

CAUTION IS URGED TO CURB WASTING IN DRIVING OF CAR

Motorists were cautioned in all of the Nation's states this week to drive less, drive slower, and to avoid driving in treacherous weather to preserve the tire supply and to save human life.

Frank Bane, national field director for tire rationing and a director of the Council of State Governments has revealed that 40 states already have acted to reduce the danger of driving on worn and treadless tires.

"Educational programs are under way in the remaining states to enlist motorist cooperation in the joint safety-tire conservation movement," Bane said.

Drivers are already using their cars as little as possible because of tire rationing, but it is important for public safety that they exercise all caution.

Legislatures meet in only eight of the states this year, but emergency action has been taken by numerous states.

Bane's letters to governors, defense directors and traffic directors in all 48 states drew immediate response.

Connecticut revealed that its Highway Safety Commission had reduced state speed limits from 50 to 40 miles per hour and had asked strict enforcement of the new law.

Massachusetts' registrar of motor vehicles set a maximum of 40 miles per hour on main highways.

Arkansas reduced its speed limit from 60 to 50 miles per hour, but the governor of the state said "it might be necessary to reduce this limit to a lower figure in the near future."

In New Mexico, drivers of state-owned cars were ordered to slow down and to use cars only when strictly necessary. Indiana State Police may be forced to impose a speed maximum of 55 or 50 miles per hour, the state now having no speed limit.

Several states plan publicity and educational programs. North Carolina is issuing bulletins asking motorists not to drive over 45; Wisconsin's motor vehicle division has been instructed to ask for all possible saving of rubber; Maryland is preparing a pamphlet on reconditioning tires and safe driving, and New Jersey's state defense council has asked its tire rationing committee to inaugurate a statewide educational campaign.

"In the famous and historic words of Greta Garbo the German Panzer divisions on the eastern front are now saying 'ay tank ay go home.'"

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FARMERS ADVISED HOW TO APPLY FOR NEW TIRE

Farmers are eligible to apply for permission to obtain new tires or tubes for the farm implements and for trucks used in carrying food products to markets.

The farmer who wishes to apply for new tires should use the following procedure, according to E. J. Farabaugh, Chairman of the USDA War Board for Cambria County:

1—Get an application form from your local rationing board. Take it to one of the board's inspectors and obtain a statement that the tire or tube to be replaced cannot be repaired, recapped, retreaded or otherwise made usable. (If the tire or tube can be repaired, the farmer will be so advised by the inspector and, of course, he will then be unable to secure a new product.)

2—Present to the rationing board the statement secured from the inspector and explain the purpose for which the tire or tube is to be used. Farmers are eligible to apply for a tire or tube for farm tractors or other farm implements for which they are essential, or for trucks which carry farm products and foods to market. Tires or tubes may not be obtained for trucks which transport such products to the ultimate consumer. Tires or tubes may not be obtained for any purpose unless they are to be mounted immediately.

If the applicant meets the standards of the local tire rationing board then a certificate will be issued, allowing the applicant to purchase from any dealer, providing the board has not already reached the monthly total of certificates which it may issue.

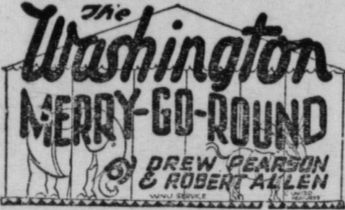
Legal Quantity in Bushel Defined by Government

As a result of many inquiries received from growers and shippers of farm products, the legal quantity contained in a bushel has been defined by the State Department of Agriculture.

In selling apples, potatoes, onions, or other fruits and vegetables in the original standard container, the legal measurement is made by cubic volume and not by weight. After the original contents of the package have been broken, however, the package must be sold by weight and not by the volume. This change was made by the Legislature in 1937 in the passage of the "Volume Bushel Bill."

Department officials stated that throughout the State potatoes are not being sold extensively in peck bags which constituted the original standard containers. If these packages are legally marked "one peck" and contain one peck volume-measure of potatoes they may be legally sold in this state regardless of their weight. In answering the inquiry of what constitutes a legal bushel, it is explained that a package containing 2,150.42 cubic inches, or 32 quarts of dry measure, is a legal bushel.

More Water More Milk
 If every cow in Pennsylvania received all the water she could drink at the time she wanted it, the increase in milk production requested for defense purposes could easily be obtained, according to Penn State extension dairymen.



Washington, D. C.
NEW SELECTIONS

It needed no mind reading to fathom what was behind that war department announcement of the purchase of 700,000,000 feet of lumber and 240,000 kegs of nails—the biggest order of its kind in U. S. history.

The materials are for the construction of numerous new army cantonments and the enlargement of existing ones.

Army strength, down to 1,600,000 after the demobilization of 28 to 35 year olds last fall, is due for a big increase—at least another 1,000,000 after the next draft lottery following the February 16 registration of men between 21 and 44.

An estimated 24,000,000 will register next month, and on the basis of past experience only about 5 per cent will be rated 1-A; that is, subject to immediate call. Heretofore the army has inducted only men in good physical condition, with no dependents and not engaged in "essential" production.

However, as the need for military manpower develops, 1-A standards will be broadened and many thousands of 1-B, 2-A, and 2-B deferres by pre-war standards will be called up.

For the present, the army still is placing primary emphasis on youth. The February 16 registration is expected to list around 2,000,000 20-21 youngsters and the largest proportion of new inductees will come from this group. Registrants in the 36 to 44 group will have to be in top condition to get in the army at this time.

However, big scale inductions from this age group can be expected by fall, particularly those with no dependents and with previous military service.

For the present the army will take its older-age recruits from the 28 to 35 year olds who were exempted because of dependency or defense work.

REDTAPPE BUSTER

Ordinance is the haughtiest and most hide-bound branch of the army. So much so that it has been the object of much bitter private criticism by civilian defense chiefs.

But there is one notable exception to this Ordinance rule. He is William Van Antwerp Kemp, a tall, husky, dynamic engineer, who made a big success in private business and volunteered his services when the national emergency arose. Since then, as an ammunition division executive, he has been making history, busting redtape in tradition-bound Ordinance.

There are many tales of Kemp's unconventional exploits. The latest is one of the best.

Asked by a general to suggest a manager for a new government munition plant about to begin production, Kemp recommended a crack expert who had been loaned to the British to build a plant in England. "He ought to be finished with his job over there by now," said Kemp. "If he is, get him," was the order.

From the British, Kemp learned the expert had completed his work and was available. So Kemp picked up a phone and called the state department.

"I want to talk to the guy," he said, "who gets guys back from England."

There was a gasp, but the operator switched Kemp to someone who asked him who he was and what he wanted.

"I'm Kemp of Army Ordinance," he said. "There's a guy in England we want to run an ammunition plant for us. Get him back here right away, will you?"

Six days later the expert reported to Kemp and left for his new job.

A few days later the general again summoned Kemp, asked what had been done about the expert.

"It's all taken care of, general," said Kemp. "He's been on the job at the plant two days."

"How did you get him back here so fast?"

"No trouble. I just called up the state department, asked for the guy who gets guys back here and he arranged it."

"Kemp," said the general severely, "do you know who that guy in the state department was?"

"No, sir."

"He was the undersecretary of state."

Note: Kemp has persistently refused to accept an army commission. Finally, pressed by the general for the reason, he retorted: "Some day I may want to come in here and blow up. If I do, as an officer you could court-martial me. But as a civilian, all you can do is fire me. I'm remaining a civilian."

JAP SCHOOL LESSONS

After three years' probing of subversive activities, it takes a lot to excite Rep. Martin Dies, but the other day the rangy Texan hit on a discovery that took his breath away.

His committee has been making a sweeping inquiry of Jap fifth-columning on the West coast, including subversive teaching in Japanese language schools located all over southern California. Investigators found that from the primary grades up students in these schools are indoctrinated with militarism and the ideology of their Jap ancestors.



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