

## SENATE APPROVES CHANGE IN PRICE-FIXING FORMULA

### Taft Amendment Would Add Increased Costs to Prewar Price Levels

Washington, June 12.—Senators of both parties, bent upon curbing OPA's authority, pushed through today an amendment requiring the agency to add increased costs to prewar prices in fixing ceilings.

By the overwhelming vote of 44 to 29, the proposal was written into the measure to extend OPA's life until July 1, 1947, despite Democratic Leader Barkley's plea against changing the formula for ceilings now.

Offered by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), the amendment would take the price levels of October 1-15, 1941, as a base period and then add the increased average cost of the producer to reach a figure below which OPA could not set a ceiling.

George Supports Plan.  
Senator George (D-Ga.) joined Taft in support of the new formula. He said he felt sorry for OPA Administrator Paul Porter, declaring that Porter "inherited the OPA, inherited its program, inherited its theories and inherited Stabilization Director Chester Bowles."

"I would like to say this for Mr. Bowles," declared George. "He is the most inflated product and commodity that I know."

Barkley later obtained an agreement by unanimous consent limiting further debate to a half hour per Senator on each amendment and on the bill itself and expressed confidence a final vote will be reached tomorrow. The Senate then adjourned until 11 a. m., out of respect to Senator Bankhead (D-Ala) who had just died.

Advertising Costs.  
Before adoption of the Taft amendment, it was changed at the suggestion of Senator Hoey (D-N.C.) to stipulate that advertising expenditures were part of costs. Producers would be allowed to count as legitimate costs advertising up to the amount they did in 1941.

Both Taft and Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Republican whip, took the same line—the argument that low prices mean low production, that low production means shortages and black markets; that scarcities and the danger of inflation can only be remedied by high-priced production at a profit.

Wherry saw an alternate plan he offered go down to defeat by standing vote—one which would have forced OPA to permit manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers their normal prewar discounts and mark-ups.

But, before its defeat, in a desk-pounding attack on OPA, Wherry cited the agency's hopes for increased supplies soon, and cried out to his colleagues: "The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

"Where's the butter?" he shouted. "Where are the shirts? Where are the automobiles? Where are the textiles? You can't eat statistics. And you can't get a good pot roast out of propaganda."

Meanwhile, Donald Henderson, president of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union, CIO, circulated a statement, calling the OPA extension bill, as drafted by the banking committee, an "open invitation to inflation."

He said that if the Senate passes it, the "President Truman must veto it and call Congress into joint session for the purpose of renewing the act for one year without amendments of any kind."

### GOLFING NEWS

Nineteen Farmville golfers went to Goldsboro, Wednesday afternoon, for the final match in the tournament.

The local team was defeated by a score of 36-18. Graydon Liles was low scorer for the day, with a 72.

The annual Club Handicap Tournament starts Saturday, June 22, and runs through July 13. Entrance fees are \$1.00 per person, and prizes will be awarded for three different flights, the winner and the runner-up in each flight.

### MISS LUCY STEELS

#### TO SPEAK HERE

The Presbyterian Auxiliary, through its president, extends a cordial invitation to all communicants to join in a Bible Study at the Church, Monday, June 18, and to hear Miss Lucy Steels, of Raleigh, head of the Bible Department at Peace College, who will teach the book of Isaiah.

The first class will begin at 8:30 P. M., and the second at 9:00 P. M. A special supper will be served on the church lawn at the supper hour.

Miss Steels is well known as an outstanding speaker and the Presbyterian women, as well as others, are looking forward to the opportunity of hearing her.

### Free Tuberculosis Clinic, June 21st

The local health officer wishes to call attention to the fact that a free Tuberculosis Clinic will be held in the Pitt County Health Department Offices, Greenville, on Friday, June 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock.

The Clinic will be conducted by Dr. F. P. Brooks. Patients, both white and colored, from any part of Pitt County are eligible to attend the Clinic.

This is one of the regular monthly clinics held in Pitt County and is made possible through the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale.

### At The Rotary Club

Frank Williams presided at the Rotary Club, Tuesday evening, and extended a cordial welcome to the guests: George Reaves, of Goldsboro, Alton Bobbitt and the Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, new pastor of the local Christian Church.

John Mewborn and John Moore spoke briefly concerning work on the high school campus, which is proceeding rapidly. Much interest is being manifested in this worthwhile project, and citizens of the community are to be commended in offering their services and equipment towards this needed improvement.

George Greckmur was in charge of the program, and in his own inimitable manner spoke on the value of good literature, and the benefit to be derived from association with good books. As a conclusion, he reviewed "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas.

### Tax Increase

Washington, June 12.—The House Ways and Means Committee voted today to increase the Social Security tax against employees' pay and employers' payrolls from 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent, effective January 1.

If the House and Senate follow the committee's recommendation the annual collection for Social Security insurance will be increased from the present one billion, 300 million dollars to two billion dollars.

The committee stipulated that the tax shall be 1.5 against employees' pay and employers' payroll for a five-year period beginning next January.

### State College Hints For Farm Homemakers

By Ruth Current,  
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According to the food research specialists, carrots in the stores are prettier with tops on, but less fresh. When the carrot is pulled out of the ground the nourishment goes the other way, and leaves draw moisture and food from the root. Some truckers cut off carrot tops but some do not.

To keep the carrots fresh, cut off the tops before you store them. The same rule holds good for other root vegetables—beets, turnips, parsnips, radishes. Take off tops to keep them fresh.

Grow Victory Gardens again this year. Gardens are livensome things, according to the poets. And those we call Victory Gardens, or home gardens, are very valuable in these days of world-wide food shortages.

In a call to the Nation's home gardeners, the President points out that the threat of starvation in many parts of the world and the urgent need for food from this country emphasize the importance of our continued efforts to produce and conserve food which will help to replace that especially needed for shipment abroad.

Americans who have acquired the habit of raising their own, won't need much urging to dig out their seed catalogs and dig up the earth. They agree with the President when he says: "In addition to the contribution gardens make to better nutrition, their value in providing outdoor physical exercise, recreation, and relaxation from the strain of modern life is widely recognized."

If you do not happen to have a single-edge razor made for ripping out stitches, take a strip of adhesive tape and fold over one edge of a double-edge blade.

Peace-loving peoples must learn to pay the price of peace. If they would avoid wars.

Rayon prices, which may drop to around 22 cents per pound within the year, are virtually certain to force a considerable reduction in cotton prices.

North Carolina farm experts and poultry-breeding dealers to a man feel that the government's 50-cent per bushel added bonus for wheat and corn will greatly intensify the farm food problem before the year is out.

### OPA Authorities New Bread Price

Washington, June 12.—The price of that elusive loaf of bread advanced a penny today with OPA approval. The increase is effective immediately, along with a price boost of one cent a dozen for bread rolls.

The higher prices apply to all kinds of bread except rye, which went up two cents a loaf April 30.

Prices are being raised, OPA said, because bakers' production costs have climbed as a result of a 25 per cent cut in the amount of flour they may use. The reduction was ordered to help meet famine relief requirements.

On bread, producers are permitted to put today's one-cent increase into effect by raising the price, reducing the weight further, or by a combination of both. On rolls, only a price increase is authorized.

Excluded from the one-cent increase are bakers who have increased the weight of their loaves and correspondingly increased prices since last March 15.

### Chemical Warfare Service

The men of the Chemical Warfare Service will play a great role in the new Regular Army. This organization, which has achieved tremendous accomplishments both in war and peace, is constantly keeping its vigil.

These men are trained experts in the many phases of war's most dreaded weapons—gas, flame, smoke and the possibility of bacteriological warfare. It was they who perfected the flame thrower that so aided our fighters to achieve their victories.

It is the task of the Chemical Warfare Service to keep ahead of the enemy, and to analyze the possibilities of hostile gas attacks. They developed the finest gas mask in the world and found methods of impregnating the clothing of our fighters to keep them safe. They invented elements and protections against burns and blisters. If our enemies had ever used gas they would have found our troops prepared to meet the attack.

Few of the courageous landings made by our men in Europe and the Pacific would have been possible without the smoke screens laid down by the men of the Chemical Warfare Service. At Anzio, the battle hung in the balance and only the expert use of smoke by these men saved our troops from what easily might have been disastrous.

This organization, under its insignia of crossed retorts, not only develops the chemical agents but also is responsible for the use of them. One of the weapons developed is the 4.2 mortar. This mortar fires up to 20 rounds of high explosive or smoke shells a minute with deadly accuracy. It was much in demand during the war and was successfully used from the Po Valley to the Philippines.

Men of the Chemical Warfare Service are highly trained specialists. Their experience and training is unequalled. Among their skills could be listed the control and isolation of raging chemical fires of tremendous heat and intensity, the use of sprays and spraying equipment, the handling of all types of pyrotechnics, fumigation and decontamination.

As the scientific advancement of this modern age brings forth new and more devastating methods of warfare, the Chemical Warfare Service will march forward in their mission of always being informed of the enemies weapons and having the counter weapon prepared in advance.

### WALTONBURG BOY SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Waltonburg, June 12.—Jennings Birch, Shackleford, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Shackleford of Waltonburg, Route 1, recently was graduated from Saratoga High School, with a record of not being absent a single day in the 12 years he attended school. He made the honor roll every month while in school and was valedictorian of his class.

### Health Board Takes Up Quarantine Issue

Raleigh, June 12.—The advisability of banning Florida children from entering any part of North Carolina was under consideration today at a State Board of Health meeting.

State Health Officer Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, declaring that there are now more than 300 cases of polio in Florida, with the disease still on the increase, said he did not want to risk having another epidemic in North Carolina like the one two years ago when more than 700 cases were reported.

The State Health Department recently adopted a regulation banning Florida children and children from other areas where polio is prevalent from entering North Carolina camps.

Meanwhile, Charlotte Memorial Hospital announced that it will admit no more acute cases from outside Mecklenburg County because of a personnel shortage and lack of sufficient isolation facilities.

### John T. Thorne Is Critically Ill

A report, received as we go to press, states that John T. Thorne, who has been critically ill in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, since Sunday, with heart complications, is not expected to live.

### Quarantine Is Ordered

Within the past few days there has been reported to the Pitt County Health Department several cases of dogs supposed to be mad and in two instances the heads of two of these dogs have been examined in the State Laboratory of Hygiene and reported positive for rabies. In one instance, another dog was seen by a veterinarian who declared the dog to be mad.

In view of this situation, the Pitt County Health Officer, Dr. N. Thomas Rineet, contemplating quarantine for the infected areas, recently had a conference with Drs. Alex Viola and J. C. Bateman, veterinarians, Sheriff Ruel W. Tyson and H. A. Hendrix, County Sanitarian, and the Health Officer decided that the present situation called for quarantine of the following area, and is so ordered:

"Beginning in Greenville, following Highway 43 to Bruce; from there following Highway 121 to Farmville and from Farmville to the junction of the Snow Hill Highway to the County boundary line, and down this boundary line to the Maury-Ayden Highway 102, then into Ayden and back up Highway 11 (the Ayden-Greenville Highway) into Greenville." This area to be extended as may become necessary.

The Health Officer, believing that this situation demands full cooperation from the citizens in the infected areas, quotes from the State Law as follows:

"The County Health Officer may declare quarantine against rabies in any designated district when in his judgment this disease exists to the extent that the lives of persons are endangered and all dogs in said district shall be confined on the premises of the owner or in a veterinary hospital: Provided a dog may be permitted to leave the premises of the owner if on leash."

The Health Officer suggests that the owner of a dog, which dog appears to be mad, should, where practical, consult a veterinarian at once.

The Health Officer and the veterinarians recommend that a dog, suspected of having rabies, be reported at once to the Health Department for advice.

(In no case, should a dog be killed in such manner as to damage the head in any way.)

In cases where the dog's head is to be sent to the Laboratory, the owner of the dog is responsible for packing the head and getting it to the State Laboratory in Raleigh where it will be examined without cost to the owner.

If the owner desires advice or assistance as to packing the head, the County Sanitarian, whose office is in the Health Department, Phone 322-5, is available for such assistance.

For fear some dog owner may be lax about carrying out the quarantine and lose a valuable dog, the Health Officer stated that he feels that he should give them this warning. The Law says, "When quarantine has been established and dogs continue to run at large, any police officer or deputy sheriff shall have the right, after reasonable effort has been made to apprehend the dogs running at large, to kill said dogs, and properly dispose of their bodies."

### Tornado Disaster In Pitt County

Southeastern Area, American Red Cross, Atlanta, Ga., sent the following people from Area Headquarters to work with the Pitt County Chapter Officials in the tornado disaster around Grifton, N. C.:

Miss Helen Flanagan, Assistant Disaster Consultant, Southeastern Area; Miss Nell G. Claxton, Nursing Field Representative for North Carolina; Miss Mildred Stephens, Disaster Representative, Southeastern Area; Miss Marguerite L. Potts, Disaster Representative, Southeastern Area.

Eight persons were registered for assistance.

Damage: 6 houses destroyed; 4 damaged; 22 other buildings destroyed; 18 other buildings damaged.

One family was given assistance with repairs to home and rebuilding of outbuildings; 2 families given assistance with medical care; Dr. Tucker of Grifton, N. C., contributed his services; 1 family given assistance with clothing; 6 families assisted with replacement of household furnishings; 1 mule replaced and feed bought for one family.

The total expenditures in Pitt County, \$2,560.45. These funds were sent the Pitt County Chapter, Greenville, N. C., from Area Headquarters, Atlanta, Ga.

### Traffic Fatalities And Accident Costs New National Problem

With the nation's traffic fatality rate almost back to its postwar peak, and not only the number of accidents but the cost of accidents rising each month, American automobile owners are faced with a problem that only they can cure.

That this is a national problem has been signified by the National Highway Safety Conference called by President Truman and the campaign currently being sponsored by The Advertising Council (the cooperative group of advertising leaders who produced most of the War Bond and other war-time advertising campaigns) in cooperation with the National Safety Council.

That it is a local problem is evident in this and every community by the increasing number of deaths and injuries which are reported almost each week.

Some idea of the trend in the number and severity of automobile accidents can be gathered from statistics just released in the interest of safety by the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, which writes more automobile protection than the next two largest companies combined, so has a greater cross-section of facts than probably any similar organization.

All through 1945, and at a highly accelerated rate after V-J Day and the termination of gasoline rationing, the number and severity of automobile accidents increased. The State Farm Mutual report points out.

This trend in the number and severity of automobile accidents has continued to increase in the first quarter of 1946 and with the resumption of vacation travel this summer is not likely to slacken.

In the first quarter of 1946, the company had an increase of 51.3 per cent of claims received over the first quarter of 1945, the report shows. There were 2.1 per cent more claims reported in January and February of this year than in November and December of 1945. In March the number was up by 5.5 per cent over January and February and 7.5 per cent more claims were paid than in any previous month in the company's history.

At the same time, the average cost of claims for automobile accidents has continued to grow. For example, the average 80-cent collision claim cost 98 per cent more in 1945 than it did in 1942. While in 1945 the cost of the average claim was the highest in the history of the company; in the first quarter of 1946 the average cost was up 18 per cent over 1945.

With the average car over 8 years old—with bad brakes on 1 car in 7—with thoughtless drivers "hitting it up" on worn tires—accidents involving defective equipment have more than doubled today—and so in many cases, has the cost of repairing the damage to the automobile—where it is possible to make repairs. All of this in addition to an average of 960,000 people injured or killed each year in traffic accidents.

These old cars are, generally, more extensively damaged in an accident than newer models, simply because parts are worn and often rusted. For example, a rear fender on a certain make of 1941 automobile listed at \$8, but because a new one was unavailable it cost more than five times the price of a new fender to repair it. The average increase in repair costs is up from 25 to 45 per cent.

All of this means that even automobile owners who are protected by insurance will have to pay more—because in the final essence, the cost of insurance is determined by the amount the insurance company must pay for claims. As every safety agency has pointed out, the only remedy for loss of life, loss of the use of your automobile and the penalty of higher insurance rates is CAREFUL DRIVING. The remedy rests with the average motorist. Unless automobile drivers drive more carefully the report concludes, America will reap the greatest toll of human life in history this year, and financial loss will hit the pocketbook of every car owner.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS CLOSE THIS WEEK HERE

Baptist.  
The Vacation Bible School, which has been in session daily at the Baptist Church, since June 3, will close today, Friday. Mrs. E. W. Holmes has acted as director and Mrs. A. B. Moore, Mrs. Henry D. Johnson, Mrs. Robert P. Whelan and Mrs. George W. Davis have served as departmental instructors.

Methodist.  
The Vacation Bible School of the Methodist Church, which began June 10, will close with a special program at the Sunday School hour, Sunday morning, June 16. Miss Betty Joyner, supervisor, has been assisted by Duke Divinity School students, Rev. Walter McDonald and Rev. Tommy Rutledge. Miss Beulah Lang, Mrs. Mark W. Joyner, Mrs. Lynn Eason, Mrs. Roland Smith, Miss Ora Lee Flanagan and Miss Betty Morris, instructors, and Mrs. A. G. Robinson, music director.

## Bevin To Reject Palestine Report

### Controls Are Lifted From Tobacco Flues

Washington, June 11.—OPA yesterday suspended price ceilings over tobacco flues and tobacco barn-heating equipment.

The agency said that to continue price controls on these items would impose "an administrative burden that would more than offset all possible benefits."

### At The Kiwanis Club

Bob Fiser, program chairman of the evening for the Kiwanis Club, had as his guest speaker, the Reverend E. R. Clegg, local Methodist pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Clegg gave an interesting and impressive talk. His subject was: "The End Better than the Beginning." His message was really "Food for thought" and was enjoyed by everyone.

Alex Allen, in charge of the meeting, made some timely remarks and suggested that those who had trucks help with the grading and improvement of the school grounds this week, along with other organizations.

Alton Bobbitt, acting program chairman during the absence of chairman Frank Allen, made some timely remarks; stating that we must ever be ready to take hold and carry on.

Attendances chairman, Jim Joyner, read a letter from the White House, in answer to a message sent to President Truman, urging him to end the Railroad Strike. The President commended the stand taken by the Mayor and Civic Clubs of Farmville.

### Furlough Pay

Washington, June 11.—The House membership clambered en masse today on the GI bandwagon, voting 379 to 0 to pay enlisted service personnel cash for unused furlough time.

The action, if sustained by the Senate, will put all service men and women on the same basis with respect to furlough pay. Officers already receive it under an old law.

Estimated variously to cost from \$2,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, to affect approximately 15,000,000 men and women who have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard since September 8, 1939, the legislation grew out of Congressional clamor against what members called discrimination against GIs.

It entitles enlisted personnel to two and one-half days of furlough monthly while in service and requires that they be paid in cash if they don't get the time off. A limit of 120 days—the same that applies to officers—is set on time that may be accrued and paid for.

Payment rates are fixed according to rank at the time of discharge plus subsistence allowances at a minimum of 70 cents a day.

House Military Committee members who revere the bill originally introduced by Rep. Dwight L. Rogers (D-Fla.) estimated that each man and woman eligible for payments will receive an average of \$250 if the legislation becomes law.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE HAS SUMMER SCHOOL

For the past ten days, the Catholic Summer School group of Saint Elizabeth's has enjoyed a pleasant and beneficial session, the children enjoying their religion period and hobby projects. The religion classes were prefaced by attendance at Holy Mass and the reception of Holy Communion.

On last Sunday an impressive service was held in honor of the Feast of Pentecost. Music during the ceremonies was rendered by the student group, conducted by Miss Helen Rouse, and accompanied by the Sisters. Father Mahon gave the sermon, stressing the need today of the Holy Ghost, and the fire of Christianity enkindled in the hearts of mankind, as it flamed into divine zeal and love on the first Pentecost day.

On Tuesday evening, the Summer School group gave a surprise in the form of a one-act play, "The Bishop's Candlesticks," and a recitation called, "Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue."

Refreshments were served by the students while the parents and friends gathered informally for the occasion.

Grateful appreciation is expressed to all for their splendid cooperation in making this, the first Catholic Summer School, possible, and such a grand success.

The Sisters of St. Dominic from the Cathedral Latin High School, Raleigh, continued the daily period of the Summer School.

### Would Sign Separate Peace Treaties With Defeated Axis If Pending Peace Talks Are Bugged Down By Big Four; Refuses To Apply Economic Sanctions To Spain

Bournemouth, Eng., June 12.—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin declared in an address today that he would reject the immediate immigration of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, and would sign separate peace treaties with defeated European nations if pending peace negotiations continued bogged down among the four principal powers.

He declared, moreover, that he would refuse to apply economic sanctions to Spain.

Bevin's stand was taken in an appearance before the dominant labor party's annual conference. He won an overwhelming conference endorsement of his policies.

In a fighting mood and speaking extemporaneously, the round foreign secretary won adoption of a party conference resolution endorsing his administration of foreign affairs. Five other resolutions all critical, were withdrawn or defeated.

The issue of the council of foreign ministers in Paris next week, he said, will be whether Europe is to be split into eastern and western blocs.

"Next week that is the issue that is to be settled, if it ever is," Bevin said.

"I am not going to be a party to any design in strategy . . . against Russia," Bevin went on.

"Neither will we give one moment's consideration to expansion. But this division of Europe, this awful business of drawing a line from Stettin (Germany) to Albania and behind that this solidified position—if that happens, which God forbid, you will have two camps in Europe and that will be the road to another struggle."

He called for conclusion of a peace treaty with Austria and urged the clearance of occupation troops from the Danube basin.

Declaring he had been asked as to whether he would sign a separate peace treaty, Bevin said:

"I don't know what steps we may take to get these treaties, but I say no one nation is going to keep me in a state of war forever with other countries."

On Palestine he said:

"If we put 100,000 Jews in Palestine tomorrow, I would have to put another division of British soldiers there. I am not prepared to do it."

"I must say to the Jews and Arabs: Please put your guns away. Don't blow up the British Tommy who is quite innocent in this business. You are creating another phase of the anti-Semitic feeling in the British army."

"I believe that if both sides did disarm, peace and development would be much easier."

### BARBER BOYETTE

A wedding, characterized by dignity and simplicity, was solemnized at the Farmville Methodist Church, Saturday afternoon, June 8, at four o'clock, when Miss Elizabeth Boyette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Boyette, of Kenly, became the bride of Clifton Parker Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barber, of Smithfield.

The Rev. C. R. Clegg, pastor of the Church, officiated in the ring ceremony, which was witnessed by only a few relatives and intimate friends of the couple.

Pastoral baskets of white gladioli, lilies and carnations, flanked by floor standards of cathedral candles, were used as a setting for the wedding scene.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Haywood Smith, organist, rendered a program of spiritual music and Miss Betty Boyette, of Kenly, niece of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly" and "Believe Me If All These Fading Young Charms." Traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride and bridesmaid entered the Church together. The bride wore a traveling costume of aqua crepe with pink accessories. Her hat was a close fitting model of pink rosebuds and aqua veiling. Her shoulder corsage was of orchids.

Ushers were J. L. Boyette, of Kenly, brother of the bride, and Charles Barber, of Smithfield, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, the couple left for a motor trip through Western North Carolina, after which they will be at home in Smithfield.

Saturday noon, Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Clegg were hosts at a luncheon in compliment to the bride, niece of Mrs. Clegg, and the bridegroom.