



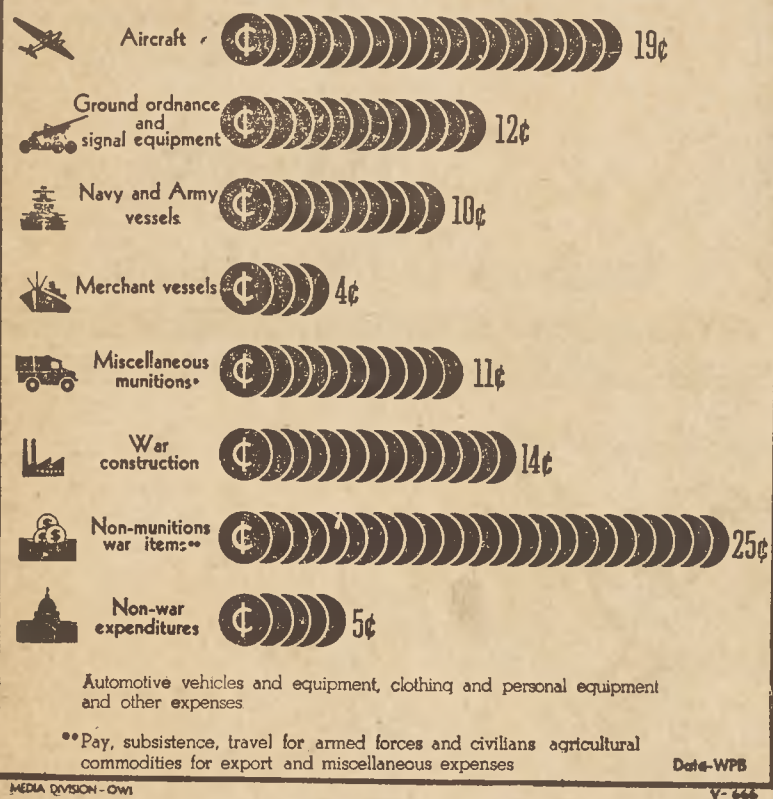
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YOUR TAX- AND BOND-DOLLAR HOW THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS IT (First Half of 1943)



Meat To Cost More Points Is Forecast

Washington — The new January meat chart lists only one small point value boost—on fresh hams, but Price Administrator Chester Bowles sees the ration cost of meat beginning to climb more noticeably in February.

The OPA Chief, in a radio address, said he "wouldn't be a bit surprised" to find higher values on some meat products the month after next, and added "it seems most likely that points may be higher in March and April and during the summer.

The change in fresh ham values, effective Sunday, hikes the ration cost one point a pound, eliminating the differential, between fresh and smoked types in effect the last three weeks. The reason: considerably increased movement of the fresh cut ham since validation recently of a special stamp for five pounds of pork.

The values on the rest of pork cuts and all other important brown-stamp foods remain virtually unchanged on the new chart, with butter continuing at 16 points and veal, lamb and all but three beef items staying put. Cheese points too, remain the same.

The beef changes are a two-point reduction in dried beef values, to 12 points a pound, a one-point cut to three points for tongue, and for sliced, ready-to-eat tongue a two-point downward revision, to six points a pound.

In his radio talk, Bowles directed sharp criticism at "profiteers, chiselers, lobbyists and pressure groups, declaring they have been 'altogether too loud and too insistent for the good of a nation at war. He said he had been shocked at their clamor for higher prices and profits "while the country is fighting for its existence."

Reviewing the status of the various rationing programs, the Administrator termed the truck tire situation "in many respects the most serious the country faces; passenger car tire restrictions, he added, may be relaxed about the middle of next year as more synthetic tires become available.

The gasoline shortage, Bowles said, is likely to become more acute in 1944 with military need mounting. But there is enough fuel oil and kerosene to maintain rations at 10 gallons a coupon until during period three of the heating season.

National Day Of Prayer Proclamation

"At the end of the year 1943, which has not only made manifest the devotion and courage of our nation's sons but has also crowned their efforts with brilliant success on every battle front, it is fitting that we set aside a day of prayer to give thanks to almighty God for His constant providence over us in every hour of national peace and national peril.

"At the beginning of the new year 1944, which now lies before us, it is fitting that we pray to be preserved from false pride of accomplishment and from willful neglect of the last measure of public and private sacrifice necessary to attain final victory and peace.

"May we humbly seek strength and guidance for the problems of widening warfare and for the responsibilities of increasing victory. May we find in the infinite mercy of the God of our fathers some measure of comfort for the personal anxieties of separation and anguish of bereavement.

"Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Saturday, the first day of January, 1944, as a day of prayer for all of us, in our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts, those of us who walk in the familiar paths of home, those who fight on the wide battlefields of the world, those who go down to the sea in ships, and those who rise in the air on wings."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States.

Attest: Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.

Army In Charge Of Rail Transportation

Selma Merchants Are Appreciative Of The Business Given Them

In last week's Johnstonian-Sun Selma merchants and professional men, as well as several merchants in Smithfield, carried advertisements thanking you for your patronage and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Those who had such advertisements in our last issue and in today's paper are as follows:

The Selma Theatre, Terminal Newsstand, F. & P. Auto Parts Co., Wiggins Grocery, C. A. Bailey, White House Cafe, Coley & Sons, Selma Cash Feed & Grocery, City Barber Shop, Selma Cotton Mills, Efrid's Department Store, Proctor's Store, The Southern Cotton Oil Company, Worley's Beverages, Inc., Norton's 5c to 5c Store, Economy Furniture Company, The Johnstonian-Sun, The Branch Banking & Trust Company, Selma Drug Company, Gregory's 5c to 5c Store, Smith's Store, Henry & Nordan, Dunn Furniture Company, Hudson-Belk Company, Mac's Place, Carolina Service & Parts, Floyd C. Price & Sons, Langley's Jewelers, Woodward & Creech Drug Company, Town of Selma, Hunter's, J. C. Avery, Woodruff & Canady, Walt Godwin, Edward's Barber Shop, L. George Grocery, Guy C. Lee Mfg. Company, Abdalla's Market, Bradley's Shoe Shop, Davis Department Store, Selma Clothing & Shoe Company, Pittman's Hatchery, Pay & Save Market.

Washington — Orders for nearly 150,000 railroad employees to strike Thursday morning were still in effect but a deft of the Government, which has placed the Army in charge of rail transportation, appeared highly improbable.

Chiefs of three operating unions—conductors, firemen and switchmen—continued in their refusal to give President Roosevelt arbitrary powers over their wage demands, but they deferred announcement of their course on the strike question pending a conference with Lieut. General Brehon B. Somervell, Chief of Army Service Forces who was assigned to take over the carriers under Secretary Stimson.

Both Stimson and Somervell said that as far as they were concerned there would be no arbitration of wages while the roads are under their control. It remained in their discretion whether capitulation of the three brotherhoods would be on a cooperative or forced basis.

Even a complete capitulation by the firemen, conductors, and switchmen would not dispose of the wage controversy. The 15 non-operating unions of more than a million workers accepted the President's offer to arbitrate, but the President announced that he cannot proceed to do that until the unions and the carriers agree on what is to be arbitrated.

Thus the controversy is back where it started, except that the 15 unions withdrew their strike authorization. They accepted the graduated increase of four to 10 cents and want the President to decide their right to overtime after 40 hours, but the carriers want both questions arbitrated as one.

The two operating unions—trainmen and engineers—who promptly accepted the President as referee, are receiving meanwhile the benefit

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Heart Attack Fatal To Dr. W. B. Johnson

Former Dentist And Prominent Business And Political Leader of The Town Succumbs To Sudden Heart Attack — Funeral Held From The Home Sunday Afternoon.

The sudden death of Dr. Willard B. Johnson, 54, who died in front of his home here Christmas Eve, was a distinct shock to the entire community. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson had just returned to their home after delivering several Christmas presents to friends, and as Dr. Johnson stepped from his car he dropped to the sidewalk dead. Dr. Booker was summoned, who pronounced Dr. Johnson's death due to a heart attack. He had been in declining health for several years, having retired from the practice of dentistry several years ago because of ill health, but in more recent years his health had improved and this fact made his sudden passing the more shocking.

Dr. Johnson was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, of near Smithfield. He married Miss Grace Whitley in 1915, and to this union was born one son, Willard B. Johnson, Jr., who is employed with Glen L. Martin Aircraft Company in Baltimore. Dr. Johnson practiced dentistry in Selma for more than 20 years, having graduated from the Northwestern Dental College in Chicago in 1909. He served as Mayor of Selma for two terms and was a member of the board of town commissioners for several terms. He was a charter member of the Selma Kiwanis club and a Shriner.

Since his retirement from the practice of dentistry Dr. Johnson devoted most of his time in looking after his farm interests, in which he was very vitally concerned during his latter years. He was a man who always adhered to the policy of attending to his own business and letting other people's business alone; sound of judgment and liberal in his business views. That Selma has lost one of its most substantial citizens, no one who knew Dr. Johnson and is familiar with his record for sound business policies, would attempt to deny.

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were conducted from the home here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. Geo. W. Blount, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church. Burial took place in the City cemetery.

Surviving, besides his wife and one son, are two brothers, R. W. and H. G. Johnson, Smithfield, Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Parker, Smithfield, Route 1, and Mrs. J. P. Thomas, of Suffolk, Va.

Planting small whole Irish potatoes in Louisiana gave better stands and larger yields than where hole tubers were cut to pieces.

Selma Kiwanians Enjoy An Interesting Program

Kiwanian Rudolph Howell, president-elect of the Selma Kiwanis club, was in charge of the program on last Thursday evening and he put on a good one. After President Howard V. Gaskill introduced two guests, Lt. Joseph D. Richardson, of Camp Hood, Texas, and Petty Officer Charles Richardson, of Manchester, Mass., both of whom made short but interesting talks, Rudolph announced that "we will now play Bingo." This was the first time the club had indulged in this popular game, and saying they enjoyed it is putting it mildly, Petty Officer Richardson won two prizes in succession.

A number of prizes were given to winners, each prize being small and wrapped in large boxes. Kiwanian Matt Wall, upon receiving one of the prizes, was heard to remark, "O Boy, I believe this package contains a shirt," when in fact it was only a stick of chewing gum.

The members of the club sang Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Kiwanian H. H. Lowry, in the absence of the regular sponsor, Mrs. D. M. Clemmons, who was on the sick-list. The club room was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors.

Kiwanian Joe A. Creech, who recently joined the club, was in such a hurry to get there on time that he forgot part of his wardrobe—his coat (not his pants). When he pulled off his overcoat he discovered that his coat was missing. Someone suggested that a collection be taken to get Joe a coat. Well, everybody had a good time, thanks to Kiwanian Howell.

Selma Merchant Dies From Attack Influenza

Edward D. Byrd, 66, died at his home in Selma Sunday afternoon after an illness of four weeks. Mr. Byrd has been engaged in the mercantile business here for 20 years.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leo S. Worrells, Monday afternoon by the Rev. E. H. Babb, pastor of the Church of God. Burial was in the Crocker cemetery two miles east of Selma.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Edward Byrd, Jr., and Richard Byrd of Selma; two daughters, Mrs. L. S. Worrells and Jennie Byrd of Selma; one half-brother, John T. Evans of Selma; one sister, Mrs. Charles Mason of Rocky Mount, and one half-sister, Mrs. D. C. Vanhoy of Goldsboro.

Selma Boy Writes Editor From Iceland

Somewhere In Iceland

Dear Sir:

I've been a reader of The Johnstonian-Sun now for about two years and since I've been in Iceland it seems lots dearer to me than ever. There is not much to do here so I really look forward to getting your paper for it really keeps me on the knob about happenings back home. One could never know how much the old home town paper means to them until they get thousands of miles from home and nothing to do. Then when you do get something to read from home it really makes you happy. I only wish I could get one every day. John A. Bryant and I are in the same outfit and are the only ones from Selma so we have nice long chats of the pleasure we had back in Selma and we look forward to the future when we will be back home to stay. Bryant is going in for boxing so I guess he will have a little more fun than I do. Well it is a little lonesome here but us boys can take it for we know happier days are ahead. Well I close hoping every one in Selma a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best regards to all
Thomas R. Gurley

Former Kenly Man To Speak In County

The Sun has learned that a former Kenly man, Evangelist J. Willard Cockrell of Durham will speak twice in the county this week. His subject at Kenly Holiness church on Friday night, December 31st, will be "What the world needs today," and on Saturday night he will speak on "Where will you be five minutes after death?" at the Moore's Chapel Church near Stancil's chapel. The Evangelist is the son of John Cockrell of Route 2, Kenly. Another former Kenly man, Joseph M. Stancil, is the song leader in these meetings. These two workers have been holding meetings for a long time now and have held meetings at Moore's chapel, Hillsboro, King's Chapel, Southview and several in Durham County. Their many friends are expected to come out for the two services in this county.

o'clock, at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church here, when Service Men who have gone out from this church will be honored. A Service Flag will be presented and accepted and the names of men in the Armed Services from that church will be read.

The speaker for the evening will be O. A. Tuttle, superintendent of the local schools.

At the morning service the Holy Communion will be observed.

Christmas Program At Selma Baptist Church

A fine Christmas program was enjoyed at the First Baptist Church of Selma Thursday evening of last week which was under the direction of Mrs. Leon Woodruff.

Besides the impressive Christmas ceremony, the presence of Santa Claus was felt in no uncertain terms. There were many gifts for the children, and some for the grown-ups as well. There were two distinct surprises recorded among the festivities of the evening, one of which was the presentation of \$50 in cash to N. J. Creech, who has served the Sunday School so efficiently as superintendent for the past twelve years. That the surprise was complete was plainly evidenced by the way Mr. Creech was overwhelmed with joy and appreciation.

The other person to be completely overwhelmed was Parson D. M. Clemmons, the popular and efficient pastor of the church, who was presented a United States War Bond in the amount of \$50. Everyone present was jubilant with the spirit of Christmas, and after making these two church leaders so supremely happy, the circle of happiness was enlarged to take in the entire fold who had a part in the occasion.

RATIONING GUIDE

TOKENS FOR RETAILERS

The date for filing applications with banks for tokens has been extended to January 8, 1944, by the Office of Price Administration. Those retailers who do not have proper applications, may obtain them from their War Price and Rationing Board.

TRUCK GASOLINE

All truck owners having ODT Certificates, must present their 1944 License Registration Card to their Local War Price and Rationing Board, in person.

Navy Recruiter Will Be In Selma On Jan. 4th

Navy Recruiter John Stallings will be at the Clayton post office Monday, January 3; at Selma Tuesday, January 4, and at Smithfield Wednesday, January 5.

Young men, age 17, are urged to see him about the opportunities in the Navy; also there are many openings in the WAVES for young women, ages 20 to 36.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

The editor of this paper was perhaps the most popular man in town Tuesday — early in the morning friends began calling over the phone felicitating him on his birthday anniversary—the first to call was BILL CREECH, of the Selma Drug Company—BILL sent him a coca-cola, cigars and birthday card—MATT WALL, town clerk, sang "Happy Birthday To You" over the phone—others calling offering congratulations were the REV. D. M. CLEMMONS, pastor of the Baptist church; W. T. WOODRUFF, of the Selma Clothing & Shoe Company; H. U. BROWN, manager of Economy Furniture Company; J. C. AVERY, insurance and real estate; GEORGE N. SILER, of Floyd C. Price & Sons; JOHN JEFFREYS, vice-president of Worley's Beverages, Inc.; E. V. WOODRUFF, of Woodward & Creech Drug Company; DAVID S. BALL, superintendent of the Eastern Manufacturing Company; B. A. HENRY, Mayor of Selma; HUNTER PRICE, manager of the place so popularly known as "Where The Saints And Sinners Meet"; RALEIGH GRIFFIN, cashier of The Branch Banking & Trust Company, and many others—"congratulations on your birthday anniversary and the fine paper you are publishing" were many of the expressions received by the editor—in the evening "The Gang", of which the editor is a member, gave him a bowling party at Holt Lake—other members composing "The Gang" are the REV. GEORGE W. BLOUNT, JOE MATTHEWS, S. M. PARKER, H. H. LOWRY, DAVID S. BALL, and R. BRITT — we won't tell you how the game resulted, as we don't want to embarrass any one — after the party returned to town they repaired to the Merchants Hotel, where S. M. PARKER served delicious refreshments—and last, but not least, his good wife, who had a birthday just three days previous, Christmas Day, had a good dinner prepared for him when he went home at noon—we haven't told you his age, for fear he might get it back on us some time—the editor had a big day, saying he wished that he could have a birthday every day.