

RATIONING HITS MEDICINE KIT AS WELL AS LARDER

Quinine and Number of Other Drugs Are Curtailed to the Public Consumption.

Rationing is hitting the family's medicine cabinet as well as its larder. Thus far most folks have been concerned chiefly with the rationing of gasoline, tires, shoes, canned foods and meats and butter. But the corner drug store, like your grocer and gasoline station attendant, is feeling the pinch of war.

Beginning April 1 use of glycerine in toilet preparations will be forbidden. Thereafter, uses of glycerin will be confined solely to medicinal preparations and explosives.

This last item explains the new restriction. Henceforth, the glycerin that went into ladies' hand lotion probably will end up in a blockbuster thanks to modern chemistry's ingenuity in converting a skin softener into a tank wrecker.

Previously quinine, essential drug in combatting malaria, was taken off drug store shelves when the government ordered its use strictly confined to the treatment of malaria.

Druggists throughout the nation later formed a quinine pool in donating all excess stocks and making them available for the armed forces. Only a minimum of quinine is kept by the druggists in this section. In the South where malaria is more common, larger stocks have been retained.

Quinine has become essential in the war in that virtually all of the land fighting thus far has been in malaria countries. Ninety per cent of the supply of the drug formerly came from Java and was lost to the United Nations in the Jap advance in the South Pacific.

Other war time curtailments in drug preparations have been made in syrups, elixirs, tinctures to save alcohol, sugar and glycerin. Only limited quantities of biladonna are available as is agar. Prior to the war Japan was the chief source of oil of peppermint and menthol. Mercury also is out for the duration.

SCHOOLS TO GET CASH INSTEAD OF SURPLUS FOODS UNDER NEW GOVT. PLAN

A plan under which the government will discontinue distribution of surplus foods to schools for the hot lunch program, but will pay districts cash for the purchase of foods for the program was revealed by Dr. Clara M. Shryock, assistant county superintendent of schools.

Dr. Shryock instituted the hot-lunch program in schools of the county two years ago and since that time it has been operated in nearly every high school in the district.

The distribution of government owned foods to schools will be discontinued after April 30th.

Dr. Shryock said that under the new plan of the Food Distribution Administration the government will subsidize local sponsors of the hot lunch program so that they can buy most of the foods needed directly from local suppliers on a reimbursable basis.

Sponsors of the hot lunch plan have been provided with war rationing books and will use them much the same as restaurants or other places serving meals on a large scale. Dr. Shryock said rationing will not curtail the child feeding programs in any way because most of the foods served are fresh vegetables which are not rationed.

She said the new plan will prove better in Cambria County Schools than the old one, inasmuch as sponsors will have an opportunity to purchase a wider variety of foods. In most schools where the program is in operation the parent-teacher association is paying a part time cook to prepare the meals.

W. M. Walsh, Western Pennsylvania sponsor of the FDA, announced that commodities, on the termination dates of direct distribution, will be used to meet other government food needs or returned to regular civilian trade through some suitable sales arrangement.

POST WAR PLANNING IS FAVORED BY THE WOMEN

Washington.—A vast majority of American women favor post war planning and a world congress with police powers, a poll being conducted by the Woman's Home Companion indicates.

The poll also showed that most of the American women are opposed to isolationism.

The poll is based on a national panel of women chosen to give an accurate cross-section of the magazine's readers.

Verbal warfare being conducted against post-war isolationism by Vice President Wallace and other administration leaders, appeared to have the backing of the women.

Eighty-four per cent of the women in the panel, covering all age groups, and conditions of life, voted for post-war planning now.

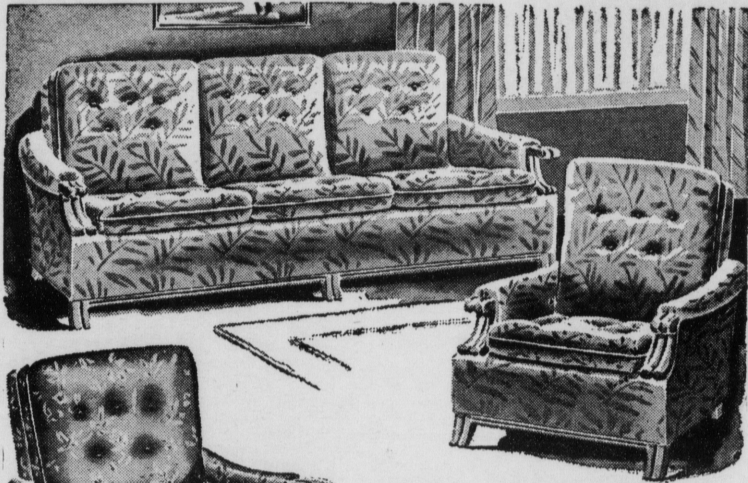
Ninety-two per cent voted for the establishment of a permanent world congress to act upon international disputes.

Of these, 95 per cent voted for giving such a body the power and means to enforce its decisions.

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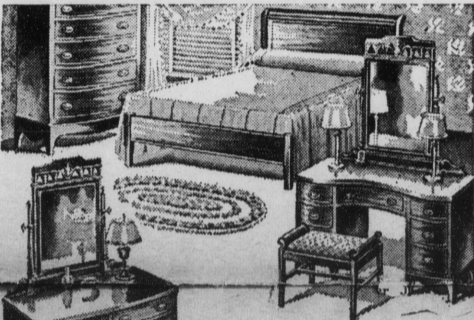
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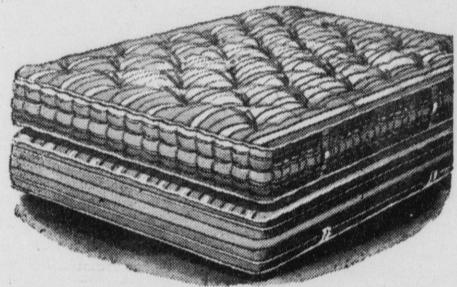
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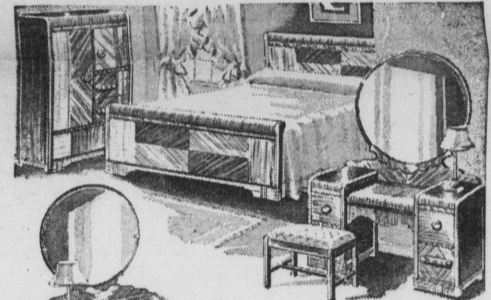
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