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ASHVE Issues WW II – Fuel User’s Pledge

It was May of 1943 and America’s “war machinery” was in full-production. Gasoline rationing was in full-swing. Food rationing had begun, and there was a sense of patriotic urgency given to nearly every daily task.

The Rochester Engineer published the following article:

“The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers has sent us a Fuel User’s Pledge which we are publishing in the interests of National Security.

- To order my fuel early, to anticipate my needs and keep stock pile up so as to equalize and conserve transportation and delivery facilities and to prevent tie-ups and shortages next winter.
- To see that my heating plant is clean and kept clean.
- To have my heating system inspected by a competent heating engineer or contractor.
- To have recommended repairs or alterations essential to efficient operation of the heating equipment made in August and September.
- To install storm windows, weather-stripping, insulation and to do everything practical to reduce heat losses.
- To carefully follow instructions on how to operate my heating system properly.
- To prevent smoke because smoke means waste and inefficiency.
- To keep room temperatures at 68 – 70 degrees and to avoid over-heating because it endangers efficiency and health.
- To conserve heat and fuel at all times.”

Come to think of it, these are good practices, at anytime, war or no war.

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