

Elkin Merchants To Do All In Power To Combat Higher Prices

Pledge Efforts To Hold Cost Of Living Down

Retail merchants here have expressed a determination to "hold the line" where prices are concerned, regardless of the final outcome of the battle now raging in Washington over the fate of the OPA.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the consumer can expect some price increases all along the line, but that no drastic inflationary moves will be made. Every merchant contacted by The Tribune states flatly that goods now on hand will continue to sell at price levels established by the OPA. When supplies are exhausted, and as new supplies are obtained, it may be necessary to raise certain items to meet an increase in costs coming from the manufacturers and wholesalers. Otherwise, the merchants say, higher prices will not be placed upon consumers' goods.

Claude Farrell, president of the Merchants Association, declared that 99 per cent of Elkin merchants would retain the spirit of the OPA.

"Merchandise now on shelves will remain at the present price," Mr. Farrell asserted. "As new merchandise comes on the market and as we replenish existing stocks, the vast majority of merchants, I feel sure, will price goods as low as possible to allow sound store management."

Most of the merchants expressed the opinion that it will be to their own advantage to keep prices as reasonable as possible. Stores with established reputations, they point out, will suffer in the long run if merchants try to take advantage of consumers during this period. Retailers also believe that old and established manufacturers will adopt a similar policy, thus keeping wholesale prices down as much as possible.

The greatest danger of inflation, it will seem, lies in the direction of small, "fly-by-night" firms, anxious to make as much profit as possible under existing conditions. These, however, will be held in line to some extent by competition offered by older business establishments.

Some Elkin merchants were openly opposed to a continuation of the OPA. Others believed that it should continue, either as before or in a modified form. Nearly all of them welcomed an opportunity to demonstrate to Washington officials that they were capable of operating their own business under a system of free enterprise, and still maintain a fair regard for the economic welfare of the country.

One furniture store proprietor (Continued on page eight, 1st sec.)

AGAIN PUT OFF BEAUTY SHOW

"Miss Elkin" Event Is Set Forward From July 10 To July 17th

TO HOLD TALENT SHOW

Due to conflicting engagements, the "Miss Elkin" Beauty Pageant has been postponed another week, sponsoring Jaycees have announced. It is now scheduled to be held Wednesday, July 17.

Neil Melvin, of the YMCA staff, has revealed plans for a water show to be held in connection with the beauty pageant. The show will feature diving contests, swimming races, and comedy acts, and will begin at 3:30 p. m. on the announced date. Already entered in the diving event are Bob Ratz, Tom Garrison, Bobby Jones, Tip Freeman, and Charles (Buck) Tullman, Jr. Mr. Melvin expects a large turnout for all events.

Following the water show will be the face and figure judging of the beauty contest at the Y pool at 4:30 p. m. The talent show will be held at 8 p. m. on the same evening, with Ed Neaves acting as master of ceremonies. About 40 girls have already entered entry blanks for the contest, and several others are expected to do so in the near future. Prizes as announced are as follows: The committee has revealed that about 15 girls are expected to compete for the "Miss Elkin" title.

National Recognition Won By Elkin Jaycees

Junior Chamber Of Commerce Takes First And Second Honors At Meet

National recognition came to the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce last week when it was awarded second place for the most outstanding project of the year. The award was made at the national Jaycee convention held at Milwaukee, Wis., June 25-29, at which 1,100 groups were represented.

In its population group the Elkin club won first place in agriculture projects and second in sports and recreation. The Fat Stock Show and Sale, held here last fall, and the Farmers' Day Program, held in March, were the two projects sponsored by the local Jaycees that won them the agriculture award and later the outstanding project of the year award. The Yadkin Valley Basketball Tournament brought national recognition in sports and recreation.

First, second, and third places were given to Junior Chamber organizations in each of the three population groups—cities of less than 10,000, cities of more than 10,000, and cities of more than 100,000. In the outstanding project competition all 1,100 clubs were entered in one over-all contest.

Chairman of sponsoring committees guiding these prize winning projects during the past year were Sam Neaves, agriculture committee, and Bob Lankford, sports and recreation committee. This was the first time Elkin had been entered in a national competition.

At the July 22 meeting of the organization it is planned to have

SERVICE PAY BILL SIGNED

New Military Pay Scale Ranges From 50 Per Cent To 10 Per Cent

PRIVATE PAY IS \$75

The Service Pay Bill was signed by the President late Saturday and is effective 1 July 1946. Lt. John F. Cramp, Commanding Officer of the Winston-Salem Army Recruiting Station stated today.

The new pay scale calls for increases ranging from 50 percent for the lowest enlisted grade, to 10 percent for the top commissioned grades. This increase places the serviceman in a very favorable position when compared to pay of civilian industries.

As an example, Lt. Cramp said that under the new pay scale, a private overseas draws \$75.00 per month, plus 20 percent for serving overseas, or a total of \$90.00 per month. This does not include other items such as family allowances, clothing, food, quarters, medical and dental care, which are furnished without charge to enlisted men. In addition to good pay, the best food, clothing, and quarters, of any Army in the World, the Regular Army man of today has the privilege of seeing the World at no cost to himself, and learning a worthwhile trade at the same time. Also, when honorably discharged and returned to civilian life, the serviceman is entitled to schooling or on-the-job training, under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

These are only a few of the advantages to be gained thru enlistment in the Regular Army.

For complete information, visit the nearest Army Recruiting Station or Army Post. The Recruiting Station in Winston-Salem is located in the Post Office Building.

E. D. Hayes of Yadkinville produced 122 bushels of corn per acre on the J. D. Wellborn farm last year for the largest yield reported in North Carolina. Yield attested by Farm Agent D. R. Perkins.

Screwworm flies are reported attacking cattle in southern Georgia and farmers are treating wounds of animals with Smear 62.

the state president of the organization, Odell Lamberth, of Greensboro, here to honor the committee chairmen and those who took part in the projects. The 12 men released from the club last week because of age limitations on members will be present as special guests, since they had a part in the clubs program during the past year.

Winston-Salem Jaycees were also accorded national recognition for the Piedmont Bowl football game sponsored last fall for the community welfare fund.

WATER RATE IS BOOSTED HERE

Commissioners Take Step To Become Effective August 1, At Monday Meeting

TAX RATE THE SAME

Due to an increase in the cost of labor and materials, the Board of Town Commissioners, meeting Monday night at the town hall, decided to raise water and sewer rates for Elkin residents. The new rate will become effective August 1, to appear on the consumer's September bill.

During August each consumer is to receive a card notifying him of the exact change in rates. Present rate is \$1.25 for a minimum of 3,000 gallons when consumer is on a sewer line, and \$1.00 when sewer facilities are not available.

It was pointed out by the board that the present revenue derived from water and sewer services was proving inadequate to maintain the increased rate, the commissioners made it clear that the town was not seeking to make a profit, but to continue the services without showing a deficit. Other cities in the state have recently been forced to up water rates, and many of them have increased property taxes.

In officially adopting a tentative tax plan presented June 3, the board decided to retain the existing rate of \$1.20 per \$100 property valuation. By doing so, members declared, it became imperative to up the cost of water.

FAMINE RELIEF DISAPPOINTING

Local Drive For Funds Is Extended Until July 8, Chairman Announces

\$700 HAS BEEN GIVEN

The Emergency Food Relief drive, scheduled to close June 30, will continue through July 8, Charles N. Myers, relief chairman, has announced. Reason for the extension, Mr. Myers stated, is that a disappointingly small amount has been donated within the prescribed time.

As of June 30 only about \$700 had been contributed, mostly through solicitation. Jars placed in local business establishments netted only \$384.33. Mr. Myers said, which was far below what had been expected. He expressed appreciation for the work done in the business section by Mrs. George Royall, Mrs. James Atwell, Mrs. Charles Ashby, and Mrs. Henry Dobson, through whose efforts most of the money was collected.

Mr. Myers urges Chatham employees to make their contributions to Fred Neaves or to departmental superintendents, since no further canvass will be made. Local business men, not contacted by any of the above named persons, are requested to submit contributions direct to Mr. Myers. No canned food contributions are accepted after the deadline.

TEACHERS FOR ELKIN SCHOOL ARE NAMED

Supt. Carpenter Gives List Of Those Re-Elected

LACK FOUR TEACHERS

English, French, Latin And Diversified Occupations Posts Vacant

EXPRESSES HIS THANKS

N. H. Carpenter, superintendent of Elkin City Schools, announces that the following teachers were re-elected at a recent meeting of the school board:

N. H. Carpenter, superintendent; Rufus H. Abernathy, high school science and physical education; Miss Addie Cornelia Ayers, social science; Miss Mary Holland, home economics; Denver K. Holcomb, elementary school principal; Mrs. Della L. Carter, 8th grade; Miss Emma Ellen Cooke, 7th; Mrs. Hortense Reid Bankston, 6th; Mrs. Sam Atkinson, 4th; Miss Bettie Allen, 6th; Miss Irene Clark, 5th; Miss Sarah Elizabeth Harris, 5th; Mrs. Dorothy Roberts Neaves, 4th; Mrs. Lois Reinhardt, 3rd; Mrs. Ruth Opal Spence, 3rd; Miss Blanche Dixon, 2nd; Mrs. Flora H. Martin, 2nd; Miss Mary Elizabeth Hendrix, 1st; Miss Mary E. Thompson, 1st.

New teachers accepted by the board to teach in Elkin were: Miss Ethel Whitley, math; Mrs. Adrain Nixon, commercial; Miss Adelaide Bunker, public school music; and Mrs. Henry Wolfe, seventh grade.

Those having resigned from their position here are: Mrs. Rebecca Williams Gilliam, Mrs. Catherine Harris Eller, Mrs. Alva Lawrence James, and Mrs. Eva Seawright Dillon.

Mr. Carpenter stated that at the present time he was lacking teachers in four departments, that of English, French, Latin, and diversified occupation. He stated that there were no vacancies at North Elkin school nor at the colored school.

In the course of conversation with Mr. Carpenter, he stated that he wished to take this opportunity to thank the public for the fine spirit of cooperation, the helpful attitude, and the genuine interest that existed between the Elkin school system and the city, as well as all patrons of the school, during the school term that has just ended. He added that he was looking forward to an even more successful year when the school bells ring again in September.

FSA FAMILIES DOING BIG JOB

Performing Outstanding Task In Food And Feed Program This Year

PRODUCTION BEST YET

Surry farm families participating in the FSA food and feed program this year are doing an outstanding job, according to Hubert W. Cartner, Farm Security supervisor for Surry and Yadkin counties.

"During six years with the FSA, I have never seen borrowers try to do so much for food and seed," Mr. Cartner stated. "Almost all of them have fine gardens. As a whole food and feed production this year is the best I've ever seen."

He added that production this year is expected to greatly surpass that of any other year in the past. Goals were established at the beginning of the crop season to help meet an international shortage of foodstuffs for men and livestock. Surry farmers have responded well to pleas brought about by the crisis. Mr. Cartner adds a word of warning, however, to the effect that farmers with gardens should make an effort to develop a late garden when the early garden has become exhausted. This, he admits, is hard to do, due to the pressure placed upon farm families during tobacco harvest and curing season, but he calls it a worthwhile endeavor.

This fall goals are to be established for the growing of alfalfa and the establishing of pasture land. With the cooperation of extension agents and the soil conservation service, five acres of pasture are to be seeded in Surry county, and five acres of alfalfa are to be seeded in Surry and five in Yadkin. Operations are being made now, and the most suitable land is being selected, and to be planted.



NEW UOC CHAIRMAN — Lt. Col. Henry E. Kendall, appointed chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation commission, effective July 1, to succeed Col. A. L. Fletcher. Col. Kendall is now on terminal leave from the Engineering Corps after nearly four years of service. He was manager of the Division of Plant Operations for the State School Commission for six years, was in the Shanghai, China, office of a tobacco export firm for about six years and spent a few years with an engineering and contracting firm in Danville, Va. A native of Cleveland County, Col. Kendall is a 1926 graduate in civil engineering from State College.

SEVEN INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Automobiles Collide On Highway 268 In Roaring River Sunday P. M.

TWO HURT SERIOUSLY

Seven persons were injured, two of them seriously, when two cars collided on Highway 268 in Roaring River at 1 p. m. Sunday.

According to Highway Patrolman Lamar Ratcliff, who investigated, a coupe operated by Mrs. Gladys Church, of Ronda, entered the highway from a side road, crossed it and was heading west, when another machine driven by Marshall Childress, also of Ronda, came from the opposite direction and collided almost head-on. Childress was said to have been travelling at a high rate of speed.

Mrs. Church suffered minor injuries. Mrs. Marshall Church, riding with her, sustained a broken jaw and fractured skull. Her condition was reported as serious by Wilkes hospital attendants.

Riding with Childress, who received head and body lacerations, were: Earl C. Harris of Ronda, whose back was broken; Rufus Holloway of Ronda, head and body lacerations; Hardin Harris and Claude Bengé of Ronda, minor injuries. All were taken to the Wilkes hospital.

Childress' car overturned on the pavement, coming to rest on its side. Mrs. Church's machine rolled over on its top in the middle of the highway. Parts of both cars were reportedly scattered over a wide area.

Patrolman Ratcliff charged Childress with driving intoxicated, speeding, and reckless driving. The other four occupants of the car were charged with intoxication.

FSA MAY MAKE 123,150 LOANS

Individual Family-Type Farmers And War II Veterans Eligible

HAS CONGRESSIONAL OK

About 123,150 loans can be made throughout the United States to individual family-type farmers and World War II veterans through the Farm Security Administration during the fiscal year beginning July 1, according to preliminary information received by Hubert W. Cartner, FSA Supervisor for Surry and Yadkin Counties.

Loans will be made from a \$121,527,200 fund authorized by Congress for the purpose of family-type farms, operating needs, and water facilities. The return of veterans to farms and small farmers' needs in reconverting to peacetime production has made the demand for FSA loans more urgent than ever, officials said.

"For the past several years the demand has far exceeded the money available . . . and we have not been able to meet completely the rising need for assistance," said Administrator Hubert W. Lassetter.

It is estimated that about 7,100 families can be expected to buy

Chatham Gives Bonus And Announces Five Per Cent Wage Boost

Commerce Group Okeys Yadkin Flood Project

Move Climaxes 5-year Fight For Control

W. M. Allen, attorney of this city and a member of the Yadkin Flood Control Committee, announced last Friday evening that he had received a telegram from Sen. Clyde R. Hoey notifying him of the passage through the Senate Commerce Committee of the Yadkin Flood Control project.

This climaxes a five year struggle on the part of Surry, Yadkin, and Wilkes county citizens to bring about some definite action aimed at controlling the brown water of the Yadkin river. Questions involved in the issue were the inclusion of hydroelectric power installations, inundation of lands in the area of the projected four dams, and whether or not the project would be economically feasible. As the project was approved by the Senate Committee, no electric provisions are included, objections of landowners in the dam areas were overridden, and it seems definitely economically practicable.

The Yadkin project will be included in an omnibus bill to come before the Senate, it is hoped, before it recesses July 15. This bill provides for river and harbor projects all over the United States, at a total cost reaching almost a billion dollars. The four dams on the Yadkin and its tributary, the Reids river, will have an initial cost of \$7,194,000. Army engineers have said that the four dams will "form part of a comprehensive plan for improvement of the river."

It was feared that objections raised on the part of landowners in Caldwell and upper Wilkes counties would delay approval of the project for another year, but the committee decided, apparently, that the total good resulting from the construction of the dams would considerably outweigh the loss of property involved.

When constructed, provided the bill gets through the Senate and the House, the dams will, according to army engineers, provide protection from seasonal floods as well as from catastrophes such as those that occurred in 1916 and 1940.

HOLD MEETS TO TALK PROBLEMS

Stage Drive In Surry To Make Permanent Pastures More Productive

SUGGESTIONS ARE GIVEN

In a drive to make permanent pastures more productive, Surry county extension agents are calling community discussion meetings during this week and next to give information and to help solve problems connected with pasture lands.

An outline of subjects up for discussion presents a good formula for improving pastures, Neill M. Smith, county agent, has stated. Points included are:

Remove rocks and trash, sprouts or undergrowth. There should be a minimum of two mowings each summer. For each dairy cow one and one-half acres of pasture should be established. Overgrazing should be avoided by selling surplus animals, planting temporary grazing crops, dividing large pastures for rotation grazing, and by adding large areas to permanent pasture. Weak spots should be patched up by using stable manure. One to one and one-half tons of ground limestone and 500 to 1,000 pounds of acid phosphate should be applied yearly to permanent pasture. It should be recently treated. Where the land has been limed only add 200 to 1,000 pounds of phosphate per acre. Reseed when necessary. Subject to be discussed at the meetings in more detail. Keep fences in good shape.

If these instructions are followed, Smith stated, the pastures should result.

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Elkin Business Firms Observe 4th As Holiday

Today July 4th, is being observed as a holiday by a majority of local stores, business offices and manufacturers.

The Elkin Furniture Company has announced that its plant, which closed Wednesday, will remain closed until Monday. All employees are being paid for a full week.

The Chatham Manufacturing Company is observing today as a holiday, without loss of pay to employees.

Butner-McLeod Motor Company, Ford dealers, have announced that their business will be closed today, Friday, and Saturday.

Elkin stores, which close each Wednesday afternoon at 12:00, remained open yesterday afternoon. However, stores will continue to close each Wednesday p. m. hereafter until late summer.

AGENTS ARE TO WITNESS TESTS

County Farm Officials To Meet At Oxford Friday At Test Farm

PLAN SPECIAL SERVICE

County agents and assistant county agents from 20 Northwestern North Carolina counties are to meet at Oxford tomorrow to observe experiments being conducted on the Oxford test farm. Demonstrations will begin at 10 a. m. to continue through the day.

Agents will have an opportunity to see new methods of tobacco fertilization and tobacco cultivation. Also new and old tobacco varieties will be shown, with talks on the advantages and disadvantages of each.

During the day a special service will be held to honor R. W. Pou, retiring Forsyth county agent. Mr. Pou, one of the oldest agents in the state from the standpoint of service, has served continuously as Forsyth extension representative since 1919.

Neill M. Smith, Surry agent, is chairman of the committee conducting the service. Committee members are W. D. Pace, of Durham, and E. S. Millsaps, of Ashboro. Smith expects to present historical data on Mr. Pou's work in Forsyth, where he is distinguished for having brought about many agriculture improvements during his tenure. O. P. McCrary, district agent, is supplying the data from district files.

CHATHAM IS TO PLAY TRIANGLE

Fourth Of July Double-Header Slated For This Afternoon At Local Park

PLAY BOONVILLE 6TH

The Chatham Blanketeers will tangle with Triangle Hosiery Mills, of High Point, here this afternoon (Thursday), in a Fourth of July double header, the first game of which will start at 2 p. m. The second game is slated to begin at 4:15 p. m.

Charlie Gough, manager of the Blanketeers, said Wednesday that Triangle is the best team in High Point, leading the City league there by three or four games. They have played Chatham one time since the current season began in a closely fought contest which was won by Chatham 4-3.

Saturday afternoon the Blanketeers will go to Boonville for a practice game there. It is scheduled to begin at 4 o'clock.

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Wage Increase Is Effective As Of July 1st

The Chatham Manufacturing Company Wednesday paid all employees a mid-year bonus and announced a five per cent increase in pay, effective as of July 1, for all workers who receive weekly pay checks.

Payment of this bonus marks a continuation of the Chatham Company policy of sharing with its employees.

The bonus payment and wage increase was announced in a letter signed by A. L. Butler, president of the firm. Mr. Butler also stated that bonus checks had been sent to all employees who are now serving in the armed forces.

Mid-year Christmas bonuses have been paid Chatham employees for a number of years. With the payment of the Christmas bonuses last December employees were given a wage increase of 10 per cent. The additional wage boost of five per cent makes a total of 15 per cent increase within the past half year.

The amount of the current bonus, in dollars and cents, was not announced, but it is thought to be generous, as have other bonuses in the past.

Mr. Butler's letter, which was addressed "To the Men and Women of Chatham," follows in full:

"We are particularly happy to send a Mid-Year bonus this year. Our mill has operated continuously and efficiently so far this year because all of us were on the job and giving our best efforts to production of goods. As a result, Chatham products were produced in large quantities and the employees of Chatham worked full time at good wages.

"A large part of our country has been much less fortunate these past few months. Many thousands of workers have had little income because the plants they work in were closed by unrest and shortages of materials caused by this unrest. Plants that are closed pay no wages. Plants that run only part time cannot make profits out of which to pay a bonus.

"We here at Chatham are proud of being unusual. That is one reason why our company has grown,

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TWO HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Truck Rams Back of Another Vehicle Near Crutchfield Last Thursday

ONE SENT TO HOSPITAL

Two persons were injured in an automobile accident near Crutchfield at about 7:30 p. m. last Thursday, when a truck rammed the back of another vehicle.

Those injured were: Gurney Branch 12, of Dobson, Route 1, skinned places; and John Stanley, 52, Dobson, Route 2, head injuries, requiring hospitalization.

Both vehicles were traveling south on highway 268 when the accident occurred. A coupe driven by Wesley Rowster, Branch 457, reportedly was coming to a stop in order to discharge a passenger, when the truck, operated by Harvey H. Boyes, 31, struck the coupe's rear end. Stanley was hiding in the luggage compartment of the car, and was injured when the lid dropped on him. Gurney Branch was a passenger in the truck.

Other passengers in the coupe were Mary Stanley and Ruby Boyes, both of Dobson, Route 2. Louise Branch and Erwin Branch were passengers in the truck, both of Dobson, Route 1. None of the latter were injured.

Dobson Lions Will Sponsor Fiddlers

The Dobson Lions Club is sponsoring an Old Time Fiddlers Convention, to be held tomorrow Friday, night at 8 o'clock at the Dobson school auditorium.

Many fiddlers and several string bands are expected to compete for the prizes offered by the club. The public is invited, and a admission fee will be charged.