

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR MISSISSIPPI

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MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING (FOURTH FLOOR)

VICKSBURG December 6th. 1917

SUBJECT

TO THE RESTAURANTS AND HOT LUNCH PROPRIETORS OF VICKSBURG:

We are sending you herewith two posters (which please display in your place of business) a Membership Card of the United States Food Administration, a suggestion for the cover of Menu, and a few buttons, which indicate that you are a member of the United States Food Administration workers, and last we send you a "NOTICE" to chefs, stewards, cooks and waiters. This NOTICE should be tacked up in a conspicuous place, where all your employees can see it, as it contains the important points which are the rules of the United States Food Administration, which you will observe in the conduct of your establishment.

The Hotels and many of the Restaurants and Eating Houses in the United States are observing meatless Tuesdays and wheatless Wednesdays. They are also saving Food as much as they can on the other days of the week.

It may be a flippant easy thing to say "that you use so little that there would be no advantage in your saving, or you are doing all you can and waste nothing." The advice of the Food Administration is, to look at this proposition more carefully, read over the rules of this Notice, watch your work, and see if you cannot find places where meat, wheat, sugar and fats may be saved.

WE ARE AT WAR AND WE MUST WIN. To win, we must have food to feed our soldiers and starving allies. We do not want you to starve yourself, or to injure your business; nor do we expect to interfere with your making reasonable profits. By observing the food rulings herewith enclosed, you will prove yourself a patriot, help your country and avoid complications which may arise by not observing the United States Food requirements.

Yours very truly,

P. M. Harding
Federal Food Administrator.