

NEW RULING ON FOODSTUFFS.

The Maximum Price on Sugar Shall Not Be Over Nine and a Half Cents A Pound to the Consumer. How to Get Sugar For Canning and Preserving.

Mr. Editor:

I am just in receipt of a letter from the Food Administrator, Hon. Henry A. Page, with reference to wheat and flour situation. I quote below a few excerpts from his letter.

"Sometime ago the Food Administration through the press of the State, requested all wheat growers in the State who still had a surplus of wheat on hand to dispose of it by May 1st so that the flour might quickly get into the channels of trade and be distributed as equally as possible. In most sections, there has been a splendid response to this appeal.

"Just recently the food situation has become so acute that it is an absolute military necessity that all wheat should be marketed immediately, and I have been requested by Mr. Hoover to arrange for the seizure of wheat which remains in the hands of producers after they have had ample opportunity to market it to their best advantage. It is the opinion of Mr. Hoover that, inasmuch as wheat is the only product of farm or factory which has had a guaranteed price and as it is today of equal importance with cannon and shell as a military necessity there can be no excuse for a patriotic farmer holding his wheat for a longer period. If it is held much longer it would reach the mill and consumer too late to be of any material benefit as the new crop of wheat will be coming on within a little more than two months. Further, regardless of the price that may finally be fixed for the coming crop of wheat, the price for the old crop was fixed at \$2.50 per bushel and this price will not be changed.

"I am writing not only to urge you to influence the farmers in your section to market their wheat during the next two or three weeks but to request that you will on May 1st send me the names and addresses of every farmer in your community whom you have reasons to believe has on hand a surplus of wheat above what his household and tenants will require before the next harvest. In each case state as nearly as possible the amount of wheat each man has and state also in your letter the price prevailing in your local community.

"I wish to call attention also to the sugar situation. The Official Bulletin Ruling No. 6 with reference to sugar has been amended to read as follows:

"The margin allowed to wholesalers and jobbers on sugar is 25c a hundred. Actual cost of drayage may be charged up to 15c a hundred making a possible margin of 40 c a hundred.

"The margin allowed to retail dealers will be as follows: On original packages, one cent a pound; on packages that have to be re-weighed and repacked, one and one-half cents a pound.

"Under no circumstances must the maximum price of sugar to the consumer exceed nine and one-half (9 1-2) cents per pound, except by specific authorization by a County Food Administrator or the State Food Administration, and no such authorization will be given except where the retailer can show that the maximum of nine and one-half (9 1-2) cents a pound will not allow him the margins of profit above set forth.

"Sugar must not be sold in quantities of more than five (5) pounds to a consumer living in town or city and 10 pounds to a consumer living in the country. An exception to this ruling will be made in cases where there is a legitimate demand for sugar for preserving or canning purposes. In such cases, the retailer is authorized to sell sugar in quantities up to fifty (50) pounds upon the signing of the following certificate by the purchaser:

"This is to certify that I..... desire.....pounds of sugar for use in canning, preserving, or pickling fruits and that I hereby pledge that none of the sugar purchased under this certificate will be used for any other purpose. I further agree that none of this sugar shall be sold, given or loaned to any other individual. I declare further that the amount of sugar above stated, together with what I have on hand at present for such purposes, is not in excess of my requirements for canning, preserving, or pickling during the next thirty (30) days." Signed.....

Mr. Page has also ruled that: "That disregard of this order by any dealer will be regarded as sufficient cause for the revocation of license, if by a licensed dealer, or the issuance of a blacklist order if by a retailer.

With reference to the sale of Feed stuffs: Mr. Page has announced that "all North Carolina retailers will be allowed to charge a margin of Four Dollars (\$4) per ton on lots of One (1) ton or more; Five Dollars (\$5) on lots of less than one ton. And certainly not charge to exceed One Dollar per ton may be made for delivery."

All merchants in Johnston County are directed to take notice of this and make their sales accordingly.

The official bulletin is supposed to be sent to every merchant in the county each month as published. This is the official organ of the Food Administration of North Carolina and the merchants will be governed by the articles and rules therein given from time to time.

F. H. BROOKS,

Food Administrator for Johnston Co. Smithfield, N. C., April 26, 1918.

SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.

On Thursday morning, April 25th, Mr. Lanier, the new Baptist minister, conducted our chapel exercises for the first time. He read as the morning lesson the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. After the morning prayer and song, he talked, not on the greatest virtue mentioned in that chapter, but on faith. He showed us how faith in ourselves would help in winning the goal, no matter what it was, using the illustration of two frogs, who were caught in a can of milk. One gave up and died. The other with faith kept on kicking until butter came, thus enabling him to save himself. Just so is faith on one's self. We enjoyed this talk very much and look forward to the time when he will be with us again.

Mr. Moser intends having some of the business men talk to us at chapel exercises from now until commencement. Mr. Ward will be with us Wednesday morning; Mr. Brietz, on Thursday morning.

-M. B.

Miss Julia Passmore of the High School Faculty has gone home on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Passmore is very popular with the students and teachers, which fact causes her departure to be doubly regretted. We hope she will be able to return before school closes, certainly if not then, next year.

Miss Bettie Edgerton, of Selma, is doing Miss Passmore's work during her absence.

-C. E.

Every day the school's amount of War Savings and Thrift Stamps is enlarged. There is much interest in the purchasing of them at this particular time. As the school draws near the close, every pupil wishes his amount invested in Stamps, to be as large as possible. Those who cannot buy several War Savings Stamps should try to buy one at least. That means that each member owns not a Thrift Stamp, but at least one War Savings Stamp. During the entire year these grades have been very enthusiastic in investing their quarters in Stamps.

-R. K.

Quite a number of the High School students went to Smithfield Thursday to hear the famous speaker, William Jennings Bryan. It was quite a privilege to be able to look in the face of such a great man, and to hear such an orator speak. His address was inspiring to young people, especially, because of the sincerity one feels to be characteristic of the man, and back of what he says.

-G. R.

We are glad to know that our old town is not only covering herself with glory by doing her part to help win the war, but we are exceedingly glad that she is trying to make a cleaner and better town for her boys to come back to, and for the benefit of those who are left here. Recently some of the good people of the town saw the need of an organization that would furnish high-class amusement for the young people, and organized a Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. M. C. Winston, seeing the need of such, and being deeply interested, gladly gave the use of two rooms to be used by this organization. The officers were elected, and the work is being urged. There has been about \$75.00 spent for equipment. We are glad to welcome this new movement, because we feel that it is a worthy cause and that our people will some day feel proud of it. We feel that it would be much better to spend money in this way and give the young people of our town the right kind of amusement, rather than let them spend it going to Silas Green's or some other Alabama negro show.

-R. E. E.

A Roman woman when called upon to show a jewel said, pointing to her sons, "These are my jewels." The boys and girls of today are still the jewels. They should therefore be treated as such. A jewel hidden in the depths of the earth where they are never discovered are useless to the world. Just so it is with the girls and boys whose minds are undeveloped and whose possibilities are never discovered. So far as usefulness in the world is concerned, their sphere is limited and curbed by ignorance.

The school is the greatest institution that works with the boys and girls to make of rough stones, polished jewels. The school of today, more-

over, has a duty more serious, more urgent than ever before. It is its duty to instill ideals that will make the coming generation worthy of the sacrifice that is now being made for them in the slaughter fields of Europe today. The carrying out of this great work is on the shoulders of the teacher. Then, for such a grave responsibility, whom shall we select for the part? The best leaders, we say in the State. Not the bargain teachers, but the teacher who can demand a respectable salary in any other field of activity.

The voters of Selma have given us a school equal to any in the State; they have given us a superintendent, two leaders who are without peers; they have given us teachers, who because of their excellent work are in demand. How, then, may we keep this admirable record?

Vote, then, for the increased school tax today. Give the boys and girls of your town a chance.

-C. L. R.

SOME SCHOOL NOTES. By Supt. L. T. Royall.

Rev. Mr. Cotton delivered the commencement address at New Hope School Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. E. H. Moser, from Selma, made a splendid speech at Polenta Friday night on County-wide Tax.

The Smithfield Junior Order presented a flag and Bible to the Piney Grove School. Rev. Mr. Brinson, of Smithfield, presented the Bible and it was accepted for the school by Rev. Mr. Lassiter, of Benson. The flag was presented by Mr. J. W. Stephenson, of Smithfield, and accepted by Supt. L. T. Royall. It was the occasion of the closing exercises of the Piney Grove School. Mr. M. B. Andrews, principal of Kenly High School, delivered the commencement address. His subject was, "How to Get What You Want." Mr. Andrews is a new man in the county, but he is one of Johnston's most enthusiastic school men, and those who heard his address realize he is to be one of the State's best speakers.

Rev. Mr. Cotton delivered an enthusiastic address on "Patriotism" at the Rock Hill school house. There was about \$2600 subscribed for War Savings Stamps. Everybody responded so well, and seemed anxious to do their bit. The farmers are not slackers, as some folks have said, but are real patriots, when they know their duty.

Spilona School closed Wednesday, April 17th. The school has had a successful year's work under the principalship of Mr. John King. Judge F. H. Brooks delivered the commencement address. Mr. Brooks closed his address with a plea for every voter to think soberly before casting a vote against the Special County-wide Tax April 30th.

Sandy Ridge School closed April 18. Supt. L. T. Royall spoke on County-wide Tax.

The Selma Junior Order presented a Bible and flag to the Live Oak School. This school has made good this year. It is the only one so far that has reported no tardies for the entire term. This is a good record, and we hope that tardies will be emphasized more and more each year.

LIVE OAK NEWS.

Last Sunday Mr. G. L. Scott and sons, Missrs Minnie Barnes, Rosa Deans and Dolly Scott motored to Raleigh to see his brother who is in the training camp at Camp Jackson.

Mrs. Joel Rollings is on the sick list and has a trained nurse from Richmond with her. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

There has been quite a change around Live Oak for the past few days. Mrs. G. L. Scott, Mrs. W. B. Morris, Mrs. Earnest Foster, Mrs. Peaterson, and Miss Thelma Rollings and Grandmother, have scoured the church and cleaned up the yards.

After so much rain the farmers are very busy sowing cotton and setting tobacco around here.

Miss Ola Harwood has returned to her home in the mountains after spending a week with her friends since school closed.

Mrs. G. L. Scott and son motored to Smithfield Monday on business.

On the last day of school, the Junior Order of Camp no 374, Selma, N. C., presented a Bible and flag to Live Oak School, after which a nice dinner was served on the grounds.

The new Pastor for Live Oak, Rev. Mr. Lanier, filled his regular appointment Sunday.

The Live Oak Sunday School is very much pleased to have Mr. Noah Jones with them to lead in singing. April 23, 1918.

YOUR Call To Arms Answer it NOW

On the battlefields of Europe brave men are this day fighting for you; dying for you.

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