

Supplies of gas in Chapel Hill below average

By ARLENE AYCOCK

"I'm afraid that when June rolls in, we'll really be hurting."

This statement, made by Gilbert Godfrey of Eastgate Exxon, seems to reflect the sentiment of many Chapel Hill gas station attendants who were operating on Memorial Day.

"Twice this month we've run out of gas. We're not really hurting bad this month but it's hard to say what will happen in the future," said Freddie Copeland, another attendant at Eastgate Exxon.

Copeland said that extra customers are coming in on Fridays and filling up for the weekend. This results in the station being short of gas for the rest of the weekend until a new supply arrives.

Bobby Cox, also employed at Eastgate Exxon, said that this month the station's allocation has been cut from nine tankers of gas monthly to five by the company distributor. Cox said the station received a 95 percent allocation in April and was further cut to an 80 percent allocation in May.

Monthly allocation percentages are based on gas sold in that month one year ago.

As a result of the cut, Eastgate Exxon is no longer operating on Sundays and has reduced weekly operating hours.

"We could be allotted 75 percent or 90 percent for the month of June. There's no way to say for sure," Cox said.

Cox blamed the Department of Energy and not the oil companies for the allocation cuts and said, "I wish the government would get out and leave us alone."

He said as far as he knew, he didn't believe that oil companies were guilty of holding back gas supplies.

Frank Suttles, who works for the Texaco station located near University Mall, said, "We've been short at times and are running pretty close from month to month."

Suttles reported that his station had received a 90 percent allocation from the distributing terminal in Apex for March and April but received only an 80 percent allocation for May.

He didn't know what to expect for June, but said his station could possibly be cut 10 to 20 percent more.

Because of allocation reductions totaling 20 percent, Texaco began closing on Sunday starting May 1. Weekday operating hours were also cut by three hours each day beginning about 10 days ago.

Suttles said the price of gas at his station



High prices, short supplies
...area fuel allocations down

had not changed for the past two or three weeks but that it could change tomorrow.

"Gas prices will keep going up to where somebody in the oil companies wants them," Suttles said.

"Rationing would put everyone in a bind and would hurt more than high prices."

Bobby Blake of Etna Oil Company on East Franklin Street said prices hadn't changed at his station in the last week.

Blake said regular weekday operating hours will be maintained and he will also remain open on Saturday and Sunday.

Pam Ragan of Ragan's Amoco in Carrboro said that she felt it was unfair that small, self-service stations seem to be getting all the gas they can pump while stations such as hers are suffering allocation cuts.

Ragan's was among the many stations

which were closed for the Memorial Day weekend.

"I don't think the oil companies are playing it quite right. They are definitely holding back," she said.

Ragan added that the distributor advised her station to limit the amount of gas sold daily in order to have enough gas for the rest of the month.

Ragan's Amoco received a 90 percent allocation for April and also for May until it was cut another 10 percent around the middle of the month. As a result of this additional cut, regular weekday evening hours were cut.

"Our self-service pumps have been out for the past month and we now have only full-service open," she said.

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Psalms 2:1 and Acts 4:25

The above question is the opening words of the Second Psalm of God's Almighty Book, The Bible, making Himself known to man. The sum of the Psalm adds up in the first few verses about as follows: The heathen are the kings, rulers, and the people of the earth who don't like God and His Commandments, rage against Him and His Anointed, Jesus Christ, to get rid of their Laws of restraint: "Let us break their Bands asunder, and cast away their Cords from us."

Jesus Christ came down from heaven and lived thirty-three years on earth, obeying God's Law perfectly. His life of perfect obedience so enraged the kings, rulers, and people that they gathered together against Him, condemned Him as not fit to live and nailed Him to The Cross — one of the cruelest deaths ever devised! The Psalm warns the ragers of the "laughter and derision" of The Almighty at their folly, and then in mercy invites them to submit to God's King and be blessed: "LEST HE BE ANGRY AND YE PERISH FROM THE WAY WHEN HIS WRATH IS KINDLED BUT A LITTLE!"

Our nation is in open rebellion against "THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT, KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS, AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND FOREVER!" However, our rulers and those in authority during the past three or four decades should not bear all the blame, for they probably

represent a cross-section of the national character, or lack of character. This usually determines the sort of men God puts in power over the people of the nation. — We read in Psalm 75:6,7: "FOR PROMOTION COMETH NEITHER FROM THE EAST, NOR FROM THE WEST, NOR FROM THE SOUTH. BUT GOD IS THE JUDGE: HE PUTTETH DOWN ONE, AND SETTETH UP ANOTHER."

"All ye that fear God, give audience:" Are we not as a nation in rebellion against "The Lord God Omnipotent" and raging against just about all of His Holy Commandments? Crime is coming in like a flood, and about to drown us! There is great rage against God's Commandments to HONOR PARENTS, TO ESTEEM LIFE, THE WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF EVERY MAN, THE POSSESSIONS, THE GOOD NAME, AND TO COVET NOTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Men and women who have the true "fear of The Lord" in their hearts, and are righteous in His sight, do more to protect a people, and procure peace and blessing to a land, than all their great statesmen, soldiers, and armaments! Therefore, "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE, THAT MEN MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN!"

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Summer school enrollment drops

By LAURA ANDERSON

The number of UNC summer-school students has declined from last year, continuing a trend that has been visible since 1975.

Current enrollment figures indicate a drop of more than 2 percent from last summer.

Partly in an effort to attract more students, the University has instituted what it believes is a fairer tuition policy for summer students.

Under the new system, students are charged according to the number of hours they take rather than a flat rate.

In-state students are charged \$36 for the first semester hour of credit taken and \$16 for each additional hour. All students also are assessed \$28 per session in non-academic fees.

"Everyone I've talked to said this is much fairer than a flat rate," Donald Tarbet, director of Summer Session, said. "It's really much better for those who would like to come to summer school and only take one course."

Tarbet noted that the tuition rate is not one of the main reasons for the summer enrollment decline, however.

He listed the inability of many teachers to attend the summer sessions because they are employed on a 10-month basis as a factor in the drop.

In addition, expanded summer programs at UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Wilmington also affect enrollment, Tarbet explained, adding that students from those areas are more likely to attend classes there and live at home rather than commute to Chapel Hill.

Approximately 6,000 students will attend the first session while 5,000 plan to attend the second this summer, he said.

About 650 faculty members are now on campus, comparable to faculty numbers during the regular academic year. The proportion of Kenan professors and teaching assistants present are roughly the same as during the rest of the year, according to Tarbet. This high number of faculty makes Chapel Hill's summer program the biggest in the state, he concluded.

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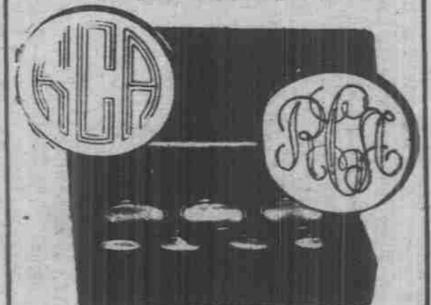
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