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FIX WHOLESALE PRICES

Food Supply is Again Placed in Control of Government by President Wilson.

Washington, Nov. 21.—President Wilson today placed the government again in control of the nation's food supply, by transferring the authority of food administrator to Attorney General Palmer.

Revival of the war-time functions of Administrator Hoover resulted directly from government efforts to avert a famine in sugar, but the powers delegated to the head of the department of justice will be used also to help put down the ever-mounting cost of living.

For the present, the attorney general will not put into operation all of the machinery permitted under the executive order, signed by the President, but should conditions arise to make it necessary the full pressure of all the broad power vested in him will be exerted to meet them.

Mr. Palmer's staff will begin immediately to build up a sugar distributing system, which will allocate all sugar stocks in the country. It will provide an equitable system of distributing supplies and will defeat any concentration or hoarding, officials said.

Plans tentatively decided upon provide for increasing the price of all sugar (excepting the Louisiana crop, for which a price of 17 cents already has been fixed) to 12 cents a pound, wholesale.

Through this increase, new sources of supply are expected to be opened. With assurances, that a fair margin of profit, said to be about \$1.54 a hundred pounds, would be allowed, sugar refiners are ready to enter the Cuban markets and purchase all available stocks, it was stated. Thus, officials believe, increased price will avert a shortage which threatens to become a famine during the next 60 days.

Immediate action is also contemplated in curtailing the consumption of sugar by manufacturers whose products are not regarded as essential food. This will apply particularly to soft-drink dealers and candy manufacturers. The abnormal increase of sales of these articles and the consequent drain on the sugar supplies is traceable, officials declared, to the enforcement of prohibition.

Church Services.

A special Thanksgiving service will be held Thanksgiving morning at 11 o'clock in the Methodist church. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Rev. J. C. Story will conduct special Thanksgiving services at the Marion Presbyterian church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. An offering will be taken for the Barium Springs orphanage.

Rev. B. B. Lassiter will hold services at St. John's church today, Thanksgiving, at 11 o'clock. The Thanksgiving offering will be taken for the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte. Regular services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. At both morning and evening services Archdeacon Griffith, of Biltmore, will speak in the interest of the nationwide campaign for the Sewanee endowment fund. All are cordially invited.

J. H. Reed in Charge of Revenue Raiders.

Asheville Citizen, 23rd.

J. Henry Reed, called to Raleigh by collector J. W. Bailey, for a conference regarding the revenue work pertaining to the capture and breaking up of illicit stills in the state, returned yesterday to the city, and will at once begin the work of starting his organization. Mr. Reed was selected to be in charge of this district, with headquarters at Asheville. He will have under him Deputy Collectors J. A. Galloway, J. F. Cabe, John Lail, Charles Stewart, G. R. Rhyne, R. B. Boger, R. H. McFarland.

His territory will include all the western counties, beginning with Burke and McDowell and working back west. Mr. Reed will map out the work of the men and maintain his office in this city.

All the United States has been divided into nine zones, under the new order, and North Carolina is in the zone over which Mr. Brams, with headquarters in Richmond, will have charge. This zone includes, North and South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mrs. Mary M. Poteat Passes.

Mrs. Mary M. Poteat, who resided about one mile southeast of Marion, died at her home Thursday evening after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Poteat suffered a stroke of paralysis about six years ago and has been an invalid ever since.

Mrs. Poteat was the widow of Mr. M. B. Poteat, who died about 18 years ago. She was 69 years old and the mother of nine children, of whom the following survive: Albert Poteat, M. B. Poteat, Mrs. Alex. Kanipe, Mrs. T. L. Epley, and Mrs. Henrietta Loftis, of Marion; J. M. Poteat and Mrs. Robert Lentz, of Morganton; B. C. Poteat, of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Hattie Poteat, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Poteat was known among a large circle of friends. She was a woman of great kindness of heart and Christian character. She had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for many years.

The funeral was conducted from the residence Friday afternoon by Rev. R. G. Short and Rev. J. C. Story. Interment was made at the Hoover burial ground near Chapel Hill.

Will Close on Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving being a legal holiday, the banks of the city will close for that day.

The postoffice will also observe the day and no rural carriers will make their mail rounds. The delivery window will be open for a few minutes after the arrival of trains Nos. 36, 11 and 12 to serve the patrons.

While no definite action has been taken it is generally understood that all the stores will observe the holiday.

Unsigned Letters.

Letters from Old Fort, Ashford, Stroudtown and Nealsville were left out of last week's issue of The Progress because they were unsigned. We insist on knowing the name of the writer of every communication that we print. We do not use the name in connection with news items, but it must appear as a signature to each letter.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Nov. 23.—Mrs. M. B. Poteat died Thursday and was buried in the Hoover graveyard Friday.

All day services will be held at Chapel Hill Baptist church Thanksgiving. Everybody invited to come and bring full baskets.

Lee Holland made a business trip to Glenwood Thursday.

Mills Hicks has been very sick but is reported some better.

J. F. Poteat is quite ill. Miss Harmie Holler left today for Hickory to visit relatives.

A Thanksgiving entertainment will be given by the Chapel Hill school Wednesday evening, the 28th. The program will consist of recitations, songs and plays. The patrons of the school are invited to be present. The school is progressing nicely with a very good attendance.

Rev. E. G. Short preached an interesting sermon here Sunday afternoon. His subject was "Soul Winning."

CROOKED CREEK.

Crooked Creek, Nov. 24.—Corn has been gathered and most of it is shucked. The farmers of this section have a bumper crop this year.

Frank Turner gave a corn-shucking Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Ross has been quite ill for the past week.

Edmund Davis, of Marion, is at home to spend Thanksgiving with his father, Wheeler Davis.

R. Geer, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Laverder and little son Jennings, Miss Minnie Strange and Lee Lavender, of Marion, spent Sunday at the home of J. S. Laverder.

J. P. Noblitt, of Gastonia, is at home Mr. — Creaseman died Wednesday with pneumonia. Interment was made at Cherry Springs last Friday.

Misses Marie Reed and Nora Belle Morgan, of the Curfew section, were the guests of Misses Pearl and Rosa Turner Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. N. T. Davis spent the week-end in Old Fort visiting her sons, Wiley and Wade Davis.

Miss Carmel Melton, of Marion, spent the week-end with homefolks.

ASHFORD

Ashford, Nov. 24.—J. G. Conley, of Swannanoa, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Lydia Hefner spent Sunday with Miss Frances Crockett.

Miss Mabel Crockett was shopping in Marion Friday.

Misses Celeste Carpenter and Josephine Franklin were in Morganton last week.

Sam McCall made a business trip to Marion, Tuesday.

Dr. L. C. McCall, of Spruce Pine, is visiting relatives here.

Sam Brown was in Marion on business last Thursday.

C. W. Wiseman shipped about sixty turkeys from Linville Falls to southern markets for Thanksgiving.

Plans are being made to have an entertainment at the school house Thanksgiving night.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, November 25.—Miss Pearl Evans spent Saturday in Montreat.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Earley spent the week-end in Greensboro.

Miss Emily Mashburn, of Asheville, is visiting her parents in Old Fort this week.

Mr. Wayman Tripp left Tuesday for Hickory, where he has accepted a position.

Prof. G. B. Strickland is spending the week in Raleigh, where he is attending the Teachers' Association.

I. H. Greene and family are moving to Asheville this week.

Miss Mabel Crawford left Tuesday for Asheville, where she will visit her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Regall of Maryville, Tennessee, are visiting Mrs. Geo. Sanlin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lytle, of Blit-

more, are visiting relatives in Old Fort this week.

GREENLEE

Marion, Rt. 2, Nov. 24.—The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker was badly burned a few days ago, but it is thought she will soon recover.

Miss Ola Walls spent Saturday and Sunday with home-folks here.

J. G. McCall made a business trip to Asheville last Friday.

Misses Maggie Taylor and Olivia Patton spent Saturday and Sunday with home-folks in Nebo.

R. H. McCall and J. W. McCarry made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phifer Davis and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Stroudtown.

Debate and Literary Program.

A debate and literary program was given by the literary societies of the Marion graded school last Friday afternoon. "Resolved that the United States should adopt a policy of further restricting immigration," was the question for the youthful debaters. The affirmative was represented by the following team: Edward Hudgins, Alice Roane Cross, Lenoir Bird and Pauline Hawkins, who were pitted against the following on the negative: Edna Johnson, George Holmes, Ruth Cowan and Neal Morris.

The debate was of a high order and showed much thought and preparation for the occasion. Both teams acquitted themselves with much credit to the debaters and the school. The decision, while a hard one to determine, was voted in favor of the affirmative.

The literary program was made up of songs, declamations and recitations. Those participating in this part of the program were Herbert Laidlaw, Robert Holmes, Ola Gibbs. Quite a number of patrons and friends of the school were on hand for this exercise, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Work Started on Ice Plant.

The work has been started on Marion's new ice and fuel plant. Material for the construction of the new industry is on the grounds and Mr. L. A. Neal, manager, is busily at work trying to get the building ready for the machinery as fast as possible.

The coal chute is about completed. The company expects to handle a full line of coal and fuel at all times. A siding from which the company may load and unload its products is being laid.

Mr. Neal will rush the completion of the new plant as fast as possible.

Schools to Observe Thanksgiving.

The schools throughout the county will observe Thanksgiving day by taking a vacation today (Thursday). The teachers in a number of schools will go home for the day while those who live some distance from the schools will remain in the community in which they are teaching.

A few teachers are attending the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh which convened Tuesday of this week.

Samuel McCall, of Swannanoa, spent last Friday in Marion with his son, Arthur McCall. While in town Mr. McCall made this office a visit and called attention to the fact that he was using a walking stick over one hundred years old. It was made in 1818 and bore the initials of his father, W. A. McCall.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Leland Jordan, 14-year-old West Durham boy, swallowed a trunk key. Doctors removed it from the lower part of the throat.

L. L. Jenkins, Republican candidate for Congress in the tenth district, has opened headquarters in Asheville and started his campaign.

The State highway commission has passed on the Hickory-Lenoir road and hereafter will assume one-half of the cost of maintenance of the road.

The trunk of a jewelry salesman was stolen from the Yarbrough hotel Raleigh, Friday, taken to the woods near there and looted of goods of \$100,000 estimated value. A bell boy confesses to taking it away. Others are implicated. The trunk has been found with few of its contents missing.

Eighty gallons of whiskey, which had been seized by the officers during the past few weeks was poured out by Superior court order in Asheville Thursday. The sheriff estimated the liquor was worth \$6,000. The action followed the order made by the court following recent report of the grand jury that all seized liquor must be poured out just as soon as there is a conviction in the case.

Last Week of Baptist Campaign.

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—The last week of the Baptist 75 Million campaign starts off with a feeling of optimism pervading the State Headquarters. From every section of the State the reports are encouraging.

State Organizer W. R. Cullom reports that out of 2100 churches in North Carolina, at least 1900 have organized for the Victory Week dash. Director Walter N. Johnson has sent out his final appeal and Dr. Cullom will send his last word the middle of this week, a call to the Baptist forces of North Carolina to go over the top Sunday, November 30, the first day of the eight-day dash.

The ten thousand-dollar contribution made by Mrs. Annie Johnston, of Reidsville, set the high pace and other large contributions are looked for during this week. One consecrated woman, a preacher's wife, without large income has given \$250 and this was a gift to her, but she felt the call of the hour so intensely that she could not use the money and it goes into the campaign fund. Miss Annie McLean, of Roland, pledges one-fifth of her income for the next five years. Other notable instances of consecration have been reported. Some churches have already begun the canvass and the advance reports tell a story of large gifts.

Every church director in the State is urged to report to his associational director Sunday night, November 30, Wednesday night, December 3, and Sunday night, December 8. These reports will be made either by telephone or telegraph and will be forwarded by the associational director to the Raleigh headquarters by telegraph.

Six million dollars is North Carolina's share—the expectation now is that ten million dollars will be raised.