

NEW PRICE RULES EFFECTIVE MONDAY

OPA Expects Merchants To Post Price Lists In A Visible Manner

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—Retailers were reminded today that the price ceiling regulation becomes effective for them next Monday and that the Office of Price Administration expects them to post their price lists in a manner clearly visible to the public. This the OPA said, means that a list in a book, looseleaf folder or on a card will not suffice. Put the list on sheets prominently displayed, and don't tack several sheets together in layers, the OPA sheets together in layers, the OPA advised.

When stores open up Monday morning, they must not charge more for any item within the scope of the regulations than the highest price they charged during last week. Most foods are under the ceiling, but the exempt list includes eggs, poultry, mutton, lamb, fresh fruits and vegetables. Also exempt are books, magazines, newspapers, and motion pictures.

On July 1 another phase of the price control becomes effective when no one may charge more for such services sold at retail prices as laundries and automobile and radio repair than the highest price charged in March. Exempt from the service ceiling list are dentists, doctors, lawyers, barbers and beauty shops.

Henry Ezzell Running For Constable Again

Henry Ezzell, in announcing his candidacy for re-election to the office of Constable of Wilmington Township, said: "During my term of office I have tried to carry out the requirements of that post to the best of my knowledge and ability. The city has had many drownings, either by accident or suicide, personally put forth every effort to recover the remains of the unfortunate victims and to return them to their families. One of the duties of my office is to eject families who fail to pay their rent. In many instances, especially during the depression, they were destitute and unable to meet their financial obligations. I helped these families to find a solution to their problems and in many instances was able to avoid actual ejection from their homes. All this was done without one cent of expense to the county."

DEMOCRATS HERE SELECT CAMPBELL

(Continued from Page One) Goldberger, chairman; Mrs. John Hoggard, vice chairman; and Hopper Johnson, secretary. On motion of Dr. John T. Hoggard, the convention adopted a resolution commending Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Rep. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville, and Governor J. M. Broughton for the manner in which they have carried out their duties of office. A resolution regretting the absence of the John D. Bellamy from the convention due to illness was adopted by the party members present after being introduced by Solicitor David Sinclair.

The solicitor described Mr. Bellamy as the most stalwart Democrat in New Hanover county and the dean of the New Hanover and North Carolina bars. "There is a need for us to keep up the essential party organization," Mr. Campbell declared in accepting the permanent chairmanship of the convention. "The greatest danger we citizens face today is the utter indifference in too great a number to the protection of our essential rights and freedoms. And again, our greatest danger is a free people is the centralization of power in the hands of a few persons who, in some cases, have usurped the power and office they now wield."

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New Hanover Leads State In Cost Of Administering Farm Program

The cost of administering the Agriculture Conservation program in New Hanover county is the highest in the state, according to statistics placed in the Congressional Record by Senator Byrd (D.-Va.) and revealed here yesterday in an Associated Press dispatch from Washington.

The percentage expense to payments in this county is 44.1. The lowest cost of administration in North Carolina was that of Dare county, which amounted to 3.5 percent.

According to the report from Washington, the administration cost in North Carolina is a little above the average while in South Carolina it is below. The program's administrative cost was under fire from the joint congressional committee on reduction of non-essential expenses, of which Byrd is chairman, during senate consideration of the Agriculture Department's appropriation bill.

Byrd assailed the costs of county committees set up to administer the program and said there was a wide difference in the administrative costs in the various states. He said the average for all states was about 10 percent, but the statistics he placed in the record showed the cost in North Carolina was 11.9 percent of the gross payments under the program while in South Carolina the percentage was 6.4.

Gross payments totaled \$13,694,000 in North Carolina in 1940 with the administrative costs \$1,636,000, or 11.9 percent. South Carolina payments totaled \$9,289,000 with administrative costs of \$593,500, or 6.4 percent.

The per cent expense to payments ranged from 44.6 percent in Charleston county, S. C., to 3.4 percent in Marion county of the state.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE ADVANCE ON KHARKOV

(Continued from Page One) Four German counterattacks have been smashed. "Nazis Repulsed In a sudden eruption of fighting on the Kalinin front, northwest of Moscow, the Germans were declared repulsed in repeated attacks. The communists said that outside the Kerch and Kharkov sectors there had been no essential change in positions.

Earlier accounts of the Kharkov offensive said yesterday the Russians had battered their way into many communities surrounding the big industrial center in the night offensive aimed at folding back the southern wing of Hitler's invasion line.

(Still without confirmation were advances current in London that the attacker had cracked the Kharkov inner defense line in two places and battled their way into suburban Kharkov on the northeast while other forces, flanking Harkov 70 miles to the south, drove into the network of the Germans' southern communications.)

Crushed Under Tanks Dedicated to the goal of licking Hitler before the year is out, the Russians were pictured as forging ahead steadily, though not precisely, against a defense so stubborn that in one sector German troops held their ground until they were crushed under the caterpillar tread of Russian tanks.

All along the active Kharkov front (said in London dispatches to cover 70 miles) a pitched battle had developed. It was reported with German tank troops and reserves increasing their resistance, benefitted by rain that turned the rich soil of the Ukraine at places into slippery mud.

So complex and broad was Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's full fledged offensive and so constricted as to positional detail were the reports on it that from the Moscow vantage point only a general picture of the battle could be had.

It was evident, however, that the Russians were banking heavily on the offensive to keep the Germans off balance in the south, ease if not deliver the hard-pressed forces in the Kerch peninsula of the Crimea, and force the Germans to swing their line back from Taganrog, its anchor on the Sea of Azov, facing the Caucasus.

Name Tanks An article by a Ukrainian writer, Mikola Bazhan, described how the Russian tankmen carefully prepared their machines for days before the Kharkov offensive. The machines were given the names of celebrated Russian figures like Marshals Suvorov and Kutuzov and Ukrainian heroes like the historic General Bogun and the Peasant Rebel Razin.

On May 8 the offensive got under way; the skies were clear and the earth was hard under the clanking tracks of the tanks. "Spring sunshine illuminated the glorious road west," Bazhan wrote. Today Moscow radio commentators said that the Ukraine was being liberated "kilometer by kilometer" and that the Kharkov drive was but a sample of the growing warpower of the Soviet Union.

"The Red army is conscious that the coming months are the most critical for all mankind and is facing the titanic battle which is in the making with an unshakable resolve to achieve the complete defeat of Hitler in 1942," one commentator said. The roads from Kharkov to the front over which the Germans were rushing their reinforcements were described as "a sea of burning tanks and trucks" after a series of devastating blows by the Red air force.

COLUMBUS YOUTH MAY BE PRISONER

Robert D. Simmons, 20, Listed As Missing Following Fall Of Philippines

WHITEVILLE, May 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Simmons of the Western Prong section of Columbus county have been notified by the Navy department that their son, Robert Dorus Simmons, fireman first class, USN, is listed among those missing following the capitulation of the Manila bay station in the Philippines and is probably a prisoner of war.

Full text of the message reads: "The Navy department exceedingly regrets to advise you that according to records of this department, Your son, Robert Dorus Simmons, fireman first class, U. S. N., was performing his duty in the service of his country in the Manila bay area when that station capitulated. He will be carried on the records of the Navy department as missing pending further information. No report of his death or injury has been received and he may be a prisoner of war. It will probably be several months before definite official information can be expected concerning his status. Sincere sympathy is extended to you in your anxiety and you are assured that any report received will be communicated to you promptly."

Simmons, who is 20 years old, enlisted in the navy in February, 1940, at the same time his brother, Henry Simmons, enlisted in the United States army. Henry is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Whiteville, High school where he quit the Ninth grade to join the navy. He had been in the Philippine area for about a year.

12,697 REGISTERED TO VOTE MAY 30

(Continued from Page One) primary, as will three candidates for the solicitorship of the eighth judicial district and two candidates for United States senator. Rep. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville is unopposed for the congressional seat from the seventh congressional district.

Total unofficial registration by wards and precincts: First ward, 614 Democrats, 18 Republicans.

Second ward, first precinct: 688 Democrats, 24 Republicans. Second ward, second precinct: 710 Democrats, 10 Republicans.

Third ward, first precinct: 892 Democrats, 30 Republicans. Third ward, second precinct: 935 Democrats, 13 Republicans.

Fourth ward: 988 Democrats, 18 Republicans. Fifth ward, first precinct: 736 Democrats, 28 Republicans.

Fifth ward, second precinct: 713 Democrats, 32 Republicans. Sixth ward, first precinct: 709 Democrats, 9 Republicans.

Sixth ward, second precinct: 1,151 Democrats, 14 Republicans. Cape Fear township: 521 Democrats, 15 Republicans.

Seven Mile Post precinct: 120 Democrats, 7 Republicans. East Wilmington precinct: 1,115 Democrats, 16 Republicans.

Winter Park precinct: 548 Democrats, 15 Republicans. Seagate precinct: 527 Democrats, 12 Republicans.

Masonboro precinct: 299 Democrats, 3 Republicans. Sunset Park precinct: 588 Democrats, 25 Republicans.

Federal Post township: 579 Democrats, 30 Republicans.

Will Talk Here



R. T. Hammett, (above) special representative of the Esso Marketers, will speak at a dinner given by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey in the main dining room of the Cape Fear Hotel Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hammett will cover thoroughly the entire rubber situation, including the history of synthetic rubber and up-to-the-minute information on the status of this vitally important product. Little known facts about the tremendously important part played by petroleum in the war effort will also be brought out by Mr. Hammett including reassuring information on the supply of certain vital materials.

The conclusion of his talk, Mr. Hammett will answer all questions on any phase of the synthetic rubber situation.

Heavy Rains Recorded Here In Past 48 Hours

Rainfall in Wilmington and vicinity for the 48-hour period ending at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night totalled 3.74 inches, officials of the U. S. Weather bureau said.

The unusually heavy precipitation brought to an end dry period which extended through the entire month of April. April, usually a month of heavy showers, was recorded as the driest April since 1927, weather bureau records reveal.

U. S. DIPLOMATS ARRIVE IN LISBON

(Continued from Page One) holm, which docked here today and began discharging 923 Germans, Italians, Bulgarians and Hungarians. The Drottningholm's sailing is scheduled for May 21.

Among the Americans from Italy were the Rev. Hiram Gruber Woolf of Elmira, N. Y., rector of St. Paul's American Episcopal church in Rome, who was arrested Nov. 18 on suspicion of espionage; Harold Denny, New York Times correspondent, and Major Michael Buckley, U. S. Army observer, both of whom were captured in Libya before the Axis went to war against the United States.

The Americans reaching here tonight from Germany were dirty and hungry but mostly in good health and extremely happy. For the first time since last December they were free to move about, buy newspapers, use the telephone and eat what they wanted.

For the first time in five months they saw no pistol-toting gendarmes at their elbows, watching every step with baleful, suspicious eyes. For 17 news and radio correspondents it was another incident in an adventure which started with the mass arrests of Dec. 11, 1941.

The diplomats were not arrested and consequently avoided going through the German police mill. They were rounded up with little ceremony, however, and concentrated in heavily guarded hotels at Bad Nauheim and Baden Baden.

Now in neutral Portugal, the 28 North and South Americans were eating heartily tonight after protracted experience with the scanty German wartime rations.

They listened to radios from London and America, read newspapers not controlled by Dr. Goebbels, and began learning what has been going on in the world from which they had been thoroughly isolated by the German censorship.

LAVAL TURNS DOWN DEMANDS ON U. S.

(Continued from Page One) ty" and that "France will not relinquish any of her rights over Martinique no matter what happens."

Repeats Assurances In a renewed bid for continued relations with Washington, however, he repeated his assurances—first made May 5 in rejection of a United States warning against resistance to British occupation of Madagascar—that "the French government today solemnly affirms it will never take responsibility for an act which could compromise our relations with the American people."

But with chagrin, he remarked to the correspondents: "My presence in the French government does not exactly appear to inspire the entire confidence of the Washington government."

Laval's version of the American note bore this out. "The present chief of government of Vichy, having announced he would follow a policy of greater collaboration with Germany, it no longer is possible for the American government to maintain the agreements (of Nov. 1940), regarding the French possessions in the Western hemisphere since these possessions are under orders of Monsieur Laval," the note began. It was addressed to Admiral Robert.

The six demands were: (1) Immobilization of the three French warships and the warplanes at Martinique, (2) and (3) American control of communications and commercial and passenger traffic. (4) Limitation of French military activities to police purposes. (5) Placing of the merchant ships in Martinique at the disposal of the United States. (6) The freezing of government bullion and funds held on the island.

OFFICIALS SILENT WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—Pierre Laval's declaration today that he had rejected most of the United States' proposals regarding Martinique met studied official silence in Washington, but in authoritative quarters it was said that this government had not received any note from the Vichy government leader.

At the same time, the State department, reiterating that the negotiations were with local French authorities on the Caribbean island, said that these discussions were continuing. The State department previously had announced that the immobilization of French warships at Martinique was under way and that the negotiators were at work on less important phases of the problem of removing any possibility of French Caribbean possessions becoming a threat to the security of the United States.

BRUNSWICK COURT CONVENES MONDAY

Dorsey Cox Scheduled To Be Tried For Murder Of Hinson Edwards

SOUTHPORT, May 16.—One of the largest criminal dockets in the past decade will be tried at a one-week criminal term of Brunswick county superior court which convenes here Monday morning with Judge C. Everett Thompson of Elizabeth City presiding.

Heading the list of 78 cases on the docket is the trial of Dorsey Cox, white man of the Exum section of the county, who, according to Solicitor David Sinclair of Wilmington, will be tried for his life for the murder of Hinson Edwards. Solicitor Sinclair said that he would request a special venire of 100 to 200 men for the Cox trial, which is expected to begin Wednesday.

Cox is represented by S. Bunn Frink and Dwight McEwen while the solicitor will be aided by G. Butler Thompson.

One other case of second degree murder is scheduled for the term, which is expected to be concluded late Saturday night.

The Brunswick term will mark the conclusion of unusually heavy criminal terms in the four counties of the Eighth Judicial district, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender and Columbus, in the past month. Judge Thompson was the presiding judge in each county while Solicitor Sinclair represented the state.

CITY WATER PROJECT FUND IS ACCEPTED

(Continued from Page One) The two storage tanks was let to the A. H. Guleon company by the city several weeks ago and bids on the construction and equipment for the new filter plant have been asked by the city.

Revision of the water improvement docket to include funds for the King's Bluff supply will not affect the present status of the other projects, Mayor Bellamy said.

When operating at full capacity, the King's Bluff supply will furnish 15 million gallons of water a day, if necessary, to the city's filter plant, the mayor said.

Drawn from the river above the dam to prevent the annual fall influx of salt into rivers in this vicinity from contaminating the city's supply, the water will be brought to Hilton through a 30-inch, reinforced concrete, lock-joint, steel cylinder pipe line.

"This type of pipe line has proved fully as effective and as durable as the cast-iron type and was recommended by government engineers as the type we were most likely to obtain now," Mayor Bellamy said.

"It is used extensively on the West coast to pipe water from the mountains to coastal cities, as well as in the northern and New England states."

Pumps at King's Bluff and at Hilton, as well as booster pumps along the line, will force the water from the river to the city.

Recommended by Engineers King's Bluff was selected by the city as a source of water supply upon the recommendation of the New York Civil Engineering firm of Malcolm Pirnie which conducted an extensive survey of all available sources of water here for the city council.

Funds for the King's Bluff project replace the original allocation to build a core dam and improve the city's present source of water supply at Toomer's creek.

The mayor emphasized that, except possibly to repair the present Toomer's creek pipeline, none of the new allocation of funds would be spent at the creek.

When completed, King's Bluff will be the sole supply of city water, he said.

The announcement of FWA approval of the enlarged waterworks program climaxed more than three months of work by the mayor, the city attorney and members of the city council here and in Richmond and Washington.

Recommending King's Bluff as the most logical site for the city's water supply, the Pirnie report pointed out that in addition to being salt-free, the Cape Fear river water there would require the least processing of any other source of water and that King's Bluff would furnish a supply of water adequate to the future as well as the present needs of the city.

Several weeks ago, the council, upon the recommendation of City Manager James G. Wallace, voted funds to repair present deep wells in the city and to bore others in order to provide a temporary source of salt-free water until the King's Bluff project could be completed.

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