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HOUSE APPROVES O.P.A. EXTENSION; GOES TO SENATE

Last Ditch Effort to Lift All Price Ceiling on Meat and Dairy Products is Beat Down; Many OPA Powers Pruned in New Act

Washington, June 25—The house stamped final approval, 265 to 105, late today on the compromise OPA bill after beating down a last-ditch effort to lift all price ceilings on meat and dairy products.

The bill, extending the wartime price control agency for another year but pruning down many of its powers, next went to the senate for a last vote there before being sent to President Truman.

Democratic Leader Barkley told the senate he is prepared to bring it up for action Wednesday. Although Chester Bowles has denounced features of the legislation as "booby traps," Speaker Rayburn predicted President Truman will sign it.

The voting came after Rayburn took the floor to tell his colleagues that unless they accepted the compromise "there will be no OPA at all."

Chairman Spence, of the banking committee, leader of the administration's battle for OPA, declared that if price controls were killed outright at this time "a disaster that is indescribable would come upon the American people."

But OPA aides were reported to be gathering data on which to base a recommendation that the measure be vetoed.

Rep. Marcantonio, American-Labor representative from New York, read to the house a telegram from Philip Murray, CIO chief, urging the house to kill the compromise which Murray described as "not price control but in effect legalized inflation."

FOOD SOUGHT FOR ORPHANS HOME

Jars Are Now Available for Canning Food for Children at Mills Home

Russell D. Hodges, orphanage director for the Three Forks Baptist Association, is making his annual campaign for canned fruits and vegetables for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and states that fruit jars are now available at the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., for those who wish to fill them for this worthy purpose.

Mr. Hodges believes that the response to this year's appeal should be exceedingly favorable in view of the good crop of cherries, berries and vegetables which is in prospect here, and earnestly solicits the co-operation of the people in doing their share this year for those who, without free-will offerings, would be helpless.

CURB MARKET TO OPEN HERE

Dressed Chickens, Fruits and Vegetables to Be Offered Through Home Clubs

On July 5, a curb market, operated by members of the various home demonstration clubs in the county, will be opened.

The women will have for sale fresh fruits and vegetables, dressed chickens, cottage cheese, butter and eggs, cakes, flowers and yeast breads.

The market will be located on East Main street between Edgar Brown's and Mrs. Jennie Critcher's homes, and sales will begin at 10 o'clock.

VFW Thanks Legion Post For Courtesies

The local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars takes occasion to express their thanks and appreciation to the American Legion for their invitation for the VFW to use the Legion hall for its meetings.

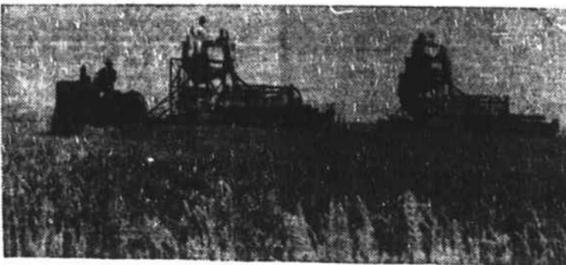
The regularly scheduled meeting for Thursday, June 27, will be held at the American Legion hut.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The county library is open daily Monday through Saturday, 12 to 6 o'clock p. m. New books are available for everyone.

Vestiges of totalitarianism must be put down, Truman warns.

RECORD WHEAT CROP IN TEXAS



To alleviate somewhat the bread shortage, wheat is now being harvested throughout the wheat belt, with good crop reported from most sections. This picture shows combines at work on a farm near Amarillo, Texas, where twenty bushels per acre is being harvested.

Dies in Germany



Pfc. George Sylvester Jones, who lost his life by drowning in Germany on June 9, 1946, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Jones, of Boone. The official notification of Pfc. Jones' death gave no details, but stated that a letter would follow. Pfc. Jones entered the army Oct. 15, 1945, was trained at Fort McClellan, Ala., and went overseas March 1. He was stationed in Rotenbrog, Germany, at the time of his death.

LOCAL BAND TO GIVE CONCERTS

First Open Air Band Performance to Be Rendered This Evening; a Weekly Affair

The Appalachian summer school band, directed by Gordon A. Nash, will present the first in a series of open air concerts on the college campus Thursday evening, June 27th at 7 o'clock.

Subsequent concerts will be presented up town and on the campus every week during the summer school session, Mr. Nash says.

The first program will open with the "Star Spangled Banner," followed by John Philip Sousa's famous "Liberty Bell" March. Other numbers will include patriotic songs, selections from "Show Boat" and the "Gypsy Festival" Overture.

If the weather permits the concert will be held on the college lawn near the cafeteria, otherwise it will be held in the college auditorium.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Watauga Post 130 will meet at 7:30 p. m., Friday, June 28. All visiting legionnaires, ex-servicemen and their wives are invited. All members of the local post and auxiliary are urged to attend this meeting as some important issues are to be taken up.

Army Recruiters Here Thursday Each Week

Sgt. Triplett and Corporal Adams, of the Lenoir office, will be in the postmaster's office in Boone each Thursday until further notice, to recruit men for the peacetime army, and will welcome inquiries from those interested in enlisting.

MEDLEY INFANT DIES

Rufus Medley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Medley of Boone, died Sunday at the age of seven days. Rev. J. C. Canipe conducted a brief funeral service at the Medley home Tuesday morning and the body was taken to Jefferson for interment. The parents survive, together with one brother and four sisters, all of the home: Billy, Dorothy, Lucille, Mary Belle and Joan Medley.

It is much harder to breed chickens for high egg production than for high meat production.

SINGERS GATHER IN JUBILEE MEET ON GRANDFATHER

Annual Tri-State Meet Held on Slopes of Rugged Mountain; Has Been Custom for 22 Years and Rain Never Dampens Huge Gathering

Linville, June 26. — Thousands of mountain folk gather Sunday on the picturesque slopes of Grandfather mountain near Linville where they frolicked, sang, and listened to locally famous preachers from dawn until dusk, all the festivities being part of the 22nd meeting of the annual Tri-State Singing convention.

Squire Joe Hartley, chairman of the meet, estimated that more than 40,000 persons from Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and western North Carolina took part in the convention which has been described as a cross between a holiday picnic and a religious revival. Shortly before noon Avery county Sheriff Torrey Garland was of the opinion that 20,000 persons were already on the scene.

Among those attending were many of the beloved patriarchs of the mountain section, some with white beards like that of 85-year-old Brother S. E. Gragg of Shulls Mills and his friend, Brother John Cale, who is also in his 80's. Ninety-year-old Aunt Rebecca Tester of Sugar Grove, who is said to have attended everyone of the 22 conventions on the southeast slope of 5,900-foot Grandfather mountain, was in the throng wearing a picturesque black bonnet.

Some of the mountaineers came by privately chartered bus, while many of them placed benches in the back of farm trucks and brought their children and all the neighbors. The Yonahlossee trail leading to the site was crowded with cars of all types from shiny new Packards to model T's that were so old they might have been museum pieces. Much of the area was dotted with booths selling food, souvenirs, and interesting handcraft articles such as bedspreads and hand-woven table mats.

The Tri-State Singing convention is definitely not an organized contest seeking to award prizes to a blue-ribbon choral group. It is a strictly spontaneous affair, and if anyone feels like singing he just sings, and all those within hearing distance lend an attentive ear. In this way there are numerous quartets, sextets and soloists from five to 90 years old giving forth at the same time, and the spectator is free to wander about and listen to whom he will. Guitars, violins, and harmonicas are always present in abundance and every community fiddler for miles around is on hand with all his accompanists. Some of the favorite songs today were "I'm Gonna Take a Ride on a Shinin' Cloud," and "You Gotta Live Your Religion Every Day."

Squire Hartley and Jack Cook of Linville organized the first convention in 1924. It started off as a small picnic outing for a group of friends. Then Squire Hartley relates, there were about 300 present. The year after, the number leaped to 600, and from that time on the crowds were reckoned in the thousands. He was of the opinion that the crowd yesterday was four times as large as at any previous festival.

"There has been something almost miraculous in the growth of this affair," Hartley said. The old-timers swear that not one of the 22 conventions has been dampened by as much as a drop of rain although afternoon showers at Linville are not infrequent. And, by the way, it didn't rain yesterday either.

Valle Crucis and Shulls Mills Road Surfacing is Begun

State highway forces today started the work of black-topping the highway from Valle Crucis to Valle Crucis and from the mouth of Laurel to Danner's siding, and the surfacing is expected to be completed during the month of July.

This 5½-mile surface job is being done by the state highway maintenance forces. The State Highway Commission has again failed to receive bids on surfacing work in Watauga county, and in the absence of bids by contractors, maintenance forces will do whatever work is possible for them to do with present limited machinery and personnel.

TOBACCO GROUP TO SET DATES FOR OPENINGS

Raleigh, June 25—The annual meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United States will be held here Thursday and Friday at which times dates will be set for opening of markets in the various belts and regulations adopted to govern the sales.

The annual convention of the Tobacco Exporters association, which controls the leaf export trade, will be held tomorrow. Recommendations from allied groups as to market opening dates will be heard by the TAUS board of governors at Thursday morning's inaugural session. The recommendations of the board will come up for adoption either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

During the last 30 years prices of cows have doubled, while prices for horses have just about been cut in half.

Memorial Services Sunday For Two Neighbors, Casualties of Late War



PFC. PAUL T. SWIFT



S-SGT. ALBERT R. HARMON

Memorial services for Paul T. Swift and Albert Reed Harmon, above, both of Beech Creek, will be held Sunday, June 30th, at 2:30 p. m. at Beech Valley Church, near Beech Creek post-office, it is announced by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swift and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harmon, respective parents of the neighbor boys who lost their lives in the recent world conflict.

Participating in the memorial ceremony will be Beech Valley Church, Mt. Gilead Church, and Newland Post No. 32, American Legion.

Army Careers Cited

Pfc. Paul T. Swift entered the service June 26, 1944, and was trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., later being assigned to an infantry unit in Europe. After VE-Day, while his outfit was being re-deployed to the Pacific theatre, he was admitted to a hospital because of yellow jaundice. While in the hospital his unit was moved and he was transferred to a headquarters unit in France as a jeep driver.

Shortly thereafter, July 19, 1945, he and an MP were involved in an automobile accident, which caused their deaths seven hours later. He was buried in the U. S. military cemetery, St. Audre del Eure, France.

S-Sgt. Albert Reed Harmon entered the army air corps May 18, 1942, and was assigned to a B-24 bomber as a crew member. On Dec. 4, 1943, his plane participated in a combat mission from Guadalcanal. While over the target the plane was damaged by anti-aircraft fire and crashed off the northern coast of Bougainville.

Some of the crew members were seen parachuting from the plane before it crashed, but it was not determined if Harmon was one of them. He was reported as missing in action Dec. 4, 1943, and on Jan. 15, 1946, his death was officially announced by the war department.

DRAFT RENEWED; ARMY PAY BOOST

Congress Acts to Continue Draft Law and Votes Pay Raises for Servicemen

Washington, June 26. — Congress continued the draft law and voted pay boosts for servicemen today after notification from the army that it will draft nobody in July and August.

The house and then the senate speedily passed compromise bills for these purposes after months of bickering and sent them to President Truman, who is expected to sign them before the present draft extension expires Sunday midnight.

The draft bill continues the act in force until March 31, bans the induction of 18-year-olds while still requiring them to register, permits the induction of men 19 through 44 and requires the discharge of draftees after 18 months service at their request.

To cost \$632,000,000 The pay increase bill is estimated to cost \$632,000,000 a year. It provides raises ranging from 50 per cent for buck privates and apprentice seamen to 10 per cent for high officers.

The house agreed to the pay bill on a voice vote, spent an hour arguing about the draft of teenagers, which it originally opposed, and then approved the draft bill, 259 to 110.

Senate action came late in the day and on voice votes within ten minutes.

New Canning Sugar Stamp On July 1st

Raleigh. — Housewives will get more canning sugar July 1 when spare stamp 10 becomes valid for five pounds, Theodore S. Johnson, State OPA Director, said today.

Johnson explained that this is the final stamp of the year for canning sugar, as no easing of the sugar situation is expected before 1947.

Although it is expected that 750,000 tons of sugar will be available this year for home canning sugar, compared with 500,000 tons during 1945, Johnson urged housewives not to use spare stamp 10 unless the sugar is actually needed for home canning.

A recent report was circulated that coffee stamp 49 had become valid for sugar purchases, but this is completely erroneous, Johnson said. Spare stamp 49 became good on May 1, and the next regular stamp for table sugar will not be valid until September 1, he said.

DR. LEN HAGAMAN TO RETURN JULY 1

Former Boone Physician, Veteran of Late War, to Reopen Offices in This City

Dr. Len D. Hagaman, who practiced medicine in Boone, prior to his admission into the Navy, will return to this city July 1, and re-establish his medical office in the Boone Drug Co. building it was learned Monday.

Dr. Hagaman left Boone in 1941 to accept a position with the state department of health, and maintained offices in Lenoir until 1944 when he entered the Navy, being assigned to duty in the Philippines. He went from there to Okinawa, and following the capitulation of Japan, he was given the supervision of the Health Department for the entire island. He later did hospital duty in China.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Julia Greer Held At Laurel Springs

Lenoir—Funeral services for Mrs. Julia M. Greer, of Lenoir Route 5, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Laurel Springs Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member, in Watauga county. Rev. Mastin Bradshaw was in charge of the services and burial followed in the Watson cemetery.

Mrs. Greer, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Trivette, was born April 31, 1879, and died early Sunday morning following an extended illness.

Surviving are her husband, Lee P. Greer; three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Greer, Mrs. Ida Story and Mrs. Thelma Coffey; four sons, Robert, Orville, Mack and Rayvon Greer. Also surviving are 25 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Captain Fisher Quits Patrol, Locates Here

Capt. R. L. Fisher, of Charlotte, who recently resigned from his position with the State highway patrol, has purchased the Carolina Cafe, and will take over active management of the popular establishment on July 1.

Capt. Fisher was formerly with the State highway patrol, and helped to organize the enforcement organization in 1929. He was in the army for 29 months, 26 of which were spent overseas, and was separated with the rank of major.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will establish their residence here July 1st.

LOCAL LEGION POST INSTALLS SLATE OFFICERS

Beach Keller New Post Commander; Howard Steelman, Council Cooke and Wade Brown, Vice-commanders; Complete List of Those Elected

A new slate of officers was installed last week by Watauga Post, American Legion, in appropriate ceremonies, Beach Keller, of the local U. S. Employment office, having been named commander of the organization.

Other officers installed were: Howard S. Steelman, vice-commander.

Council Cooke, second vice-commander.

Wade E. Brown, third vice-commander.

Joe E. Hoffman, adjutant.

Ledford Cook, assistant adjutant.

Cleve Gross, finance officer.

Lionel Ward, service officer.

Lloyd Swofford, assistant service officer.

Jack Ward, sergeant-at-arms.

J. W. Norris, chaplain.

Edwin Dougherty, historian.

C. L. Blair, athletic officer.

Richard Kelley, child welfare officer.

E. E. Garbee, Americanism officer.

Von Smith, national defense officer.

Charles T. Zimmerman, guard-ship officer.

Of the eight appointive officers, six of them are veterans of the last World War.

FATHER OF MRS. HODGES INJURED

Sheriff Oscar H. Haynes, Father of Mrs. Jack Hodges, Injured in Louisiana by Convict

Sheriff Oscar H. Haynes, of Webster parish, Shreveport, La., father of Mrs. Jack Hodges of Boone is in a hospital in that city as a result of having been shot by escaped convict, George A. McGee, as the sheriff and other officers tried to secure his arrest. McGee was killed by the officers at the home of a sister Mrs. Virgil Jones, after a gun battle in which tear gas bombs were also used.

Sheriff Haynes was shot in the left side with a 22 calibre weapon, and information reaching Boone is that his condition is improved. Mrs. Hodges is with her father.

Edward Michael Cook Passes in Statesville

Edward Michael Cook, Sr., 70 years old, died at a Statesville hospital Monday, where he had been a patient for eighteen days, and where he had undergone an operation for a chronic ailment. His condition had been regarded as very grave for several days.

Funeral services will be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from the Advent Christian Church, by Rev. S. E. Gragg of Shulls Mills, and interment will be in the city cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the details.

Mr. Cook had been a member of the Advent Christian Church for many years, was active in his church affiliation, and was a member of the Board of Deacons. Until recently he had been employed at the D & P Pipe Works.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Isabel Hodges Cook; four sons and five daughters: Robert R. Cook, Richmond, Va.; George R. Cook, Sophie, W. Va.; Edward M. Cook, Jr., Boone; Lawrence H. Cook, Piney View, W. Va.; Mrs. E. E. Ray, Sophie, W. Va.; Mrs. Percy Butler, Chilesburg, W. Va.; Mrs. John Holloway, Lenoir; Mrs. Morris Casey and Miss Virginia Cook, Boone. There are 32 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Union Services To Be Held On Sunday

Union services are to be conducted at the Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, it is announced by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, who extends a cordial invitation to the people of all denominations to worship together at this time.

Dr. E. K. McLarty, of the Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon on this occasion.