

Follow-Up Survey Shows That Prices Are Rising

Restaurant Increases Vie With Dairy Jumps For Post Position

A follow-up on last week's survey of merchant opinion as to price increases shows that no increases have been made in grocery, general merchandise, and room rentals, but that restaurant prices are edging upward.

The regular dinner of one restaurant hurdled the OPA fence with its heels clicking from fifty cents to sixty-five cents. All the other restaurants in town have increased most prices, but few made as big an increase by percentage.

On the week ending July 5, groceries and dry goods stores showed no increases whatsoever on a number of items checked. Room rentals are the same as they were before the demise of the OPA.

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

One restaurant in Asheville had upped its average meal prices by 20 per cent. In Omaha the president of the Union Stock Yards Co. said that "Consumers will pay more than OPA ceiling prices for meat—something 80 per cent of them have been doing anyway." In Detroit auto men were eyeing one another to see which would be the first company to boost prices on cars. And guesses from big business men as to how high prices would go ranged from 20 to 50 per cent.

During the same week one grocery was still selling milk at eighteen cents per quart, but increases in the price of milk for the past week seemed a face to see who could hit the top first, the restaurateurs or the dairymen.

Following are the statistics for prices on the week ending July 5. Only one price shown per item means that that item has not been increased in price, but price changes are indicated as they occur.

Statistics for the week ending July 5 are as follows:

General merchandise, Store "A": Woman's blouse, brand "X", 2.70 on July 5. Searsucker cotton dress, brand "X", 7.95 on July 5. Woman's shoe, brand "X", 7.95 on July 5. Man's shoe, brand "X", 7.95 on July 5. 45-gauge full-fashioned rayon hose, .96 on July 5.

General merchandise, Store "B": Man's shoe, brand "Y", 4.95 on July 5. Lady's shoe, brand "Y", 4.95 on July 5. Man's summer suit, brand "X", 25.00 on July 5. Summer sports shirt, brand "X", 2.40 on July 5. Dress, cotton seersucker, brand "Y", 3.00 on July 5. Woman's three-piece winter suit, brand "X", 29.50 for skirt and jacket on July 5. 29.50 for matching three-quarter coat on July 5.

Grocery, Store "A": Hamburger, .38 per pound on July 5. Veal steak, .53 per pound on July 5. Round steak, .54 per pound on July 5. Coffee, brand "X", .32 per pound on July 5. Oranges, .45 per dozen on July 5. Onions, .10 per pound on July 5. New potatoes, .05 per pound on July 5.

Grocery, Store "B": Coffee, brand "X", .32 per pound on July 5. Coffee, brand "Y", .35

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Mayor Casts Deciding Vote As Movies Issue Is Licked

The issue of Sunday movies came to a head last Saturday at a meeting of the Town Board and was defeated as Mayor Herbert Gibson cast the deciding vote after the aldermen had tied at two to two.

Those voting in favor of Sunday movies were W. T. Wiser and W. L. Jones. W. E. Grindstaff, Chester Scott, and Mayor Gibson voted against. Alderman Arthur Carden was absent.

Pro and con groups formed of private citizens presented both sides of the question. The group in favor was composed of: Felix Picklesimer, Hooper D. Price, Mrs.

BODY OF INFANT IS FOUND AT WILMOT

The body of a prematurely born infant was found last Friday afternoon in a pasteboard box near Wilmot by Walter and Carey Bradley.

According to the coroner's report, the body had been left out for approximately three weeks, and was discovered by the Bradleys in their wood-lot as they were going to their pasture to bring in their cattle.

The body was found on top of a hill in a pasteboard box that had been carelessly covered with rocks.

The parents of the child are unknown, and the decomposed condition of the corpse permitted of no identification as to sex.

The remains were buried on Monday afternoon at the Wilmot cemetery.

W.C.T.C. CHORUS TO PRESENT CONCERT

The Chorus Class of the First Summer session of Western Carolina Teachers College will present a concert Thursday morning, July 11 at 10:45.

The program which has been arranged includes: Duet, Passage Bird's Farewell, Dorothy Holden and Louise Ellis; Vocal solo, The Little Road to Kerry, Gertrude Cocowitch; Piano solo, The White Peacock, Jeanne Barrett; Vocal solo, My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair, Barbara Dodson; Chorus, Wynken, Blynken and Nod, The class; Vocal solo, Wiegand, Grace Bird; Vocal solo, Star vicino al bell' idolo, The False Prophet, Dorothy Williams Holden; and Quartet, Will o' the Wisp, Barbara Dodson, Barbara Bess, Jeanne Barrett and Grace Byrd.

The program, under the direction of Inez Wooten Gullely, will have for accompanists, Lois Gainey and Jocelyn Spenser.

Members of the class are Barbara Dodson, Frances White, Christine Flake, Grace Byrd, Jeanne Barrett, Barbara Bess, Lois Gainey, Jocelyn Spenser, Louise Ellis and Gertrude Cocowitch.

Robert Buchanan Honored With Farewell Party

Joe Parker and Jim Rhinehart entertained Robert Buchanan at their home in Webster Monday afternoon with a farewell party.

After the children played games Mrs. Rhinehart served refreshments and the hosts presented Robert with a farewell gift.

Guests included Mary Morris, Marlyn Shuler, Tom Morris, Joe Parker, Jim Rhinehart, and Robert Buchanan.

Whittier Group Will Serve Chicken Dinner At School

A chicken dinner will be served by the women of the Whittier Methodist church at six o'clock next Thursday afternoon at the school lunch room.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used toward a building fund, and prices will be fifty cents for children and one dollar for adults.

Persons who desire tickets should write to Miss Thelma Moody, see Mrs. W. G. Stalcup, or call at Varner's store.

VFW POST TO BE INSTITUTED HERE ON AUGUST FIRST

Following a visit here Tuesday by Chief of Staff James T. Davis, Jr., and Coy H. Newport of Dept. Headquarters of Veteran of Foreign Wars of North Carolina, it has been announced that Sylva will have their own V.F.W. post.

Fred Williams, Britton Moore, Joe Bob Davis and Alvin Nicholson have been named local organizers and have stated that the response to the membership drive far exceed original expectations.

The local post will be instituted August 1 at the W. O. W. Fraternal Hall. There will be Department representatives to institute the post and to assist in the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Any veteran wishing to become a charter member of the local post may contact any of the above named committee.

The basic idea of this organization, which is composed exclusively of overseas veterans, was born in 1899, immediately following the Spanish American war. It is organized in three main divisions, the local post, State Department and National Headquarters. In each of the forty eight states a paid service officer for each state handles all claims for the veterans. The nearest officer for the Sylva post is located at Winston-Salem.

A unique service rendered by the V.F.W. is the village-type home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., for widows and children of veterans. Founded in 1925, it is a self-maintained village and has none of the usual institutional factors.

FORMER MEMBER OF CULLOWHEE FACULTY HEADS BIOLOGY LAB

The Highlands Museum and Biological laboratory has announced that following a unanimous recommendation of the contributing institutions, Miss Thelma Howell has been appointed resident director of the laboratory for 1946.

Well known to the residents of Jackson county, "Doc" Howell has for the past four years been acting director and treasurer of the laboratory.

A native of North Carolina Miss Howell holds the position of associate professor of biology at Wesleyan college, Macon, Ga. For a number of years she was a member of the faculty at Western Carolina Teachers college. Her research at Highlands has included work on aquatic insects and amphibians. During the war years, when so many biological stations were forced to suspend activities, Miss Howell was instrumental in keeping the Highlands Laboratory open and active.

Local AAA Office Has Received Clover Seed

D. C. Higdon, AAA committee chairman, announced last week that all eligible farmers who desire portions of crimson clover should report at the local office.

Another winter cover crop, Austrian winter pea seed, was received early last week, and there is some still available. Mr. Higdon urges the inoculation of the pea seed in order to get a good stand. Inoculation for the peas can be bought reasonably at any seed store.

Double Header Softball Game Scheduled

The Smoky Mountain Athletic Association has announced that a double header softball game has been scheduled for Thursday night, July 18.

The Sylva Lions Club will play the Franklin Lions Club and the Franklin Rotary club will meet the Sylva All Stars.

Mrs. Risebrook To Sing At Methodist Church

Mrs. Theo. W. Risebrook of Va. will be guest soloist at the Sylva Methodist church on Sunday morning, July 14th. Mrs. Risebrook is director and organist of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Richmond, Va. and is a sister of Mrs. Charles G. Gullely of Cullowhee.

STILLWELL DRAGGED A MILE WITH ARM CAUGHT IN BUMPER

Zell Stillwell, 59, of Whittier, was dragged for one mile by an auto driven by J. M. Reagan, 51, of Gateway, between Gateway and Cherokee last Monday afternoon after accidentally catching his arm in the rear bumper of Reagan's car.

According to a report by Sgt. T. A. Sandlin of the highway patrol, both men had apparently been drinking, and Stillwell, after getting out of Reagan's car, walked to the rear and fell, catching his left arm between the bumper and the body.

Reagan drove off, covering a half-mile of gravel road and a half-mile of paved road, and Stillwell sustained serious lacerations and bruises, losing chunks of flesh from his knees and shins. He was rushed to the hospital in Sylva by Robert Varner and D. C. Hughes, who were at their filling station across the road at Gateway and saw Stillwell lying at the rear of the car as Reagan pulled into his station at Gateway and stopped.

Persons along the road had attempted to stop the car, but Reagan was evidently oblivious of their intention.

Stillwell was given treatment at the hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from intense shock as well as lacerations and bruises. He was in much better condition yesterday and is expected to recover.

Reagan is being held in the county jail for drunken driving, pending the outcome of Stillwell's condition.

COUNTY THROGS SEE JULY FOURTH PARADE

Jacksonites thronged the main street of Sylva last Thursday morning to watch a Fourth of July parade of floats and to top off the county's Independence Day celebration.

The parade, sponsored by the local fire department, formed on the school grounds, proceeded down Main, and returned by the same route to its point of origin. The most unusual float was the "duck" of a local furniture store, a vehicle that looks more like a float than a real float does, and possibly the most eye-catching was a float of the Pure Oil company, complete with tiny king and queen in the diminutive forms of Miss Alice McGuire and Master Tommy Wise.

Other unusual floats were a horse and buggy team, a welding company truck with actual welding being carried on, delegates from the local colored scout troop, and a Woodmen of the World float followed by several ranks of members with W. O. W. axes on their shoulders.

Not in the float classification but definitely an integral part of the parade were Mildred Patton, color-bearer, and a fat, jovial clown who suspiciously resembled a local barber.

Legion Will Sponsor Ball Game With Canton Team

The William E. Dillard Post 104 of the American Legion will sponsor a softball game between the Canton team and the Sylva All-Stars on Saturday night at eight o'clock at Mark Watson field.

The proceeds from the game will be used by the local post toward the construction of its memorial building, and admission prices will be ten and twenty-five cents.

Local Delegates Attend District C Of C Meet

Roy Reed, B. E. Harris, Mack Ashe and Felix Picklesimer attended a special district meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which was held in Bryson City, Wednesday night.

Ashe Youth Is Discharged

Orville H. Ashe, Seaman First Class, son of Mrs. W. T. Ashe of Sylva, was discharged on June 18 at the U. S. Naval Separation Center at San Pedro, Calif. Ashe enlisted in May of 1942.

Closer Relationship Between Work and Religion Is Urged



Joe Pressley, Champion Old Time Fiddler, who will be one of the featured performers at the Fiddling Convention and Music Festival to be held at the Sylva Elementary school Friday, July 19.

SYLVA HOSPITAL IS APPROVED BY V. A.

The Harris Community Hospital of Sylva is one of the forty-seven hospitals in North Carolina that have been approved by the Veterans Administration for treatment of veteran's service-connected disabilities, according to an announcement from the Chapel Hill Blue Cross this week.

North Carolina was second only to Michigan in adopting the plan which permits veterans to go to their own doctors for treatment of service-connected illness, and to enter hospitals in their own communities when facilities of the Veterans Administration are unavailable.

TATHAM REUNION HELD AT GAY

The annual Tatham reunion was held at the home of "Aunt" Lillie Buchanan of Gay, July 7. Two brothers of "Aunt" Lillie's were present for the occasion; Dan Tatham of Everett, Wash., whom she had not seen in forty two years, and Charlie Tatham of Woods Grove, Ga.

A delicious dinner was served and the Rev. C. C. Welch made an inspiring talk on the bonds of family love.

Many families were represented at the reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tatham of Everett, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tatham of Woods Grove, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tatham and family of Young Harris, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tatham and family of Young Harris, Ga., Mrs. Sallie Tatham of Gay, Mr. Henry Tatham of Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Emelis Tatham of Sylva, Mr. Frank Tatham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tatham, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Buchanan and family, Paul Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Buchanan and family, Mrs. Dye Sutton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Buchanan and family, "Aunt" Martha Jane Buchanan and daughter, Mrs. Allie Guffey, Coleman Sutton, Mrs. Sue Bryson, Mrs. Julia Coleman, Mrs. Ethel Caba, Sam Buchanan, all of Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Sutton of Greens Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Lottis Huffman of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Buchanan of Sylva, Mrs. Lizzie Sutton of Greens Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Candler Sutton, Gay Sutton, Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Welch of Franklin, Mrs. Mattie Caba of Kingsport, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bryson of Addie, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Buchanan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Buchanan and family of Moses Creek, Glenn Farmer and family of Toccoa, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Perry Buchanan and family of Greens Creek, Sam Buchanan of Gay and Mrs. Delores Jarrell of Baltimore, Md.

Open Air Services Held At Cliffside Lake

Next Sunday, July 14, the annual Field Mass and parish picnic of St. John's church will be held at Cliffside Lake five miles south of Highlands on U. S. 64. Holy Mass will be offered in the Cliffside amphitheatre at 11 a. m. The sermon will be given by the Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., Professor of Religion, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

FSA Representatives At District Meeting

Miss Martha Barnett, Miss Susie Tatham and Dennis Barkley attended a district meeting of the F. S. A. at the courthouse in Asheville July 10, the purpose of which was to discuss increased food and feed production of families participating in the Farm Security program.

Funds For Legion Memorial Building Total Over \$7,000

American Legion officials announced this week that funds for the construction of its memorial building total \$7,240 in pledges and in actual cash on hand.

The financial breakdown on the funds is as follows: pledges from Legionnaires, \$2,910; fund in cash from Legionnaires, \$180; cost of lot (purchased), \$1,250; voluntary pledges from outsiders: Dan Allison, \$1,000; Mrs. Joseph Kay of East LaPorte, \$1,000; Lawrence Reed, \$500; and Howard Allison, \$300.

Forty Hear Rapping At Rural Life Meet In Sylva Baptist Church

More than forty farmers, agricultural leaders, and ministers attended the Rural Life meeting at the Sylva Baptist Church last Tuesday morning and heard Dr. Aaron Rapping of the Tennessee Valley Community Program urge a closer relationship between everyday living and religion.

The meeting was conducted by the Rev. Vladimir Hartman of the Council of Southern Mountain Workers, who first presented the Rev. W. N. Cook of Webster, who offered the devotional.

Rev. Hartman then urged that farmers take better care of their land. "It took hundreds of thousands of years to set up the topsoil," he said. "We must not waste it." He stressed the God-man-land relationship. He then introduced Dr. Rapping, whose first point was that man is growing closer and closer to God every day through his scientific researches into astronomy, atomic energy, and other fields.

"The basis for God is widening," was his assertion. "It has been often said that God made the country and man made the city," Dr. Rapping said, "but man cannot build a city without the help of God." He illustrated his point with the example of cement, wherein man takes various ingredients and shapes them into the finished product.

Decrying man's present-day relationship to God, Mr. Rapping asserted that "We seem to have become ghosts ourselves, we are unreal."

"One thing we need is a greater conception of God," he continued. "My help cometh from the hills." One of the keynotes in the talk was the development of personality, Mr. Rapping said.

We are created in God's image in that we have the capacity to reason. A person will, says yes or no. "God doesn't want little tin soldiers washing him. I think God depends on people who have will power more than on any others. God would have us use our will power."

"Love is a big thing in personality. We think, love, and will. Because we are created in God's image, we are in touch with Him."

The speaker added that we fail to appreciate the value of what we call the common things, and he said that people should feel that they are working with God in no matter how trivial a task.

He contended that: "If a man is not made a better farmer or husband, he isn't really saved, and if you don't have a brotherhood, your salvation is limited."

Of the current family conditions he asserted that "We used to think of divorces as having to do with a city somewhere, but it has become far more widespread. If the home is going to pieces, then we are all riding for a fall."

Of religion Mr. Rapping said that it helps us to rise from an animal-like life to a much higher plane. Man is created for this fellowship with God. "We never come to ourselves without God," he declared.

Continuing to the subject of education, Mr. Rapping said that no one is independent, and that we are all "standing on the shoulders

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The memorial building will be permanent headquarters for the Legion post and will also provide recreational facilities for the veterans and the people of the town and county.

The lot that has been purchased for the site is adjacent to the community center and will require no excavation.

The public library will be offered a permanent home in the new building, and a Veteran's Service office will be located there.

The estimated cost of the project will run to about \$35,000.

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