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SUGAR STAMP 53 EXPIRES MARCH 31

New Stamp to Be Validated On April 1, Says OPA

To avoid the substantial expense of printing and distributing new sugar ration books, all sugar stamps made valid on or after April 1, 1947, will be good for 10 pounds of sugar, A. D. Simpson, Jr., OPA Regional Sugar Executive, said today in Atlanta.

Spart Stamp No. 53, now valid for five pounds of sugar, will expire for consumer use at midnight on March 31 and a new stamp, good for 10 pounds of sugar, will be validated on April 1 to cover both home canning and regular home use, Simpson stated. He added that the number of the next valid stamp will be announced at a later date.

It is necessary, Simpson said, to terminate Stamp No. 53 a month earlier than originally announced in order to avoid the serious trade problem of handling both five and 10 pound stamps at the same time. The change is being announced now to give all consumers adequate opportunity to "cash" Stamp No. 53 before it expires.

Previously, Simpson explained, stamps have been validated for five pounds of sugar — some for regular home use and some for home canning purposes. No special stamps for home canning sugar will be validated in the future and the stamps made valid during the rest of 1947 will provide sugar for both purposes, he said. Additional 10-pound stamps will be made valid periodically as the sugar supply permits.

"It is important," Simpson emphasized, "that housewives plan the use of sugar they get from these 10-pound stamps so as to cover both their household and home canning needs.

"Although it seems fairly certain that sugar supplies will increase during 1947, the exact of the increase is not known. It is impossible therefore to state the total amount of the sugar ration for 1947 or the dates on which additional stamps will be validated later in the year."



NEWS AND COMMENT FROM RALEIGH

CAPITAL LETTERS

— By —
 THOMPSON GREENWOOD

SIGNIFICANT — A few of the legislators who had planned to make extended trips around Easter are now think of calling off these visits. At least three were looking in the direction of New York for recuperation from the Raleigh grind, but now they are of the opinion they will still be grinding away when Easter rolls around on April 6.

However, March 8 is a significant date on the General Assembly calendar for at that time and on that day the schools will receive their last pay as members of the 1947 Legislature.

Other employees will continue to draw their pay, but after March 8 the lawmakers will be strictly on their own. They get paid at the rate of \$10 per day for 60 days and that's all, brother. Bills are coming in fast now and you will see much more speed within the next three weeks and lightning-like action whenever possible after March 8.

GARDNER'S DEATH—Legislators were rushing to committee meetings when word came last Thursday morning of O. Max Gardner's sudden death on the day he was to sail to England as ambassador to the Court of St. James. Needless to say, a pall of gloom was cast over the meetings, flags dropped to half-mast around 9 o'clock, and those who learned of the death first, approached others, saying, "Bad about Max Gardner, wasn't it?"

By using this approach, they could discuss the demise with those who knew it and inform those who did not.

Gardner was the most popular leader this State had followed in years, and most of his appointees, direct or indirect, are still in the saddle here in Raleigh. They were loyal to him. Cherry is the only Governor since Gardner who has not obtained the Shelby strong man's opinion before making big decisions.

35 YEARS — Gardner and Furfold Simmons were the two most potent political powers North Carolina had during the years from 1912 to 1947, Gardner taking over pretty well the same year that Simmons went against the Democratic party to support

back stuffshirts seen in a long time. He was that way during his first year as Governor—and there are tales still being circulated about occurrences in that first year.

However, Broughton developed a sense of humor, became a good mixer, learned how to tell a good story and how to use his hands just so in speaking (firmly on his solar plexus most of the time), and, more important probably, became adept at grasping complex situations in the operation of the State Government.

So Gardner-picked men were strong men. Two of the three followers made more money in law in 1946 than their entire salary during their four years as Governor and the other is a United States Senator.

THREE TIMES—George Cherry became superintendent of Buildings and Grounds last December 1. One of his duties is to look after the flags on State buildings. He has had them rung down to half-mast three times since taking office—for A. J. Maxwell, who ran for Governor twice and failed to make the grade; for J. W. Bailey, who ran for Governor in 1924, unsuccessfully, and then went to the Senate in 1930; and for O. Max Gardner, who was Governor and who made Governors.

ALREADY CHOSEN — The Gardner Machine still functions and don't forget it. Its man for Governor in 1948 is already chosen . . . already chosen.

PHONE CALL—When you call T. A. Wilson of the Industrial Commission, his secretary will ask who's talking, please. Then she tells Mr. Wilson that Mr. Sandoz is calling, whereupon Wilson gets on the phone. It's nice, but it takes time. Last week the phone rang, and she asked the caller's name. "How's that? You want my name? Well, this is Charlie Johnson, State Treasurer. I'd like to speak to Mr. Wilson, if you don't mind."

P. S. He got to speak to him. However, the little additional red tape irritated non-bureaucratic Mr. Johnson just a mite . . .

NOTES — The North Carolina Symphony, asking for \$50,000 for the next two years, will do its bit of lobbying via the music route with a performance in the Capitol on the night of February 19 . . . Warning to Director Ben Swalin: Play tunes like "Cripple Creek" or "Blue Danube." Anything more highfalutin will only get you in trouble with the legislators, most of whom like their tunes "over light" and with not too much head . . . Although State School Board Member Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem editor, was once principal at Bunn high school in Franklin County, this body played hands-off when it met here last week. All the trouble there, according to the teachers, was caused by a teacher . . . Home talent . . . It's happened before . . . Sentiment is more powerful than reason . . . There are four daily papers in Wilmington now — two afternoon and two morning. On the other hand, Philadelphia,

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM UREE

Mrs. Eugene Whiteside (Staff Correspondent)
 The weather has been very rainy for sometimes. However we are doing fine in health and we are thankful.

Mr. Calvin Edgerton has been very sick, but is now much better. On January 22, we organized a club, named Willing Workers club. Mrs. Eunice Logan is president. Our sympathy to Mr. Ezra Logan in the death of his wife, Mrs. Maggie Logan. She was widely known and well loved.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Logan are

happy to have their son Pvt. Dewey Logan home on furlough from the South Pacific.

One of the few nice things about January, according to Grandpappy Jenkins, is that you don't have to read any depressing news stories about potential crop failures.

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Restraint About Violence

In this age of high-powered propaganda, it is good to find a few facts simply presented to speak for themselves. The president of Tuskegee Institute has sent out a report, in the form of a brief one-page letter, on lynchings for the year 1946. Without comment, he merely lists the following facts:

Six persons were lynched in the United States in 1946, all of them Negroes. The offenses charged were: (1) stealing a saddle, a crime to which two other persons later confessed; (2) stabbing a man; (3-5) no charge except being in an automobile with one of the other victims; (6) attempting to break into a house. Lynchings were prevented in 17 instances, most of them by officers of the law. No mention is made in the

letter of such related cases as that in which a returning Negro veteran was beaten up and blinded by an officer of the law for allegedly disturbing the peace.

This is not a record to be proud of. The bare recital of the fact stings the conscience more than any sensational exploitation of them. At a time of resurgent Ku Kluxism and racism, it calls America to cast the beam out of its own eye. Though lynch mobs represent only a small fraction of the population, they are symptoms of serious social disorders. We recommend to the Bilbos and rabble-rousers who thrive on these disorders that they study and profit by the eloquent restraint of the president (colored) of Tuskegee Institute. — Christian Science Monitor.

Health Department Lays Plans For Eye Clinic Feb. 24-26

Report on Month's Activities Are Made by District Health Officer

The Health Department has for the past month devoted a large part of its time to clearing up reports for the last year, and making plans of this year, says Dr. J. T. Ramsaur, district health officer. The general clinics, the orthopedic clinics, tonsil clinics and all other functions of the Health Department were continued and arrangements were made for pre-school examinations which began January 29th. Through the co-operation of the Welfare Department and the North Carolina Commission for the Blind, arrangements have been made for an eye clinic which will be held in Forest City City Hall, February 24th, 25th, and 26th. Over a hundred children with defective vision will be examined at that time and corrective measures such as fitting of glasses, nutritional education and exercises will be made. It is hoped, that arrangements can be made with the Commission for the Blind for surgery where it is indicated.

At the last orthopedic clinic Dr. Cherry examined 5 cases with one new case, one patient was referred for hospital care to the North Carolina Orthopedic Home in Asheville. This was the smallest clinic we have had for a number of months. The General Clinics have shown an increase with a total of 60 patients being examined and 8 new cases. Ten prenatal cases and 4 post-natal cases visited the Clinic. There were 4 new mothers. Six infants were examined and placed on proper diet, 4 of them had never been to the Clinic before.

In the venereal disease clinics held at Forest City and Rutherfordton, 8 new cases of syphilis and 6 new cases of Gonorrhoea were admitted. All of the Syphilis cases were referred to the Medical Center. From these 8 cases 11 contacts were elicited, 7 of these were subsequently examined and 3 were found to have Syphilis. Twenty-nine contacts elicited from the 6 Gonorrhoea cases, 10 were examined and 4 were positive. This gives us a contact rate of 1.4 as compared with the 5 for the State average, with 50% of the contacts examined and 50% of those examined for Syphilis were positive, 40% of those examined for Gonorrhoea were positive.

Mr. C. S. Gibson and Mr. M. G. Powell have inspected 30 markets, 38 cafes, 7 Hotels, 6 Drink Stands, 11 dairies and 13 private prem-

ises. They supervised the installation of 7 septic tanks. The communicable diseases were 2 cases of diphtheria, 5 of scarlet fever and 1 of typhus fever were reported. There is a minor epidemic of chicken-pox, but there have been no serious complications.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM CLIFFSIDE

Mr. J. Lewis is now at home from the Shelby hospital after undergoing an operation. He is doing nicely.

Miss Frances Holt spent the following week-end with her parents in Asheville, N. C. Miss Holt is a teacher of the Haynes Grove school.

Mr. B. M. Mercer went back to work Monday after being ill two weeks.

Miss Gary Morgan is getting along nicely after undergoing an operation in the Shelby hospital.

Mrs. Lessie Lacey and son spent the week-end with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Hazie Wilkins.

Mrs. Willie Sue Carter spent two weeks here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Littlejohn. Mrs. Littlejohn has been very ill, but she is better now.

Mrs. Carter has returned to Chicago, Ill., where she resided with her husband.

Miss Louise Morgan is at home for a short stay. She will return soon back to Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Robert Webster, dean of men and Bible teacher of Swift Memorial Junior college of Rogersville, Tenn., is getting along fine with his work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blanton, of Boiling Springs, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Harris Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. V. Bubble was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Webster Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ola Roberts is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mercer. She will soon return to Washington, D. C. where she is making her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Camp, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamrick visited relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamrick in Greer, S. C. Sunday afternoon.

Staging a protest, residents of Stockholm, Sweden, threw their liquor ration cards into the river. That's going on the water wagon with a vengeance.

GI'S ACQUIRE MANY SKILLS AT ARMY TRADE SCHOOL

With the Eighth Army at Yokohama, Japan — Things are humming educationally in the Trade School at Keio University, near Yokohama, which is being conducted by the Information and Education division, Eighth army.

In the words of Captain William E. Wood, of Greer, S. C., the Trade school director, "Uncle Sam is keeping his end of the bargain. He promised our GIs education, along with the travel—and this setup here at Keio represents just that."

The trade school, which graduated its first class last November 14, was organized last October and offers expert instruction in radio, electricity, welding, mechanical drawing, carpentry and machine shop.

Lieutenant Colonel James E. Ochler, Dallas, Texas, is commandant of Keio university which houses two others schools, the Adjutant General's Administrative and Clerical school under the command of Colonel J. E. McGill and the Cooks and Bakers' school under the leadership of Major Norman Krause.

Many Negro soldiers are sprinkled among the students at the trade school. For the most part, they are young men who have less than a year's service in the army and who are anxious to acquire a civilian trade experience.

Private Jesse Williams, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, a student in the welding class, can't think of anything else he'd rather be doing. "This work is interesting to me," he asserted, adding, "I would like to do it the rest of my life."

To Private James Wilcher, Cleveland, Ohio, the Eighth Army Trade school is "the grandest opportunity I have ever had to learn something useful."

One feature that enhances the value of work done at the school is that men who finish with excellent or superior ratings may take army tests to qualify for high school or college credit. In addition, certificates issued upon graduation may be used as skill reference to possible employers.

Courses are in progress for a month at the Trade school. Students are quartered in two-story steam-heated barracks, and movies, games, modern mess and club facilities are made available to them.

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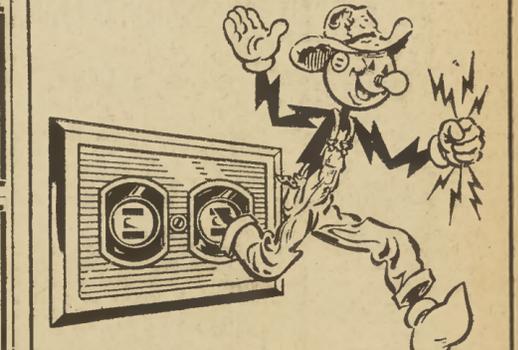
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