

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

MERCHANTS WARNED AGAINST PRICE RISES

Raleigh—A warning to merchants of the State against drastic price increases following the termination of OPA was issued by President Oliver P. Matthews of Gastonia and Executive Secretary Willard L. Dowell of Raleigh of the N. C. Merchants Association.

Matthews and Dowell said in a statement:

"The sudden termination of price control focuses the attention of the consuming public upon retail merchants.

"The President, in his veto message, implicitly challenges business to produce and distribute goods and merchandise in ample supply at reasonable prices. This challenge can and must be met.

"Retailers have a precedent for meeting this situation, for from 1939 to well into 1942 when the price control act was adopted, they voluntarily did everything within their power to hold prices down and protect consumer interests. They were so successful in this voluntary assignment that they won high praise both from legislators and price control officials. They can and will do it again.

LOAN ASS'N WILL MEET ON JULY 10

Julian H. Scarborough, president of The Federal Land Bank of Columbia since 1934, and chairman of the Bond Committee of the 12 Federal Land Banks in the United States, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association being held in the Town Hall, North Wilkesboro, on Wednesday, July 10, according to an announcement made by O. H. Bracey, Secretary-Treasurer of the association.

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 A. M. and the business session will include reports of operation during year 1945. Two directors will be elected to serve the association for terms of three years each. An entertainment feature has been added to the program in the nature of a quiz contest among the members and guests with cash prizes to the winners.

"All farmers and businessmen interested in agricultural credit are invited to attend the meeting," President Dancy stated.

President Urges Voluntary Control As OPA Is Ended

Washington—Price and rent controls came off, at least temporarily, at midnight Sunday. Now the question is whether they can be revived.

A lapse was assured by these three actions:

President Truman's sharp veto of Congress' version of OPA extension, which he said would lead to disaster. He said the action which Congress finally took would visit a "great calamity" upon the nation.

A House vote of 142 to sustain and 173 to override the veto, 38 short of the two-thirds necessary to pass the measure over his head.

Senate adjournment until Monday without action on a temporary extension, and a House agreement not to vote until then on keeping controls past the deadline which comes with expiration of the present price control law.

The Senate quit in the midst of frantic efforts by the leadership in both houses to get action on a temporary measure.

President Truman called on all businessmen, producers and landlords to abide by price control regulations even though controls expire after midnight tonight.

In a radio address to the nation 9 hours after he vetoed the amendment riddled OPA extension bill, Mr. Truman cautioned the entire country against "short-

Army Changes Enlistment Date

Important changes to existing regulations concerning enlistment or re-enlistment in the Regular Army have been announced by the War Department, Lt. John L. Lindsay, Commanding Officer of the Lenoir recruiting station, stated today.

The new regulations, effective July 1, shorten the period of time from 90 to 20 days in which men may re-enlist and retain their wartime grades. Prior to the effective date of the new regulation, soldiers honorably discharged and desiring to re-enlist, have 90 days from date of discharge to do so, provided enlistment was effected prior to July 1. For complete information con-

21 NATIONS PLANNING SPECIAL PEACE TALKS

Paris—The Big Four Foreign Ministers probably will agree to call a 21-nation conference on Axis satellite peace treaties for about July 25, well-informed sources predicted last night.

Meeting after a week-end in which Russian Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov was believed to have sought final show-down instructions from his Government, the Foreign Ministers will have on their program: (1) Italian colonies; (2) the future of Trieste and Venezia Giulia which Yugoslavia demands from Italy; (3) setting the date for the peace conference and (4) proposals for a central administration for Germany.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, accusing Molotov of "vetoing world peace," had demanded that the peace conference be called for July 20, and had said that if plans for it failed the blame would lie squarely on Rus-

sightedness and impatience," and "partisanship and greed."

He also asked all OPA employees to remain at their "battle stations."

Mr. Truman said congressional delay in enacting a workable OPA bill had brought the country to a "brief period" in which price controls will be lacking.

In the event of further delay by Congress, in spite of his urging for immediate action, he said the United States must depend upon the patriotism and good sense of its citizens.

"Therefore, I call upon every businessman, every producer and landlord to adhere to existing regulations, even though for a short period they may not have the effect of law," Mr. Truman said.

ATTENDS BOYS' STATE

A. B. Hurt returned this week after spending the past two weeks as counselor of Boys' State at Blacksburg, Va. Around 300 were present this year.

Concerning the changes in regulations, contact your nearest recruiting station or Army Post. The recruiting station in Lenoir is located in the Post Office Building.

ROANOKE ISLAND PLAY OPENS IN DARKNESS

Manteo — Roanoke Island's "Lost Colony" was truly lost—in darkness—for about 20 minutes Sunday night, the result of a power failure which darkened the whole island during ceremonies marking the season's opening of the historical drama.

W. B. Fearing, president of the Roanoke Utilities Company, said the failure was caused by a 20-foot piece of copper wire thrown over main power lines near here, causing a short which threw automatic switches in the power plant, blanketing this tiny island in darkness.

Director Sam Selden was being introduced by Paul Green, author of the play, when the power failed. He spoke to a first-night crowd of some 2,500 in the dark, without amplification, and was followed by former Governor J. Melville Broughton, who introduced members of the Roanoke Island Historical Association—in total darkness.

CANCER IS TREATED WITH ATOMIC ELEMENTS

San Francisco — Successful treatment of two types of skin cancer with atomic research by-products was reported by Dr. Bertram Low-Beer, University of California radiologist, to the North American Radium Society. This presumably is the first practical medical application of radio elements such as will come from atomic ovens. The substance is radiophosphorus.

While the substance used by Dr. Low-Beer was made in the cyclotron, it can be made in relatively large quantities in the ovens which now turn out plutonium for atom bombs.

Dr. Low-Beer reported 100 per cent success in the treatment of 36 cases of hyperkeratosis, and 98 per cent in 52 cases of basal cell carcinoma. Both of these are shallow cancers and if caught in the early stages often can be removed successfully by surgery or X-ray treatment, or with radium.

The radiophosphorus also was found to be 88.6 per cent successful in eliminating warts from the hands, 94 per cent on warts of the soles of the feet, and 93.6 per cent on warts under the fingernails.

Cook vegetables in little water and do not throw that water down the sink, put it in the soup pot, national farm nutritionists say.

Atomic Explosion Is Less Than Expected By Experts

Off Bikini Atoll—The fourth atom bomb in history exploded with a flash 10 times brighter than the light of the sun Sunday but of the 73 "guinea pig" vessels that were its target, only two were sunk, one was capsized, and 12 were damaged.

Vice-Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, commander of Task Force One, warned the public, however, not to be hasty in judging the results of the experiment.

Two tremendous concussions, touched off by a split-second nuclear fission, mushroomed a peach-colored pillar of fiery cloud 50,000 feet into the air followed by a gigantic bubble of fog. The explosions centered 500 feet over the carrier U. S. S. Independence.

The burst of atomic fury caused the following damage to the ships spread across Bikini lagoon, according to Admiral Blandy's spokesman who made his estimate more than three hours later.

Sunk: The destroyer U. S. S. Lamson, lying beam ends.

Heavily damaged: the submarine Skate, anchored astern of the battleship U. S. S. Nevada, the bull's-eye ship, and the carrier Independence, floating to the right of the Nevada.

Negligibly damaged by fire: Battleship Nevada, heavy cruiser Pensacola, carrier Saratoga.

Damaged by fire, extent not stated: U. S. destroyer Wilson, transport Briscoe.

(The Independence received her heavy damage from fire.)

Negligibly damaged, cause not stated: Japanese battleship Nagato, Oiler No. 160, Landing Craft Medium No. 1.

The blast itself blew the flight-deck "island" off the Independence and heavily damaged the superstructure of the Nagato.

The fire on the Saratoga appeared to be dying out. It seemed likely that the gallant "Old Sara" had been able to take all that science, as well as the Japanese, could deliver.

The red-painted Nevada, aiming point of Bombardier Major

Harold P. Wood, Bordentown, N. J., of the Super Fortress "Dave's Dream," was apparently only superficially touched by the blast. No damage was visible on the dreadnaught in television shots.

The damage pattern indicated that the heaviest impact was not necessarily inflicted at the center of the explosion. Major Gen. William E. Kepner, commander of the task force, said the bomb drop was "better than good," but thought the bomb dropped to the left of the Nevada—the heart of the target.

Bright Tobacco Quotas Urged

The outcome of the tobacco referendum on July 12 will not only affect the welfare of growers in the postwar era, says R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau in a communication addressed to farm leaders in North Carolina.

He points out that the only purpose of an adjustment program is to keep a properly balanced relationship between supply and demand. Therefore, he and his organization favor the present marketing quota system, with such increases or decreases in production as may be deemed necessary to meet the requirements of the consumer.

Again he points out that tobacco farmers can produce sufficient tobacco to meet the requirements of the consumer, and that marketing quotas have resulted in much more efficient methods of production.

There are 335 thousand farm families engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco. "Tobacco has been the principal crop in North Carolina, and to a lesser degree in all other flue-cured belts, for many generations," Shaw says. "It has been the foundation of the economic life

of the community in which it was produced.

"Prior to the marketing quota system, when farmers planted according to their own inclinations and without regard to the requirements of demand, the economic level of the tobacco farmer was near the bottom. His standard of living was low. His family had no luxuries and were deprived of many of the necessities of life. His farm buildings, in many instances, were dilapidated because he was without money to keep them in repair. Only in rare instances did the children of tobacco farmers have the advantages of an education in institutions of higher learning. "It is important that you vote your convictions on July 12."

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