

Ceiling Posters Due For Return

Ceiling price posters, used by housewives as shopping guides for three years, will still be used under the extended OPA act, Theodore S. Johnson, District Director, said today.

New food price lists for stores throughout North Carolina are now being prepared, Johnson said, adding that all community price lists are now decontrolled, others must be granted mandatory increases, and removal of subsidies has made other price changes necessary, Johnson explained.

Butter, meats, poultry, eggs and cheese will not be on the new

More Milk For Tar Heels Wanted

North Carolinians need to drink about twice as much sweet milk as is now being produced in the State to bring them up to the national average of about 95 gallons per person.

Just how can this extra milk be obtained? John Arey, in charge of Extension Dairying at State College, says that an extra 175,000 cows can do it but at the

price lists, since these foods are at present decontrolled, he said. If and when controls on them are reinstated, they will then make their reappearance on the ceiling price posters, Johnson said.

Outlook for Canning Jars and Supplies Bright This Year



Photo Courtesy Ball Bros. Co.

Styles change usually for no good reason except that we women get tired of things, often for no good reason. Our grandmothers were different. When they liked some thing, they used it until it wore out and they had some things which didn't wear out. That is why so many of you can boast of owning Mason Fruit Jars which your great-grandmother took with her in the covered wagon when Granddad accepted the advice, "Go West, young man." You, of course, treasure

those old jars even though they have no special cash value, and you have found their streamlined descendants dependable, but you may have decided that you would like to see how a different style jar and cap becomes the food you plan to put up this season.

Supplies Plentiful
Supplies of jars and caps should be plentiful for the first time in four years. Nobody is offering revolutionary designs but Gladys Kimbrough, Home Service Director for Ball Brothers Company, which made Mason Jars for your grandmother, has been telling us about a two-piece metal Vacu-Seal cap with a white enamel-lined lid. It seems that the domed lids "tell you" when they are sealed (They click when vacuum pulls them down.) However, before deciding to adopt this style cap, you should check your jars because all brands of two-piece metal caps seal on the top of the jar and won't work unless the finish of that top is perfect. The flexibility of the metal lid and the pliancy of the sealing compound permit two-piece metal caps to be self-venting. This is why the bands are tightened before the jars are put into a canner for processing and should not be tightened again. The bands are taken off the jars the next day after the canning is done and left off. Bands are not bought every time new lids are needed as lids are sold in packages of one dozen. The same is true of complete caps (lid and band).

Tell Your Dealer
Although all jars of standard size and size are being made, it may not be possible to find each style and size in every market. This is because dealers have learned what sells best in their trade territories. Transportation charges are so high on less than carload shipments of glass that even if manufacturers were organized to sell direct to the consumer, the cost of a few dozen jars would necessarily be dear, but any enterprising woman can usually persuade her dealer to arrange with a wholesale house to include what she wants when he places an order for a car of jars. Naturally this cannot be last minute business, so if you want an "exclusive style," the retailer should be told about it weeks, in fact months, in advance. It pays to buy home canning supplies when the dealer first puts them out, as it is a time-wasting nuisance to have to stop in the midst of canning to go to the store for jars caps, or rubbers.

The rubber story is about the same as it was last year. The best ones are red and all are synthetic, but don't let that worry you because synthetic rings seal as well as those in which natural rubber is used. All in all, the jar and cap outlook is bright. All styles are good. If you buy a nationally known brand and use it according to the manufacturer's instructions, you can put up your quota of fruits, vegetables, and meats, with the assurance of sealing satisfaction.

Wide-Mouth Jars Back
Wide-mouth Mason jars are back on the market. Here the choice of caps is between one-piece zinc and two-piece metal Vacu-Seal. The usual quantity of all-glass lightning type jars—the ones with

glass lid held in place with wires—will be available. These jars, always high-fashion in the Eastern states, come in both standard and wide mouth.

All jars with standard opening are being made in half-pint, pint, quart, and half-gallon sizes. Wide-mouth jars are in the same sizes except there are no half-pints—never were. When buying new jars, Miss Kimbrough advises that, when possible, one select the style preferred but buy pints for corn, peas, lima beans and meats, quarts for other vegetables and fruits, half-pints for marmalades, jams, etc. and for baby foods. Half-gallons are nice for pickles; large families may need them for fruits too, but it is far better to use smaller jars when preserving vegetables and meats, because they are easier to process enough to prevent spoilage.

WASHINGTON

Veteran's Question Box

Ed. Note: This newspaper has arranged with the Washington Bureau of National Weekly Newspaper Service, 1616 Eye St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C., to answer questions pertaining to servicemen and veterans. These questions will be answered in this column if addressed as above. No replies can be made by mail, but this paper will print answers to all questions received.

Under new regulations issued by the war department all fathers now in the service, that is non-volunteer enlisted fathers, will be discharged as of September 30, 1946.

The new regulations also provide for release of all non-volunteer enlisted men who have 20 months of service as of September 30, 1946 on that date, and all with 18 months' service to be released as of November 30, 1946.

The above regulations will answer letters received from scores of persons who have written to the Washington office of the National Weekly Newspaper Service. Included in this list are the following:

Mrs. B. R., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. M. L. J., Elgin, Kans.; C. F., Marin City, Calif.; Mrs. J. A. N., Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. M. A. J., Spencer, Va.; Mrs. L. C. M., Bradford, Pa.; Mrs. L. C. D., Greeley, Colo.; Mrs. R. H. B., Cedar Grove, N. C.; Mrs. J. C., Clinton, N. C.; Mrs. C. E. B., Denver, Colo.; Mrs. F. L. McG., Halifax, N. C.; Mrs. E. T. Cambridge, Neb.; Mrs. J. W. S., Rural Hall, N. C.; Mrs. A. M., Vernal, Utah; Mrs. R. E., New Lothrop, Mich.; Mother, Murray Iowa; Mrs. B. L. H., Denver, Colo.

Q. Our son died in a prisoner of war camp in 1942. At the time he enlisted in 1941 he took out \$3,000 in life insurance planning to take more later. We later received papers stating he had "preferred insurance" and we filled out papers for it last January and have heard nothing more since I am receiving payment on the \$3,000. What is "preferred insurance"? Our son was captured at the fall of Bataan.—Mrs. C. McCook, Neb.

A. I am sure that "preferred insurance" must mean the gratuity insurance which was granted to all men in the service who were besieged, isolated or prisoners of war between October 8, 1940 and April 19, 1942 amounting to \$5,000. I believe your best bet would be to write direct to the insurance claims office of the Veterans administration, Washington, D. C., giving your son's name, serial number and rank and all details and I am confident that you will obtain an early answer.

The truly convenient kitchen has what is needed where and when it is needed—and nothing more.

roughage and grazing crops. With long growing seasons here in North Carolina, State College agronomists say there is no valid reason for not growing the supplemental grazing crops, both winter and summer, and putting in well fertilized permanent pastures, seeded with the right kind of legumes and grasses.

With plenty of good roughage, Arey says that the average cow needs about 17 bushels of corn, 12 bushels of oats, and 500 pounds of protein meal for good production. The protein meal can come from cottonseed, soybeans, and peanuts, all of which crops are well adapted in North Carolina.

There's the idea. Where is the milk?

SPARTA

SPECTACLES

BY EMORRETTA REEVES

We've been hearing a lot about a history of Alleghany county, so we got the "history bug" and did a little snooping of our own the other day... snooping about used-to-be post offices in the county.

It seems that several years ago an official of the post office department traveled up to Alleghany (probably known at that time to those in the eastern part of the state as one of the Lost Provinces). What he found was all very fine and quite interesting. "You have some fine ladies up here but I'm afraid they'll have to go," he remarked, referring, of course, to a number of small post offices located at various points throughout the county.

The post offices did indeed have girl's names. There was Helena, located on New River near what is now Farmer's Fishing Camp; Anna, near the present site of Ray Hampton's home; Amelia at Elk Creek and Delphia at the old George Mac Reeves place on the present Twin Oaks-Independence Road.

After we heard the story, we recalled having heard such names mentioned in scattered bits of conversation by our parents, but we never dreamed that they were places and not people. At any rate, if you hear somebody talking about Helena, Anna, Amelia or Delphia, you'll know that those are the places that your fathers bought postage stamps to send letters to your mother when they were courtin' back in the 'good-ole-days.'

We walked in the News office one day about a month ago to find that somebody had left over a cabinet in our office a beautiful rock specimen; and then the next day to our amusement there had been added to our collection a second and third rock. We had no way of knowing who left the collection, but we were very proud of it nevertheless and showed it off to all our visitors. Then we came in recently to find the collection gone. It had disappeared as mysteriously as I had appeared, without a sign without a word. Probably the owner decided to reclaim the gift. At any rate, we thoroughly enjoyed having the collection and if we knew who to thank we would certainly do so.

Wait our subscribers are probably expecting to find a new bus in the paper this week and not wanting to disappoint anybody we are ready to give you a name: the only thing we don't have is the bus driver's name, and so far we don't believe that has been made public.

The new route was established last Wednesday night and in the wee hours of Thursday morning much to the surprise of everybody especially the Greyhound Bus Company, and the people of the Piney Creek and Topia communities.

It seems that "somebody or somebodies" wanted to take a ride and since the Greyhound bus

which was parked in a space back of the Shell Service Station, was the biggest thing they could find, they just took it. (They were probably allergic to hearses, unlike the Mount Airy groups who "borrowed one of those take-your-last-ride vehicles and took a trip to a neighboring town recently.") The people on the Piney Creek road were rudely awakened around 11:30 by a most unusual noise and upon investigation discovered that a large Greyhound bus was making the rounds. The bus made its way to Topia and Peden and all points in that section, even over to Virginia to the Boyer filling station. Folks didn't pay too much attention to it on the highway, but on a country road, lights flicked on and inquiring faces pressed to the window to see what on earth was going up the road.

The riders, whoever they were, could not find reverse on the vehicle, it was rumored, and brought it back to rest in Sparta in the early hours last Thursday morning.

The bus was apparently none the worse for wear, but local officers are beginning to show the 'train of investigating such an affair.

If you ever feel the urge to take a ride in a Greyhound bus, and find that you can't make the regular schedule, or maybe that you'd just rather drive it yourself, please don't go up Piney Creek way, and have those people all disturbed from their sleep, or for that matter, don't go on any country road around here; keep to the highways.

Mrs. Dalton Warren and Mrs. Lola Womble, Sparta's two antique lovers, can be seen quite often going down to the Delp Furniture Company, to see what's new. Mrs. Warren confessed that she didn't have any place to put antiques, "I just like to look at them." Mrs. Womble has some beautiful ones at her home, family heirlooms, we understand.

We never know just how much friendly word, a smile or an

act of courtesy, no matter how small, may mean to us, or how much it means to other people. And to tourists traveling through our town, such things mean more than we imagine. For when they remember Sparta, they will remember its people first of all, and what they remember about those people has a lot to do with such things as courtesy, and friendly words. The reward for such, we never see in terms of material goods, but in pleasant memories, we have our reward.

Not long ago, April 14, to be exact, a Mr. Phillips, of Marblehead, Mass., was traveling along the Blue Ridge Parkway, when the car developed engine trouble and he drove over to Sparta. Mr. Phillips was so impressed with the atmosphere of the town and with the service he received that he wrote a letter to the postmaster. Mr. Nichols, thinking others might be interested in an outsider's impression of the town gave us the letter, which reads: "Your automobile mechanic, Mr. Cloud, fixed the car very nicely, but while I was waiting at the Shell filling station, three young men were very helpful and friendly and made a little repair job add much to our enjoyment in the remainder of our trip.

"Will you please deliver this message to the man in charge of the station on that afternoon." "We did enjoy the Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Smokey Mountains further down; the friendliness and courtesy all along the way, but, most particularly at Sparta, North Carolina."

We aren't one to say, "I told you so," but these returning vacationists are already saying, "It certainly is good to be back in Sparta; there's just no place in the world like it."

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