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## Coffee Rationing Goes Into Effect November 29th

Results From The Lack Of Shipping Facilities And Not As Result Of Any Lack Of Supply

### REASONS GIVEN FOR NEW PROGRAM

Ration Book No. 1 Is Basis For Issuing One Pound Per Person Every Five Weeks

November 29, the United States, the world's greatest coffee producing country, will ration coffee so that no one will have more than a pound of the beverage once every five weeks. The reason for our going on a ration basis can be put in a nutshell.

Bottoms that ply between South America and the South American countries are freighted with bauxite ores for our planes. Nitrates for powder and explosives pack the boats putting out of the Guatemalan and other Central American coffee boats are jammed with guns, cannons and shells bound for the shores of England, Russia, Africa and our troops and those of the allies are fighting. In addition, much of what coffee is being transported is going to our forces.

As a result of the shipping situation for every four pounds of coffee the country was importing before Pearl Harbor, we are now only getting three pounds. In 1941 imports of green coffee from South America amounted to 2.2 billion pounds. In 1942 that figure will be down to 1.7 billion pounds. During the five year period, 1937 through 1941, U. S. coffee drinkers consumed about 80 percent of the world production — consumed 21 billion pounds annually. The current ration will allow 10.4 pounds annually or just about half the normal consumption rate.

Even under rationing, however, Americans will drink much more coffee than the people of European countries. Germany has practically no real coffee. Its population consumes an ersatz concoction of beans and grains of various kinds. The Italians are even worse. Under Axis domination, they receive whatever the coffee — starved Reich sees fit to spare.

The plain fact of the situation is that the American population is lucky to get what coffee is being brought up. There are men making their necks to sail here. There are Marines in the Solomon Islands who haven't had a pound of coffee in a long time and among them some who never will. Besides, the shipping space occupied by coffee might be turned over to even more strategic materials. The problem now is to spread what coffee supply we do receive among the greatest number of people, which is where the rationing system enters.

There are its mechanics — the coffee to be rationed includes decaffeinated coffee — whether ground, whole bean, or decaffeinated — and commercially sold mixtures of coffee with chicory, cereal, or other substitutes. Consumers are permitted to buy green (unroasted) coffee for home roasting. Instant coffee, soluble coffee, coffee concentrates, coffee extracts and other beverages used instead of coffee are rationed.

Ration Book No. 1 — The "Coffee Book" — will then be used in buying coffee. The stamps in the book number 28 and down to 20 are the coffee stamps. The ration stamp is numbered 23, 24, 21, 22, 20. This stamp is disconnected sequentially because of the unusual arrangement of stamps in the ration book.

Only those whose ration books have not been issued will be able to purchase a pound of coffee for each coffee stamp. The reason for this age limitation is to allow larger rations for the population.

The first ration period runs for the week from November 29 through January 3, 1943. Other periods will be announced later by the OPA.

Those who have no ration books have lost them should apply immediately at their local War Relocation Administration. If lack of transportation facilities makes it impossible to get to the specified office, a hardship, the consumer may apply at his rationing office for a certificate to buy up to a pound of coffee.

Freeland Club Women Meet

The Freeland Home Demonstration club met Friday at the home of Mrs. S. W. Evans. Miss Eakes, home agent, gave an interesting lesson on "Foods for the Sturdy Bodies."

Plans were made for the meeting in December which will be a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. D. F. King, Friday, December 11 at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Evans served pecans and they were enjoyed by all.

## IN THE SERVICE



**PILOTS**—Robert B. Thompson, left, and W. L. Styron, right, former members of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Pilot Association, are both in the armed service. Thompson is a chief petty officer in the Coast Guard, stationed at Southport. Styron is a Warrant Officer in the Navy and is stationed at Norfolk.

## Election Board Declines To Change Canvass Record

Hearing Here Friday Followed On Monday By Meeting Which Resulted In Final Decision Of Brunswick Board

### MAY APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD

Practice Followed At Southport Precinct Was Chief Content At Hearing Before The Board

After another all-day session of argument had failed to settle the question of Friday, members of the Brunswick county board of elections met here Monday afternoon and voted by a margin of two to one in favor of allowing the results of the November 3 election to stand just as they are shown on the official tally sheets as certified on canvass day.

In the closest race of all this gave John B. Ward, Democratic candidate, a one-vote victory over D. R. Johnson in their race for judge of Recorder's court. All other winners enjoyed a more comfortable lead.

Friday's session before the election board was given over to the hearing of evidence being presented by counsel for the Republican party to show that certain precincts of the county should be thrown out in considering the final vote, and in requesting a recount in certain other places. Many affidavits were placed in evidence by counsel for both sides.

The charge pressed most seriously was that several voters in Southport precinct were permitted to cast their ballot while seated in their cars in front of the courthouse, and that this was contrary to law, even though it was admitted that such voting was done in the presence of both the Democratic judge and the Republican judge. The Republican claim was that these people should have been voted absentee if they were physically unfit to visit the second-floor voting place.

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Every truck owner in Columbus County who has not received an application for "Certificate of War Necessity" should immediately get in touch with the Office of Price Administration.

Whiteville's pecan market opens its second season here Wednesday. Last year the market sold approximately 110,000 pounds of nuts, and the season was considered successful.

## Registration Of Consumers Held Last Saturday

Consumers Given Opportunity To Register For Fuel Oil And Kerosene At Various Schools Of County

### MUST HAVE COUPONS ON AND AFTER NOV. 23

Consumers May Purchase This Week By Signing Dealer Forms; Coupons Being Sent Through Mail

Through the cooperation of the public school official and other volunteer workers, consumers in Brunswick county were registered Saturday for their fuel oil needs for the coming month.

All users are instructed that they will be unable to purchase fuel oil after this week without coupons. The job of getting these out is being handled just as rapidly as possible, and it will, only slow up matters to have persons call at the board office for their coupons.

Although an effort was made to take care of everyone who needed to register, there were some people who missed taking care of this matter on Saturday. If these people will write directly to the rationing board in Southport, they will be advised as to the best procedure for registration.

The forms of registration of fuel oil dealers gave out before this job was completed, but a new supply has been received. Any dealer who had not registered should notify the rationing board by mail, and arrangements will be made for registration.

## Many First Aid Classes Taught

Class Being Taught At Southport High School And All Students At Brunswick County Training School

The class for First Aid Instructors, sponsored last spring by the Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross, is paying big dividends now, with classes in progress in many schools of the county.

At Southport high school Rev. A. L. Brown is teaching a class of 21 students. At the Brunswick County Training School every student in high school is now taking First Aid. It is also reported that there is a class in this course in progress at every colored school in Brunswick.

## Hospital Women Buy Equipment

Auxiliary At Doshier Memorial Hospital Is Raising Funds For Purchase Of New Sterilizer

Members of the auxiliary for Doshier Memorial Hospital are now raising funds for the purchase of a sterilizer for that institution. Already a substantial sum is in hand, and Mrs. J. Arthur Doshier has been designated to accept further donations.

Auxiliary officials acknowledge with thanks the gift of three and one-half dozen pillow cases from the circles of the Southport Baptist church.

The auxiliary officials say that similar gifts will be welcomed, and that there is a particular need for wash-cloths and towels.

## Highjacking Has Been Made Legal By The State

Highjacking and mudslinging have been legalized in North Carolina. In fact, some of the boys engaging in it are already State prisoners.

However legalized highjacking differs from the common variety. The war has called a halt to most highway construction due to the unavailability of critical materials, so the N. C. State Highway Commission is doing the next best thing by keeping the present highways in the best shape possible.

## War Has Made Big Change In Yacht Travel On Canal

Semi-Annual Trips Of Pleasure Craft Was One Of Most Pleasant Features Of Tourist Traffic

The peak of the 1942 yachting season to Florida has come and gone. Instead of the normal number of 300 yachts that usually have come down the waterway and stopped over here at this time in previous years, there hasn't been a one to date. The boats are simply not going from the north to Florida waters. For that matter, it is supposed that practically all of them are in some sort of government service.

During one fall movement of the boats, 443 yachts stopped at Southport between September 1st and December 25th. Most of these craft made a stop-over of one or more nights. The peak of the movement was during the last of October and the first of November. Going by the same schedule that year (1938) more than 300 of the craft should have called here by this date.

## District Director Is Pleased With AWS Work

Keziah Is Winner In State Contest

In the recent scrap metal drive W. B. Keziah, of Southport, won third prize for the best newspaper story to the state press. Mr. Keziah had quite a number of both news and feature stories, and is not sure just which one added to his war saving stamp collection.

## Three Cases In Court Here

Monday Was A Short Session For Recorder's Court Officials At Weekly Session

Only three cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge E. J. Prevatte. David Floyd, colored, was found guilty of speeding. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs.

## Cotton Vote Is Set For Dec. 12

Referendum On Marketing Quotas For The 1943-44 Marketing Year Will Be Held On December 12th

North Carolina cotton producers will join with others over the Cotton Belt on Saturday, December 12, in a referendum on marketing quotas for the 1943-44 marketing year, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the State AAA Committee.

The referendum was called by Secretary Wickard in proclaiming quotas on the 1943 crop. Quotas will not be in effect, however, unless approved by at least two-thirds of all producers voting in the referendum. A total of 73,291 North Carolina cotton producers voted in the referendum last year with 69,756 favoring quotas and 3,535 voting against quotas for a majority of 95.2 percent. In the entire Cotton Belt 93.9 percent of the growers favored marketing quotas.

Cotton marketing quotas are provided in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 under which the Secretary of Agriculture must proclaim quotas in any year in which the cotton supply reaches more than 107 percent of the "normal" supply. The Act defines this "normal" supply as a normal year's domestic consumption and exports plus 40 percent for carryover as a margin of safety. The indicated supply of 24,700,000 bales of American cotton for the 1942-43 marketing year is 136 percent of the normal supply provided in the AAA act, Scott said.

The nation already has nearly two years supply of cotton on hand. (Continued on page 4)

## Two Things To Do About Tires

Should Report Serial Numbers On Forms Being Received Through Mail; Should Turn In Extra Tires At Once

Two problems that have to do with tires have had Brunswick county citizens perplexed this week. The first is, what to do about filling in the blanks for the serial numbers of their automobile tires. This is a simple process that may be completed by the average man or woman without bothering a garage man or a filling station operator. Just fill in the blank form that will be mailed to you, listing the serial numbers of your five best tires. (Continued on page four)

## Mileage To Be Rationed Under Latest Program

Mileage Rationing Combines Certain Features Of Old Gasoline Program And First Tire Program

### WILL MAKE TIRES AVAILABLE FOR SOME

One Result Of This New Plan Will Be To Place Grade III Tires On Market; Other Features Explained

RALEIGH. — Merging of the gasoline and tire rationing programs into a single system to control mileage of passenger automobiles according to essentiality of use is the purpose behind the new mileage rationing plan scheduled to take effect on November 22, it was said today by W. Hance Hoffer, chief rationing officer for the North Carolina office of Price Administration.

Most of the penalty provisions of the new regulations were effective on November 9, he pointed out. On and after November 15 no truck, bus, taxicab, or other commercial vehicle may receive any ration of gasoline or tires unless it has in full force a Certificate of War Necessity issued to it by the Office of Defense Transportation. The ODT determines the proper mileage permitted on a quarterly basis and the OPA grants gasoline and tires to such vehicles as may be required to maintain such maximum travel. The ODT regulations became applicable to the use of taxicabs on September 1, and they will become effective as to the use of all commercial vehicles on November 15.

After November 22 tires will be rationed in accordance with mileage needs, and the gasoline ration in each instance will determine the kind of tire ration or service to be granted by local boards, Mr. Hoffer explained. For example, he said, the holder of an "A" ration who has a total gasoline mileage of 240 or the holder of a "B" ration who has 560 miles or less per month, shall be eligible for a recapping service or a Grade Three tire. The holder of a "C" ration, who has 561 to 1,020 miles per month shall be eligible for recapping service or a Grade Two tire. The holder of a "D" ration who has 1,020 miles per month or over shall be eligible for recapping service or in the discretion of the board a Grade One tire.

Fleet passenger cars or passenger cars operated by a government or government agency shall be entitled to recapping service or Grade Three tires. In all cases a new or used tube may be granted, he said. Recapping will be required in every possible instance.

The exceptions to the classifications outlined apply in favor of new tire replacement for public officials, such as fire fighters or police, and for private persons such as doctors or public utility "trouble shooters," who may be required by circumstances to drive at excessive speeds. The board has discretionary powers in granting Grade One tires to persons who are allowed 1,020 or more miles per month; as for example, where high mileage is seasonal or temporary the board may not issue a Grade One tire.

Grade One tires are new tires other than Grade Two or Grade Three tires, while Grade Two tires are described as being new tires of inferior quality including seconds and lower price than standard new tires or defective new tires slightly used or "take-off," or new tires manufactured prior to January 1, 1938.

Grade Three tires are salvaged tires which have been recapped, new tires made of reclaimed rubber or ordinary used tires. Grade Three tires driven at 35 miles per hour are good for about 7,000 miles, Mr. Hoffer explained.

Trucks and commercial vehicles which hold ODT certificates of war necessity will receive recapping service or new tires. Farm tractors may be granted new tires for rear wheels. "It cannot be stated too emphatically, however, that although all motorists, commercial and private will be eligible for some sort of tire service, those whose travel is not required by the war effort, must stand by until the needs of such essential workers have been met," Mr. Hoffer said. "The release of 'idle tires' and the manufacture of camel-back (recapping material) and Grade Three tires from scrap rubber for public use will permit some enlargement of the local board quotas, but these quota restrictions will continue to make priority of need in respect to the war effort and the safety and health of the community." (Continued on page 2)

## Jim Finch Says That Citizens Of County Are Showing Enthusiasm In Keeping Up Good Work

### NEW OBSERVATION POSTS ARE BUILT

Eight Posts Now Active With New Stations Being Erected At Supply, Shallotte And Winnabow

Jim Finch, district director of the A. W. S., was in Southport yesterday and reported that observation posts are being erected at Winnabow, Supply and Shallotte.

The county is furnishing money for materials, he said, and the 8 x 10-ft houses are being built through the aid of volunteer labor. Director Finch reports that his organization in Brunswick county is now functioning smoothly and that there is an enthusiastic interest on the part of citizens in every section of the county. This was shown by the attendance Friday night at a meeting held at J. J. Hawes' store in Supply.

Finch reports that active stations in Brunswick include The Oaks, Orton plantation, Oak Island Coast Guard Station, Shallotte, Supply, Winnabow, Phoenix and Maco. The stations at Shallotte and Supply are on the forest service line which is connected with the Bell Telephone Co. in Wilmington for the duration.

## Mt. Pisgah Club Meeting Is Held

The Mt. Pisgah Home Demonstration Club held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. Rosa Brown. The meeting was called to order by singing "Hail Club Woman, Crowned Through Service." The collect was repeated, roll called and minutes read by the secretary.

"Home Storage of Vegetables" was explained by the garden leader, Mrs. W. J. Sellers. The home agent gave the lesson on food for sturdy bodies. The meeting was adjourned by the hostess serving refreshments to the following members. Mrs. Velma Robinson, Mrs. W. J. Sellers, Mrs. T. H. Sellers, Mrs. Dora Holden, Mrs. Snow Lancaster, Mrs. Lenell Hewitt, Mrs. Rosa Brown and the home agent, Miss Eakes. The December home demonstration meeting will be with Mrs. Dora Holden.

## Lt. Bragaw Is Here On Visit

Lieutenant Churchill Bragaw, of Camp Edwards, Mass., is spending a week at his home here. Lieutenant Bragaw, former manager of Orton Plantation, has been with the infantry since the first of the year.

His mother, Mrs. Helen Bragaw, has been quite ill recently, but is now improved. **ROCKFISH BITING** Fishing from the trestle of the W. B. & S. railroad, where it crosses Dutchman's Creek, Robert Marlowe and a friend from Wilmington got a six-pound rockfish late Sunday afternoon. The cold weather early in the week should cause these fish to begin biting all along the North Carolina coast. Puppy drum are also said to be biting good.