

OPA ORDERED TO INCREASE CEILING PRICES FOR MEATS

Agriculture Secretary, Using Powers Confer- red By Congress, Or- ders Ceilings Be Set At Higher Figures; Boost of Several Cents Pounds Indicated

Washington, Aug. 28.—The OPA today got a mandate from the Agriculture Department for meat price ceilings above those of June 30, although below present prices, and a bald reminder from the Decontrol Board that no controls will be restored to dairy products unless the board says so.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson exercised the new powers which Congress gave him to order the meat ceilings set at a level which he said will prevent conditions threatening a shortage.

Agriculture Department and OPA experts estimated the retail prices in the butcher shops will be higher than the June 30 ceilings by five and one-half cents a pound on beef and two and one-half to three cents on pork, on the average.

As a result, the OPA postponed the effective date of the new livestock ceilings from midnight tonight until Sept. 1. The dates previously announced for the ceilings at other levels, however, remain unchanged—Sept. 5 for wholesalers and Sept. 9 for retailers.

OPA Officials Surprised.
Anderson's action took OPA officials by surprise and raised the possibility that the resulting change in OPA plans may cause a further delay in the effective dates of the ceilings. Price Administrator Porter had expected to set the new ceilings "at or near" June 30 levels.

At The Rotary Club

The Rotary Club meeting, Tuesday, was featured by the initiation of three new members, C. L. Langley, Joseph D. Joyner and Bill Fisher, with Ed Nash Warren as officiating director.

The remaining time was spent in a round table discussion of club activities and objectives for the fall months. The attendance prize was won by Russell Mizelle.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLDS

The Pitt County Selective Service Draft Board indicated yesterday that there was some misunderstanding evidenced among the young men of the county as to the law requiring their registration with the board.

A spokesman for the board explained that the law stipulates that all males, upon reaching their 18th birthday are required to register at once. It was emphasized, however, that the 18-year-old registrant will not be subject to actual drafting for a year.

TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE

(Industrial News Review)
The old saw that "great oaks from little acorns grow" is applicable to fire prevention as well as to other matters. A little care can prevent great conflagrations.

As an example of this, a large merchandising system has adopted the policy of collecting daily all trash which is not immediately disposable and placing it under an automatic sprinkler system in the store basement. This has prevented at least three fires during the past year.

Fire prevention is as much the duty of the householder and small business as of the great industry. During the war years, most property has depreciated from lack of maintenance and the fire danger has increased accordingly. If a home or a business is destroyed, the cost of replacing it is two or three times as much as in 1941—and in many instances, sufficient labor and materials are not available even if cost is no object. Last, and most important, every fire brings with it the risk of loss of life—as the recent hotel disasters so horribly demonstrated.

Such hazards as accumulated trash, inadequately installed heating systems, worn, exposed electric wiring and faulty cooking equipment, are responsible for a high proportion of fires in homes. All of these hazards can be corrected. And this is literally a case where prevention may be too late to effect the needed results.

Getting in on the ground floor usually means that you are stuck for the cost of constructing the entire building.

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Third of Autos Termed Unsafe

Highway Patrol Head Urges Law Requiring Mandatory Vehicle In- spection

State highway patrolmen inspected 187,000 motor vehicles in North Carolina during June and July, and about a third of them were found to be unsafe for driving purposes.

Major J. H. Hatcher, head of the Patrol and of the Highway Safety Division, said yesterday.

"The drive to rid Eastern Carolina highways of motor vehicles unfit for traffic recently begun by Lt. Lester Jones of Troop A, is a part of our continuing program," Hatcher said.

"Although North Carolina does not have a State Motor Vehicle Inspection Law making such inspections mandatory, the Patrol is charged with enforcing laws requiring motor vehicles operating on the State highways to have adequate brakes, lights, and other mechanical equipment.

"An individual found to have a motor vehicle with faulty equipment is subject to indictment. We can order a motor vehicle stored, if we consider it a menace to the travelers on the State's highways.

Hatcher, however, thinks that North Carolina should have a compulsory State Motor Vehicle Inspection Law, and he has listed the need for such a law on the program he will present to the forthcoming General Assembly. The proposed inspection law, he pointed out, would make for greater traffic safety. Motor vehicles would be inspected every six months, and those passing the inspection would have a sticker pasted on the windshield, he said.

Farmville School Opened Wednesday

The Farmville Public School opened Wednesday, August 28, at 8:45 o'clock.

The enrollment, according to Superintendent J. H. Moore, in the elementary school was 559 and 157 in the high school, making a total of 716.

The following teachers have been added to the faculty since the last report:

Miss Rosemary Holmes, a graduate of Limestone College in South Carolina who will teach Public School Music; Miss Nellie Winfield, of Washington, commencing; William Carr, of Farmville, who is substitute teacher in mathematics for the present; Mrs. Herbert E. Hart, who is teaching Spanish.

A more complete report will be given next week.

"WHAT DOES THE JOB PAY?"

The following editorial has just been released by S/Sgt. Paul Manning of Greenville, Recruiting Station:

What does the job pay? Yes, that is an important question in this day when living costs are high and wages do not keep in pace with the rise. And with this question in mind let's look at the pay of the man in the Army as compared to the civilian worker.

Let us compare the pay of a soldier with that of the average civilian worker. Department of Labor figures show that the average annual wage during 1945 in American manufacturing industries was \$2,806. That's about \$191 a month. But an Army private with his 975 cash base pay actually will have more money left at the end of a month than the civilian.

Let's look at the comparative figures and see what the record shows.

Expenses:	Civilian	Army
Lodging	\$80.00	\$0.00
Meals	50.00	00.00
Clothes	15.00	00.00
Medical & Dental Care	5.00	00.00
Insurance	10.00	5.50
Income Tax	22.00	00.00
Transportation	6.00	00.00
Laundry, smokes, barber	15.00	10.00
Incidentals	10.00	10.00
	\$149.00	\$38.50

Out of his \$191.00 pay the civilian has \$39.00 remaining. The Army private has \$48.50 left over from his \$191.00 pay envelope.

What does it pay? Just check the figures and see how you stand in relation to the man in the New Regular Army.

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State's Cotton Machinery Seen Tripled By '50

The Demand For Farm Equipment Throughout South Reported at Highest Point In His- tory

North Carolina's cotton producers are expected to more than triple the current \$13,789,000 value of their farm machinery in the next 10 years and thus play a major role in the South's vigorous farm mechanization drive, one of the nation's leading leasing manufacturers reported recently.

C. W. Moore, market analyst for SKF Industries, Inc., which has been studying the expanding use of ball and roller bearings in the cotton industry, said the demand for labor-saving machinery on all of the South's 1,600,000 cotton farms had reached the highest point in history.

"Primarily responsible is the realization that cotton must be produced more economically to compete in domestic and world markets," he said, "but the demand has been strengthened considerably by shortages of both farm labor and machinery materials."

The average value of machinery on North Carolina's 108,000 cotton farms is approximately \$163 per farm, the SKF official said, adding that by 1956 it is expected to jump to \$414 per farm—the current average for the nation.

Moore asserted that steady technological advances in growing and manufacturing cotton products already are offsetting pessimistic views of the industry's future.

"Cotton still is the nation's No. 1 money crop," he emphasized, "and lower priced mechanical pickers, flame weeders and better ginning techniques are becoming increasingly available. Meanwhile textile mills are keeping pace by improving spinning frames, installing anti-friction spindles and tape tension pulleys and developing yarns and fabrics of consistently higher quality."

Added stimulus is supplied by intensive research into unusual new uses for the staple which already are finding wide acceptance, he said.

Kiwanians Attend Special Meetings

Sam Bundy, John Parker, Lewis and Frank Allen attended the Kiwanis district meeting, Friday evening, in Swainboro. District Governor Jasper Hicks was the main speaker of the meet. The Rev. Charles Mercer gave the welcoming speech, to which Lewis Allen responded. The number present was gratifying and everyone reported interest manifested in the inspiring talk delivered by Governor Jasper as well as the introductions and remarks made by Lieut. Governor Harvey Gurley and Sam Bundy.

President Charlie Hotchkiss, Frank Allen, Ted Albritton, Sam D. Bundy, John Parker and Lewis Allen visited the Smithfield Club, this week, and enjoyed the reception they received from a fine progressive club for the efforts they put forth in providing an entertaining program for the evening. Smithfield will bring retaliation to the Farmville Kiwanians in the form of a program to be presented here on September 23.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Jason L. Joyner announces the engagement of her daughter, Myrtle Louise, to Willie T. Baker, son of Jesse L. Baker and the late Mrs. Baker. The wedding will take place September 1.

Uncle Sam Says

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American Legion To Present 'Pep Parade' Tonight, Perkins Hall

Rehearsals are over, the stage is set and at 8:00 TONIGHT, Friday, August 30, the curtain will rise on the new comedy, "The Pep Parade," a local talent show, which will be presented in Perkins Hall under the sponsorship of the Farmville Post American Legion, for the benefit of its Hut Fund.

Ticket Sale
The ticket sale was opened officially, Saturday, when Mayor J. W. Joyner bought the first admission card-board to the entertainment.

Miss Annie Laura Joynes will play the part of Gussie Peck, who "rules the roost" in the Peck household, including her husband, Henry, played by Cotton Davis, and daughter, Judy, played by Alice Frazier.

Gussie has her heart set on Judy's marriage to Keith Trevelyan, who is Tommy Ramey, but Judy is determined that the one in her life will be Tommy Meadows, who lives next door, role played by Paul Davis. Sybil Barrett, as Aunt Hattie, arrives enriched by the death of her husband, and proceeds to take over. Aunt Hattie has a mania for fortune tellers and at present is in the clutches of Madame De La Claire, played by Agnes Melton, and is about to invest her money in some of Madame's fake oil stock.

Hortense Johnson, Janie Kemp, the Swedish maid, is always looking for a sweetheart and is bent on having her fortune read. But Hecwela Ricketta, the colored cook, portrayed by Margaret Williams, wants no part in fortune telling and has enough trouble anyway trying to bake a devil's food cake.

To complicate matters, Dr. Dora Druggins, Rachel Moore, arrives to treat her patient and gets hold of the wrong person.

But it's all well that ends well and it does end well.

In addition to the comedy cast, "Pep Parade" has many tuffal chorus numbers as well as entertaining specialties.

If a play show and those attending will be amply repaid with good entertainment in addition to helping a worthwhile cause. The whole family will enjoy it tremendously. Bring them all.

Prizes will be awarded on the stage for the winners of the Baby Contest just prior to the rise of the curtain of Act one in "The Pep Parade."

TIMELY RESCUE SAVES FARMVILLE PEOPLE

An accident that might have proved fatal except for the timely rescue by friends, who were near enough fortunately to prevent a tragedy, occurred Sunday morning on the Inland Waterway near Hoboken, when the small open motor-driven boat, from which Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Bryan were fishing, suddenly sprung a leak, filled rapidly and overturned, throwing the occupants into the water.

J. A. Gregory, of the Farmville police force, G. W. Ansley and Ray Riggs who were in a boat some distance away, and the only craft in sight, heard the cries of the other party and went to the rescue, arriving in time to save the two young couples from injury except for shock and effects of the cold water and a drizzling rain which added to their discomfort.

HOMEMADE RUGS CAN BRIGHTEN UP HOMES

Braided and hooked rugs, made at home from materials that have already been seen service, can be used to brighten rural homes. They add comfort, attractiveness, and color to a room, and may be made at small cost.

Ruby Schol, Extension economist in food conservation and marketing at State College, says that one of the most important factors in making these rugs is color arrangement. She suggests that plans be made for a scheme which is pleasing to the eye and harmonious to the room, which the rug is to serve. The largest areas—such as backgrounds and borders—should harmonize with the general tones of the room in which the rug is to be used.

Consideration should also be given to such other furnishings as draperies, upholstery and pictures.

As a general rule, at least two-thirds of the rugs for the rugs should be neutral or rather dark in color. Tans, browns, grays, and dull blues ordinarily make the most suitable backgrounds.

For example, one-fourth of the cloth for the background may be dyed a medium brown, one-fourth light tan, and one-half golden brown.

In a rug of the various tones of brown, the addition of touches of orange, crimson, or bright green gives life or accent to the color scheme.

A crop that never fails is United States Savings Bonds.

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET JOINS IN HOLIDAY HALT

June Rose Appointed District Chairman USO

Appointment of June Rose, of Greenville, as district chairman of the 1946-1947 U. S. O. campaign, has been announced by State Campaign Chairman L. J. Ballentine, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

Seven counties are embraced in the district U. S. O. organization which Mr. Rose will head. They are Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington. County chairmen will be named for each county in the district prior to opening of the actual drive which is scheduled for October 1st.

The 1946-1947 drive will be the last U. S. O. campaign. It has been designed by President Truman and other national leaders as the "SEE-IT-THROUGH" campaign. As the U. S. O. directors have announced, USO will complete its wartime, demobilization and reconstruction services December 31, 1947.

East year funds for the operation of USO were raised as a part of the National War Fund. This year the USO campaign is separate and distinct as activities of the United War Fund will terminate at the end of December of this year.

In emphasizing the importance of the work to be done by the USO during 1947, Lt. Governor Ballentine pointed out that some 59,000 North Carolina men and women are still in service or in hospitals, "and they need the program carried on by the USO. We cannot let them down. Many of them are serving in foreign lands thousands of miles from home and some are in lonely out-post hospitals. We, I am sure, will not let them down."

Activities Of
Church Groups
Christian

Group 2 met Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock with Mrs. L. E. Flowers as hostess. Mrs. J. H. Paylor presided. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Z. B. T. Cox, who chose Phil. 4:1-10 for the Scripture reading and spoke on the subject, "We Are Able to Live on Peace."

Mrs. E. J. Skinner, program leader, read an inspiring selection from the church periodical, "The World Call."

Activities Of Church Groups

The four groups of the Woman's Council of the Christian Church held interesting meetings this week.

Group 1 met Monday evening with Mrs. Lee Corbett as hostess. In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. F. A. Darden, Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson presided. Mrs. Lee Corbett conducted the devotional, which was based on Luke. Mrs. Williamson, as program leader, discussed the "Life and Works of Kagawa."

Group 3's meeting was held Tuesday evening in the home of the chairman, Mrs. Arsh Flanagan, with Mrs. John Barrett as hostess. Mrs. Florence Thorne presented a meditation on "The Christian Races" with Scripture reading from Acts 8: 26-40. Mrs. Z. M. Whitehurst conducted an interesting Bible Quiz in which Mrs. Thorne was the winner.

A refreshing hot beverage and cookies were served after adjournment.

Mrs. Robert Lee Smith was hostess to Group 4, Tuesday evening, in her home, in which dainties and verbenae were pleasingly arranged. Mrs. Ernest Russell presided and welcomed the eleven members and two guests.

Mrs. Z. B. T. Cox and Mrs. M. V. Horton. Miss Elizabeth Moore had charge of the devotional period, and Miss Verta Williams conducted the program based on "The World Call."

Ice cream and cake and salted nuts were served during the social hour.

Episcopal
The Altar Guild met, Tuesday evening, with Mrs. W. E. Burnett as hostess and Mrs. John D. Dixon presiding. Following the devotional exercises, plans were completed for the sponsoring of a visiting, photographer here during October, and the sale of certain cleaning items for household use, and personalized stationery.

During the social period, the hostess served peach shortcake and coffee.

Presbyterian
The Presbyterian Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting, Monday evening at the Church, with the president, Mrs. John M. Newborn, presiding. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was used as the opening hymn and Mrs. Newborn gave the devotional and led the group in prayer.

Mrs. Charles F. Bacon developed the fifth topic in the study for the year, on "What Does My Church Teach About Marriage and the Home?"

The meeting closed with a prayer by the Rev. E. S. Cypert.

More Than Five Million Pounds Sold In 9 Days Following Opening Of Market; Week Holiday To Relieve Congested Plants and Boost Prices

(By Sam D. Bundy, Supervisor)
The Farmville Tobacco Market, through Wednesday of this week, sold 5,190,858 pounds of tobacco for the sum of \$2,658,204.96, for an approximate average of \$52.00 per hundred. The market opened on August 19th and for the first three days maintained an average of around 64 to 55 cents a pound; however, prices sagged last Thursday and Friday to about \$50.00 per hundred. Prices picked up somewhat this week to bring the general average around the \$52.00 mark.

In comparison with the other markets in this belt these figures are as good as any and better than some. All this week the warehouses have been full to capacity and the unprecedented sum of 5,190,858 pounds have been sold. The average sales each day have been around 600,000 pounds.

Due to the shortage of labor and a near critical condition in the majority of the redrying plants, and in order to boost sagging prices a marketing holiday has been called for one week. Sales stopped Wednesday at 3:00 o'clock p. m. and will be resumed on Thursday, September 5th, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. For the best prices farmers are urged again to grade and pick their tobacco carefully and to market it orderly. Sales will be resumed on a five hour selling period each day, but this is no guarantee that another sales holiday will not be called. If tobacco is rushed on the market too fast it is predicted that either another marketing holiday will be called or the selling time reduced from five hours to perhaps four. Throughout the first eight days of selling Farmville has readily maintained its slogan of being "... The Steadiest Market in the State."

At The Kiwanis Club
Ted Albritton was program chairman at the Kiwanis meeting, Monday evening, and had as guest speaker W. C. Harrell, athletic coach of the Farmville high school, who gave an interesting talk on the value of athletics to students. He pointed out also the benefits a school and community may derive from a good athletic team, and stated that if the parents of the students, who are good prospects for players, would cooperate and permit their children to participate it would help in building a better organization.

Sam Bundy, a former public school principal and teacher, made the motion that a resolution be passed and that the club go on record as being unanimous in its resolve to further a bigger and better athletic program for Farmville. He stated that he had found that athletics are a prime requisite for character building and training in coordination, in the lives of young people. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Guests of the evening were Clifford C. Davis, W. C. Edwards and Miss Doris Hall, coach for "The Pep Parade" to be held August 30 under the sponsorship of the local American Legion Post. Miss Hall spoke briefly regarding the play and the cast.

A resolution was passed a week ago relating to the Farmville Kiwanis Club's desire to promote the Fluorinated Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, which was reported at this time to be rendering a distinctive service to farmers selling on this market.

President Charlie Hotchkiss announced the attractions for the Scholarship Carnival to be held September 6 and 7 on the school grounds, and the following members were assigned to the various posts as listed:

Hot dog stand—Sam Lewis, Ernest Clegg; soft drink—Earl Holmes, Henry Johnson; candy and ice cream stand—Bob Whales, Alton Bobbitt; novelties—Rilly Smith, Zesley Cox; bowling alley—George Allen, John D. Dixon; ball pitching—Carl Hicks, Alex Allen; crystal gazing—Eliabeth Joyner, John Parker; Bingo—Lewis Allen, Bill Gurney; grab bag—Howard Mays, Zeb Whitehurst; penny pitching—R. C. Copenhaver, Dick Harris; ring-a-prime—Ted Albritton, Fred Satterthwaite; darts-for-ough—Jack Lewis, Bernice Turnage; raffle stand—Ernest Fette-way, George Moore; pony ride—Edgar Barrett, Ben Lewis; weight guessing—Lewis Williams, Bob Fiser; auction stand—Hubert Joyner, Sonny Bradburn; sidewalk—Sam Bundy, Frank Allen, Seth Barrow, Cotton Davis and John Fields; picture—John Williams—Rod Williams, Grady Gilchrist; patrol zone—J. W. Joyner, Ben Lang, David Harris; lighting—David Harris.

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