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## OPA Announces Ceiling Price On Burley Tobacco

A Slight Increase Over Last Year Is Provided; Prices Are By Grades

Washington — The Office of Price Administration announces ceiling prices on the 1943 crop of burley tobacco. An increase of \$3 a hundred pounds over last year's grade prices is provided. Although prices are higher in every grade, the OPA said the new regulation would give growers returns equivalent to those received in 1942, since several provisions permitting flexibility in the old ceiling have been eliminated.

The new schedule was rushed out by OPA, despite last-minute hitches, so that the figures would be in the hands of the trade by the time the 1943-44 auction marketing burley opened on Monday in Lexington, Ky.

Twenty-one grades have been added to the schedule used last year. All are intermediate, or so-called "discount grades," and will provide a more exact method of determining prices. Last year if a leaf was somewhere between B-3-F and B-4-F, for instance, it was usually graded at the higher-priced grade. In the new order, an intermediate grade has been introduced, B-3-F-M, and the leaf will be priced accordingly.

OPA said the new system would provide a "more practical application" of price control for burley, which is grown mainly in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia. The 1944 demand is expected to exceed production by a greater volume than in any year since 1936.

OPA also knocked out of the new regulation a provision by which purchases could be "averaged" in any week. Under that system, a purchaser could pay an above-ceiling price for one lot if in the same week he paid a price (Continued On Page Four)

## Open Lunchroom In Sparta School

More Than 500 Students Eating The Well Planned Lunches Each Day

The Sparta high school lunch room opened Tuesday with Mrs. Laura Shumate as supervisor and a staff of five assistants, Principal C. R. Roe announced.

Type A lunches, which include a plate lunch and a glass of Grade A milk, will be served, Mr. Roe announced.

Approximately five hundred hot lunches were served each day during the first two days the lunch room was open.

Assistants to the supervisor will be Mrs. Carl Douglas, Mrs. Lon Reeves, Miss Clyde Poole, Miss Ruth Wooten and Jennie Irwin. This is the first school lunch room to be opened in Alleghany, this year.

## What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Para-Ski Troopers

When will this war end? Nobody knows, so the Army is continuing its training of Para-Ski Troopers. They're parachute troops who know their way about on skis or any other place in snow covered mountainous country.



A great measure of the success of Russia's victories last winter is attributed to these troops who move with the silence of a snowflake. Our work on the home front is not so hazardous as that of the Para-Ski Troopers but it is important that we perform our daily tasks and make every effort to increase our regular purchases of War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

## Helping Santa Prepare For His Trip



Members of the Junior Victory Army Engineers corps are helping to alleviate a shortage of toys this Christmas by repairing damaged play-things. In foreground, Lieut. Robert Traxler checks a nailing toy truck motor with a stethoscope. In background Col. Noble Le Hew and Lieut. Col. Marshall Smislow are hard at work.

## Key Positions In Italy Are Captured By Allied Forces

TO BE BURIED FRIDAY



S-Sgt. Robert J. Reynolds, who died Tuesday, will be buried Friday at Shiloh church.

## Sgt. R. J. Reynolds Dies In Hospital; Funeral Friday

Service Will Be Held At Shiloh Church For Former Sparta Man

A military funeral will be held at the Shiloh church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Staff Sergeant Robert J. Reynolds, 31, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, of Sparta, who died at the Station Hospital at BTC, No. 10, in Greensboro, Tuesday, after an illness of three weeks.

Sergeant Reynolds, who had been in military service for 18 months, was en route to Sparta to spend a 15-day furlough and was taken ill in Greensboro.

He was inducted in the army April 18, 1941, at Fort Bragg, and received his basic training at (Continued on Page 4)

## New Britain Is Heavily Bombed By Allies; Russians Making Gains

While allied government leaders made definite plans for the destruction of Germany and Japan in the future, the allied forces continued to make immediate gains in both Europe and the Pacific.

Stabbing their way onto heights six miles southwest of Mignano overlooking the flooded Garigliano river, allied fifth army troops have driven a deep wedge into the intricate web of fortifications of the German winter line and now hold dominating positions in a 25-square-mile area commanding the road to Rome.

American troops which in a few months have become masters of mountain fighting, were throwing back repeated frantic Nazi counterattacks and clugging their way steadily forward against a strongly entrenched enemy through rain, mud, flooded creeks, minefields and barbed wire entanglements (Continued on Page 4)

## Red Cross Will Meet On Friday

Rev. R. L. Berry, chairman of the Alleghany county chapter of the Red Cross, announced that there would be a chapter meeting on Friday evening at the community building at 8 o'clock, where an election will be held to elect executive officers for the coming year.

The nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Dalton Warren, R. E. Black and Floyd Crouse will present their nominees at the meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Miss Mary Phillips, Red Cross field director of Alexandria, Va., and Rev. John S. Jordan, of West Jefferson, will be present for the meeting.

The public is urged to attend the meeting.

## Turkey Agrees To Cooperate With Allied Powers In War

Cairo — President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill announced yesterday the conclusion of a three-day conference here with President Ismet Inonu of Turkey in which they studied the general political situation, "examined at length the policy to be followed" and found that their nations are bound by "the closest unity."

The "firm friendship" between strategic Turkey and the Soviet Union, which was represented at most of the sessions, also was attested to in a joint communique on the parity, a significant sequel to the Cairo and Teheran conferences in which Roosevelt and Churchill mapped the war around the world with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Pres-

mier Stalin, last week.

Immediate reaction in Cairo was that a full-scale allied-Balkans campaign now is planned for the future with the assurance that Turkey would cooperate directly or in some degree facilitate a drive against this back door to Hitler's Europe.

(A dispatch concerning the meeting written Dec. 4 by William B. King, Associated Press correspondent in Ankara, and relayed early Tuesday night said "there seems little doubt the conference is in preparation for Turkish entry into the war, although military action may still be delayed for a couple of months. King said that Inonu had left his capital "prepared to (Continued on Page 4)

## Gov. Doughton Spoke To County Teachers Here

County-wide Meeting At Community Building; 85 Teachers And Guest Present

"It is a great responsibility you have", Governor R. A. Doughton told the teachers of Alleghany county at the county-wide teacher's meeting at the community building, on Friday night, when dinner was served by the Woman's club to 85 teachers and guests.

Governor Doughton went on to explain that the first duty of a teacher is to teach those boys and girls under his or her tutelage, to love their country. "In this time of strife and peril, when parents are looking to other things and leaving the rearing of their children to the teachers in the schools, a grave responsibility rests with you", he stated.

He complimented the teachers of Alleghany on their fine records and expressed to them the appreciation of the county for the work they are doing.

B. F. McCann, president of the Alleghany chapter of NCEA, presided over the meeting prior to which a musical program was presented by Mrs. Tom Noland and Miss Ellen Hardin. Mrs. Noland and Miss Hardin played a piano duet, "Laughing Waters" followed by two vocal duets, "Shortin' Bread" and "Kentucky Babe". They concluded the program with a piano duet, "Patter Without Chatter".

Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent, was presented by the president and she in turn, presented the members of the county Board of Education, G. N. Evans, chairman; R. G. Cox and C. L. Hash. Miss Fields also presented the county commissioners, MacD Wagoner, Victor Phipps and R. L. Hendrix. Two members of the local school committee were also present, W. F. Os-

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## Name Women To Assist In Price Checking Here

Group Met And Had Rules Of OPA Explained Before Starting Work

A group of women who have been appointed by the price panel board of Alleghany county to aid the board in keeping the merchants of the county posted on the ceiling prices, met in the courthouse Saturday afternoon to have their duties explained to them and to receive their instructions.

Rev. R. L. Berry, chairman of the price panel board was in charge of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Berry explained that these assistants had not been appointed to check up on the merchants of the county but rather to help them. "The assistants are to make a check to see if the merchants are complying with OPA regulations and to keep the merchants up to date on these regulations, so that when they are checked by a regular inspector, they will be well informed as to ceiling prices," he explained.

It was also pointed out that the penalty for not complying with the ceiling prices which the OPA has fixed is a fine of \$50.00 or the merchant must pay the purchaser three times the price of the article.

The Alleghany price panel board consists of the following members: Rev. R. L. Berry, chairman, Alton Thompson and Meza Phipps, members. Assistants are Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mrs. R. E. Black, Mrs. Vergie Burchette and Mrs. F. L. Choate.

Assistants appointed to check the 36 country stores in the county are as follows:

Mrs. Ben Williams — Allen and Templeton, Scottsville; Mrs. Bruce Finney — J. W. Andrews, Furches; Mrs. Hardin Spicer — L. F. Caudill, Sparta; Mrs. Lon M. Reeves — Beulah Douglas and Bill Musgrove, Sparta; Miss Jean McMillan — J. R. Halsey, J. H. Douglas, Maggie Beeman and Hill's Store, Piney Creek; Mrs. Lonnie Edwards — Edwards Store and Whitehead Store, Whitehead; T. C. Osborne — G. N. Evans, Barrett; Ruby Lee Jones — J. R. Franklin, Glass Valley and R. L. Hendrix, Ennice; Miss Pearl Fields — Oscar (Continued on Page 4)

## U. S. Marines Win Tough Fight



Three American marines pause to drink water beside a tank trailer during their invasion of Tarawa, one of the Gilbert islands. This campaign is considered to be the most bloody and difficult in 168 years of marine fighting history. But despite elaborate Japanese defenses, U. S. forces gained control of the island within 76 hours.

## AAA Committeemen For County Named At Meeting, On Sat.

### Special Use Of Gas Is Explained By Ration Board

Public Asked To Give Their Co-operation To Local OPA Board

It was pointed out that the ration boards have recently experienced several confusing cases of special gasoline brought about by a lack of knowledge on the part of applicants of gasoline rationing regulations that must be complied with by all war price and rationing boards. In view of such misunderstandings the attention of the public is called to the rules governing the use of gasoline.

Under section 392, paragraph .06 of ration order, 5-C "special" gasoline ration cannot be issued for the following purposes: Attending funerals; attending weddings; visiting the sick; visiting members of the armed forces at camps or stations; attending school commencement exercises, and to seek employment, it was explained.

It is not possible to issue gasoline for the above purposes and the co-operation of the public in not asking for gasoline for such purposes will be appreciated, it was pointed out.

### WILL ATTEND AAA MEETING ON MONDAY

R. E. Black, county agent, Charlie Collins, chairman of the county AAA committee, Miss Betty Halsey, chief clerk of the AAA and Miss Frances Capel, home demonstration agent for Alleghany, will attend an AAA meeting at the Daniel Boone hotel in Boone, Monday.

Farm and home practice for 1944 will be discussed at the meeting.

### C. G. Collins Is County Chairman; Community Chairmen Elected

Following the election of AAA community committeemen on Friday, delegates met on Saturday and named the following county committee: C. G. Collins, chairman; Herbert Osborne, vice-chairman and B. H. Rector, regular member. Arthur Gambill was reelected secretary and Miss Betty Halsey will again serve as treasurer. W. F. Jones formerly served as the chairman. Osborne and Rector were added to the committee at this time.

Community committeemen elected were as follows: Barrett: Lonnie Davis, chairman; A. L. Coomes, vice-chairman and Edgar Wright, regular member.

Blevins Cross Roads: W. C. Evans, chairman; B. H. Rector, vice-chairman and R. A. Shaw, regular member.

Cherry Lane: Lester Woodruff, chairman; Robert Joines, vice-chairman and Bailey Wagoner, regular member.

New Hope: J. K. Taylor, chairman; Bruce Finney, vice-chairman and C. B. Taylor, reg- (Continued on Page 5)

## Hog Specialist Coming On Dec. 16

R. E. Black, Alleghany county agent, announced this week that E. V. Vestal, swine specialist of the State College Extension Service, will be in Alleghany county Thursday, December 16, for the purpose of assisting farmers in the proper methods of cutting and curing pork.

Mr. Vestal will be in position to give two demonstrations on that day, Mr. Black pointed out and he urged that farmers interested in such a demonstration contact the county agent as soon as possible in order that plans may be made and publicity given.

## Boone Burley Tobacco Mart Opens With Record Prices

Alleghany, Ashe and other farmers of this section were pleased with the opening prices on Boone's tobacco market, Tuesday, when the Mt. Burley warehouses reported a record high average of \$52.26 per hundred.

Sales were heavy and the quality unusually good, according to reports.

"We are highly pleased with prices and quality," Roscoe Coleman, who is in charge of the Mt. Burley warehouses, said. "We are always delighted when farmers are pleased, for we are the farmers' friends," he added.

It was pointed out that every effort is made to clear the floor daily. "We try to avoid all delay and see that a farmer gets his check the day he brings his to-

bacco," Mr. Coleman said.

With the addition of space added this summer, the warehouses now have more floor space than last year. The warehouses have full sets of buyers.

Assisting Mr. Coleman is Wayne Rutherford, who is the weight master as well as assistant auctioneer. A native of Ashe county, Mr. Rutherford has been in service in the Air Corps and recently received a medical discharge. Prior to entering the army he played professional baseball.

S. C. Eggers, popular Watauga man, is supervisor of sales.

"We are pleased over the opening prices and are happy to welcome the farmers of Alleghany and Ashe," Mr. Eggers said.

## Sparta Stores Are Now Supplying Xmas Shoppers

Brisk Trade Reported; Still Plenty Of Gifts To Be Found Here

Local merchants reported good business last week end when the Christmas shopping season was officially opened here as well as brisk trade the first of this week.

There is still, however, a good selection of gift items to choose from, here, as well as practical, usable merchandise. A survey shows that many people are making purchases from practical gifts such as clothes, furniture or other usable items this year.

Decorations, consisting of laurel roping, will be put up this week end in Sparta in order to add to the Christmas spirit.

Santa Claus is expected to visit the various stores and talk with the children and find out their various wishes in time for Christmas. An announcement of the time of his arrival will be made in next week's paper.

The public is cordially invited by merchants to do their Christmas shopping in Sparta.

## Supplies Sent To Orphanage

420 Cans Filled By Baptist Women Of Alleghany For Orphanage

Thirty-five dozen half-gallon jars that were filled by the ladies of the Alleghany Association have been delivered to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

A list of the churches and the number of jars filled by each have been mailed and the churches will receive credit for the same.

A list of the members taking part is as follows:

Bellevue church: Mrs. W. A. Atwood, one dozen jars. Chestnut Grove church: Mrs. S. L. Perry, one dozen jars. Laurel Springs church: Mrs. Curtis Blevins, Mrs. E. W. Shepherd and Mrs. George Shepherd, one dozen jars; Ivy Grace Doughton, one dozen; Hazel Lee Taylor, one dozen; Mrs. D. L. Taylor, one dozen; Mrs. T. S. Moxley, one dozen; Mrs. F. Miller, one dozen; Mrs. Van Miller, one dozen; and Mrs. T. C. Osborne, one dozen.

New Hope church: Mrs. E. S. Mitchell, one dozen; Mrs. Wiley McMillan, one dozen; and Mrs. Dan Jones, one dozen.

Liberty church: Mrs. A. O. Joines, two dozen; Mrs. L. B. Joines, Mrs. Bill Wagoner, Mrs. F. W. Cheek, Mrs. E. E. Caudill and Mrs. McD. Wagoner, one dozen each.

Pine Fork church: Mrs. W. M. Hamm and Mrs. Frank Taylor, one dozen each.

Scottville church: Mrs. John Maines, Mrs. W. E. Nucholls, Mrs. John Royal, and Mrs. W. L. (Continued on Page 4)

## TO HOLD BOX SUPPER AT RICH HILL DEC. 18

A box supper will be sponsored by the Rich Hill school, Saturday night, December 18, at 8 o'clock, proceeds to go for the installation of a water system at the school. Mrs. Mallie Handy, teacher, announced this week.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by Clifton Evans and his band.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WILL START DEC. 17

The Christmas holidays for the Alleghany county schools will officially begin at the close of the school day on Friday, December 17, Supt. Clyde Fields, announced today.

The individual schools will re-open on different dates according to the number of days each took for the Thanksgiving holidays, it was explained.

The Sparta school will re-open on December 20, having had a two-day Thanksgiving holiday.

As has been previously explained, the county board of education allowed the schools of the county also days for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, to be divided as the individual schools desired.