

Coffee Rationing

During World War II

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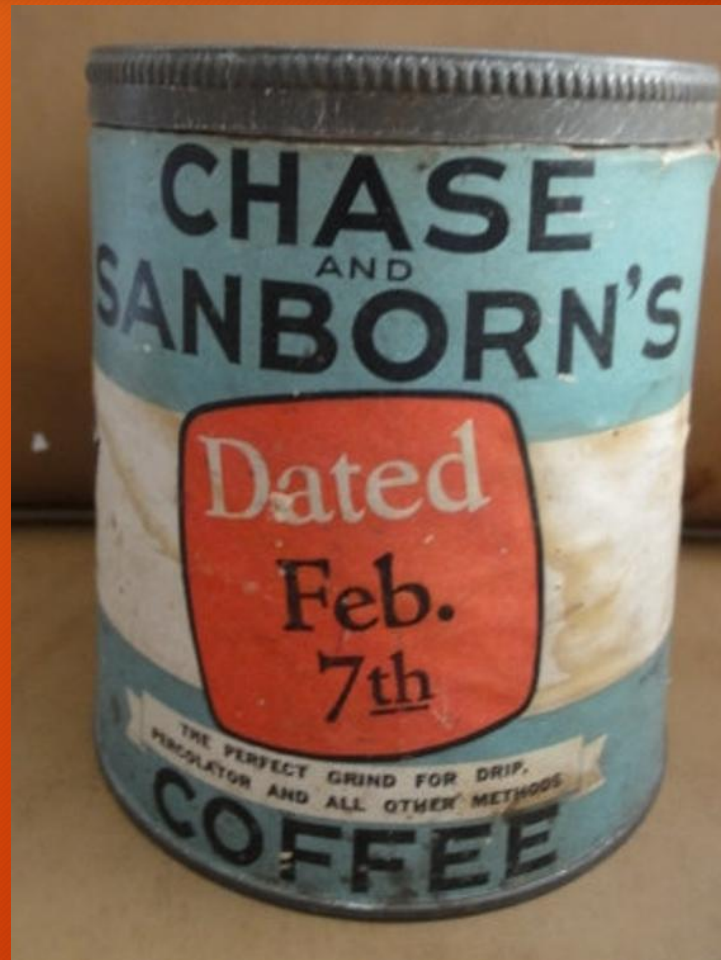
When was coffee rationed?

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- Coffee was rationed beginning in November, 1942, due to shipping difficulties
- Stamps from War Ration Book One were used for coffee; Book One was issued in May, 1942, and was known as the “sugar book” because it was originally issued for the sugar rationing program
- Coffee was rationed for a relatively short time; rationing ended in August, 1943

Could you subsist on one pound of coffee per month?

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Some suggestions for those of us who can't!

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o6 *The Good Housekeeping Cook Book*

Are There Any Coffee-Saving Tricks?

There is just so much flavor in a pound of coffee. When that is extracted, there isn't any more. Old grounds with a little fresh coffee added may make a hot brown fluid, but not good coffee. You won't get more flavor by adding a pinch of salt—just a different flavor. Extra boiling or “perking” can't extract more flavor, but it can ruin it. If you are a coffee lover, you'd best stick to tried methods such as those outlined in chapter on Coffee, p. 71. Be satisfied with one good cup of coffee rather than two poor ones.

What About Coffee Stretchers?

Coffee stretchers are roasted chicory, cereals, and legumes such as chick-peas, which are added to the coffee before brewing, to make it go farther. Many people like the flavors of these stretchers and have used them for years. The majority of the Institute tasting squad liked a brew made with 25 per cent chicory. Try it on your family, and if they like it, too, you'll get that many more cups to the pound of coffee. *But don't buy your pound with a stretcher mixed with it.* Buy coffee and stretcher separately. Otherwise, you won't get the full pound of coffee to which you are entitled, and those extra cups the stretcher will yield. *Read the labels when you buy, to make sure you are getting 100 per cent coffee.*

War Ration Book One, belonging to a coffee shop owner

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

War Ration Book One

WARNING

1. Punishments ranging as high as 10 years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine, or both, may be imposed under United States Statutes for violations thereof acting out of instructions of Rationing Orders and Regulations.

2. This book must not be transferred. It must be held and used only by the person to whom it has been issued, and anyone presenting it thereby represents to the Office of Price Administration, an agency of the United States Government, that it is being so held and so used. For any misuse of this book it may be taken from the holder by the Office of Price Administration.

3. In the event either of the departure from the United States of the person to whom this book is issued, or his or her death, the book must be surrendered in accordance with the Regulations.

4. Any person finding a lost book must deliver it promptly to the nearest Ration Board.

Certificate of Registrar

This is to Certify that pursuant to the Rationing Orders and Regulations administered by the OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION, an agency of the United States Government,

(Name, Address, and Description of person to whom the book is issued:)

PINNEIL R R
(Last name) (First name) (Middle name)

(Street No. or P. O. Box No.) (Street or R. F. D.)
DE QUEEN SEVEN ARK
(City or town) (County) (State)

Stamps must not be detached except in the presence of the retailer, his employee, or person authorized by him to make delivery.

Certificate of Book Holder

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have observed all the conditions and regulations governing the issuance of this War Ration Book; that the "Description of Book Holder" contained herein is correct; that an application for issuance of this book has been duly made by me or on my behalf; and that the statements contained in said application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Any person signing on behalf of Book Holder must sign his or her own name below

[Signature of Book Holder]

[Book Holder's Name]

(Father, Mother, or Guardian)

The Stamps contained in this Book are valid only after the lawful holder of this Book has signed the certificate below, and are void if detached contrary to the Regulations. (A father, mother, or guardian may sign the name of a person under 18.) In case of questions, difficulties, or complaints, consult your local Ration Board.

Certificate of Registrar

has been issued the attached War Ration Stamps this 11 day of MAY, 1942, upon the basis of an application signed by himself ☐, herself ☐, or on his or her behalf by his or her husband ☐, wife ☐, father ☐, mother ☐, exception ☐. (Check one.)

(Registrar) (Signature)









Local Board No. 62 County SALVAGE State ARK

5 ft. 6 in. 150 lbs. Blue Grey 44 yrs. Sex { Male ☒ Female ☐ }
(Height) (Weight) (Color of eyes) (Color of hair) (Age)

WAR RATION STAMP 28 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6
WAR RATION STAMP 27 25 23 21 19 15 13 11 9 7 5

Coffee Rationing Dates

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	Book One – Stamp 27	Good for Two Pounds of Coffee 11/30/1942 – 1/3/1943
	Book One – Stamp 28	Good for One Pound of Coffee 1/4/1943 – 2/7/1943
	Book One – Stamp 25	Good for One Pound of Coffee 2/8/1943 – 3/21/1943
	Book One – Stamp 26	Good for One Pound of Coffee 3/22/1943 – 4/25/1943
	Book One – Stamp 23	Good for One Pound of Coffee 4/26/1943 – 5/30/1943
	Book One – Stamp 24	Good for One Pound of Coffee 5/31/1943 – 6/30/1943
	Book One – Stamp 21	Good for One Pound of Coffee 7/1/1943 – 7/21/1943
	Book One – Stamp 22	Good for One Pound of Coffee 7/22/1943 – 8/11/1943

Coffee stamps from Book Four - never used

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Retailer stamp card from Catonsville, MD

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OPA Form No. R-304

United States of America
Office of Price Administration

WAR RATION STAMP CARD

(To be used by retailers for transmitting war ration stamps to their suppliers in accordance with regulations and instructions of the Office of Price Administration.)

IMPORTANT: (1) All stamps attached to this sheet must bear the same number or same combination of number and letter. (2) Affix stamps securely in the order indicated by the numbered spaces. Each space must be filled unless this is the last card to be submitted for the current ration period or with a particular order. (3) Do not fold or mail while glue is wet. (4) If last stamp has been attached, write (preferably with a thick crayon) your name and address, and the name and address of the supplier to whom these stamps will be delivered, across the face of this card.

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Sugar certificates modified for coffee use

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O. P. A. Form No. R-306 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Not Valid Before 9-7-43
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION after Date
Serial No. C 710 97779 ~~SUGAR~~ PURCHASE CERTIFICATE
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT: Coffee
Name: Gerald Lavan Address: 265 Liberty St,
City: Sharon County: Mercer State: Pa.
is authorized to accept delivery of Three fourth pound of Coffee ($\frac{3}{4}$) pounds of ~~sugar~~ Coffee
pursuant to Rationing Order No. 3 (Sugar Rationing Regulations) of, and at a price not to exceed the maximum price established by, the Office of Price Administration.
Local Rationing Board No. 2643.8 Date: 7-7-43
County: Mercer State: Pa. By: *M. Whelan*
Clerk Signature of issuing officer
Title
This Certificate is not valid unless signed by an issuing officer authorized by a Local Rationing Board.

O. P. A. Form No. R-306 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Not Valid Before 2/2/43
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION after Date
Serial No. C 38 455685 ~~SUGAR~~ PURCHASE CERTIFICATE
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT: ~~Coffee~~
Name: *De Queen Coffee Shop* Address:
City: *De Queen* County: *Sevier* State: *Ark*
is authorized to accept delivery of *coffee in the amount of 9 pounds* (*9*) pounds of ~~sugar~~
pursuant to Rationing Order No. 3 (Sugar Rationing Regulations) of, and at a price not to exceed the maximum price established by, the Office of Price Administration.
Local Rationing Board No. *67* Date: *2/2/43*
County: *Sevier* State: *Ark* By: *L. Davis*
Clerk Signature of issuing officer
Title
This Certificate is not valid unless signed by an issuing officer authorized by a Local Rationing Board.

Ration banking - Coffee

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RATION DEPOSIT SLIP

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

ROASTED COFFEE CREDITS

DEPOSITED IN

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

FR-41 OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO 56-436

FOR THE RATION ACCOUNT OF

DATE 194

The depositor agrees that this bank will maintain all his ration bank accounts as an agency of and under the direction of the Office of Price Administration and will be responsible only to the Office of Price Administration as provided in General Ration Order No. 3; that the depositor waives all recourse against this bank except for wilful acts or omissions; and that all deposits are accepted subject to count and verification.

ITEMS DEPOSITED	LB. EACH STAMP	QUANTITY OF STAMPS	NO. OF CARDS	POUNDS
Stamp No. _____				
Stamp No. _____				

1. List separately the

NON-TRANSFERABLE

RATION CHECK

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

CHECK NO. _____

DATE 194

TRANSFER TO THE

ROASTED COFFEE

RATION BANK ACCOUNT OF _____

(NAME OF SELLER)

(AMOUNT IN WORDS)

AMOUNT IN FIGURES

POUNDS OF

ROASTED COFFEE

(PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF YOUR ACCOUNT)

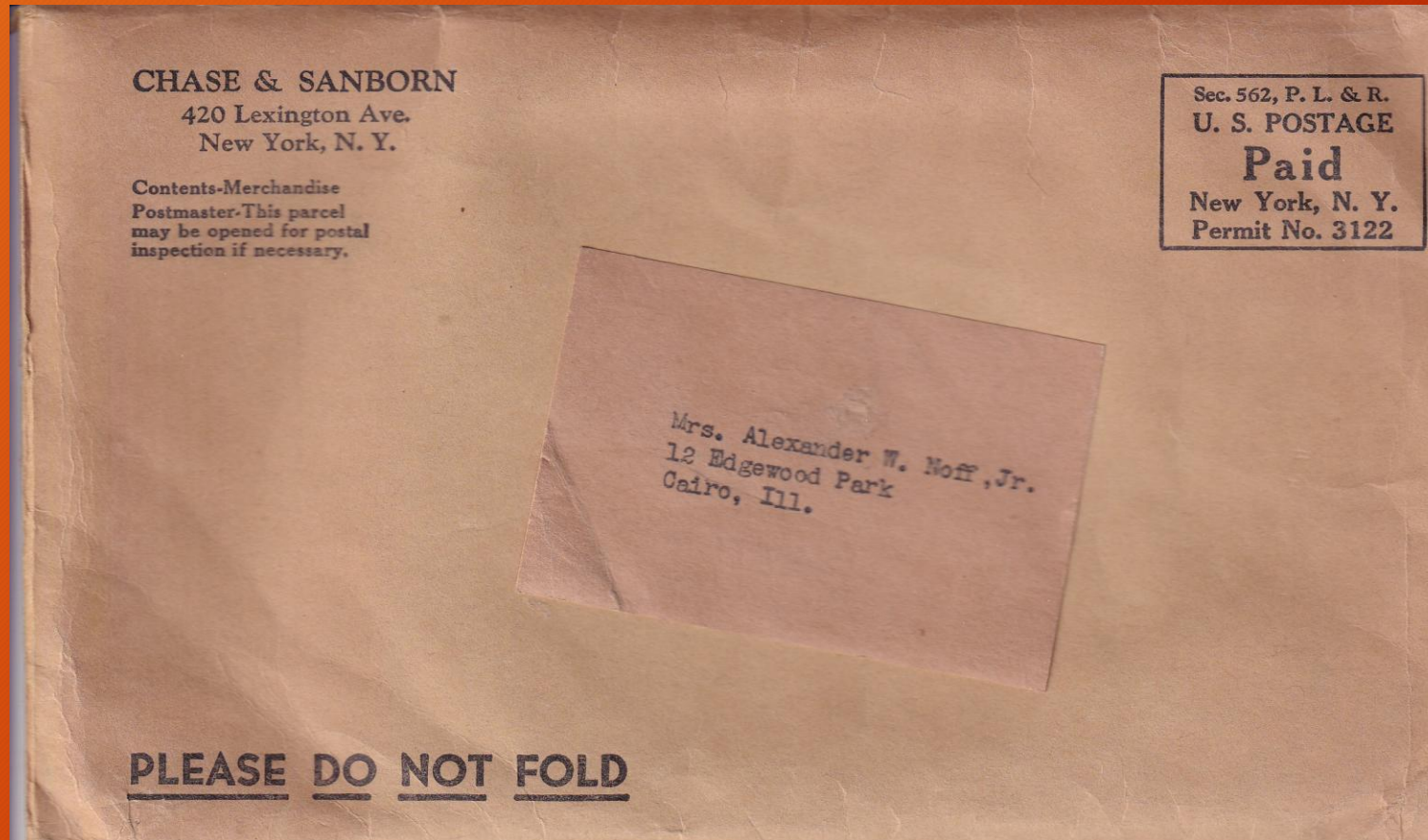
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

FR-41 OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO 56-436

(AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)

Chase and Sanborn, sponsor of my favorite radio program

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Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, the life of the Party

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