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Good Publicity Given On Hearings

County Agent J. E. Dodson and his office have done admirable publicity work relative to the hearings that are being held this week on the matter of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District.

The newspaper advertising and the good cross section coverage of the county with the letters, calling attention to the advertisement, should have given everybody in the county some knowledge of what is being planned.

In nearly all movements, regardless of how much good is involved in the undertaking, there are always a few people who are against it.

In brief, the Soil Conservation District means that the county will come in for a great amount of badly needed drainage work.

Investment In Freedom

Inmates of the Central Prison in Raleigh weren't asked to accept a quota for the Fourth War Loan Drive. But they weren't to be outdone by their fellow Americans out from behind prison walls.

In the Third War Loan Drive, prisoners over the nation bought \$100,000 worth of war bonds.

Breeding Ground For War

The present world conditions have been fomented by selfish economic policies on the part of those nations who have taken up arms to defend their liberties.

These were American pre-war policies of long-standing. Because our purchasing capacity could control world markets, we built up monopolistic controls at the expense of peoples and nations less fortunate than ourselves.

Axis aggression was the spontaneous consequence of economic discontent. The political machinery of the Third Reich became the instrumentality for expressing a gnawing desire for vengeance against nations capable of controlling the strings of world economy for selfish reasons.

are. It means that into world-thinking and world-planning there must be injected more and more of the spirit of the Golden Rule.

Quiz On Ration Tokens Issued By District OPA

Ration Tokens Will Come Into Use February 27; To Be Given By Retailer As Change

RALEIGH, Jan. 24. — Ration tokens will come into use on February 27. The following questions and answers were issued by the Raleigh District Office of Price Administration today to help consumers understand how they will buy with this new ration currency:

1. Q. When will I begin to use ration tokens? A. Consumers will begin to receive tokens in change from their retailers on February 27. They can be used immediately.

2. Q. Will OPA give each consumer a certain number of tokens when this new program begins, just as everybody was given a supply of ration stamps? A. No. The only tokens you will get are those your retailer gives you in change.

3. Q. Why will I need ration change? So far, except for reduced 1-point meat stamps in change, I have just counted out the right number of stamps to give my retailer when I have bought rationed foods.

4. Q. If each stamp will be worth ten points, will I have more points to spend than I do now? A. No. You will have almost exactly the same number of points to spend as you do now.

5. Q. When each stamp is worth ten points, how will OPA adjust the rationing program so as to give me the same number of points per month as I have now? A. At present, three sets of processed foods stamps, a total of 12 stamps are worth 48 points.

6. Q. Will meat stamps be handled the same way? A. Yes. At present each consumer gets 16 meat points a week, or 32 points every two weeks.

7. Q. What will consumers do with their tokens? A. They will use them very much as they now do pennies.

8. Q. Is there any difference between the meat and the processed foods tokens? A. The only difference in the two kinds of tokens is in their color. The colors match the stamps with which they will be used.

9. Q. If I have no blue tokens, may I use red ones to pay for processed foods? A. No. You will use two kinds of tokens just as you have always used two kinds of point stamps—one set for processed foods, the other for meats.

10. Q. What is the advantage of using tokens? A. Tokens are expected to make rationing simpler both for consumers and for the trade.

There will be point currency of only two denominations — all stamps will be worth ten points; all tokens, one point. Consumers who have long used dimes and pennies will find it easier to figure than they handled ration stamps worth 8, 5, 2, and 1 points.

A new national high in retail buying, war expenditures and money in circulation was recorded during November. The index of retail sales adjusted for seasonal variations exceeded by 4 per cent the previous all-time high

Washington Letter

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Congress, with its finger on the public pulse in an election year, is closely observing the emotional response to President Roosevelt's recommendations for domestic legislation.

More than a third of America's 6 million farms have been enrolled by their operators in the national soil conservation program.

25 N. C. Counties Show Hike In Tax Rate Since 1928

State's Assumption Of School And Road Bill Fails To Provide Permanent Tax Relief; Columbus County Rate Shows Decline

RALEIGH, Jan. 24.—Although the State now pays the bill for operating schools and maintaining roads — services that were formerly carried by local taxes — the county wide tax rates of the twenty-five counties are higher than they were in 1928.

In Columbus county, however, the county wide rate shows a decline of 19c over the 1928 rate of \$1.53. The county rate now stands at \$1.34.

According to the report made by "We, the People," Craven, and Northampton counties had the same rate in 1941 that was in effect in 1928.

A good many factors enter into the changes that have occurred in county wide rates in the 100 counties. The two main reasons the counties have not been able to retain all gains made when the State took over schools and roads are:

1. Necessity for county to levy for the relief program. 2. Many counties have taken over the district debt service, which had formerly been carried by the local school districts.

Most of the counties gave substantial relief to taxpayers during the 1932-1933-1934 tax years. In many counties tax relief came after the 1941 legislature had assumed the obligation for the six months term.

The fact that the President requested legislation dealing with "the cost of food" instead of the "cost of living" has stirred speculation. It is recalled that living costs include more than foods although this is a leading item.

The present price control law expires in June and the Administration is anxious to have it and the stabilization law re-enacted before the expiration date.

State Poultry Raisers Watch Poultry Strikes

Number Of Eggs Set In 18 State Hatcheries Showing Marked Decline In Past Year

RALEIGH, Jan. 24.—W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, remarked that the poultry strikes in northern terminal markets are being watched with interest by producers of poultry in North Carolina.

He said that recent protests by Chatham County poultry producers have been in vain. Commissioner Scott asserted that "while there is no formal strike against the ceiling in this State, poultry producers are not growing the quantity of chickens they did a year ago."

Scott said that a survey just completed by T. T. Brown, secretary of the N. C. Hatchery Association, in 18 hatcheries in North Carolina, showed that the number of eggs set during the last week in November and the first three weeks in December showed a decline of 56 per cent from the number set in the same period in 1942.

He pointed out that the demand for chicks has been proportionately less than of a year ago. Brown's survey, Scott said, was made at the request of the War Food Administration, which has been studying

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

I. E. Reynolds, of Shallotte, made a trip to Jackson, Miss., last week. He says he saw more cows while passing through Georgia and Alabama than he has seen during all of his life in North Carolina.

Without a breath of wind stirring, Saturday afternoon, two training planes crowned the Southport area with the most beautiful smoke ring that has ever been seen here.

charge more than \$3 a pair. Each individual dealer will decide what she will sell ration-free, on the basis of slow-movers in his stock, rather than on a straight price basis.

There is no change in the previous provisions as they apply to mail order dealers, wholesalers, and manufacturers. These types of dealers are not limited to a specific period, but are to apply to their OPA District offices before January 29 for permission to mark and sell the fixed percentage of their women's shoe stocks non-rationed.

Time Extended To Sell Shoes Without Coupon

Ration-Free Sales Of Women's Shoes At \$3.00 Or Less Per Pair Extended Through February 5

RALEIGH, Jan. 24.—At the request of the trade, retail shoe stores are being given an extra week—through February 5—to make ration-free sales of limited quantities of women's shoes at \$3 or less a pair.

Retailers had been granted a two-week period, January 17 through 29, for the ration-free sales. The period is extended to three weeks in order to promote orderly buying and avoid a possible rush that would put heavy pressure on limited store personnel.

Alumnae and visitors are invited to be present with the faculty and students at that time. They are also invited to attend the annual reception in the college parlors from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Governor Broughton Will Be Speaker For Founder's Day

RALEIGH, Jan. 24.—Governor Broughton is to be the Meredith College "Founders' Day" speaker on Friday, February 4.

Notice To Home Owners

Since the revision of WPB Conservation Order No. 1 effective November 1, 1943, you can now make necessary repairs to your building without permit or priority rating.

Smith Builders Supply, Inc.

Now for the KNOCKOUT!

WE BOUGHT EXTRA WAR BONDS

State Poultry Raisers Watch Poultry Strikes

Have you done your part in the 4th WAR LOAN?

YOUR gallant fighting men are giving all they've got to put over the knockout blow.

Let's All BACK THE ATTACK!

Shallotte Trading Co. R. Galloway Odell Blanton

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