

Housewives To Re-Audit Points As Changes Made

Red and blue stamps issued before December 1st are now invalid . . . No. 34 sugar stamp only one of value . . . B4, C4 and T4 gasoline coupons to expire.

Coolidge housewives will have to re-audit their food and gas ration books, according to announcements of changes in point values made by district OPA boards this week.

Certain stamps have been invalidated entirely, others have been changed either up or down in point value, while the acceptance date on others have been advanced, the board stated.

The stamps invalidated, and which housewives are asked to destroy in order that they may not be used illegally, either by mistake or by black market operators, were listed as follows:

Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5; blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5; sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40, together with all home canning stamps outstanding.

Holders of B4, C4 and T4 gas ration stamps must either use their stamps before December 31st, or turn them in for credit or exchange at the local rationing boards. Such credit or exchange will be determined by the board authorities after studying the circumstances in each individual case.

Dealers are given until January 10th to redeem coupons which become invalid at the end of this month, either by exchanging them for deliveries of gasoline or by turning them into the ration board in exchange for a ration point check.

In the food division, stamps continuing to be good are: Red stamps Q5, R5, and S5, which became valid December 3, Red stamps T5, U5, V5, W5 and X5 will become good on Sunday, December 31. Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2. In addition, blue stamps C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2 will become good on January 1. Sugar stamp No. 34; another sugar stamp will become good on February 1.

Ration point values for five canned vegetables which were restored to rationing were announced. They were:

Vegetables affected by the ruling are processed asparagus, corn, waxed or green beans, peas and spinach.

Under the new schedule, No. 2 cans of asparagus, beans and spinach each require 10 blue ration points. All vacuum-packed corn except corn on the cob, in the 12-ounce cans, and the No. 2 cans of peas will require 20 points. Point values for other size cans are in relation to the standard sizes.

Ration point values of processed fruits and juices, tomatoes and tomato catsup will be unchanged until December 31, when lower point values will be effective, OPA said. Most of the changes will be 10-point reductions from present values. The 10- to 14-ounce size of catsup will be reduced from 50 to 30 points.

OPA assured housewives that red ration tokens will continue good for meats, fats, cheese and butter. Grocers will continue to give them as change for red 10-point stamps. The use of blue ration tokens now is banned, having been discontinued in October when OPA began listing processed food point values in multiples of 10.

To clear up another point not brought out in earlier announcements, OPA said that changed point values for canned fruits do not go into effect until 12:01 a.m. next Sunday, although the new values for processed vegetables, became effective today and butter was advanced from 20 to 24 points a pound.

PTA To Hold Meet Tuesday Afternoon

Coolidge Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday, January 2, at 2:30 p.m., in the auditorium of Coolidge high school. Mrs. G. H. Walker will be in charge of the program which will include the showing of a motion picture on childhood diseases.

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SGT. WESLEY P. JAMES

Sgt. Wesley P. James, 23, with the 2nd Infantry Division, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, by Major General Walter M. Robertson, the Commanding General, for exceptionally meritorious achievements against the enemy in France and Germany, according to word received from the European theater this week. Sgt. James is the son of Mrs. Edna Marie Mott. He has been in the service 4 years and was formerly employed at Denton Food Market, Medford, Oklahoma.

Large Portion Of Acala Seed Is Grown Locally

520 acres produce registered seed for use by Pinal County cotton growers.

A considerable part of the Acala cottonseed requirements of Pinal County farmers is being produced in the county under the direction of the Office of the County Agricultural Agent, it was announced today. Cooperating growers are L. O. Barnes and Elwood H. Smith of Casa Grande, and J. B. Strickland of Coolidge. The three have a total acreage of five hundred and twenty.

The Acala cottonseed planted by these growers was secured from registered fields grown under the direction of the Bureau of Plant Industry at their Shafter, California, Station. It has been properly protected from cross pollination from adjoining fields, and all is planted on land not in cotton for several years previous. The seed produced is being certified by the Arizona Crop Improvement Association, and will carry the standard Blue Tag of that Association.

It is estimated that sufficient of this seed will be available for the planting of 11,000 acres.

Mrs. Tindall Is Called By Death After Long Illness

Mrs. C. E. Tindall, 45, passed away at her home southwest of Coolidge Monday, December 18, after a long illness. She was born in Meridian, Mississippi, and came to Arizona 19 years ago. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Fisher Memorial Home Chapel with the Reverend John Weeks of the First Baptist Church of Casa Grande officiating. The deceased was a former resident of Casa Grande and had many friends there.

Pall bearers were Carr McNatt, Forest Rainey and John Chapman all of Casa Grande, Rodney Elsberry of Coolidge, Mr. Creswell and Al Thayer of Tucson. The deceased is survived by her husband, Cyrus Earl Tindall; two daughters, Mrs. Madeline Ferguson of Tracey, California, and Lois Joy Corbitt of Coolidge; two sons, Jack Corbitt, now serving in the South Pacific and Larry E. Corbitt with the United States Navy, who returned home for his mother's last rites. Mrs. Tindall also has a sister residing in Washington, D. C. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Casa Grande.



Resolved!

That the year ahead shall be made to "count" to your advantage in every way. That you shall live more efficiently, and more joyously—That you shall spend more time doing the things that are important, and eliminate those that are worthless. That above all, you'll buckle down to produce for Victory and to buy Bonds for Victory! You can't make a better New Year's resolution . . .

Gas Fumes Prove Fatal Five Former Coolidge Residents

The Earl McNally family of Port Huron, Michigan, former Coolidge residents, was wiped out Monday as the result of asphyxiation by gas fumes from a stove in their home, according to a telegram received Thursday by McNally's cousin, Ray Skipper, fire chief at POW camp.

The parents, a daughter Alma, 4, and baby Charles, 8 months, died in their beds. Two other sons, Philip, 5, and Jackie, 7, died Tuesday and Wednesday respectively in a hospital. During the time of the family's residence here McNally was employed with his cousin in the fire department at POW camp. Interment will be at Kenneth, Missouri, the family's home town.

Xmas Marked By Family Gathering At Hanna Home

Christmas was marked by a family gathering at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hanna, where seventeen persons sat at the festive board. The Christmas motif was used in table decorations and place cards. Paracantha berries and tall red tapers formed the table center piece.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pottebaum, Mrs. Hanna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pottebaum, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Plumb, all of Casa Grande, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Smith of Maricopa, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pottebaum and sons, Kelley and Harold, of Gila Bend, Miss Byrle Pottebaum of Phoenix, Clayton Hanna, and Edgar Matson of Long Beach California.

Xmas Party For Kathleen Hoover

A Christmas party was held on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. G. R. Koehler to honor her niece, Kathleen Hoover of Syracuse, New York. Those present were Patsy Burke, David Thum, Corinne Davis, Cecil Kiser, Bobbie Burns and the guest of honor.

Veteran Marine



SGT. RAYMOND DUNAWAY

Sgt. Raymond Dunaway, 20-year-old veteran marine, arrived Friday on 30-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dunaway, after serving 15 months in the South Pacific. Dunaway wears the Presidential Unit Citation with a star denoting participation in a major campaign, the American theater of operations bar with two stars, a sharpshooters medal and basic medal. He has made his home in Coolidge since 1929, is a graduate of Coolidge high school and enlisted in the marine corps in February of 1943.

Legion Auxiliary's Annual New Years Dance Tomorrow Nite

The annual New Years Eve dance sponsored by Coolidge Legion Auxiliary will be held tomorrow night, Saturday, December 30, at Coolidge USO Hall. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until 1 p.m.

Tickets can be bought from any Legion Auxiliary member, and at the door tomorrow night.

● Mrs. Edgar Shoemaker has been ill at her home for the past week.

His Group Cited



RICHARD E. SHROYER

Technical Sergeant Richard E. Shroyer, son of Mrs. Irena F. Mohney, is a member of a 15th AAF B-24 group that was recently awarded the War Department Distinguished Unit Citation for completion of a highly successful bombing mission on the Florisdorf oil refineries at Vienna, Austria July 8th, according to word received from 15th AAF in Italy this week. An airplane crew chief, Sgt. Shroyer arrived overseas last March, landing in Africa and later moved to Italy in April with his outfit. He attended schools in Fairfax, Oklahoma and was employed as a construction worker before he entered the army in March 1942.

Three Coolidge Men Assigned To Same Ship

When Robert E. Cockrill, S 1/C (FC), was assigned to the USS Mississippi there was a real celebration aboard, according to a letter received this week from the three men who did the celebrating.

"The day Cockrill came aboard two sailors and a marine had a big surprise," the letter states. They were Cpl. Luke Daniel, George Jordan, S 2/C, and Cockrill. "Although all three of us are from Coolidge, this was the first time in three years that we have been together." Daniel lived in Coolidge several years prior to his enlistment in the marine corps in 1942, but his home address is now California. Jordan attended Coolidge grammar school and high schools before his enlistment in the navy in 1942 and Cockrill has lived in Coolidge many years, is a graduate of Coolidge grammar and high schools and was farming southwest of Coolidge prior to entering the navy in 1943.

"There has been much talk of home and the good times we have had in dear old Coolidge. We all wish to be remembered to our friends and relatives." George is now receiving the Examiner, they all tell us, and Daniel and Cockrill would also like to receive it, "as one out of three papers will surely reach us."

Tragedy Strikes McDuffey Family On Christmas Eve

Stark tragedy struck the Hugh McDuffey family, of Casa Grande, on the day before Christmas, Sunday, as McDuffey, wife Dorothy and daughter, aged five, were enroute to San Diego to spend the holidays with Mrs. McDuffey's family.

A blowout caused the car to overturn three times, according to highway officer's reports, killing Mrs. Dorothy McDuffey almost instantly, and slightly injured McDuffey and small daughter. The accident occurred about noon. The remains have been forwarded to San Diego, where services and interment are to be held. McDuffey and the child, who survived the accident, proceeded to San Diego by plane.

Postpone Pack Meet

The Cub Pack meeting scheduled for Friday, December 29, has been postponed until Friday, January 5.

Fullbright Follows Investigation In Mystery Death

Coroner's Inquest may lead to filing of charges in Pinal county tragedy.

Unusual circumstances in the death of Mrs. Beulah Gravely, 37 year old semi-invalid of the Eloy district in Pinal County, on Sunday, were under continuing investigation today by Tom Fullbright, county attorney, and staff.

The deceased woman, said to have been resident a number of times at the State Hospital for mental cases at Phoenix, was last seen alive between noon and 1 p.m. on the 24th, day before Christmas. Her fully clothed body, even to eyeglasses, was found floating in an irrigation canal a mile and a half from the family home west of Eloy at about 3 p.m., according to reports.

The dead woman's husband and his sister were held by authorities for several hours, for questioning, and later released on recognizance. Mrs. Gravely's children were questioned, but not held, none of them having been at home either at the time of her disappearance or the discovery of the body, it was said.

The husband and sister-in-law are to be questioned further at the coroner's inquest, date for which has not been set, pending reports on post mortem examinations of portions of the body. Dr. Nevins, designated physician under the county attorney's orders, stated that the woman had met death other than by drowning.

Her lungs showed no evidence of water strangulation, nor were there any marks or bruises on the body, which might indicate murderous assault. Next moves in the case will be determined at the coroner's inquest, according to the Florence office of Prosecutor Fullbright.

Odd Fellows And Rebekahs Hold Joint Christmas Party

Coolidge Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held a joint Christmas party Saturday night in Masonic Hall. A large group was present, including many visitors and Coolidge children. The special Christmas program was in charge of the following committee: Mrs. Fred So-well, Mrs. Nora Boone and Mrs. Leora Sturgeon.

The program opened with community singing of Christmas carols led by the Rev. Leslie Ross, who also gave the opening prayer. The program continued with a vocal solo, "The Lord's Prayer" by Benny Boone; vocal solo, "Infant Jesus," Mrs. Mary Gardner Miller; vocal solo, "Oh, Holy Night," Mrs. Virginia Urton O'Bryan; all were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Bruce Moody.

There was a special scriptural reading by Jackie Coker, student at the Deaf and Blind School, Tucson; trombone solo, "Holy City," Rev. J. Carl Fritz, accompanied by Mrs. Moody; recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," Mrs. Leslie Ross; recitation, Gale McIntyre; piano solo, "Possum Trot," Richard Morris; vocal solo, "Just a Baby's Prayer at Twilight," Loretta So-well; piano solo, Billy Woods; recitation, "A Letter to Santa Claus," Richard Morris; recitation, Lewis Davis; duet, "Silent Night," Marion Elkins and Billy Woods; quartette, "Jingle Bells," Marilyn Perham, Donald Perham, Adele Vensel and Lee Darlene Shields; benediction, Rev. Fritz.

At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus distributed candy and fruit to the children. Refreshments were served in the dining room for the adults.