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GAS RATIONING BRINGS PROBLEM TO BLOWING ROCK

Congressman and Senators Asked by Rev. Mr. Keys to Aid Resort Area in Emergency; Lack of Transportation Facilities is Cited

Blowing Rock, May 12.—At the instance of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce and in behalf of the people and business interests of this mountain resort area, the Rev. Walter K. Keys, pastor of the Ruple Memorial Presbyterian church here and a director of the Chamber of Commerce, has written Representative Robert L. Doughton, U. S. Senators J. W. Bailey and Robert R. Reynolds, and Petroleum Co-ordinator Harold L. Ickes asking their assistance in relieving the transportation problem created for this summer resort by restrictions on the use of gasoline.

Copies of the letter have also been sent to Joseph B. Eastman, director of transportation; Leon Henderson, director of OPT; Governor Broughton and Rationing Administrator T. S. Johnson at Raleigh.

It was also brought to the attention of Mr. Henderson and Mr. Eastman that it would be only fair and just to give Western North Carolina the same gasoline schedule of consumption that is allowed East Tennessee. It was also suggested that bus service on the Blue Ridge Parkway would go far in solving the transportation problems of this section.

The letter to Senator Reynolds said:

"As a minister vitally interested in the welfare of our local people, as a director of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, and as a loyal American willing to do anything necessary to win this war, I am writing you with regard to the peculiar and distressing situation in which we find ourselves at this time.

"Our people here, as loyal and true as any to be found anywhere are almost solely dependent upon the summer tourist business for a livelihood. About 150 families—1,200 or more people—must make their living for the entire year in the four summer months. We have no railroad facilities; our bus connections with the nearer railway centers are not satisfactory; hence our only hope of getting the people here for the summer, on whom our living depends, is by private transportation. The same situation applies to all of Watauga county and many other mountain areas.

"We feel that some provision should be made in the allotting of gasoline to care for this very real and serious emergency. We point with pride to the fact that about 40 of the able-bodied young men of our town are now in the service—some across the waters. They would have been eligible for deferment—many of them—on account of dependency had it not been for the fact that their mothers had the hope of renting rooms and keeping guests for the summer. Unless some provision is made whereby the people who have planned to spend the summer here—want to come here—

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CLEAN UP EFFORT MEETS SUCCESS

Mayor States Citizens Are Co-operating Splendidly in Annual Campaign

This is clean-up week in Boone, and Mayor W. H. Gragg takes occasion to thank the people for their fine co-operation in making their premises ship-shape, and removing unsightly rubbish and plunder from the vicinity of their homes, business places and vacant lots.

"However," says Mayor Gragg, "there is much work yet to be done before the town will be as sightly as it should be. Those who have complied with the request of the city administration during the week, as well as those who had previously done their spring cleaning, deserve commendation. All others are asked to finish their work by the end of the week if at all possible, so that those engaged in hauling away the refuse may complete their work and turn to other duties as quickly as possible."

City trucks are hauling away all rubbish. Household and business men are asked to place the refuse where it can readily be loaded.

Typical 'War Mother'



Mrs. Elizabeth Powell, who has two sons in the armed forces and another soon expected to be inducted. She was awarded the title of "Typical American Mother" by the Girl Scouts of Camden, N. J. She is pictured at her spring fabrication machine in the plant where she works.

18,000 ARE ISSUED SUGAR RATIONING BOOKS IN COUNTY

Registration of Consumers Continued Until Saturday Evening; Users May Have Chance to Register After 21st, Says Ration Board

About 18,000 people were issued sugar rationing stamp books by the local board during the registration period last week, or virtually the entire population of the county. Due to the fact that quite a few had not registered when the period closed on Thursday, the local rationing board made arrangements to continue filling in the papers until Saturday evening.

Gordon H. Winkler, chairman of the Watauga county rationing board, states that other consumers may register after May 21st, at which time stamps will be removed from their books covering the period from the beginning of rationing until registration is completed.

The initial stamps in the books issued, it is explained, are valid for the purchase of one pound of sugar which is two weeks' supply. Each stamp must be used for the period it represents. Thus the first stamp is valid only until the 17th, after which time it cannot be used.

American Legion Elects New Officers

The American Legion and Auxiliary met in regular session last Friday evening, and after going through the regular routine of business, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Ralph G. Greer, commander; B. K. Osborne, Boone, first vice-commander; Charles P. Dougherty, Boone, second vice-commander; H. S. Steelman, Deep Gap, adjutant; Lionel Ward, Boone, re-elected service officer; Cleve Gross, Boone, finance officer, and J. W. Norris, Boone, chaplain. Other officers will be appointed by the commander at the next regular meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place on the second Friday night in June.

The Legion and Auxiliary accepted the invitation of Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the First Baptist church of Boone, to hold the memorial service in the local Baptist church. The Spanish-American veterans and veterans of all other wars are invited to participate in this service. The service will be held on the fifth Sunday in May, the 31st, at 11 o'clock.

Parents of young men who are now in the armed forces will be invited to attend the memorial service.

The Legion Auxiliary decided to observe Saturday, May 30th, as Poppy Day. On this day poppies will be offered for sale to the people of the county.

Red Cross Sewing Room Moves To New Quarters

The Red Cross sewing room which has been located in the downtown store building formerly occupied by the Prevette Men's Shop, has been moved into the old Democrat building, where the schedule of work is being carried on as usual.

Less sugar will be required if a pinch of salt is added to sour fruits during cooking.

WORLD OF VICTORY AND NEW LIFE IS SEEN BY GOVERNOR

Crowd of 3,000 Gathers to Hear Governor Broughton in Inspiring Address to Appalachian College Graduates; 160 Get Degrees

"Out of this class of graduates will come the leadership and culture for the world that is to be, the world of hope, of certain victory and new life, new living after this war is ended, through the enthusiasm and training of these fine young men and women," Governor J. Melville Broughton last Friday told an assembly of 3,000 persons gathered here for the commencement exercises of 160 graduates of Appalachian State Teachers College, who received degrees in the fields of primary and grammar grade, music, English, physical education, French, history, mathematics, science and economics.

Governor Broughton spoke to the graduates on culture and citizenship. He said that in these days when most of the earth's energies and money are being diverted into the process of carnage, pillage and plunder of warfare, that he hoped there would be no blackout of culture, that the task of the graduating class would be to keep alive the arts, music, science and all other forms of culture.

The governor defined citizenship as a combination of sacrifices, courage and faith, explaining that by sacrifice he meant more than tire and sugar rationing. It means sacrifice of men and women, of money, of conveniences, notions and prejudices against Russia and England; that Russia, England and America were all traveling the road to Berlin and Tokyo together.

"Citizenship," said Gov. Broughton, "involves courage that has endurance, that does not complain of setbacks, defeats and disasters; courage that does not flicker or falter."

He said that citizenship is grounded on faith, the faith of Frances Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" when Washington was in ashes, and many others who have survived from times more difficult after Washington was captured and burned; and he enjoined the graduates to have faith such as activated Washington and to keep the culture and leadership entrusted to them.

President B. B. Dougherty conferred the degrees and awarded the diplomas. Dean Rankin read the names of six students who were in military service and who would receive their diplomas by mail, also six students present receiving diplomas who would go immediately into the armed forces.

The college orchestra played the professional and recessional. Rev. J. C. Canipe gave the invocation and benediction, and the a cappella choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus."

High School FFA Gets Banner in Contest

The Daniel Boone Chapter of Future Farmers of America of the local high school, was recently awarded a banner by the State Association of Future Farmers of America for winning the 1941-42 Parkway Federation chapter contest. This federation is composed of seven chapters in Avery, Alleghany and Watauga counties.

The boys from Appalachian high school won first places in livestock judging and public speaking, and third places in the farm shop and ritual contests to lead the other chapters of this federation in total points scored. Dana Tugman represented the local chapter in the public speaking contest, using as his topic, "Southern Agriculture after the War." Federation winners are eligible to compete in state contests which will be held in Raleigh in July.

The Cove Creek F. R. A. chapter was a close runner-up in the Parkway Federation contest.

Rev. Marion Currie to Be Presbyterian Pastor

Rev. Marion Currie of Augusta, Ga., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the James I. Vance Memorial church, and will occupy the pulpit here for the first time Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Currie will graduate from the Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga., in June, and will establish his home here and assume his full-time work after that time.

Air Hero Tells Boys How - Did It



The Japs certainly wish that Capt. Hewitt T. Wheless was as easy-going as this. The army air hero from Menard, Texas, whose daring 75-mile battle with 17 Japanese Zero planes is one of the outstanding air feats of the war, is shown in the center talking easily to prospective flying cadets at Los Angeles City college about his experiences. Wheless was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET SATURDAY

Precinct Meetings Held Last Week and Township Organizations Perfected

The Democrats of Watauga county are called by Chairman E. B. Mast to meet in convention in the courthouse in Boone Saturday, May 16, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of forming the county organization and naming delegates to the state convention in Raleigh on May 22.

Precinct meetings were held in most of the townships Saturday, but reports of action taken could not be secured from Beaver Dam, Elk, North Fork and Blue Ridge townships. The chairmen of the precinct groups, which collectively will form the county executive committee, aside from the four townships mentioned, are as follows:

Boone—Dr. H. B. Perry, Cove Creek—Paul Walsh, Meat Camp No. 1—Avery W. Greene.

Meat Camp No. 2—L. E. Beach, Sfony Fork—Grady Triplett, Blowing Rock—Bill Lentz, Bald Mountain—Glenn Howell, Watauga—Henry Taylor, Shawneehaw—Ernie Triplett, Laurel Creek—J. B. Phillips.

It is understood that the committee will meet at the convention Saturday and name a county chairman for the ensuing two years.

Library Science to Be Taught at Appalachian

Library science will be added to the curriculum of Appalachian College. The new department will begin its work at the opening of the 1942 summer session on June 9. The courses will embrace 36 quarter hours (24 semester hours) of work in library science.

The purpose of this new department is to train librarians and teacher-librarians for the public schools of North Carolina. The courses are planned to meet the requirements of the state department of education for the librarian's certificate. Appalachian is approved by the state department of education for the training of librarians. Students completing the 36 quarter hours of library science and other academic requirements will be eligible for the librarian's certificate as issued by the state department of education.

To provide the best instruction possible for this new department, is the aim of Appalachian officials. They have announced that four faculty members have been engaged for teaching duty at the summer session. One more member will be added to this group to work through the second term.

Defense Metal Work Class Reorganized

The defense training class in metal work at Appalachian high school which has been suspended for several weeks will be reorganized Thursday night, May 14. Dr. Orby Southard states that sufficient welding rods and other supplies have been secured to supply the class for an eight-week period.

Any young men interested in taking this course should be at the high school Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Free instruction for 15 hours per week will be provided. The class hours will be arranged to suit the greatest number of students.

JURORS DRAWN FOR COURT TERM

Judge Blackstock of Asheville, Will Preside at June Superior Court

The board of county commissioners in special Monday evening, drew the jury for the special civil term of Watauga superior court, which will convene on Monday, June 8, for a two weeks term. Judge Clarence E. Blackstock of Asheville, will preside, and no cases other than civil actions will be heard.

Following is a list of the jurors chosen:

First Week
Clyde Moretz, Hayes Wellborn, W. C. McNeil, Ralph Hodges, Grant Greene, Stony Fork; Sam South, Dave Hockaday, North Fork; Perry Farthing, Carl Farthing, Beaver Dam; George Hayes, Blue Ridge; Fred Hatley, Frank Baird, Frank Taylor, O. L. Coffey, Watauga; Don J. Horton, Alfred Thomas, Carl Ragan, James B. Mast, Cove Creek; I. T. Barnett, Dale Vannoy, J. C. Brookshire Boone; O. G. Winebar, Meat Camp; J. Wayne Harmon, Leonard Presnell, Graden Hagaman, Laurel Creek; Bill Lentz, Blowing Rock.

Second Week
W. H. Mast, E. S. Williams, Chas. McConnell, O. J. Harmon, Cove Creek; Rolf Wilson, North Fork; Nate Phillips, Bald Mountain; Marshall Farthing, Jim Michael, Shawneehaw; F. F. Fox, G. D. Barnett, Roy Keplar, A. B. Cook, J. G. Cook, C. M. Watson, Noah Story, Ralph Church, Will Rush, S. M. Ayers, Will C. Walker, L. T. Tatum, Boone; Orval Hagaman, Beaver Dam; H. S. Steelman, Stony Fork; Harve McLean, Hayden Fox, Watauga; E. F. Greene, Hamp Clawson, Meat Camp.

James E. Clay Gets Commission Air Corps

Ready for duty with technical units or as instructors, another group of aerial navigators were graduated this week from the air corps navigation school at Kelly Field, Texas. Among those receiving navigator-observer "wings" and commissioned as second lieutenant in the air corps, is James E. Clay of Boone.

Graduates of the Kelly Field navigation school are thoroughly trained in all phases of aerial navigation and are able to guide a multi-engine plane over any portion of the earth's surface.

Kelly navigators go to school in one-story classrooms on the ground and in the compact cabins of AT-7's, navigation training planes, high over Texas and the Gulf coast area.

NAMED PRINCIPAL

Mr. A. F. Hamrick has been elected principal of the Blowing Rock school. Mr. Hamrick is well qualified for this position, having graduated from Wake Forest College with a AB and MA degrees. Later he studied at the University of Georgia, working toward his PhD degree.

Mr. Hamrick began his teaching career at Boiling Springs College. After teaching there for two years he came to Boone high school. While here he has been assistant to the principal. This has made him thoroughly familiar with the work of high school principal.

First transatlantic navigation by steam was accomplished in 1838.

REGISTRATION OF GASOLINE USERS NOW UNDERWAY

Provision of Gas Rationing Law in Effect Next Friday; Registration at Various School Houses; Five Types Ration Cards Prescribed

The registration of motorists for gasoline ration cards got under way in Watauga county Tuesday morning and will continue through Thursday, teachers being in charge of issuing the purchase permits at eight centrally located high and elementary schools in the county.

Registration hours are from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m., at the following schools: Boone elementary, Green Valley elementary, Deep Gap elementary, Blowing Rock high school, Valle Crucis elementary, Cove Creek high, Bethel high and Mabel elementary.

Beginning next Saturday sales of gasoline will be under the federal rationing regulations, and unofficial reports from Washington are to the effect that motorists using their cars for non-business purposes will get about three gallons of gasoline per week. Trucks, buses and the like would get an unlimited supply, while those using their cars to travel to and from work will be taken care of, it is thought, with increased gallonage of perhaps three, four or five gallons per week, depending on the three classifications for this type of machine.

Local rationing board officials stated trucks, pickups, etc., readily recognizable as commercial vehicles would not have to be registered.

The five types of ration cards which will be issued under present regulations are:

A—No application necessary, issued to any motorist presenting a registration card—7 units.

B1—Persons who drive over four and one-half miles per day and less than seven in going to and from work or in using their cars in connection with their employment—11 units.

B2—Persons driving seven or more but less than nine miles per day in going to and from work or in using their cars in connection with their employment—15 units.

B3—Persons driving nine or more miles per day in going to and from work or in using their cars in connection with their employment—20 units.

X—All vehicles used as ambulances, hearses, taxis, buses, jitneys or other vehicles for hire; cars belonging to clergymen and physicians; vehicles belonging to federal, state, local or foreign governments, and used in official business; vehicles used in trucking, hauling, towing, freight-carrying, mail carrying, delivery or messenger service; and vehicles used in transportation of materials and equipment for construction or for mechanical, electrical, structural or highway maintenance or repair services, or for the transportation of work crews to perform these services—unlimited.

WAR BOND DRIVE IS PROGRESSING

Fabulation of Pledges Have Not Been Made; Response is Enthusiastic

The campaign for the sale of war bonds and stamps in Watauga county last week, on the face of preliminary reports, met with enthusiastic response of the people of the territory, and while tabulations of the pledges had not been made at press time, leaders in the work stated that practically everyone solicited had signed a pledge to regularly purchase these governmental securities.

Watauga county's quota for the month of May is \$7,300, and those who have not already signed pledges are urged by the workers to attend to this important business without delay.

Liberal buying of bonds and stamps, not only aids the government in its total war effort, but provides safe investment, and might conceivably forestall immediate tax increases or some sort of compulsory system of bond purchases.

MARE MAMA TO TWIN CALVES

Mr. Q. B. Cannon reports the unusual in the birth on his farm of twin calves. At about the same time a mare foaled, the colt died, and the mare is nursing the calves. All is going well with the strange mix-up in the animal kingdom.