambing time. In addition to a good ration, plenty of exercise, fresh water, and salt are essential to success with sheep.

### XMAS TREES MAY BE MADE FIRE RESISTANT

Christmas trees are serious fire hazards, especially when they are permitted to become dry, but experiments show that cut evergreen trees can be rendered resistant to fire during the Yuletide season by using fresh water and certain chemicals.

The method of keeping cut flowers in fresh condition offers a partial solution to this problem. Placing the ends of stems in containers with fresh water is usually helpful in the keeping of needles green for a limited period.

Certain chemicals render wood, the needles and other flammable material resistant to fire. Ammonium sulfate probably is most effective in this respect. This chemical is inexpensive and easily obtained in small quantities at stores that sell seeds and fertilizers, and drug stores.

Persons desiring to use this method of making a Christmas tree fire resistant should determine the approximate weight of the specimen and divide the weight in pounds by four. This figure is the pounds of ammonium sulfate required. The chemical should then be dissolved in water in the proportion of one pound of ammonium sulfate to three quarters of a quart of water. The end of the tree stem should then be sawed off at an angle and set in this mixture in a cool shaded place until most of the solution is absorbed.

Even though these methods reduce the fire hazard of Christmas trees, this will not make them completely fireproof. People should not retain their Christmas tree too long as the danger of fire increases as the tree becomes dry.

### DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. What is the Treasury's underlying thought in avoiding a pressure campaign to sell Defense Bonds and Stamps?

A. The belief that the American public is anxious to aid to the limit in defense of this Nation, and also wants to save money for future needs especially since such savings will help to keep down the cost of living.

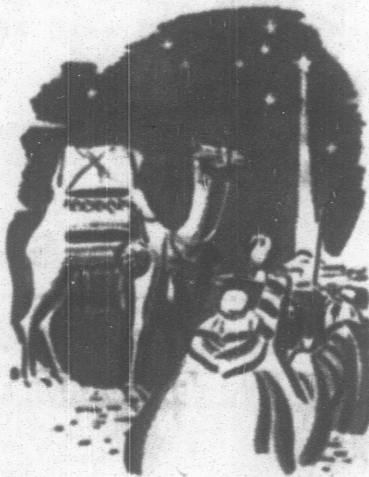
Q. Should I buy Defense Savings Stamps at retail stores rather than at postoffices and banks?

A. Buy Stamps wherever it is the most convenient. The important thing is to purchase Stamps as often as you can, and exchange the completed Stamp album for a Defense Savings Bond.

Note—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest postoffice, bank or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the U. S., Washington, D. C. The Stamps now are on sale at some retail stores.

## joy to all

The same kind of Christmas we knew when we were boys and girls, when bob-sleds plodded merrily over country roads and the brooding peace of Yuletide dwelt everywhere in the hearts of men. . . that is the kind of an old-fashioned Christmas we are wishing you now. And your wish may we extend a word of thanks and appreciation for your continued friendship and your continued patronage.



### B. C. Winslow

Toq Shop      Patton, Pa.

Employees of this Company join in extending to our customers best wishes for a Merry Christmas

PENNSYLVANIA EDISON COMPANY  
*Satchel to Roddy Kilmeate*

OUR BUSINESS is dependent upon our many loyal friends who have favored us in many ways during the past year.

It may have been through your patronage . . . it may have been through a kindly word of recommendation on your part . . . but in whatever way you have favored us, we are grateful.

It is our sincere and ardent wish that each of you may receive the full blessings of a joyous Yuletide season.

## GRAND THEATRE PATTON

1942

Let us give a toast to Christmas and bright young New Year! Let us drink to better, happier days we feel sure will come in 1942!

And here's to you, our loyal friends and customers! Good health, good cheer, and—A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Kinkead's Stationery Store

Patton, Pa.

### Happy New Year

"We'd like to say heaps more than just 'thank you,' and heaps more than just 'Merry Christmas' and 'A Happy New Year,' because your kindness has meant so much to us.

"We'll say it during 1942, not with mere words, but with more value and more service in every way.

"So at this time we simply say thank you, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

**DR. J. P. MITCHELL**  
OPTOMETRIST, JEWELER  
BARNESBORO, PA.

### Greetings:

This wish is old style. But it has the old smile—the meaning friendly and true. It's full of good cheer, it's warm and sincere, it's—just the old Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

## DAIRY-DINE

Patton, Pa.

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Christmas 1941

Christmas! That glorious season of seasons which draws the soul out of bondage in spite of binding withes and cutting cords, enabling the spirit to soar upwards whence the melody has descended! May that Peace of Spirit which is our divine heritage be yours in full measure this Yuletide season, with all the material joys that make life abundant and well worth while.

## American Legion

Walter McCoy Post No. 614  
PATTON, PA.

### 1941

Christmas Greetings to all

Once again the reindeer sweep down from the North with their cargo of cheer. About time that we were thinking of the friends who have so loyally remembered us.

Your generous patronage has helped make our year a good one, and we are taking this means of sending you a word of personal thanks to let you know how much we value your friendship.

We sincerely hope that your holiday season will be exceptionally happy.

## COWHER, NEHRIG & CO.

N. FIFTH AVE.      PATTON