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Q.—I read in Consumers' News that babies born Oct. 31 or before were entitled to 10 lbs. of canning sugar for this year. Our baby was born on Oct. 29. The hospital did not issue the birth certificate until Nov. 2. My husband applied for the ration book on Nov. 8, we were informed we were not entitled to canning sugar coupons. What can we do about this?

A.—Frankly nothing.....the regulations stated that canning sugar coupons would be allowed to persons who applied for their No. 6 ration book up to and including Oct. 31. As you did not apply for the book until Nov. 8 you would not be entitled to these coupons. Your husband could have applied as soon as the child was born and as he did not do this the extra coupons could not be issued. There is no fresh fruit available for canning at this time of the year.....a small baby requires very little sugar.....and of course will

receive sugar coupons as they become valid the same as any other citizen. When next year's canning sugar allotment is announced your baby will naturally be entitled to his share.

Q.—I am trying to buy a house in a small village. Could you advise me whether or not there is a ceiling price on the sale of real estate? If there is, I would be pleased to furnish you with any further information you may require.

A.—There has never been a ceiling price on real estate because the WPTB could not find any practical method of arriving at a satisfactory valuation on price of property.

Q.—Could you please tell me if I was overcharged for a 4-oz. jar of sweet mixed pickles? I paid 38c for them. That seems an awful lot.

A.—There have been no price ceiling regulations on pickles for almost a year now. Since V-J Day, the Price Board has removed the price ceiling regulations from a number of food items which were not necessary.

HIGHER WHEAT ACREAGE LIKELY IN '47 DESPITE GARDINER'S APPEAL FOR CUT
(The Financial Post)

WINNIPEG—Hon. J. C. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, at the recent Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference, urged a reduction in wheat acreage from 25.9 million acres in 1946 to 24 millions for 1947, with a corresponding increase in oats and barley acreage.

What farmers, actually will seed next spring will depend on conditions yet to be determined, and very largely upon weather. At the moment, however, it seems unlikely that Mr. Gardiner's objective will be attained. Some increase in wheat acreage seems more likely than a reduction.

Wheat on most farms is the favorite crop, and the one expected to give the best yields, and, under the present price structure, the best returns. During the war farmers were persuaded to switch, to a considerable extent, to coarse grain, partly because of government advice, partly because they were increasing their own livestock operation, or because they feared they would not be able to dispose of all the wheat they raised.

No Fear for Future
Now they have been cutting down hog production. They have no fears for the coming year of over-production of wheat, because they have heard so much of tremendous overseas demand. Even if a bumper crop in 1947 should provide more wheat than can be immediately disposed of, that will arouse no anxiety.

Farmers have become used to, and like, having a reserve of grain in farm storage. The price for all the wheat they can grow in 1947 is assured, at a minimum basis of \$1.35 a bushel, whether marketed immediately or held back for a year or more.

The West, as a whole, is well supplied with subsoil moisture. In areas where fall plowing is accepted practice, farmers got well ahead with their work before freeze-up. On the whole they are looking forward to a good season next year. All that can prevent a large acreage in wheat will be a delay of seeding operation caused by unfavorable weather. In that case there might be a diversion of some land because oats and barley can be seeded later than wheat.

Say East Gets Benefit
Resentment is growing among western farmers, however, because in respect of these coarse grains, they are not allowed the benefit of prices prevailing in the United States and because the surplus they produced is for the most part, they say, impounded at ceiling price for the benefit of eastern farmers, who get free freight on feed grains from lake-head terminals.

One suggestion made at the agricultural conference in Ottawa was that barley production could be encouraged by a bonus of \$5 per acre, to replace the present payment of 15 cents per bushel, made as an advance against equalization fee payments. Western experts doubt if this would greatly increase barley production. It might result in weed-infested land, which otherwise would be summer-fallowed, being seeded to barley, which is often used as a cleaning crop. But it would not be sufficient incentive to put well-prepared land into barley, instead of into wheat.

TO OUR RURAL CORRESPONDENTS

The Tribune has a Christmas gift for each of its rural correspondents, and as many of these correspondents will be in Stouffville during the Christmas week, we hope they will be good enough to call at the office of the paper, and pick up their gift.

Owing to the gift being unsuitable for mailing, we are making an effort to get distribution in a personal way. You will help if you will call at the office when in town.

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FATHER TESTIFIES SON, 3 FATALLY SHOT MOTHER

A pathetic case came to court in the U.S. last week when a father accused his 3-year-old son of shooting his mother, when the finger of crime pointed against the father. Clayton F. Smith, 26-year-old former policeman, had testified that his son, "Butchie" accidentally killed his mother, Roxanne, 22 with a service revolver, but said he later admitted the killing to clear the child.

In an open court test, the sturdy little blond boy, awed by the crowd, failed to demonstrate that he could fire the revolver, but a few minutes later passed the test in the quiet of the judge's chambers.

Circuit Judge Paul Eger reported to the jury that the boy picked up the gun, cocked it, and pulled the trigger three times.

His father, speaking almost inaudibly at times, had declared that on the night of the shooting he, Roxanne and "Butchie" were in a bedroom getting ready to go to town.

"I went into the clothes closet and just as I started out I heard a bang," he said, "I saw her drop and looked over where Butchie was, and I saw him drop the gun."

Smith testified that during the investigation he was taken to the State Police post, where "they wanted to know if I was going to let Butchie go through life with the stigma of shooting his mother" and they "told me I was lying."

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