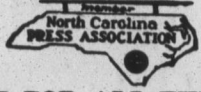


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Three Cheers For The OPA

Released this week from the Raleigh Office Of Price Administration is a little story about tobacco that may have a profound influence on tobacco sales this year in the smaller markets.

The OPA, it seems, is frowning on the use of gasoline to haul tobacco to some of the earlier opening, out of state markets. Says the OPA, "Since there is no advantage in this long distance hauling other than getting money earlier, we are recommending to our local war price and rationing boards that tobacco hauling be limited to the closest available markets."

The statement hits particularly at those North Carolina farmers who have in past years been moving their tobacco to South Carolina and Georgia markets. On the average we are not in favor of the OPA, or any other government agency, telling farmers when or where they may sell their weed crops, but in this particular instance, although the sales average for South Carolina and Georgia markets may suffer, we are prepared to say, and without reservations, "Three cheers for the OPA."

Begging Parties

Person's County Commissioners had a busy session Monday, with chief occupation, aside from consideration of a Sunday curfew on beer and wine, being the lending of ears to various departmental heads, who came with various and sundry budget requests for the new fiscal year. So much of the Commissioners' time was consumed with these requests that a special session has been ordered for Wednesday, June 16, at which time it may be hoped that some action can take place.

The scene, with modifications, was repeated Tuesday night at the gathering of the City Commissioners. Variation here was the urgency of matters having nothing to do with the budget. Each year the members of both Boards have to go through the same routine, and while it is understandable that the idea of making a personal appeal for departmental funds has its merits, it seems a pity that so much time should be consumed in telling the Commissioners what they already know, that this, that or the other department deserves to have and can function more efficiently with more cash.

Some few departments make no requests for increases, but biggest news of the day would be announcement that one of them thought it could do with less. The appeals made are according to custom, and it is to be supposed that no other way at arriving at a tax rate can be evolved, but it seems to us that judgement should be credited to those officials selected to serve as Commissioners.

On the other hand, if citizens themselves know that a particular County or City project is a worthy cause, they can undoubtedly help the furtherance of said project by telling the Commissioners of that worthiness.

Protein Conservation

Being distributed now to Person farmers is a handbook on protein conservation, a description of how to produce more and better fed cattle, hogs and chickens on less. Basic argument of the pamphlet is that feed for live stock and for poultry must of necessity be produced if a continuing cycle of livestock and poultry, at an increased rate, is to be supplied for human consumption.

A message from Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, makes it plain that about ten and one half tons of high protein feeds are available this year, slightly more than a normal output, but that urgent need for these materials to feed poultry, dairy cows, hogs and beef cattle requires the uttermost care in usage of available supplies and in planting protein producing crops. It is nothing new to speak of rationing food supplies for human beings. We are used to that, but it comes as something of a shock to realize that rationing, now on a voluntary basis, hits the barnyard and the henhouse. Quoted in the pamphlet are figures to show that farmers have in the past been guilty of over-feeding livestock and poultry, that they have insisted on quantity rather than quality and a balanced diet for farm animals and poultry. Shown in the bulletin in picture form are the facts that farmers are this year producing more livestock, that they are forcing production by heavier feeding, that the available supplies of animal proteins from South America are reduced, that lack of processing

facilities are hampering the conversion of soybean meal and other protein substitutes.

Protein conservation in a war measure, but it seems to us that in it is a new lesson in farm economy bound to be as profitable after the war as it is at the present moment.

Week-End Guests

No particular cause for pride is the fact that the Person County jail was full of forcibly detained guests this week-end. Maybe, it was the hot weather that induced a goodly number of Person men to get tanked up beyond the limits of propriety, but the startling item in the story is the preponderance of whites over Negroes.

Some said the ratio was three Negroes to ten or twelve whites, a ratio that may afford some small comfort to the members of that race which habitually enjoys the distinction of having a larger proportion in the week-end round-up. What happened this week-end may be regarded as an accident in the law of averages but it would be more pleasant to think that the proportion comes about as a natural reflection of respective densities in population, or as an indication that Negroes are at long last coming to a realization that the escape motive behind drinking does not pay.

As a footnote to the jail-house guest problem, it should be observed that although more soldiers than ever before came to Roxboro this Sunday, the number of rowdy ones was smaller than it has been at any time since the invasion from Butner began.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Boring Ears Off

News And Observer

The radio is a blessing beyond computation, particularly to "shut-ins" and those with impaired eyesight. They get news bulletins fresh, enjoy music and drama, and hear commentators who bring their varied comments upon public affairs. But, there are commentators and there are Common-Taters who essay to direct opinion along lines of their own thinking or the views of the concerns that pay their salaries and the cost of broadcasting. Most commentators are free to express their opinions, even their prejudices and guesses and condemnations, but there is a suspicion as to some that "whose bread I eat, his song I sing." The same thing is true of newspapers, most of them having no strings but some being influenced by their own big names, or by the known wishes of big advertisers.

Nell Battle Lewis voices a view felt by many in referring to the Sir Oracles among the commentators who are about to exhaust the capital I letter. Some of them think they are the only wise men left, and regale their hearers with: "You will recall that several weeks ago I advised," or "I predicted," followed by saying in substance: "If my advice had been followed the present debacle would have been averted. In her Sunday "Incidentally," Nell says:

Some recent broadcasts which I've heard give me this impression. Judging by these, we might think that the whole of official Washington is composed of muddle-heads just too dumb to allow themselves to be set straight by the omniscient commentator, that the whole administration of the country and the whole conduct of war are in a fearful bureaucratic mess, and that it is a grave question how long we'll be able to blunder along. This criticism in which a steadily increasing animus against the administration is shown is not occasional; it is continuous, unremitting. And it is beginning to bore the ears off me.

A great many people hate Mr. Roosevelt, I know, and they have a perfect right to do so if they wish and to express their hatred in any way which does not injure their country. But I seriously question whether a radio commentator with an audience in the millions has the right in wartime continually to attack the government of his country in a way that creates public distrust. And I don't see how the broadcasts to which I refer can create anything but that.

She is not the only person who is beginning to have "their ears bored off" by the partisan jeremiads and ceaseless wholesale condemnation. Not long ago a really able commentator, H. V. Kaltenborn, was speaking in an ex cathedra way and making a confident prediction when a member of the audience rose and asked: "Six months ago did you not predict so and so, and did it not turn out exactly opposite?"

It was "a hit—a palpable hit," and Mr. Kaltenborn frankly admitted that in that particular matter and at that particular time he was not wearing the mantle of Elijah.

Commentators—and editors, too—ought to give their hearers and their readers their well-considered views and their just criticisms with an appreciation of their limitations, and earnest desire to uphold the hands of faithful officials in this critical era. But never with the feeling:

"I am Sir Oracle,
When I speak let no dog bark."

NORTH CAROLINA ECHO
"North Carolina Echo", a Holstein Friesian cow at N. C. State College, has produced 672 pounds of butterfat and 18,181 pounds of milk in 361 days. This is 3 1-2 times what the average dairy cow produces.

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Charlie Webb In West
Charlie Webb left this week for his cabin, "Suits Me" near Waynesville, N. C. where he will spend the summer.

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PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CLUBS TO MEET SOON

State Convention To Open This Month In Greensboro.

Greensboro, June 9 The twenty fourth annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club will be held on the campus at Woman's College of University of North Carolina, June 25-27. It will take the form of a war conference of the state career women, according to Mrs. Margaret Y. Wall, President of the hostess club, and Miss Swan-nie L. Pugh, General chairman.

Miss Pugh reports that details of the program are being developed following plans made during a recent conference held here between Mrs. Auther P. Wilson, of Kinston, State President; Mrs. E. M. Shipman, of High Point State Program Coordination Chairman and local women. The theme for the gathering will be "Business Women in a War Rationed World".

This year's meeting will vary from former ones in a number of respects. Most of the frill will be missing. The emphasis will be on business. Less time will be consumed. The pre-convention meeting of the Executive Board of Directors will be held on Friday morning in stead of Thursday afternoon and night, as has been the custom. The opening business session will be held Friday afternoon instead of Friday morning. War participation will be a major topic in all sessions.

With the indefinite postponement of the biennial convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, state leaders are looking for a large attendance at the state meeting.

Miss Pugh is being assisted by Miss Jessye Sumner, who is co-chairman for the convention. They have just announced the appointment of chairmen of special committees.

Stabilization Ruling Affects All Business

RALEIGH, June 9. — North Carolina employers of fewer than eight persons now are covered by the employment stabilization plan that went into effect in this state May 15. Dr. J. S. Dorton, North Carolina War Manpower commission head, announced today.

Originally the program did not apply to firms employing less than eight persons, but that provision now has been eliminated.

As a result, all employers, regardless of the number employed, must conform to the plan in their hiring practices. The sole exceptions are the state government and sub-divisions thereof, employers of domestic servants, and employers of casual labor (15 days or less).



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The Fifth Seal, by Mark Aldanov, heads the new Pay Duplicate acquisitions. It has been said that this is probably the most civilized novel that has been written in Russian during the last two decades. Entirely fresh in its approach, instead of picturing the Soviet hierarchy through Western eyes, it presents a panorama of the modern world as seen through the eyes of Soviet officials. The setting is Western Europe on the eve of the Second World War, but the chief characters are members of a Soviet Embassy staff and the people with whom they come in contact in the course of their duties. There are plots and intrigues, clashes of personalities and smouldering violence, as well as brilliant flashes of satire such as only an accomplished writer can create.

Others that may interest you are:
Hahn: Soong Sisters; Hynd: Passport To Treason, and Harris: Sweet Beulah Land.

MANPOWER

The Agricultural Economics Department of the North Carolina Experiment Station reports that three out of every ten farms have a labor shortage.

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Better If Ration Applications Come From Family Home

RALEIGH, June 4.—The OPA today answered what it said was an often-repeated question: "I am working away from home and thus am temporarily separated from my family; should I apply separately for my war ration book three or should my family include me in their application?"

OPA said the application may be made either way but added that it is preferable for the person away from home to file his application separately.

"In that case," the announcement said, "the wife or whoever is temporary head of the family at home should give her name as such."

"Shipbuilding is the biggest single item in Wisconsin's war contracts, with the first fleet of submarines to be launched on the Great Lakes coming from Manitowoc, Wis., ways.

Use of wool felt has saved approximately 500,000 pounds of rubber in six months in the manufacture of washers, gaskets, and similar items.

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