

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



A & P FILES FORMAL ANSWER DENYING ALL ANTI-TRUST CHARGES

New York, April 11.—The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company has flatly denied Government Anti-trust charges in U. S. district court and has termed the civil suit against it an effort to change the nation's "entire economic structure".

In its first formal answer to the complaint seeking dissolution of the 90-year-old food chain, A&P said there "is no justification in fact or in law for the drastic and confiscatory destruction of the company."

A&P denied in detail the charges of restraint of trade and monopoly brought under the Sherman Act. Defendants John A. Hartford, Chairman of the Board, George L. Hartford, treasurer, and the A&P asked through counsel that the complaint be dismissed. The answer was filed by the New York law firm of Cahill, Gordon, Zachry and Reindel.

"The plaintiff," A&P contended, "is asking this court to adopt, by Judicial Fiat, new and extremist principles of law which would result in a complete remodeling of the entire economic structure of this country."

A&P termed its expansion a "natural growth," which came almost entirely from within the company and not by mergers or by buying out competing companies.

The answer said that A&P "has

made substantial contributions to forward revolutionizing" the food business, "with enormous and incalculable savings to the consumer and especially to the worker families".

The effect of the company's activities "has not been to restrain trade or to prevent competition," the answer continued. "On the contrary, its competition has greatly promoted trade and increased competition."

Thus dissolution of the company, A&P said, "would result in a decrease rather than an increase in competition."

The food chain contended a decree of dissolution is entirely unwarranted because—

"1. A&P is not a monopoly or otherwise illegal in itself.

"2. There is no clear, willful, serious and continued violation of the anti-trust laws.

"3. Relief, if any were necessary, could be obtained through other means.

"4. The public interest will be harmed and not served thereby and competition would not be increased but diminished."

Discussing the case from the standpoint of the public's interest, the company said "destruction of the A&P organization, far from benefiting the public, would render irreparable injury to it."

Birth Announced
Major and Mrs. William S. Saunders of Fort Eustis, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, Gayle Elizabeth, on Sunday, April

9, in Riverside hospital. Mrs. Saunders is the former Miss Elizabeth Allman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allman, of Webster.

Funeral Held Sunday For John R. Stephens

Funeral services for John R. Stephens, 80, who died Saturday, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Cullowhee Baptist church. Rev. Charles McConnell, pastor, and Rev. Mr. Fox of Arden officiated. The deceased was a native and life-long resident of Cullowhee until 3 years ago when he moved to Arden to make his home. Pallbearers were Chris Davis, Woodrow Middleton, Fred Russell, Kenneth Davis, Jack Patterson and Buren Chapel. Granddaughters were in charge of the flowers.

Mr. Stephens, a former Justice of the Peace at Cullowhee, was first married to Rona Porshia of Madison county who died in 1921. Later he was married to Alice Coggins of Cullowhee.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: two sons Ray and Bill of Cullowhee; six daughters, Mrs. Tyra Davis and Mrs. Walter Bumgarner of Sylva, Mrs. Oscar Norton, Mrs. Frank Bryson, and Mrs. Mont Case and Miss Jannie Ruth Stevens of Arden; one step-son, J. D. Coggins of West Asheville. Also 36 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

One son, John R. Stephens, preceded his father's death by 5 years, being killed in World War II while serving in Italy.

P.T.A. Installs Officers For New Year

At the final meeting of the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association of the current school year the officers for 1950-1951 were installed by Mrs. R. U. Sutton, president of the Jackson County Parent-Teacher Association Council. Those installed were: Mrs. Ray Cogdill, president; Mrs. Paul Kirk, vice president; Mrs. Raymon Stovall, secretary; Mrs. W. B. Dillard, treasurer.

Awards were given Mrs. Lee Dillard as the parent present having the largest number (5) children, to Mrs. Roy Whitaker as the youngest mother present, and to Mr. Charlie Reed as the father attending the most meetings of the Association this year. Mr. Reed missed only one meeting. A past president pin will be given Mrs. Dan K. Moore, the retiring president, and gifts were presented each of the retiring officers. Presentations also were made by Mrs. Sutton.

Mrs. Dan Tompkins used Luke 2:51,52 as the Scripture passage for her devotional message. Mr. R. L. Smith, principal, gave a summary of school improvements made during the present year. Outstanding among these were the redecoration of all the class rooms of both elementary and high school buildings, the halls and offices; visual-aid equipment purchased; the addition of the auto training course; as well as a number of other equally important improvements. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to the parents, the faculty members, and the association for their assistance and cooperation which made these improvements possible. In behalf of the Parent-Teacher association and herself as president, Mrs. Moore expressed her gratitude for the loyalty and cooperation given throughout the year.

Mrs. Charles Reed, Mrs. Raymon Stovall, and Mrs. Ralph Smith were hostesses at a delightful social hour. Two refreshment tables covered with lace cloths were arranged, and punch, sandwiches, and cookies were served. Red gladiolus flowerets interspersed with fern were used as table decorations.

The meeting was concluded with an inspection tour of the two school buildings.

IMPORTANT CHANGE MADE IN STATE BUILDING CODE

Sherwood Brockwell, Deputy Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal, upon advice and recommendations of the North Carolina Building Code Council, announced today in Raleigh that the Commissioner of Insurance will now accept the use of cavity brick walls under several conditions as complying with the North Carolina Building Code.

This method of construction which employs two thin walls of brick with an air space between, tied together with special metal ties, has heretofore been acceptable only for residential and other construction not directly governed by the Code, said Mr. Brockwell. Now it may be used with certain limitations on Public, Institutional, Business and Storage buildings. The new change was recommended some weeks ago to the Commissioner of Insurance by the Building Code Council, of which Walter W. Hook, Charlotte architect, was Chairman; Ross Schumaker, State College professor, Vice Chairman; and Robert H. Pinnix, Gastonia contractor, Secretary. The Council was established by the State Legislature for the express purpose of keeping the provisions of the Code pliable and to consider new methods involving new developments in the construction field.

Do You Want To Cut Your Federal Taxes?
Road To The Poorhouse

America's most popular toy this year is called the "crasher truck." It is a mechanical gadget which falls apart when it hits anything. Faced with expenses that may hit \$52 billion dollars during 1950, our government could fall apart like the crasher truck unless you, as a citizen, apply the brake.

Three years ago, Congress created a bi-partisan, twelve-man Commission to study the waste and duplication of effort in the agencies and bureaus in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. This Commission, approved by President Truman and headed by former President Hoover, has turned in a report which would cut our tax bill three to four billion dollars annually—if the recommendations are enacted into law. This means that it would save you one dollar out of every ten you pay in taxes. Whether you realize it or not, every family in the United States pays yearly, on the average, in direct and hidden taxes, more than \$1,000.00 each to support the Federal Government alone.

Congress has already authorized \$15,000,000,000 for construction of major projects, and another \$30,000,000,000 authorization is planned.

The Commission has recommended, (1) Creation of an impartial Board of Analysis for engineering and architectural projects, (2) Long-range planning of projects to meet the ebb and flow of economic cycles, and (3) Coordination of all public works. Such prudence might well save the nation from collapse.

If you think this march down the road to the poorhouse should be halted, wire your Congressman. Write to the Citizens Committee for Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania, for further information. Tell your friends and neighbors! You must act before it is too late!

Too Late to Classify

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Get Daily Servings of Savings at A&P



- 4 lbs. Winesaps
- APPLES 43c
- One dozen 360 size
- LEMONS 33c
- One pound Yellow
- ONIONS 5c
- Two pounds Green
- CABBAGE 7c
- Two bunches
- CARROTS 15c
- Two pounds
- STRING BEANS . 25c
- Florida
- GRAPEFRUIT . . 9c
- Five-pound bag
- ORANGES 35c

- Corn Standard Pack - - - - No. 2 Can 11c
- Tomatoes Iona Standard Pack - - - - No. 2 Can 12c
- Iona Sliced or Halves
- Peaches - - - - No. 2 1/2 Can 20c
- Kellogg's
- Corn Flakes - - - - 8-Oz. Pkg. 15c
- Golden Maid Colored
- Margarine - - - - 1-Lb. Pkg. 30c
- Coldstream Pink
- Salmon - - - - No. 1 Tall Can 37c
- Post's
- Sugar Crisps - - - - 6-Oz. Pkg. 14c
- A&P
- Apple Sauce - 2 No. 2 Cans 25c
- Libby's Fruit
- Cocktail - - - - No. 303 Can 21c
- Dole's Pineapple
- Chunks - - - - No. 2 Can 29c
- Pick o' Carolina Sweet Mixed
- Pickles - - - - 16-Oz. Bot. 17c
- Packers Label Sour Pitted
- Cherries - - - - No. 2 Can 29c
- Libby's Peas - - - - No. 2 Can 21c

Ann Page FOODS

Ann Page Salad Qt. Jar 39c

Dressing Jar 39c

Ann Page Gelatin Desserts

Sparkle 3 Pkgs. 17c

Ann Page—with Pork and Tomato Sauce

Beans 2 1-Lb. Cans 19c

Ann Page Prepared

Spaghetti 2 15 1/2 -Oz. Cans 25c

Ann Page Tomato

Ketchup 14-Oz. Bot. 18c

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CRABAPPLE JELLY

12-Oz. Glass 15c

Mild American

Cheese Lb. 41c

Cheese Food Spread

Ched-o-Bit 2-Lb. Loaf 75c

American or Pimento Cheese

Mel-o-Bit 2-Lb. Loaf 89c

A&P COFFEE

2 O'Clock Mild & Mellow 1-Lb. Bag 67c

Red Circle Rich & Full Bodied 1-Lb. Bag 70c

Pokar Vigorous & Winery 1-Lb. Bag 72c

A&P FOOD STORES

- LIBBY'S CANNED MEAT
- CORNED BEEF HASH 16 oz. can 33c
- VIENNA SAUSAGE 4-Oz. Can 17c
- POTTED MEAT 1/4-Size can 8c 1/2-Size can 13c
- CORNED BEEF 12-oz. can 43c
- DEVILED HAM 1/4-Size Can 17c

- DASH DOG FOOD 1-Lb. Can 13c
- JEWEL OIL Pt. Bot. 29c
- WHEATIES 8-Oz. Pkg. 14c

- SWIFT JEWEL 1-Lb. Can 21c
- LUX TOILET SOAP Bath Bar 10c
- OCTAGON TOILET SOAP 2 Bars 11c

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