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THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES . . . YOU LEND YOUR MONEY! BUY BONDS

Petroleum Leaders Hail State Black Market Efforts

Public Now Knows Danger, OPA Reveals

Public opinion has sharply veered away from apathy to a realization that the black market in gasoline is a gangster-operated and is hurting the war effort. This was revealed today in a letter to Mr. J. L. Wright, state chairman of the Petroleum Industry's Educational Campaign on the black market in gasoline coupons by A. Clarke Bedford, chairman, Committee on Attention, District No. 1, Petroleum Industry War Council.

"This represents a major victory for your committee over the vicious influences promoting the sale of stolen and counterfeit coupons," Mr. Bedford told the state chairman. "It means that an even greater victory over the black market is in sight, since it forecasts increased public cooperation in this vital job."

Mr. Bedford revealed that educational efforts of the petroleum industry such as that being carried on in this state have been lauded by government officials. Shad Polier, chief enforcement officer of the OPA, in a letter to B. I. Graves, chairman of the Petroleum Industry War Council's product conservation committee throughout the nation, revealed that "since the inauguration of the campaign, there has been a definite decrease in the diversion of gasoline into the black market. Before the inauguration of your campaign," continued the OPA man, "we were deeply concerned by the widespread impression on the part of the public that no one was really harmed when gasoline was sold on the black market. Today this impression has been changed. In this accomplishment, the PIWC has definitely made a contribution over and beyond anything that could have been obtained solely by investigation and enforcement, no matter how vigorously pressed. Looking back two months, it is fair to say that we have gone a long way in dealing with the menace of the gasoline black market. There is still a long road ahead."

Calling for increased vigor in attacking the black market in gasoline coupons, Mr. J. L. Wright state chairman pointed out that the Senate committee to investigate gasoline and fuel oil shortages headed by Senator Frances Maloney of Connecticut said that military requirements of oil have exceeded the most extravagant guesses of informed persons as few as three years ago. Nevertheless the committee said the industry is meeting these needs. The committee's report called for "redoubled efforts to crush the black market which it said is cutting heavily into civilian supplies."

The state chairman pointed out that all motorists could aid in the fight on the black market in gasoline coupons by taking four simple steps. They are:

1. Apply for only the rations needed for essential driving.
2. Endorse in ink license plate registration number and state on the face of each ration coupon.
3. Refuse gasoline without surrendering coupons.
4. Refuse to buy or accept gasoline coupons from others.

Hostess To Club

The members of her bridge club and several additional guests were delightfully entertained Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. S. Vinson.

A profusion of mixed summer flowers were used in the rooms where three tables were appointed for the games. At the conclusion of play Mrs. N. J. Shepherd was winner of the club prize, Mrs. Robert Bloomer the guest prize and Miss Elizabeth Holmes, bride elect of this month was remembered with an attractive gift.

When cards had been removed the hostess served delicious refreshments to Mrs. Robert Bloomer of Charlottesville, Va., Mrs. C. J. Sawyer of Windsor, Mesdames N. J. Shepherd, C. F. Gore, F. A. Cole, Mason Mohorn, Will Norman, T. H. Holmes, G. H. Nash, R. B. Blowe, J. S. Selden and Miss Elizabeth Holmes.

When you seed that alfalfa on September 1, don't forget to include 30 pounds of borax per acre in your fertilizer.

Camp Gives Picture Of Average Soldier

Butner's Records Of Men From Overseas Compiled From 13,000 Veterans

Camp Butner, Aug. 9.—What sort of a man is the average soldier who has returned from overseas? What is his background? How much schooling has he had? What did he do before he came into the Army?

The statistical section of the Eastern Personnel Reassignment Center at Camp Butner, has created the average overseas soldier from their records. These are their findings estimated on the processing of the first 13,000 men that have passed through the center.

He is about 28 years of age, five feet and eight inches tall, and weighs about 154 pounds. In all probabilities he was an Infantry soldier in the European-African-Middle East theatre and has been overseas for more than 24 months. You guessed it, he's a private.

Chances are, girls, that he is single. He has gone to high school but did not graduate. During civilian life he made his living by toiling with his hands.

When he leaves the Reassignment Center, probably as an instructor or cadre member for a newly activated organization, he will have spent 11 days at Butner. Three of the 11 days will be spent in processing and the other eight in recreation and awaiting assignment.

Pvt. Average Soldier likes baseball, reads a great deal, goes to the movies and hates the Axis. He's determined to prevent another war of this kind, but doesn't know exactly what to do about it.

The average soldier thinks that the average American soldier is a pretty swell guy, so it can be said that he likes himself and is a bit conceited.

Looking Over Our District's Health

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Released by The Edgecombe-Halifax Health Department
Miss Marion Watt of the Edgecombe County Health Department has returned from a two weeks quarantine period after having worked for several weeks in Hickory in the Emergency Hospital for Infantile Paralysis. Volunteer Red Cross nurses from several Southern States, Washington, and New Jersey helped. Doctors and Kenny technicians were sent by the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation. The very best in the way of medical care was quickly marshaled. This response to an emergency is a good example of the way people can work together when the health of our children is concerned.

The slow dribbling away of life by tuberculosis in our county goes on daily almost unnoticed. Those crazed, blinded, and crippled by venereal diseases cause very little comment. The hundreds of children in our schools who are victims of diseased teeth and tonsils and malnutrition have not merited the concern of our public. The health department personnel, nurses, sanitarians, work quietly searching out diseases, cleaning out the places where disease occur and helping to improve the health of all the people.

This undramatic work may to the casual onlooker, lack the spectacular aspects of some similar problems, but to those who work daily with the people it is a challenge.

As the opening of school draws nearer, all parents who will have children to enter school for the first time this year are urged to have them immunized against diphtheria and smallpox immediately. They must have a small-dox scar. All those children who did not attend the preschool clinic this spring should visit their family doctor or the local health department for immunization.

Immunizations are given at the

Typhus Spreads In Wilson Area

Wilson, Aug. 9.—Wilson was making plans today for a war on rats, following the report that two more cases of typhus fever have developed in the county. This makes a total of 11 cases since July 1.

Dr. W. H. Anderson reported to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday that seven cases had been found in July, while the Health Department reported today that four more cases, have been uncovered since August 1st, with two of them being reported this week. The total for the year has been 14 cases.

Typhus fever is carried by fleas that have bitten rats infected with the disease. The disease already has caused one death in the county this year, and it was reported tonight that a patient in a local hospital is critically ill with the malady.

Doctors, health officials, civic officials and laymen are studying measures for eradication of the rats that carry the disease. One of the worst spots for rats is regarded as the city dump here, since the city has no incinerator all scrap material is placed there. Doctors are of the opinion that the dump is the source of the rats that infest the city.

Firemens Fair September 25th.

Enfield.—The Enfield Fire Department has contracted with the Royal Amusement Company of Miami, Fla., which concern will provide much of the entertainment planned for the annual Firemen's Agricultural Fair.

The opening date will be September 25, and the Fair will be open to the public for that entire week, closing Saturday night, September 30th.

The amusement company has agreed to furnish 7 rides of different kinds, 6 shows and 25 separate concessions. It is understood that free acts will also be provided.

Premium books are now being prepared and it is thought that they will be ready for distribution by September 1st.

REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carter were hosts at a family reunion of the Carter and Dickens families on Wednesday evening at their home near Halifax. Approximately fifty members of the two families were present.

A delicious picnic supper accompanied by Brunswick stew with all of the trimmings, was served on the lawn.

John E. Sullivan

John E. Sullivan, 51 years old died suddenly at his home on 301 Madison St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Tuesday, August 8, at 4:30 P. M. Mr. Sullivan has been in bad health for the past two years but was apparently improving until shortly before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Johnnie Chappell Sullivan, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; two sons, Leonard L. Sullivan, Norfolk, Va.; and Cpl. James B. Sullivan with the armed forces in England; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Loomis of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; and Mrs. Ed Summerall of Portsmouth, Va.; two brothers, George T. Sullivan, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. and F. B. Sullivan of Kannapolis, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. A. M. Lear of China Grove, N. C.; one grandchild, Sarah Ann Sullivan of Norfolk, Va. Funeral services will be conducted at the First Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Thursday, August 10, 1944 at 4:30 P. M.

Interment will be held in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Cannery Ready For Operation

The community cannery of the Aurelian Springs school in Halifax county is open and ready for operation, according to an announcement made this week by R. F. Shearin, vocational agricultural teacher of the school.

Canning days have been set for Wednesday and Friday of each week during the remainder of the vegetable canning season. While much of the fruit and vegetables have already been canned, the cannery is expected to stay quite busy with meat later on in the season. The hours for receiving patrons and commodities for canning will be from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on canning days. All people who have commodities to can were invited to use the cannery.

Canning will be done in tin only. Cans will be available at the cannery. No. 2 cans will be 3 cents and No. 3 cans will be 4 cents each. There will be a service charge of 2 cents per can.

LOCAL BOY GETS PROMOTION

Pfc. Joseph Thorne has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the U. S. Army.

He is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Accepts New Position

Miss Elizabeth Harvell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harvell is leaving August 15th to assume her duties as Director of School Cafeterias in the city schools of Greensboro, N. C.

Miss Harvell is a 1936 graduate of Womans College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, N. C. with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics and a Major in Institutional Management. Since finishing college she has held positions with the city school cafeterias at Lindley Elementary school, Central Junior High School and last year was Cafeteria manager at Senior High School.

Miss Harvell has done graduate study at Womans College of the University of North Carolina and is a member of the American Dietetic Association and the State Dietetic Association.

Roanoke Rapids Lions Plan Annual Festival

One of the outstanding entertainment attractions offered people of this section annually is being planned by members of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club.

This Clubs Annual Mid-summer Festival is usually a model of entertainment and successful from every standpoint.

The Festival will be held this year, the entire week of August 21st-26th. It will feature fun for everyone with the W. C. Kaus Shows on the midway and many free attractions.

A War Bond will be given away each night of the Festival.

MARYLAND PEOPLE INJURED IN WRECK

S Sgt. George Elias At Miami Beach

Miami Beach, Fla., S Sgt. George J. Elias, age 29, Weldon, N. C., returned from service outside the continental United States now is being processed through the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach where his next assignment will be determined.

This is one of the Redistribution Stations within the AAF Personnel Distribution Command. At an AAF Redistribution Station, AAF returnees from theatres of operation are examined by specially selected medical and classification officers whose joint findings are used in recommending new assignments. Theme of the AAF Redistribution program is designation of each man to duty for which he is best fitted. Returnees live at a Redistribution Station under conditions that encourage natural response to processing, the greater part of their two week stay being devoted to rest and recreation.

AAF personnel, enlisted men and officers alike, are assigned to a Redistribution Station upon their return to the United States, but do not report to the station until completing a furlough or leave of three weeks.

Sergeant Elias, son of Mrs. J. A. Elias, Elm Street, Weldon, served as crew chief and maintenance man for 29 months in the Caribbean area. He entered the Army in January, 1942.

A Towson, Maryland family miraculously escaped death here late last Thursday night as their 1936 Chevrolet Coach was demolished when it crashed into a parked truck and another automobile.

The driver of the Maryland car, Walter E. Smith, 38 year old white man, suffered a punctured lung and severe cuts and bruises. His wife's injuries included several deep cuts about the head, face and legs, suffered as she plunged through the windshield. Their two little boys, one four years old and the other 14 months of age, escaped with only minor cuts and bruises.

The two children were released from the hospital last Sunday and were taken to the home of their grandparents near Greenville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are reported to be resting well at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. If no further complications develop they are expected to be able to go home in a few days.

The accident occurred when Smith, travelling at a high rate of speed, ran thru the intersection of 158 and U. S. 301 highways and drove into a parked truck belonging to the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The truck and a Mercury automobile belonging to the Rochelle of Roanoke Rapids, were severely damaged.

State Highway Patrolman H. W. Rothrock is investigating the accident.

Governor Backs Proposal To Delay School Openings All School Openings In Halifax May Be Delayed

Governor Broughton yesterday urged all local school authorities to follow the recommendation of the State Board of Health that opening dates of all schools be postponed until September 18, and transmitted copies of the board's resolution to Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris and Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the State Board of Education for "appropriate action."

Governor Broughton said the matter of State action was one that addressed itself to the judgment of the Board of Education, but indicated that he considered it probable that the board will meet next week to consider the matter further. At a regular meeting on August 3, the State Board of Education considered the matter casually and took the position that the matter should be left to local county and city school boards.

The Governor acted yesterday after a conference with Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, because of the fact that the resolution of the State Board of Health which was passed unanimously on August 4, was adopted subsequent to the last consideration by the State Board of Education. Superintendent Erwin could not be reached for a statement last night but Lieutenant Governor Harris said at his home in Roxboro that he would consult with Superintendent Erwin in regard to calling a meeting for next week.

"The matter is entirely too important to take any risk," said the Governor at his regular press conference yesterday. "One important consideration is that teachers live in counties other than those in which they teach and another is that the epidemic will not have an opportunity to run its course before the regular time for opening the schools."

Since the Board of Health made its recommendations a number of local units, including Wake County and Raleigh have agreed upon school opening earlier than the date recommended.

40 Nurses Needed
Meanwhile Dr. Reynolds reported five additional cases of polio today, bringing the total since June 1 to 475, and at the same time issued a call for 40 additional nurses to work in the emergency treatment center at Hickory. Scot-

land County reported its first case.

Dr. Reynolds said Guilford County reported two additional cases, with Gaston and Yadkin counties reporting one each. The death toll official odarmb odar mb mmb officially reported to the Board of Health was raised to 23 yesterday.

The 40 additional nurses are needed, he said, because of the increased number of patients being treated at the Hickory center, which now is caring for 160 patients. Only 60 nurses are now on duty there, 15 of them assigned to iron lungs.

The health officer said both practical and registered nurses can be used and asked local health officers to release all nurses that can be spared.

"We had 84 nurses to take care of 100 patients, whereas we now have only 60 nurses to care for 160 patients," Dr. Reynolds said. "Of the 60 nurses, 15 are constantly on duty at the iron lungs, to keep alive the patients that are receiving that form of treatment. The need is so urgent that, in addition to those who will volunteer from private practice all local officers who can possibly spare any nurses are urged to send them to the Hickory center at once. Registered and practical nurses now in private practice who will answer humanitarian call, and health departments which can spare nurses are requested to communicate at once with the superintendent of nurses at the Hickory Emergency Hospital for the treatment of infantile paralysis."

Final Bond Drive Figures Given

Announcement was made today by Fletcher H. Gregory, war finance chairman for Halifax County that a final total of \$2,264,321.00 in fifth war loan bonds had been made in Halifax County during the period which ended July 31st. The quota for Halifax County was \$1,567,000.00. The County's quot of "E" bonds, the smallest denominations, was \$517,000.00 and the final figure on these bonds was \$477,270.00.

light-- at the Roseneath Stew were really in Thursday night. Did those two good politicians ds? That strutting tur- What a joke was told. ll me that women can't sing after a number of t Your Arms Around the song and the dance y as well. Have you ev- lady at the circus with if you were not at Mrs. ans' last Thursday night of all this, along with her laughs.

ing Hill and Dawson monstration Clubs are to ulated on the fine comic- nic they put on last y and Friday night. y picnic was held at the rs. J. R. Lock. The Daw- gathered at the Com- ouse for their afternoon. picnic, the evening was with recreation for all.

ers -- for the Market? Don't ur basket or shopping shortage of paper bags opping paper even more than the present one is. In the first three mon- year the amount of pulp ors for the manufacture of ms was about half that re the war, it will be less rld now.

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er of Cases Reported In Since June 1 Draws Near 500 Mark

antile paralysis toll mount- yesterday with receipt State Board of Health of 19 new cases, bringing the number of cases re- to the board since June 1. ases reported yesterday: y, Cabarras and Forsyth, Buncombe and Rowan, 2 and Caldwell, Columbus, and, McDowell, Rocking- ad Burke, 1 each.

mor Broughton announced y that the visiting com- of the Advisory Budget tee has recommended the on of \$2,500 from the ncy and Contingency fund k on the swimming pool at tonia Orthopedic Hospital, treatment center.

recommendation will be n by the Council of State. A recommendation from get Commission, however, amount to adoption.

ah Nurse Volunteers State Board announced yes- that there have been "a any inquiries" resulting an appeal made Tuesday by arl V. Reynolds, State officer, for 40 additional to work in the emergency nt center at Hickory. rory. The appeal was car- newspapers and over radio result of a broad- the appeal by station the board announced, Mrs. Hudson, head of the Visit- urses Association of Salt ty, Utah, has offered her

for a temporary assign- in the Hickory emergency l. Mrs. Hudson, who will Utah "immediately" for N. a has had training and ex- in the treatment of the patients the board said.

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polio death toll officially ed to the State Board of since June 1 stands at 23.

SCOUTS OF LDON DEFEAT H SQUARE
Cub Scouts of Weldon de- a baseball team of Cub from Rich Square Wednes- afternoon by the score of 16

eries for Weldon: Canipe and Oakes; for Rich e, Harrington and Harring-

OPA has issued a nation- retail schedule of uniform cents ceiling prices on fertilizer and materials.