

# Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

### ANTHRACITE COAL PRICES WILL RISE

Washington — Anthracite coal miners won a wage increase but home users of the hard coal must pay a \$1 per ton more for the fuel.

A wage agreement was approved by Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis.

The wage pact, approved previously by the War Labor Board gives 68,000 United Mine Workers an increase of \$1.37½ daily and provides slightly lesser hikes for 4,000 others.

The anthracite price schedule, effective June 18, immediately provides for an increase of \$1 a ton for domestic sizes and from 25 to 50 cents a ton for industrial sizes.

### ALLIED GOVERNMENT SET UP IN GERMANY

Wiesbaden — (Delayed) — Provincial Governments have been established in every province in the American-occupied zone of Germany except Wuertemberg, Gen. Jacob L. Devers' 12th Army Group headquarters announced.

Also functioning are 496 summary, intermediate and general military courts.

Col. W. H. Peters Jr., Knoxville, Tenn., said the appointment of civil officials to responsible posts was proceeding rapidly. They include many important figures of pre-Hitler judicial and civil life.

One of them is Adam Stegerwald, former Prime Minister of Bavaria and chief of the Catholic trade unions. He has been appointed reigierung president of the district of Mainfranken. In American terms a reigierung is an area larger than a county but smaller than a state.

**N. C. IS CERTAIN OF TWO BOND GOALS**

State War Finance Chairman Clarence T. Leinbach announced that the reaching of two of North Carolina's quotas in the Seventh War Loan is assured, but pointed out that the "real test" of a successful campaign lies in the E bond drive, which continues to lag substantially behind national figures.

Leinbach suggested that as one means of speeding up sales, veterans of the first World War invest proceeds from their Adjusted Service Bonds, now matured and redeemable, in E bonds.

As of June 15, a total of \$30,800,000 worth of E bonds had been sold in the State—approximately 57 per cent of the \$53,500,000 goal—Leinbach said. He pointed out that as of the same date the national E bond effort had reached 63 per cent of a \$4,000,000,000 objective.

### RECORD PEACH CROP IN SOUTHERN STATES

Raleigh — Peach prospects declined approximately 6 per cent during the month of May. Failure of early peaches to size up as expected and hail damage in the upper Sandhill region accounted for the decline. Cool weather during May held back somewhat the development of later varieties and sizing of fruit is now expected to be about average.

The State Department of Agriculture reports that a severe hail storm which occurred in the heavy producing Candor-Norman area of the Sandhills on June 2 seriously damaged the grade on around 400 cars of peaches. It is anticipated that practically all of this hail-pecked fruit will move to market but at a considerably lower price than would have been received if no damage had occurred. Harvest dates by varieties are ten days to two weeks earlier than average. Peak harvest of Elbertas is expected in mid-July. The peach outlook in the Polk-Rutherford commercial area is good but is disappointing in Surry county. The early April freeze nearly wiped out the crop in the central and upper Piedmont counties except in very favorable locations.

### BELGIANS MAY STRIKE AGAINST PRESENT KING

Brussels — Belgian organized workers threatened to paralyze the country with a general strike, and the combined Left Wing political parties and the labor unions called on their supporters to put themselves "in a state of self-defense" against attempts to re-throne the King by force.

"Death to Leopold! Hang him!" cried members of Walloon (French-speaking Belgians) societies who gathered at famous "Wounded Eagle" Monument at Waterloo to commemorate the defeat of Napoleon on June 18, 1815.

### HINTON JAMES RESIGNS AS N. C. GAME HEAD

Raleigh — Hinton James resigned as commissioner of game and inland fisheries, a post he has held for the last four years, and said he would return to his farming and business interests in Laurinburg.

James' resignation will be effective July 1.

While his successor has not been named, it was learned that negotiations are under way for the return of John Findlay, who resigned two months ago to take over the supervision of Lake Mattamuskeet under a Federal-State co-operative program. Findlay

### The Discoverer of Penicillin



Sir Alexander Fleming, the man who gave the world the wonder drug, penicillin, is shown as he appeared at a press conference in Washington. The scientist is touring U. S. hospitals in connection with the use of penicillin. Army doctors state that thousands upon thousands of soldiers' lives have been saved by Sir Alexander's discovery.

### WPB Chairman Alarmed Over Acute Shortage Of Pulpwood

Washington — Grave concern over the low receipts of pulpwood and the continued drain on inventories at pulp mills was reflected in a statement made this week by J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board.

"Increased production of pulpwood in the United States is absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war in the Pacific," Mr. Krug declared in a statement that reiterated the point that "essential requirements for forest products have not been lessened by the end of the war in Europe."

"Pulpwood and wood pulp production remain on the Production Urgency List of vital war materials," he declared. While pulpwood production is normally a seasonal operation in many areas, he urged continued operations throughout the summer and fall, "if serious shortages and mill shut-downs are to be averted."

Mr. Krug's statement recognized that extremely bad weather in some areas, coupled with ice and snow break-ups in the North, "made it difficult if not impossible to move large amounts of wood cut last winter."

"This critical situation is forcing many pulp mills to operate at less than capacity," Mr. Krug stated.

Labor and transportation were listed as two of the primary problems in the industry.

"Shortages of trucks, tires, freight cars, wood operation equipment and men," according to the WPB chairman, "are all contributing to the seriousness of the production program."

Referring to the urgent demand for peeled top quality pulpwood needed to meet the official quota of 16,000,000 cords of pulpwood for 1945, Mr. Krug said: "As current reports indicate production is substantially behind this goal, every effort to overcome existing difficulties must be made and production stepped up."

### SUMMER SCHOOL OPENED AT A. S. T. C. LAST WEEK

Boone — The first term of the Forty-third Session of summer school for Appalachian State Teachers College opened on June 12th with the largest registration for the summer since the start of the war. At the close of the day on Friday, the registration numbered five hundred forty-five, representing most of the southern states. This puts the enrollment back in terms of pre-war days. From the academic point of view, two hundred seventeen of these have bachelor's degrees and nineteen have master's degrees. Seventy-eight of the bachelors are enrolled in the Graduate Department of the summer school, pursuing courses toward master's degrees to be conferred by the University of North Carolina.

North Carolina furnishes two hundred ninety of the students, South Carolina leads the out-state registration with one hundred twenty-seven, Florida follows with eighty and Georgia with thirty. Other out-state registrations come from Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, New Jersey, Michigan, Texas and Ohio. In county registrations, Watauga leads with 35, followed by Ashe and Rutherford with 17 each, Wilkes with 16,

had been with the division, part of the Department of Conservation and Development, for seven years.

### MOUNTAIN APPLES ARE HARD HIT BY FREEZE

Raleigh — The commercial apple crop in mountain counties was hard hit by the April freeze, with the condition of the crop for the area as a whole now reported at about 10 per cent. Prospects in the Brushy Mountain section of Wilkes and Alexander counties are considerably better than for other commercial counties.

In this area, many growers in favorable locations report a good set of fruit. Production of apples in the Brushy Mountain section, however, is expected to be less than half of last year's volume. In other sections, the crop ranges from complete failure to a light set of fruit.

June conditions as reported by the State Department of Agriculture make it appear that the United States apple crop in 1945 may reach a record low total—somewhat smaller than the short 1943 crop. In the East and Midwest, the effect of April freezes became more evident, and additional May freezes and poor May pollination weather further reduced prospects for the crop.

### PRICE CEILINGS ON MEAT ARE AVAILABLE

Complete lists of the legal ceiling prices on all grades and cuts of meat, printed in a convenient size that will fold to fit the purse, have been received in a limited quantity at the War Price and Rationing Board, the chairman said today.

Housewives and shoppers may obtain these lists by calling in person at the local War Price and Rationing Board or by sending a postcard, he explained.

"We are placing in the hands of consumers a simple and powerful weapon to help smash black market in meat," he said.

Prices shown on the Consumer Meat Price List are the highest that may be charged regardless of the size of the store, he pointed out.

Cleveland 12, Mecklenburg 11, Avery, Burke, Guilford and Iredell with 10 each.

### Farm Census Has Been Completed

H. M. Bailey, local supervisor, district Number six, with headquarters at Salisbury, advises that the enumeration of farms for the 1945 Census of Agriculture in Alleghany has been completed.

In order that there might be as complete coverage as possible and in the event anyone eligible to be listed as a farmer has been overlooked, Mr. Bailey requests that the person or persons contact him at Salisbury, N. C., giving their name and address.

To qualify as a farmer for census purposes, a farm consists of three or more acres or if less than three acres, having a value of products raised of \$250 or more. Any persons operating such farms, greenhouses, mushroom cellars, hatcheries, or who keep cows or other livestock, chickens or other poultry, or bees, or who grow flowers, vegetables, or fruit for sale should be enumerated in the 1945 Census of Agriculture. It is also requested that any persons not heretofore enumerated, who might think they can qualify as operating a farm for census purposes, communicate with Mr. Bailey.

### Twin Oaks News

**CARL IRWIN**  
Staff Correspondent

Mrs. Jennie Bare returned here Sunday, after spending a few days with relatives at Scottville.

Wade Irwin, Junior Gentry and Seaman Billie Hardin are spending two days camping on New River.

Little Alice Billings, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Estel Billings, Stratford, returned from the Infantile Paralysis Hospital at Charlotte, where she had been confined for almost a year. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irwin had as visitors, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Goodman, Morganton; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cheek and daughters, Marian and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin and son, Wade; Mrs. Gene Irwin and son, Carl Wilson, and Miss Madge Wyatt, Sparta.

Mrs. Ollie Edwards, Whitehead, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Hampton, Stratford.

Miss Johnnie Cox, Stratford, spent the week end with relatives, here.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farmer were: Mrs. Rose Sanders and daughter, June; Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Delp and daughters, Genevaann and Linda, N. Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shores and children, Jannell and McArthur, Sparta; and Miss Marlen Kirby, Kings Creek.

Billy and Miss Bettie Ruth Farmer are spending this week with their sister, Mrs. Hobart

### Maple Shade News

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neaves, of Elkin, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cox.

Mrs. Reba Paisley Yeoman, of Delp, North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Gene Irwin and son, Carl Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin and son, Wade; and Miss Madge Wyatt visited "Uncle" Man Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Irwin, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shore, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Jackie and Georgia Wagner, Stratford, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Irwin, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Evans and children, Scottville, spent Sunday with his brother, Robert Evans and Mrs. Evans here

Elkton, Md., is spending some-time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Paisley.

Mrs. Clyde Louthern and Mrs. Joe Phipps are visiting their sister, Mrs. G. W. Kirk.

Miss Maxine Parsons, of Martinsville, spent a few days last week with her brothers, L. Z. and R. G. Parsons.

Miss Helen Pose, of Baltimore, Md., spent last week with her mother, here.

Misses Grace Kirk and Winnie Hash and Mrs. V. M. Cox, of Galax, visited relatives here last week end. Miss Hash left Monday for Dublin, where she is employed.

Misses Helen Rose and Aileen Parsons are visiting relatives in Winston-Salem this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morton spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Poe.

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