



FOOD ADVISORY GROUP FORMED BY CITY DEALERS

Food Distributors of This City Name Advisory Committee With Russell D. Hodges, the Chairman; T. M. Greer, Secy.; To Deal With Emergencies.

Local food distributors have formed a committee to deal with food surpluses and shortages by taking action on a county-wide basis within the food distribution industry and correlating facts for presentation weekly to the State Supervisor, Hillman Moody, Food Distribution Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., according to W. J. Velsor, Western North Carolina Field Representative, FDA, of Asheville, who assisted in the organization of the committee.

The session on May 5 at the Daniel Boone Hotel was attended by County Farm Agent H. M. Hamilton, R. A. Olsen, Local OPA official, and local representatives of the various branches of the food distributing industry.

Committee Selected.

The committee selected is as follows: Russell D. Hodges, chairman; T. M. Greer, Secretary; Mrs. Ruby Ellis, Assistant Secretary; Retail Grocers, W. M. Cook, King Street Grocery, and M. C. Hollar; Retail meats: L. T. Tatum, City Meat Market; C. A. Price, Daniel Boone Hotel; C. H. Mock, Carolina Pharmacy; O. C. Wilson, Smithys; J. C. Goodnight, Goodnight & Bros.; H. M. Hamilton, county farm agent; R. A. Olsen, OPA; and D. B. Dougherty, Appalachian State Teachers College.

Local food advisory committees already have been established and are in operation in Asheville, Charlotte, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Kinston, Hamlet, Rocky Mount, Washington, and Wilmington. The Watauga County Committee is the first one to be organized in the western North Carolina area under the new policy of extending the program to the county levels, the committees heretofore organized being primarily on a wholesale distributing area basis.

To Name Executive Committee.

An executive committee will be formed to meet weekly and review reports from committee members on the food situation in Watauga county, and reports will be transmitted to the State FDA headquarters in Raleigh. After a shortage has been discovered the Local Food Advisory Committee will attempt to determine if it can be relieved locally, and if not, efforts will be made to see if it can be relieved from within the State. If the State Supervisor cannot meet the problem, an appeal goes to the regional Administrator, Col. James H. Palmer, Atlanta, Ga. (the region comprises nine states), and finally to Washington, if the region is unable to supply the foodstuff needed. In the cases of surplus the local committee attempts to find a market within the county, and if no action is possible, the information is passed on through the State, Regional and National levels with the idea of locating an area where the surplus foods may be utilized.

The local Food Advisory Committee will also cooperate in helping to eliminate any "black" markets in meats and other produce.

Air Warning Workers In County Commended

Walter Edmisten, county director of the air raid warning service, has received commendation for all those in the organization which participated in the 24-hour service starting on May 3. The letter from Lt. Thos. F. Williams, Signal Corps, Charlotte N. C., says:

"The activation of this area has been a huge success. This maneuver has been most helpful in assisting our commanders to determine the efficiency attained by each organization. It is our firm belief that the observers in this area will rate highest in the region in alertness, and the patriotic way in which they assumed their duties.

"All this has been made possible by your splendid cooperation. The will to make any sacrifice, and the cheerful way in which so much of each observers' time was given, has been an outstanding feature of this activation.

"We who are responsible for the operation of the Ground Observer Section, are deeply grateful to you and feel that we can face any future problems with utmost confidence in the loyalty and ability of all our observers to carry us over the top.

"I thank you again for your splendid cooperation."

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS

NEW MAYOR



Gordon H. Winkler, Boone's new Mayor who received the reins of government at the hands of W. H. Gragg last week. Mayor Winkler, who was reared here, is a former representative from Watauga in the General Assembly, chairman of the Watauga War Price and Ration Board, Director in the Northwestern Bank, prominent insurance man and farmer.

NEW MAYOR AND BOARD SWORN IN

Mayor Winkler and New Board Hold Routine Meeting Thursday.

Gordon H. Winkler, was sworn in as Mayor of the town of Boone in a joint meeting with the outgoing administration last Wednesday evening. Also taking the oath of office with Mayor Winkler were Lee H. Stout, Owen Wilson and W. M. Matheson, as commissioners.

The new slate succeeds W. H. Gragg, former mayor, and the board which was composed of Dr. G. K. Moore, Kenneth Linney and D. L. Wilcox, all of whom were defeated in the election held on Tuesday of last week.

The new administration held a routine meeting on Thursday evening when Lee H. Stout was named Clerk and Mayor pro-tem. No other important business was considered, and the meeting adjourned. There will be a council meeting however, tonight (Thursday). It was stated that for the time being meetings will be held each Thursday evening.

COTTON BAGS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR POTATOES

Additional supplies of heavy cotton bagging for the early commercial potato crop in North Carolina and Virginia recently have been made available by the War Production Board, and Watauga County growers should place their orders as quickly as possible to insure an adequate supply, according to Will W. Mast, Chairman of the County USA War Board.

This cotton material, he said, was made available for this purpose after urgent appeals from potato growers and agricultural officials in face of the greatly increased acreage this year.

"This material is heavy fabric and has been found suitable for handling potatoes," Mr. Mast said. "Now that it is available, it is up to the growers to place their orders now to assure delivery in sufficient quantities to take care of the crop this year. The sooner your dealer knows your needs, the sooner he will know how many bags he will need for the season."

He asserted that agricultural officials have assured that burlap bagging will not be available this year in sufficient quantities to take care of the early potato crop, and urged farmers not to delay orders on the hope of obtaining burlap bags.

He estimated the early commercial potato crop in North Carolina at 56,000 acres, of which approximately 2000 acres are in Watauga County. It is expected the yield of approximately 54,197 acres will be sold in bags.

Wataugans Summoned For Federal Jury Service

Federal court will convene in Wilkesboro Monday May 17th and the following Wataugans have been summoned for jury duty:

Fred Edmisten, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Sarah Gaither, Boone; George Robinson, Reece; Mrs. Maude Estes, Boone; McCoy Miller, Boone; D. P. Wyke, Boone; John Grimes, Boone; Milton Bradshaw, Finley; Paul Cox, Banner Elk; C. D. McNeil, Laxon; Alfred Thomas, Mable.

RIGHT TO REFUSE BEER LICENSE IS TAKEN TO JUDGE

Mandamus Proceedings Instituted Against Board of Commissioners For Refusal to Issue Beer License; Hearing To Be Held in Newton Saturday.

The question of whether or not the Board of County Commissioners is acting within its legal authority in refusing to issue a license for the sale of wine and beer in Boone, will be decided by Resident Judge Wilson Warlick in Newton next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

At this time Judge Warlick will act on an application for a writ of mandamus to force the county commissioners to issue the license. The papers were served on the individual members of the board May 5, on behalf of Mr. B. G. Teams of Boone whose application for license to sell beer was refused.

Information is that the hearing will not be to discuss the pros and cons of prohibition, but to determine whether or not, as a matter of law, the applicant was entitled to receive license.

NO BEER LICENSE, SAY CITY FATHERS

The newly elected city administration have voted against issuance of license for the sale of wine and beer in this city, it was learned Tuesday, and have forwarded the following letter to an applicant for such license:

"This will acknowledge your application, with \$25.00 check attached, for licenses to sell beer and wine in the Town of Boone.

"The town commissioners have voted, unanimously, against the issuing of wine and beer license in Boone, and have ordered the Town Clerk to inform all applicants for such license to this effect. Your check, therefore, is herewith returned.

"Very truly yours,
"L. H. STOUT,
Town Clerk."

Mount Vernon Church To Be Dedicated 23rd

The Mount Vernon Baptist church will be dedicated on the fourth Sunday in May, Rev. R. C. Eggers the pastor, states.

Rev. W. D. Ashley will preach the sermon at 11 a. m. and the dedication ceremony will follow. There will be speakers in the afternoon and a song service.

All members are asked to be present, and members of sister churches, and enjoy the fellowship. All former members of the church are also asked to attend.

John Thomas Lewis Is Reported Wounded

John Thomas Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, former Boone residents, is reported as wounded in action in the Pacific war zone. Further reports received by relatives here indicate he is on a hospital ship at the time. No further details were received.

The Lewis family now resides in Plant City, Fla.

Class in Production Of Vegetables Organized

An adult class in the production of fruits and vegetables was organized at the local high school Tuesday night, Dr. Orby Southard, teacher of vocational agriculture, has announced.

The class, under the sponsorship of the rural war production training program, will meet on Tuesdays and Friday nights for five weeks. Plans for the establishment of a community canning plant have been made and an order placed for the necessary equipment, it was learned.

SOME SPIKE TOOTH HARROWS YET AVAILABLE IN COUNTY

The Watauga County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee, Will W. Mast, chairman, has announced that some spike tooth harrows are still for sale in Watauga county. Any farmer who wants to buy a spike tooth harrow may place his application with the County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee, who will advise him, where these harrows are available.

U. S. Flag Flies Over Coal Mines



With coal miners back in their pits on a six-day week work basis, the Stars and Stripes has been hoisted over coal mines throughout the country, signifying government supervision. The six-day week was ordered by Fuel Administrator Ickes throughout the coal mining industry as work generally was resumed, after a nation-wide walkout. Picture shows the flag flying over the mine buildings of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, Pricedale, Pa.

REPORTED MISSING IN AFRICAN ACTION



Private Charles Presnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Presnell, of Beech Creek, this county, who has been reported missing in action in the North African area. He was attached to Battery B, 17th Field Artillery, and so far no word has been received through the Red Cross concerning him.

CHURCHILL VISITS WITH PRESIDENT

Prime Minister Follows Up Tunisian Victory With Quick-Trip to Washington.

Washington, May 11.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived here tonight against a background of an allied victory in Tunisia and German jitters over invasion, for more war talks with President Roosevelt.

He was accompanied by a staff of military and naval experts.

His swift trip to the United States after the sudden collapse of axis armies in Tunisia led to conjecture that he had come for a final checking over of plans for hammering open another front on the European continent and perhaps to project allied strategy farther than that.

The White House naturally gave no specific details of the exact purpose of the fifth Roosevelt-Churchill parley in 21 months and the fourth since this country was plunged into the conflict.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early issued only this brief announcement:

"Prime Minister Winston Churchill has arrived in Washington. He was met by the President upon arrival and will be the President's guest for the duration of his visit. Mr. Churchill was accompanied by a staff of experts, both military and naval."

Lord Beaverbrook, London publisher and former British cabinet member, also has arrived in the capital, although it was said he was not a member of the official Churchill party. It was believed however, that Beaverbrook, who has been a close collaborator with Churchill on industrial problems, probably will participate in the joint talks.

HOME FOLKS

North Carolina, with more population than any other state in the South except Texas, has more native born than any other state in the nation—99.6.

MERCHANTS WILL CLOSE HALF DAY DURING SUMMER

Number Of Business People Agree to Close Each Wednesday Afternoon, Beginning May 19 For Three Months Period; The Names of Those Affected.

A number of the retail stores and other business houses of the city agreed to observe a half holiday each Wednesday afternoon at a meeting held last Thursday at the Junior Order Hall.

The agreement will be effective as of Wednesday May 19, and will be in force for a three months period.

With travel restrictions keeping large numbers of shoppers away from town except on the week-ends the merchants thought that one-half day each week spent in Victory Gardens, and taking care of the manifold duties about their homes, that ordinarily could be done by hired labor, would be beneficial.

The cooperation of all the people of the trading area is sought in order that there may be no inconvenience from the closing. The same plan has been followed by large numbers of business houses in various towns of the state during the summers, for many years, and has met with approval.

Those who have agreed to close as indicated are:

- Parkway Company
- Burgess Antique Shop
- King Street Grocery
- City Meat Market
- Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.
- The Crest Stores
- Belk-White Company
- Nettie Lee Shop
- Hunt's Department Store
- Qualls Furniture Store
- Barnett's Grocery Store
- Boone Tire & Bargain Store
- Hollar's Grocery
- A. & P. Store
- Dixie Store
- Artistic Beauty Shop
- Mayflower Beauty Shop
- McGuire's Beauty Salon
- Smithy's Store

It is also stated that the Northwestern Bank, which formerly was closed on Thursday afternoons will cooperate with the merchants and be closed on Wednesday afternoons instead.

Postoffice Also to Close Wednesday Afternoons

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., announced this morning that in accord with the action of a large number of stores of the city, he would also close the windows at the post-office on Wednesday afternoons during the summer, starting next week.

Mr. Brown states that delivery service will be maintained, however, and that since there will be a virtual cessation of business activity in the town during these half-holidays, the patrons of the office will suffer little inconvenience.

County Singing To Be First Sunday June

The Watauga county singing convention will be held on the first Sunday in June and Mr. N. L. Harrison, chairman of the convention, asks that there be a group of Sacred singers present from every church in Watauga and surrounding counties.

The singing will be at the Cove Creek High School.

"We wish to conserve gas and tires," he says, "and maybe one will need to catch a passing truck or hitchhike to the Shay—or maybe some of us will walk in."

The War Production board has announced that glass manufacturers will make at least 1,500,000,000 reusable commercial-pack jars. Plans are being explored for salvaging commercial-pack jars.

Iron Ore From Famous Cranberry Mines To Find Its Way Into Crucibles Of War

Washington, May 10.—It became known here today that the famous old Cranberry ironmines in Avery County, N. C., have been leased by the Republic Steel Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, and that several million dollars will be expended in their development.

Col. Daniel W. Adams, of Old Fort, N. C., who has been interested in the project for sometime, expressed gratification tonight that the lease had been signed and that the valuable ores of the western part of the state were to find their way into the war program.

A spokesman for the War Production Board confirmed the fact that the lease had been signed between the owners of the property the Tennolina corporation, of which A. H. Fisher, of Philadelphia is vice-president, and the Republic Steel corporation.

The WPB spokesman stated that while the plans were in a formative state, the WPB, realizing the need for high-grade ore, is making every effort to speed up production at Eastern blast furnaces.