



Ronald Burnette...Murphy's
Steaks to \$1.29



Ray Edwards...A & P
Roasts to 99¢



James Hayes...Midway
Country Hams about as low
as cured



Dorsey Wrenn...Wynne's
Bacon to 85¢



Larry Nelms...IGA
Potatoes to \$1.15

Local Housewives Feel Pinch Of Rapid Rise In Prices Of Certain Foods

With the garden season just around the corner in Franklin County and the meteoric jump in prices of certain commodities in local super markets, the county may become noted for its vegetarians. Local housewives and the husbands they send to the grocery store, collectively, have raised such a groan over prices that local operators have become disturbed.

The biggest culprits in the rising prices are beef, pork, and potatoes, three basic foods which are generally consumed in abundance in these parts. A survey of local stores yesterday disclosed that the price of better steaks, such as T-Bone, sirloin and boneless ribs, have jumped from 89¢ a few weeks ago to \$1.29 today. Depending on grades, and in some instances, trim, a steak-lover can get a T-Bone as low as 85¢ in Louisburg today.

Bacon, one of the fastest selling items in any market, has jumped from 49¢ per pound, for "A" Grade, a price which had lasted since 1960, to from 83¢ to 89¢ a pound. One meat supplier said yesterday that his brand was selling in Raleigh chains for 99¢ and that local stores were too low in price on this product. Second grade bacon, which was advertised in 1960 and 1964 as low as 39¢ a pound, is costing from 63¢ to 75¢ in today's meat cases.

M. C. Murphy, local super market owner, said, "It's a situation which will take a lot of figuring to understand. Government figures are needed. It is based on supply and demand. Some items are scarce right now, causing prices to rise." IGA Food Store manager, Russell Boyd, reported, "Last year there was plenty of beef. Prices were low and many small raisers got out of the business. This has made beef scarcer and prices higher. The same is true of pork and potatoes."

Potatoes, old white variety, are completely absent from some produce departments in town. Where they are available for sale, prices range from 10 lbs. for 99¢ to \$1.15. Last year they were selling for around 3 to 4¢ per pound.

Even the common hot dog has taken a leap upwards. The popular 12 ounce size, selling a short time ago for 39¢, has now moved to 53¢ with 49¢ being generally used in advertising. Fryers, a mainstay with most families in the area, are still being made available here, due to keen competition in the chicken business, for around 25¢ on sale to 35¢ regular price.

Dorsey Wrenn of Wynne's Super Market, stated, "I don't know what is happening to the grocery business. Prices continue to climb." Wrenn said he felt it was a matter of supply and demand. J. W. Strange, operator of Midway Food Store, said, "Prices on beef haven't gone up as much as most folks believe." He indicated that the prices paid to farmers for hogs didn't justify the prices being charged by meat packers. To illustrate his point, he showed a country-cured ham which he says he is selling just slightly above the price of sugar-cured hams, which have jumped from 45¢ a pound last year to 85¢ presently.

Zeb Overton, A & P manager here, said, "We don't do the buying here and are not familiar with wholesale prices. It seems that some items are in short supply." Most local merchants agreed that customers are squawking about prices. One local husband said, "I have to pull my wife down from the ceiling every time she goes grocery shopping. Prices are out of this world. We usually do not shop for groceries, but we are going to have to begin shopping for the best buys."

A local housewife, with four in the family, stated, "I just can't get by with the same amount of grocery money we've been using. We've got to do something." This fairly well reflects the feeling which is prevalent throughout the area.

A check of shelf prices on other basic items around town shows that lettuce, 39¢ a head a few weeks ago, has come down to around 15¢; seasonal cantaloupes are higher than 1960; bananas are about the same, and top grade oleomargarine is a little higher than 1960. Ground beef is up, but not as much as other beef products; lemons are higher; watermelons, 39¢ for large sizes in 1960, 59¢ last year, are now ranging from 89¢ for medium sizes to 99¢ for large ones. They will get cheaper as the local melons come in.

Pork picnics, long a "football" item locally, have jumped from 33¢ in 1960 and last year to 45¢-49¢ today. Smoked hams, 37¢ in 1960, 49¢ last year, are today selling for 63¢-65¢ per pound whole. Private label canned biscuits sold in 1960 at advertised prices of 5¢ per can and are 3 for 29¢ today. National brand biscuits, sold in 1960 for 9¢, are today about the same at 5 for 49¢. Sugar, dropping from its recent high, is still twenty cents per five-pound bag over 1960 and 10¢ over last year. A popular national brand coffee, selling for 49¢ per pound in 1960 and 69¢ last year, is marked 85¢ today.

A meat packer representative said, "I've been told by company officials that bacon will go to \$1.25 per pound before it stops. We expect prices to start downward sometime between September and December of this year in the pork market."

One store operator said, "It's the people. They demand more convenience. Frozen food sales have increased and they want closer trimmed meats. They have to pay for this convenience and this makes the prices rise." The most likely reason for the sudden jump in prices is that last year prices were good on beef, pork and potatoes as well as some other items. Many smaller producers got into the businesses, which caused the markets to flood and prices to go down, even though the consumer may not have noticed.

Births Top Deaths In Month Of June

Births exceeded deaths in Franklin County during June, according to a report from the Franklin County Health Department. The county recorded 35 births and 13 deaths. There were 15 white births and 20 colored, five white deaths and 8 colored during June.

Heart and circulatory ailments accounted for most of the deaths with pneumonia and shock claiming one life apiece. In addition to a number of tests for Tuberculosis and other communicable diseases, the Department administered immunizations as follows: Diphtheria 73; typhoid fever 42; small pox 51; Sabin polio doses 144; Salk polio doses 4, and Gama Globulin 4.

Department workers made 96 home visits and 2 visits to schools.

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The big operators have weeded out many of the smaller ones and are now controlling a market where there is scarcity of certain items. In short, competition is less and so is the product availability.

One company spokesman said it was his personal feeling that the government had entered the market with big purchases for the Viet Nam forces and others, causing to a degree the shortage and subsequent price rise. None of the many in the business interviewed yesterday proposed to have the answer or to be able to predict where the rising spiral of prices will stop. Meanwhile, housewives must continue to squeeze their budgets and look for fresh home grown vegetables to offset the cost of meat. Those interviewed by The Times were local except for some out-of-town salesmen, but the rising costs of food is being felt nationally. Where or when it might stop is anybody's guess.

Chairman George Harris again authorized Register of Deeds Alex Wood to be custodian of the Commissioner key to the box. Sheriff Joseph W. Champion has the second key. Wood explained that all names were placed in one section of the box from which they will be drawn as needed for the various terms of court. As a person's name is drawn, his ticket is then placed in the second section of the box and would not be drawn again until the first section is exhausted. He said that with the placing of all names into the first section Monday, there is a possibility that some who have served recently on jury could be drawn again.

Commissioner E. M. Sykes and Norwood Faulkner were appointed with Board attorney Charles Davis, to study certain requirements of the state which pertain to the Ben Franklin Boarding Home. Chairman George Harris has announced a meeting of the Board on July 15 at 2 p.m. for the purpose of final passage of the new budget.

Walter Long and Charles Davis, who headed Dr. Beverly Lake's campaign, have reportedly endorsed Tippet for the position. Local banking officials who were in support of Moore during the campaigns have also contacted the governor in Tippet's behalf, according to a report. Several private citizens have sent letters and telegrams to the Governor in the past few days, all urging the appointment of the Franklin County man.

When contacted, Tippet said, "I am sure that an effort is being made in my behalf and I realize, too, that this effort is being put forth in the interest of our county obtaining this appointment. I appreciate these efforts and beyond this I have no further comment to make at this time."

It was learned that Tim Valentine, Moore's legal advisor, has said that the governor will "give Franklin County all the consideration he can in this appointment. It was also learned that Ed Wopchouse, Executive Director of the State Democratic Executive Committee, is interested. He is reported to have said, "I will do all that I can to see that your county is given consideration in this appointment."

Tippet, a native of Wake County, moved to Franklin in 1949. Prior to entering the farm implement business, he was a farmer and floor manager of a local tobacco warehouse. He is married to the former Janie Cyrus of Franklin County and has three children, Larry, 18, with the Air Force in Texas, Betty Jo, 14, a ninth grader, and Bonita, 11, a sixth grader at Louisburg School. The Tippetts live on Jeffries Drive here in Louisburg. He is a veteran of 6 1/2 years in the Navy, five overseas. He was a Chief Torpedoman. He is past president of the Louisburg Lions Club, past president of the Louisburg Business Association, a charter member of the Louisburg College 100 and assistant treasurer of the Louisburg Baptist Church Sunday School. He has been active in Industrial Development in the county and is an ardent outdoorsman, loving camping out. He recently was cited by J. Melville Broughton, Chairman of the N. C. Democratic Executive Committee, for his "devotion, dedication and service" to the Democratic party of the state.

Governor Moore is expected to announce the appointments to the C & D Board within the next few days.

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Commissioners To Check On Boarding Home Requirements

The Franklin County Commissioners held a routine meeting Monday, bypassing final approval of the new budget, and hearing monthly reports of the various departments.

Rep. Speed Addresses Lions Club

The 1965 session of the North Carolina Legislature was the theme of Franklin County's Representative, Mr. James Speed, as he spoke to the Louisburg Lions Club Tuesday evening.

He commended the Legislature very highly for its provision for education, health and other services without additional taxes. Mr. Speed urged the Lions to use their influence toward approving of the \$300 million bond issue for roads. He spoke briefly about the Speaker-Ban Law which he approves but said is a controversial matter. Mr. Speed commended the Legislature for the provisions made for agricultural research and advance.

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New Highway Commissioner Here Today

The new Fifth Division Highway Commissioner, J. B. Brame of Durham is expected to visit Louisburg this afternoon to confer with local officials and meet some local leaders, according to a reliable report. Brame is expected to meet with the County Commissioners briefly during the afternoon on his get-acquainted visit. He, reportedly, will not stay in the area long enough to meet with other businessmen or to tour any of the local highway sites.

Forty-Two Speeders Tried In Franklinton Mayors Court

(Frk. B.W.) Forty-two speeders were tried before Mayor Joe W. Pearce in Franklinton on June 28.

Vet's Office Serves 159 In June

Veteran Service Officer George Champion, Jr., in his report to the County Commissioners Monday, said he had a total of 159 cases in the month of June. Of these, 80 were interviews, 11 had awards granted, 15 were seeking information and 10 had claims filed, reviewed or reopened.

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, July 6th:

- Silas Wilkins, c/m/34, non-support. 6 months in jail, assigned to work under supervision of prison department, suspended on defendant accepting probation for 2 years and to pay \$40.00 per month to C.S.C.
- Jerry Richardson, c/m/17, assault. 6 months in jail, assigned to work under supervision of State Prison Dept., suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.
- Joseph Olive Jones, w/m/19, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Jimmy Charles Wilkins, w/m/25, escape from prison. Defendant waives hearing; to be held for Franklin County Grand Jury.

Louisburg Businessman Being Considered By Gov. For C & D Appointment

Wallace Tippet, 44-year-old Louisburg farm implement dealer, is being considered by Governor Dan. Moore for an appointment to the Conservation and Development Board, according to a reliable source. Tippet, who headed up Moore's successful campaign here in Franklin County in last year's elections, is reported to have the support of the County Democratic Executive Committee and Representative James D. Speed, among others.



Wallace Tippet

Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 6:

Recorder's Court

- Richard Johnson Noel--68 mph in a 60 mi. zone. Cost paid.
- Maurice Thompson Whitfield--65 mph in a 55 mi. zone. See COURT Page 6
- Virginia Meade Prichard--70 mph in a 60 mi. zone. Cost paid.
- Walter Webb, Jr., Norman W. Burris--70 mph in a 60 mi. zone--Each paid fine and cost.
- Bryant Grover Parrish--65 mph in a 50 mi. zone. Pleads guilty. Pay fine and cost by waiver.
- Chester Edgerton--55 mph in a 35 mi. zone. Cost paid.
- Otos Raymond Williamson--45 mph in a 35 mi. zone. Cost paid.
- Billy Stevens--60 mph in a 50 mi. zone. Fine and cost paid.

Tobacco Marketing Changes Announced

With the opening of tobacco warehouses and the auctions less than two months away, there are a number of questions facing Franklin County growers. Aside from the usual concern with the condition of the crop at this stage, and the time honored anxiety over the weather, growers face the newness of the acreage-pounding program.

Already confronted with curtailed acreage and the complex poundage limit, growers must face a host of new regulations governing the sale this fall of their tobacco crop.

The Franklin County ASCS Office has released a list of changes in marketing practices which will be in effect this fall, through John R. Davis, office manager.

and left in the custody of the warehouse until payment is made, or the tobacco is removed from the warehouse. Warehousemen will not sell producer tobacco unless the marketing card is left in the custody of the warehouse.

4. "If you have a need for more than one card at a time, you must request in writing that the county office issue additional cards and state the exact pounds to be assigned to each card. The county office will prepare this request which the operator will sign.

5. "If you have carry-over tobacco from the 1964 or prior year crop that you want to sell in 1965, you may obtain a marketing card to market this tobacco without its being charged against the 1965 quota. This carry-over tobacco will not be eligible for price support. To get this carry-over card you will:

A. "Notify the county office prior to July 15, 1965, that you have carry-over tobacco on hand. Failure to notify the county office prior to July 15 will prohibit the issuance of a carry-over card and the tobacco if marketed will be charged against the 1965 quota.

B. "Establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the tobacco was carried over from a prior year and was produced on a within quota farm.

C. "Before a carry-over card may be issued a member of the county committee or its representative shall examine the tobacco to determine that the tobacco is from a prior year crop and determine the number of pounds of carry-over tobacco.