

# PETROLEUM COORDINATOR SAYS FUEL OIL SHORTAGE IS ACUTE AT THIS TIME

Some timely information with reference to the fuel oil situation here on the East coast was received the first of the week by M. C. Newsom, city oil distributor. Mr. Newsom passes along a bulletin he and other sellers of fuel and heating oils have received from the Office of the Petroleum Coordinator for War, and the bulletin reads in part:

You have heard and read that we face a possible fuel and heating oil shortage in the East. This is not strictly true. We do not face a shortage, the shortage is here.

Fuel and heating oils in storage in the East are only about half of what they were at this time a year ago. And, although summer is the period during which inventories are normally built up for winter, we have not been able to build them up this year.

All of you know the reason: The fleet of some 300 tank ships, which used to bring about 95 percent of the oil to the East, has been reduced to a fraction of its former size by transfers to military service and by enemy submarines. It has been impossible to replace those ships with tank cars, pipelines, barges, lake tankers and trucks, in spite of the fact that your Government, the petroleum industry and the transportation companies have done, and will continue to do, all in their power to move more and more oil East.

As an example of this deficit, allow me to point out that if, during January and February 1943, every truck, bus, taxicab, and passenger car in the Atlantic Seaboard States were taken off the highways, our pipeline, tank car, and barge facilities still could not meet your normal fuel and heating oil requirements.

And so, although no man can make any valid predictions in wartime, there is no assurance, as of today, that you will have enough fuel and heating oil to supply your customers next winter. On the contrary, the prospect as of today is that your supplies will be substantially restricted. It is possible that there may be some days when both you and your customers will be completely without fuel and heating oil.

President Roosevelt has sent me this message:

"I earnestly hope that every citizen will realize the serious uncertainties which cloud our prospects for petroleum supplies on the Atlantic Seaboard next winter. Whatever action he may decide to take, every user of fuel and heating oil should face realistically the fact that there can be no guarantee that he will get enough oil to meet even his minimum needs."

Upon you, therefore, rests the unpleasant duty of warning your customers that, if they want to be assured of warm homes next winter, they will convert their oil burners to the use of coal or whatever fuel is available, after first ascertaining that the substitute fuel can be delivered and that grates and other necessary equipment can be obtained. To be certain of an adequate coal supply, they must fill their bins now.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

Douglas Hasty honored Miss Irma Lee Grant with a birthday dinner Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hasty. Dinner was served out in the yard picnic style.

Attending were Miss Irma Lee Grant, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Haynie and Jean Haynie, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Hutchinson, Mrs. Lucy Burke, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grant and Miss Janet Grant and Ronald Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Speight, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bugg, J. M. Faison, R. L. Ferrell, Roy Buck and Miss Louise Hudson.

E. H. Emery and son, Stancel, spent Saturday in Emporia, Va.

## RECORDER AT HALIFAX HAS BIG DOCKET

Wiley Anthony, James Anthony and Willie Powell, colored of Enfield, charged with larceny, 6 months roads each to be suspended upon payment of the costs and on condition they remain of good behavior for 12 months and each refrain from operating a motor vehicle except while employed for 90 days.

Annie Edmonds and Wright Willey, colored of Enfield, charged with cruelty to animals and assault on a female—Annie Edmonds 3 months jail—Willey judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

Lonnie Johnson, colored of Enfield, driving without license, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and not to operate a motor vehicle until he has procured operator's license.

Max Sneed, colored of Enfield, driving without license, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and not to operate a motor vehicle until he has procured his license.

Roosevelt Rodgers, colored of Weldon, larceny, five months roads.

U. H. Hardison, white of Enfield, charged with assault on Dick Lewis, was found guilty and fined \$20.00 and costs.

George Kearney, colored of Roanoke Rapids, carrying a concealed weapon; fine \$50 and costs.

Arthur Moore, colored of Weldon, carrying a concealed weapon, fine \$50 and costs.

Charles Lee Johnson, white of Scotland Neck, speeding; judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

Robert J. Moore, white of Weldon, speeding; prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and not to drive for 60 days.

John Lowe, white of Scotland Neck, charged with illegal possession of liquor, six months roads to be suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for 12 months and during said period he is to refrain from use of or possession of liquor and he shall report to the Recorders Court the first Tuesday of each month.

J. B. Acrey, white of Enfield, assault with deadly weapon; 6 months roads suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for 12 months.

Alex Bowser and Eddie Lee Copeland, colored of Roanoke Rapids, assault with deadly weapon; 6 months roads each suspended upon payment of one-half the costs each and good behavior for 12 months—Copeland committed to roads upon failure to pay.

S. D. Pair, D. L. Campbell and Jack Parker, white of Roanoke Rapids, and Edward Alston, colored of Roanoke Rapids, each charged with driving while drunk—Pair was fined \$100.00 and costs and license revoked for an additional 12 months. Campbell fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months. Parker and Alston each were fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

S. D. Pair, Enis Smith, white, and Jim Parker and Henry Hunt, colored, were each found guilty of driving without license—prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Rosevelt Rodgers, colored of Weldon, larceny, five months roads. Sentence to run concurrently with sentence in first case.

## Coppedge - Crawley

Mrs. Bettie Coppedge announces the engagement of her daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Percy Crawley of Aurelian Springs and Fort Rucker, Alabama, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Crawley of Aurelian Springs. The wedding to take place in the early fall.

## ENROLLMENT AT AURELIAN SPRINGS 393

### 272 Students In First Eight Grades; 121 In The High School Grades

Formal exercises for the opening of school at Aurelian Springs were held Monday morning, September 7, before a large audience of pupils and parents. V. C. Matthews, supt. of Halifax County schools, was the main speaker. Rev. D. D. Broome, pastor of the Tabor Meth-

odist Church, and E. H. Liles, chairman of the local school board, were the other speakers on the program.

Supt. Matthews pled for sacrifices by both parents and children in order to meet the educational needs of the World today. Especially did he emphasize the critical condition in regard to the shortage of school busses and tires for those on hand.

On Tuesday of this week a check-up in the school showed an enrollment of 393 children, with 272 in the first eight grades and 121 in the three high school grades.

Additional faculty members added to the staff are Mrs. Martha Bowers White of the Aurelian Springs community and Mrs. Raymond Shearin, also of the school community. Mrs. White was employed as the fifth grade teacher while Mrs. Shearin will teach science in the high school.

Commercial work in the school

is being handled by Miss Evelyn Myrick, sixth grade teacher, and Miss Luise Britt, high school math teacher. Miss Maude Elizabeth Wilson of the Bear Swamp section of the county is the piano teacher.

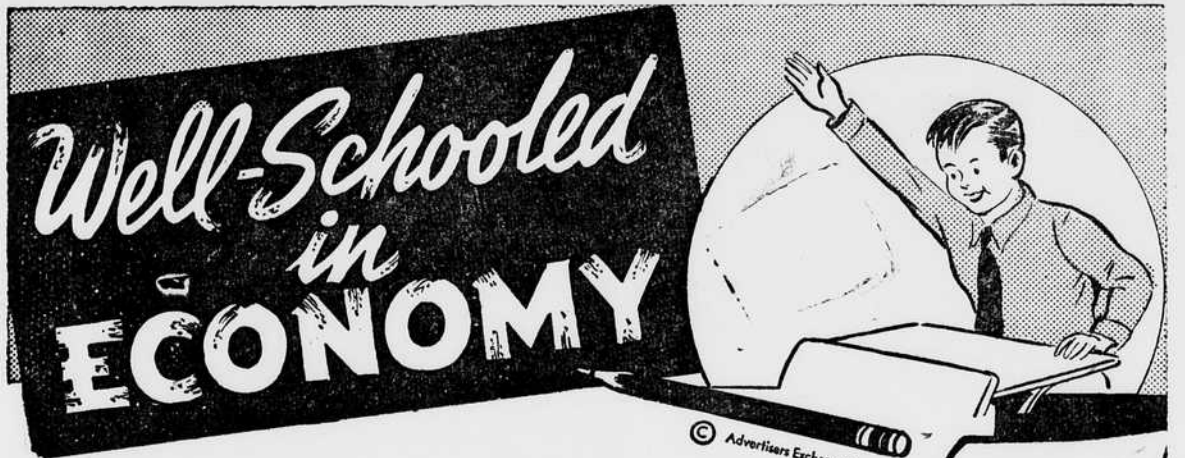
### HONORS SISTER

Mrs. W. H. Mincher complimented her sister, Mrs. Hugh Bugg, on Thursday evening with a party.

Contests and games were enjoyed and Miss Edith Bugg favored the guests with several solos.

The hostess served a salad course with iced drinks.

Enjoying this occasion were Mes-ames Hugh Bugg, Jesse Jenkins, J. B. McDonald, Lula Harris, Bennett Hutchinson, Paul Harris, E. B. Bowman, Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. Perry Smith, Mrs. H. H. Bugg, Mrs. H. J. Bennett and Miss Edith Bugg.



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## THE CHILD'S HEALTH TODAY IS THE NATION'S HEALTH TOMORROW

As a parent, you have a special obligation to protect the health of your child. This is especially true if he is about to enter school. Many a child has lost interest in learning because poor eyesight, defective hearing, or frequent absences due to minor ills put him at a disadvantage. Give your child an equal start by taking him to your physician for a thorough physical examination and for inoculation against diphtheria. A well child will learn his lessons well.

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