

Report Of Senate Investigating Group Says No Shortage Gasoline

Washington. — There is no shortage of petroleum products, nor a shortage, as of this date, of transportation facilities, senate group investigating gasoline shortage declared in report read to senate recently by Chairman Clegg.

Report stated present restrictions on gasoline deliveries to service stations should be lifted. Permanent text of committee's 19-page report, signed by all members, follows:

"The committee believes that in handling of the petroleum problem unnecessary alarm was created. We are of the opinion that this was caused by an over-enthusiasm on the part of those charged with the direction of the petroleum situation. The committee has no desire to assume credit for its small effort, nor to criticize those charged with the coordinating effort, but feels duty bound to make the observation that had an adequate analysis been made by those to whom the responsibility of coordination was delegated, the confusion of the past few months might have been avoided.

The committee furthermore has now concluded that there is no shortage of transportation facilities. This conclusion is based upon the strict opinion and serious promises of Mr. John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, and Mr. Ralph Budd, transportation commissioner of the advisory commission to the council of national defense. These men reached their decision on the availability of tank car facilities as a result of their own study. Information obtained from the study of a 'fact finding' committee of the American Petroleum Institute, and through the cooperation of tank car companies. Their testimony favorably impressed and satisfied the committee — although it should be reported that the setting petroleum co-ordinator, and at least one or two others who testified, were reluctant to accept the accuracy of the statements of Mr. Budd and Mr. Pelley.

"There is a probability that this special committee may later find it necessary to resume hearings. For the time being it will undertake a further committee study without hearings. "The committee members have not attempted to explore charges of unworthy purposes behind the announced oil 'shortage'. We have not felt that it was a part of our immediate responsibility to attempt to find out whether or not the 'shortage' question arose as the result of a desire to construct a large pipeline, or other pipelines, or whether behind the scene there was some connection with pending anti-trust suits, or whether the price of petroleum products was involved. Members have heard these and other charges—and, while we do not dismiss them entirely, and while they might possibly be considered later, the committee has felt that its purpose was to ascertain whether or not there was a petroleum shortage, and, if there was, how it might be corrected.

"Our conclusions may best be summed up by stating that there is no shortage of petroleum products—nor a shortage, as of this date, of transportation facilities—but that the whole frightening picture, from the standpoint of the co-ordinator's office, seems to lie in the fact that the shortage, which has excited the activity of the co-ordinator, is really a 'shortage' in a large surplus which is desired. Paradoxical as it sounds, the shortage, as we see it, is a shortage of surplus—and not a shortage of products, or a lack of facilities to transport them.

"We think that with careful handling—and a calm procedure—this problem, for the time being, has been met. Whatever pessimism has been attached to the situation did not extend far beyond the end of this year, and all of those officially connected with the matter have anticipated that by spring, barring completely unforeseen events the worry would be over. Much information, not possible to include in this report, will be found in the hearings, which will be available by the time the senate meets again. Questions unanswered here — to the extent that the committee can answer them—are in the printed record of committee hearings. Interesting in this connection are observations in relation to pipelines—which, in connection with the national defense needs, may be extremely important. Construction of these pipe lines on a large scale involves conflicting opinions in several instances, but, most important, in the opinion of the committee, is the question of steel allocation for the largest of the proposed projects."

300 British Planes Blaze German Areas
London, Sept. 17.—More than 300 British fighters escorted bomber squadrons over northern France today to bomb the power plant at Bethune, authorized sources said tonight.

The air ministry said many other fighter planes were engaged over France at the same time. At least seven German Messerschmitt 109s were reported destroyed.

The fighters and bombers, flying in layer-cake formation, made up one of the strongest air fleets the British have sent over the continent since the aerial offensive started in June. Watchers on the Kent coast said the roar of passing planes was continuous.

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Melvyn Douglas Paddles Ellen Drew



HOW TO TAME A WIFE... in one easy lesson... will be taught Allen Theatre audiences by Melvyn Douglas. It's a scene from Columbia's new comedy, "Our Wife," with Ruth Hussey and Ellen Drew also starred. That's Miss Drew on the receiving end.

LOCAL LADY GETS FIFTY DOLLARS ON APPRECIATION DAY

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They been present, follows: Ruth H. Johnson, Reddies River, \$10; June Whitesides, city, \$5; Catherine L. Harris, city, \$5; Claude Miller, city, \$5; M. E. Felts, Hays, \$5; Mabel Sprinkle, Hays, \$5; J. H. Crawford, North Wilkesboro, \$50; Grady Shaw, Lenoir route one, \$10; Pauline Crow, city, \$5; Mrs. Ola Nichols, Purlear, \$5; Betty Hamby, Elkin, \$50.

Catherine Vannoy, Wilkesboro, \$10; Etta Johnson, Hays, \$10; Andrew Johnson, city, \$20; Lulu Johnson, Gilreath, \$10; James Parsons, Boomer, \$20; Mrs. Hoke Wiles, North Wilkesboro route two, \$20; Sadie Templeton, city, \$10; Georgia Norman, Cycle, \$20; Mrs. Veola Taylor, city, \$20; Pauline Wallace, city, \$5; Blondell Walsh, Boomer, \$10; J. L. Shepherd, Vannoy, \$5; Annie Canter, city, \$5; Grover Lawson, city, \$5; Wade Shumate, city, \$10; Joyce Brooks, city, \$5; Roxie Lee Anderson, Wilkesboro, \$20.

Ruth H. Johnson, Reddies River, \$30; Mrs. Dallis Michael, Hendrix, \$20; Georgie Mitchell, city, \$10; Roy Rhodes, city, \$10; Irene Davenport, city, \$20; Jesse Love, city, \$10; Ada Dillard, Hays, \$5; Hessie Johnson, Hays, \$5; B. T. Hendren, Gilreath, \$5; Blanche Craven, city, \$5; Mrs. Maggie Hayes, Millers Creek, \$30; America Mathis, Wilkesboro, \$30; Raymond Cundiff, Wilkesboro, \$5; Shelton Brewer, city, \$20; Agnes Myers, city, \$10; Claude Caudle, city, \$10; Mrs. C. D. Smithey, city, \$5; Mrs. M. F. Phillips, Walsh, \$5; Arvel Pruitt, Laurel Springs, \$40; Conrad Dula, Hendrix, \$40; Ted R. Nichols, Purlear, \$10.

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LIBRARY ON WHEELS TO TOUR WILKES

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Austin, P. O., 4:00. Tuesday, Sept. 23.—Fairplains (store), 8:45; Mulberry school, 9:15; Mulberry Home Demonstration club (Mrs. Treely Harold), 9:50; Cain Creek, 10:30; Rock Springs school, 10:45; McGrady P. O., 11:30; Friendship school, 12:15; New Life school, 1:30; Dehart P. O., 2:15; Dehart school (Mrs. Temple Book Sta., 2:45; Radical P. O., 3:30.

Wednesday, Sept. 24.—Millers Creek school, 8:45; Whittington school, 11:00; Wilbar, 11:40; White Oak school, 12:15; Oak Grove school, 1:30; Piney Ridge school, 2:15; Sherman, 3:15; Miller, 4:00.

Thursday, Sept. 25.—Cricket school, 8:45; Maple Springs school, 9:10; Summit, 10:00; Big Ivy school, 11:00; Stony Hill school, 11:45; Parsonville P. O., 1:30; Purlear P. O., 2:30; Char- lity, 3:15.

Monday, Sept. 29.—Goshen school, 8:45; Beaver Creek school, 9:15; Ferguson school, 9:45; Hendrix (Mrs. W. W. Miles) Book Sta., 10:15; Mt. Zion, 11:55; Mt. Pleasant school, 12:15; Congo P. O., 2:15; Cham- nion P. O., 1:30; Buck school, 3:00; Elliotts store (Junct. Hi- wry), 3:45.

Tuesday, Sept. 30.—Wilkesboro school, 8:30; Oakwoods, 9:15; Mt. Crest, 10:15; Gilreath Home Dem. club (Mrs. W. H. Teva- naugh); Piny Grove, 11:00; Parker, 11:45; Cherry Grove, 12:45; Gilreath school, 1:15; Moravian Falls school, 2:15; Mo- ravian Falls Home Dem. club (Mrs. L. G. Critcher); High Rock school, 3:00; Boomer Home Dem. club (Mrs. Mattie Greer), 3:45; Mrs. J. M. Bentley, Book Sta.; Mrs. T. M. Michrel (Hi-Way 16) Book Sta.; Mrs. Parks Lowe, Book Sta., 4:15; Pores Knob P. O.

Wednesday, Oct. 1.—Arbor.

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8:45; Mt. Sinai, 9:15; Spurgeon, 9:45; Lewis, 10:15; Plough school, 10:45; Klugh Home Dem. club, 11:15; Lavelle, 11:45; Oabryville, 12:00; Somers, 1:45; Union, 2:15; Temple Hill, 2:45; Shady Grove, 3:30; Windy Gap, 4:15.

Thursday, Oct. 2.—Knottville, 8:45; Roaring River school, 9:50; Roaring River P. O., 10:45; Brier Creek school, 10:45; Gilman, 11:30; Danaville, 12:30; Ronda school, 12:45; Ronda Home Dem. club (Mrs. L. M. Dobbin), 1:45; Pleasant Hill, 2:15; Lomax, 3:15; New Light (church), 3:45.

Mysterious Blasts Sink Three Modern Swedish Warships

Stockholm, Sept. 17. — Three of Sweden's best modern destroyers exploded and sank today in a series of mysterious blasts in Harsfjaerden, a fjord south of Stockholm long used as a naval proving ground and anchorage.

(DNB, official German news agency, said a troop transport also burned and sank and a mine-layer, the Klas Fleming, was damaged severely when her cargo of mine blew up. Fire spread to nearby Maersgarns island, where ammunition dumps are located, it said.)

The destroyers lost were the Goteborg, a sleek, 1,040-ton vessel built in 1935; and the Klas Horn and Klas Uggla, sister ships of 1,020 tons each, built in 1932. Normal complements of the three number 380 men.

Verified casualties were 31 killed and 11 injured, but the toll was believed to be higher. Flaming oil which spread over the sea prevented a thorough check.

Swedish naval authorities said they were at a loss to account for the disaster.

(The Swedish-American news exchange in New York received a Stockholm dispatch saying a boiler aboard the Goteborg exploded, indicating that this touched off the other blasts.

(DNB, which also carried this report, said another account blamed a torpedo explosion on the Goteborg. The German agency said the explosions shook Maersgarns island so severely that soldiers there took refuge in air raid shelters.)

All available coastal vessels sped to the scene to help with rescue work and fire fighting. Every ambulance in Stockholm was sent out.

(This heavy blow to the efficient little navy of neutral Sweden occurred as the Finnish press was charging that some Swedish papers through blind antagonism to Nazi Germany were playing into the hands of Russia. Vidkun Quisling, head of the Norwegian Nazi government, on September 6 demanded that the Swedish press cease what he called "lie propa- ganda against new Norway and its leaders."

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Iredell Youth Kills Self With Shotgun

Statesville, Sept. 17.—Thomas P. Dishmond, 18, North Iredell youth formerly with the OCS camp near Lenoir, died today at a local hospital from gunshot wounds to the chest, after officers this afternoon looked for him but failed to locate him.

The young man was found lying on the roadside near his home in New Hope township, with a shotgun wound in the left chest. He was in a dangerous condition but declined to explain when asked how he was wounded.

Sheriff J. W. Moore and Deputy C. B. Bailey made an investigation this afternoon, finding the double barrel shotgun in the woods a half mile from the point where the body was found lying in the road. Blood stains indicated the youth walked for half a mile after he was wounded. The officers at first suspected foul play, but decided Dishmond died of a self-inflicted wound either accidental or intentional. No in- quest was held.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Press Dishmond, of New Hope township, two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Taylor Springs Baptist church.

Mrs. Emma Blevins Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Walnut Grove church in Walnut Grove township for Mrs. Emma Blevins, age 67, resident of the Springfield community. She died Sunday, Revs. S. L. and Troy Blevins conducted the service.

Funeral Tuesday For W. H. Windsor

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Sweet Home church for Will H. Windsor, citizen of the Somers community who died

Monday. He is survived by two sons, Stanley Windsor, High P., and Houston Windsor, of Statesville.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court, Wilkes County, entitled "Will County versus F. F. Rooper," undersigned Commissioner will on the 18th day of October, 1941, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain tract of land lying and being in Maileb Township, Wilkes County, bounded as follows:

Adjoining the lands of Oll Absher on the North, and on the South by the lands of Thomas Waggoner and on the East by the lands of Elmore Billings, Bud Handy, and on the West by the lands of J. T. Absher. Heirs a containing 91 acres, more or less. This the 15 day of Sept., 1941. F. J. McDUFFIE, Commissioner 10-9-41 (t)

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to J. A. Rousseau trustee on the 16th day of October, 1934, by Carl Mathis and default having been made in the payment of said deed of trust and notice at demand on said Substitute Trustee, I will, therefore, on the 18th day of October, 1941, at 12:00 o'clock noon, sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., Carolina, the following described lands. Lying and being in Wilkes County, — Township, adjoining the lands of E. H. Smith and others, and bounded as follows:

Bounded on the East by E. H. Smith, on the South by the land of W. M. Segraves, on the West by L. M. Mathis, on the North by R. D. Mathis, deceased, C. R. Mathis, W. L. Mathis. The land being known as the "W. B. Mathis home place containing 61 acres, more or less.

This contains six (6) shares which is 6-8 of the entire tract of the above described lands. The same being the entire interest of the above grantor in and to the above lands described.

This the 15th day of September 1941. F. J. McDUFFIE, Substitute Trustee 10-9-41 (t)

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