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MERCHANTS IN CITY START FIGHT ON PRICE INFLATION

City Fathers Hold Session Last Tuesday

The City Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal building with the following members present: Howard Pruden, M. D. Collier, R. I. Starke, V. E. McDowell, W. P. Taylor and F. C. Williams.

The board voted to allow the operation of pool rooms on the second floor of a building; froze the issuance of taxicab licenses until such time as more cabs are needed in the city. This action was taken on the request of Fenton Johnson, operator of Johnson Cabs and Melvin Dorsey, operator of White Way Taxis. Several applications for the operation of taxicabs in the city were before the board but were filed, and will be given priority when it becomes necessary to meet the demands of more cabs. Those applying for licenses were: Leroy Ellis, Wayne Clary, L. F. Woolard, Wade Horne.

Phillip D. Freeman, consulting engineer of Norfolk, discussed the street improvement with the board. Some changes in the plans were made and work will be started on the improvement project as soon as possible.

A committee consisting of Commissioners Pruden and Williams was appointed to investigate a city sponsored swimming pool project. The pool, if undertaken will be built in the evacuated area on Seventh street.

New Flyers Club To Hold Session

The newly-formed Flyers Club will hold a meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Armory, it was announced today.

One Dead, Another Injured Critically in Plane Crash

A "crash landing" of a B-T 22 open cockpit airplane last Monday afternoon about 1:30, half a mile from Littleton, caused the death in Roanoke Rapids Hospital Monday night at 6:35 of Fred C. Ricker, a passenger in the plane, and Charles S. Hartenstein in a serious condition in a Richmond hospital. Hartenstein was removed from the local hospital Tuesday to Richmond for treatment by a brain specialist. One half of his body is said to be completely paralyzed. He is said to have been the pilot of the plane when it crashed.

Cause of the accident is believed to have been due to an insuffi-

Rotarians Will Stage Air Show On July 14

The Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club will stage a huge air show at the Halifax County Airport on Sunday, July 14, it was announced this week.

Plans for the show have been completed with the exception of a few minor details. These are expected to be "ironed out" this week.

The gigantic display of airplane flying will begin about 1:30 p. m., and will continue for approximately two hours. Copenhaver Brothers, operators of the airport are cooperating with the club in putting on the show.

Among the features will be a noted stunt flyer, his act including hazardous maneuvers of a plane acrobatic flying, precision flying, ribbon cutting, nose diving, racing and other entertainment.

Arrangements are being made to bring to the show a huge Army B-17. Efforts are also being made to have several Army planes fly here for the activities.

Among some of the planes that have been listed for participation in the show are a B-T 13 and P-T. Three cub trainer planes will be here and a demonstration on "How not to fly a plane" will be given. This is a comedy act and draws wide comment from those who have seen it.

There will be many entertainment features, a full program of which will be announced later.

Tickets for the show will go on sale Monday at all drug stores in the city. The public is urged to buy these tickets in advance so as to eliminate confusion and congestion of traffic at the field. Tickets, however, will be sold at

the "gate" to the field. There will be plenty of parking space for automobiles at a small fee. State patrolmen will handle traffic on the highway and at the entrance to the field.

Spotted Fever Is Reported In Halifax Co.

Two cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever have been reported in Halifax County during the past two weeks. However, one case probably received the infection in Northampton County. Both cases were children and one case was fatal.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is transmitted by ticks--usually dog ticks in Eastern United States. The following strict precautions should be taken in this section regarding ticks, says Dr. Robert F. Young, District Health officer: (1) Searching carefully for these insects after going through tall grass or brush after going on outings; (2) A tick, when found, should be carefully removed with tweezers and burned; (3) Hands should be thoroughly washed with soap and water; and (4) The site of the bite should be painted with iodine or mercuric iodine; (5) Also, dogs should be treated regularly for ticks with DDT--when they are found to be infested with these insects. One of the above mentioned children undoubtedly got the tick from its pet dog which frequently nearby tick infested fields and woods.

Mrs. Mincher Resigns City Clerk's Job

Mrs. Ruby Mincher, city clerk since 1934, tendered her resignation to the City Commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. It was accepted with regrets and will become effective August 1.

Mrs. Mincher, prior to her elevation to the clerk's post, was an employee for four years in the office.

Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, assistant clerk since 1936, has been named clerk by the commissioners and will assume her new duties first of August.

Special Meeting Is Called On Wednesday by Directors; Action Is Taken to Prevent Price Raising in This City

In a move to halt price raising on goods in the stores in Roanoke Rapids the Board of Directors of The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association called a special meeting yesterday morning of all merchants in the city at 10:30 o'clock in the Municipal Building.

The meeting was attended by a large representation of city merchants and business men. The problem of what will happen if prices are allowed to spiral upward was thoroughly discussed from many angles. It was the consensus of opinion that while merchants as a whole and business generally do not want price control, it was agreed that it is up to the business men to "hold the line" against inflation.

A survey of the stores in the city did not show any undue price raising. Beer, however, is reported being sold at 20 cents per bottle and it has been reported that "fat back" is being sold for as much as 50 cents per pound. These prices are being charged in only a limited number of isolated places, however.

Those attending the meeting yesterday were in a serious mood and the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the merchant here:

1. That we will endeavor to maintain a reasonable price level.
2. That as new goods come in at higher costs, we will mark them at the lowest price possible consistent with a reasonable profit.
3. We offer our cooperation by withholding purchases of merchan-

dise that is out of reason. 4. We urge those not affiliated with this association to cooperate with us in this most important endeavor.

Following is a list of the membership of the Association here: W. C. Allsbrook's 5 & 10c Store, Johnnie Little, Auto Service Station, Lynch's Jewelry, Auto Supply Co., Marks Shoe Store, A. & P. Tea Co., M-System Grocery, Bloom Bros., McCrorys, Brown Furniture, National Loan & Ins. Co., Banche's, Nu-Fashion, Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Little Star Grocery, Citizens Realty & Ins. Agency, Peggy Ann Shop, J. C. Penney Co., Colonial Ice Co., Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., Easy Pay Tire & Furniture Co., Proctors Dept. Store, Economy Auto Store, The Quality Shop, Fanny's, Radio Station WCBT, Farber's, Reliable Clothing & Furniture Co., Fitts-Crumpler Electric Co., Roanoke Bank & Trust Co., (both branches), George Transportation Co., Roanoke Hardware Co., Gibson Hardware & Appliance Co., Roanoke Pharmacy, Glovers Shop & Cleaners, Roanoke Rapids Building & Loan Association, Godwin-Wilkes Motors, Roanoke Rapids Grocery, Griffin Drug Co., Rosemary Cafe, Halifax Farmers Supply Co., Rosemary Drug Co., The Herald Printing Co., Rosemary Billiard Parlor, Imperial & Peoples Theatres, Shell Furniture Co., The Jewel Box, E. W. Smith, Land Bros. Jewelry, Standard Furniture Exchange, Leggetts Dept. Store, Standard Grocery Co., Starke

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Textile Mills Cooperating To Prevent Runaway Prices

In a letter sent out to all Southern cotton textile mill operators by Dr. W. P. Jacobs, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association and released today to The Herald by Frank C. Williams, vice-president and general manager of Roanoke Mills and Patterson Mills, cooperation is asked of the operators in preventing run-away prices.

Dr. Jacobs wired the southern mill operators asking their cooperation in holding price increases down and at the same time issued a statement in Washington in which he said the temporary demise of OPA may frighten black market goods into the market and

thus relieve present shortages. Dr. Jacobs' statement follows: "I greatly regret that the President has seen fit to veto the emergency price control act over which Congress had labored so diligently and seriously for several months. While not perfect, I believe that the act, as far as it affected textiles, would have worked. It would have forced OPA to reflect more fully some of the elements of cost which in the past they had neglected. We were planning a meeting with OPA for Tuesday to help them make the amended bill work. However, I guess that is out now, for we have

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