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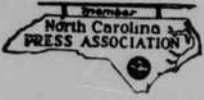
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Local Bus System Needed

The present OPA ban on pleasure driving emphasizes the need in Brevard and Transylvania county for an inter-urban or county-wide bus transportation system.

The new OPA regulation prohibits individuals from using their cars to go to places of entertainment and yet entertainment is essential in bolstering up public morale.

There is also confusion about the application of the regulation on attendance at club meetings. In Brevard and the county there are a large number of clubs of all kinds and their activities are both social and for the general welfare, as well as for the war effort.

As a partial solution, and to aid further in gasoline and tire conservation, we recommend that the owners and operators of the buses that haul Ecusta employees to and from work, endeavor to establish a regular inter-urban bus system from Brevard to Rosman, to Pisgah Forest, out on the Greenville road and perhaps in other directions.

A good deal of the time this equipment is idle and it seems to us that permission could be obtained to operate them on regular, frequent schedules during the day and in the evenings. It also seems to us that such operations would be profitable, as well as render a great public service.

School Lunches Must Continue

That there is much the embryo Save the Children's Federation can, given the proper support, achieve in Transylvania County was made evident at the meeting in the city hall Saturday evening, and a spectator was impressed by the earnestness and concern apparent at that gathering. Clearly we need in Transylvania a well-balanced, comprehensive and intelligently directed recreational program. Many children in this county lack clothes to keep them warm, but the thing that gives us greatest concern is the probability that, unless something is done forthwith, the lunch program in the schools will have to be abandoned.

The Times is firmly of the opinion that under no circumstances should this be permitted to happen. There are probably 700 school children in this county who are receiving lunches free and, coming from needy homes, it is a pretty safe assumption that this is the only adequate meal that many of them get. It would be worse than a tragedy to deny these children this meal; it would be confession of a shameful dereliction on our part. We cannot permit it to happen.

Mrs. Cole suggested a means by which this misfortune can be averted: Get patrons of the schools to raise commodities and pay the personnel of the lunch rooms out of the S. C. F. funds. This plan is feasible and there seems to be no alternative.

This plan has another virtue. Food-stuffs are going to become increasingly hard to get. The diet of the civilian population is going to be restricted more and more, but if we raise the products needed in the lunch rooms here in the county we are assured of an adequate supply.

The Times would not undertake to dictate which of the various S. C. F. objectives should be given priority for we realize all of them are worthy. But, we should like to point out that here is an established activity that is already serving an essential need in a satisfactory manner. All the S. C. F. needs to do is to take over and continue the program. We hope to see action to this end taken forthwith.

The President Speaks!

During the past week President Roosevelt delivered before the 78th. Congress two significant and history-making speeches which were heard and read throughout the entire world with keenest interest.

His annual message on the state of the union and the progress of the war, was a triumphant speech that brought cheer to the Allies and discomfort to the Axis, and in his budget address Monday Mr. Roosevelt asked for the expenditure of one hundred billion dollars during the next fiscal year for the war effort, and this gigantic sum is more than all that the axis nations are spending.

In 1942 the Allies stopped the Axis offensive in Europe, Africa and Asia and in 1943 he expressed the assurance that "we will march towards victory along the roads that lead to Berlin, Rome, and Tokyo." The Russians were highly praised for their defensive and offensive victories against the Germans and the President assured them and the enemies that "we will strike somewhere in Europe and strike hard this year." Of course the chief executive also praised the other allied nations and stressed the fact that our own soldiers are displaying great valor on the fields of battle.

Discussing the homefront situation, he said "a miracle in production" for war had been accomplished in this country during 1942 and promised that still greater production records would be made this year. He likewise lauded American farmers for having produced more in 1942 than ever before and called on them for more food and feed to win the war.

The address was an extremely optimistic one and left no doubt but what victory would be ours and maybe in 1943. He cautioned, however, that all civilians, as well as soldiers, would have to make more and more sacrifices . . . would have to work harder, and his speech Monday called for higher and higher taxes.

The national debt is now nearly \$120,000,000,000 and by July, 1943, he estimated that it would rise to over two hundred billion. The nation, however, is sound, he said.

"We wage a total war because our very existence is at stake. Without that supreme effort we cannot hope to retain the freedom and self-respect which give life its value," he said. "Total war is grim reality. It means the dedication of our lives and resources to a single objective, Victory . . . In total war, we are all soldiers, whether in uniform, overalls or shirt sleeves."

Mr. President, we do not like to fight and kill, to pay high taxes, to sweat and toil, to be rationed and all of the other things that total war imposes, but we prefer them, to defeat at the hands of the demons of Germany, Italy and Japan and are willing to make every sacrifice necessary to preserve freedom, liberty and Christianity!

A Great Scientist Passes

Death brought to an end at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., a few days ago the fruitful and amazing career of Dr. George Washington Carver, famed Negro scientist, who rose from obscurity to world-wide renown. Honors were thrust upon Dr. Carver and great wealth could have been his, but he had only one ambition, "To work among the trees and ferns and the grass of God's good earth."

Dr. Carver's life was replete with achievement. From the peanut, he developed more than 300 products during his half century at Tuskegee. Methods were devised by him to obtain ink, stains, glue and hundreds of other products from the sweet potato. From Alabama's red clay he produced plastics, paint, paper, cosmetics and hundreds of other things. He discovered new uses for cotton and he was the first person to make newsprint from Southern pine. Dr. Carver was also a painter of note and a skilled musician.

Doctor Carver's life teaches important lessons to all. Granted that he was endowed as have been but few men in any age, the fact remains that he took the common things and of them made more useful things; though his achievements were such as to excite admiration of the scientific world, they inspired in him no hate, no vanity, no gloating. Dr. Carver's discoveries revealed his greatness as a scientist; his humility, his gentleness and his piety revealed his greatness as a man.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—The outgoing Mr. Leon Henderson and the remaining fuel oil rations have not the slightest idea what they have done to the average individual home owner.

Their statements before the Senate Oil-Gas Committee rang the same old notes about "not being tough enough," "people not cooperating," and "stronger rationing to come."

They are all good, genial, conscientious men, but they are thinking in terms of national supplies, area quotas, and soulless statistics. They simply do not understand the human problems they have put on the average man.

Personal case histories are scarce. No one furnishes them in the debate, but I will tell mine and prove it with documentary evidence, if it will bring these officials any nearer a realization of the human problem in which they have involved the nation.

It is an average case, not nearly as bad as many but it shows such a condition of confusion and misunderstanding as almost to defy solution.

I spent some hours filling out their long blanks and measuring the square footage of each room of my house last fall. OPA announcements said they intended to allot two-thirds as much oil this year as last.

Their publicity men gave out fancy stories about how Mr. Henderson's smart young men had worked out a complex formula based on weather for the last ten years so everyone would get his proper share.

But when my coupons came back, the cut was 50 percent. My last year's bills showed consumption of 4,325 gallons in the mildest Washington winter of a decade, but my allocation was 2,200 gallons for what is proving to be the worst winter in the same period.

Right there, I found Mr. Henderson's smart young men not smart for me. Instead of measuring cubic footage of rooms, as every heating man does when installing a furnace, they measured floor space only.

The people in our neighborhood with low ceilings, in some cases, got more oil than they needed, whereas the man with high ceilings did not get enough to run the winter at any temperature. Studio living rooms, with two story ceilings, left some dwellers with a pittance.

My oil dealer informed me there was no use going to the rationing board even today. It was a madhouse. As late as this, it had not been able to allocate coupons to all the people, so there was no need to seek reconsideration. Clerks had largely volunteered, were untrained and the average of mistakes was high.

Luckily, I had a vacation in December, so I closed the house for a month and went away to use the heat of others. Coming back, I felt comforted by announcements from OPA that all Washington dealers had enough oil, although I could hardly reconcile this with the news in the same paper that the British Embassy had no heat for several days.

My dealer thereupon informed me the value of my coupons had been cut 10 per cent and anyway he would have no oil for "three or four days," although there were only ten gallons in my tank. The only other oil dealer in town had plenty, but OPA had issued a regulation preventing him from serving any except his old customers. The government had prevented him from serving me.

There I learned the problem of the oil dealer was worse than mine. Less than one-fifth of his drivers generally showed up on Monday, because increased pay allowed them to take more time off without losing salary.

OPA had descended upon them with new regulations requiring detailed daily reports of mileage, gasoline, tire life, hours driven, concerning each truck, and it was almost impossible for the dealer to answer the telephone, much less to maintain an orderly business.

So I closed off all except a couple of rooms in the house, waiting until I reach the last gallon of oil before seeking other shelter, although all hotels, apartments, and boarding houses in this locality are filled to overflowing.

Even then, as I waited, the afternoon editions carried government warnings urging more conversion to coal and threatened dire consequences unless apartment houses did so. I became acquainted with the "conversion to coal" song of Mr. Ickes last year when I tried to convert my furnace. My furnace dealer informed me:

"Oh, that's just bunk the government is handing out. You would have to get a whole new furnace and no furnaces have been manufactured. We simply cannot get them, or even get conversion



grates." His desk now is stacked two feet high with emergency orders for heating repair in homes where furnaces consumed the last drop of oil and blew out. A radiator in the home of one of his customers blew out the wall under such circumstances.

Said customer went to the rationing board and raised hell, threatened to sue the government, but he got no more oil and the government apparently seemed unworried.

This is the story of my community, and this is my personal experience, briefly told, but dramatizing a situation of greater seriousness in every community in

the land. I do not mind particularly, but the next time I see an announcement by a government official telling me not to use too much fuel oil, I am going to take the newspaper that carries it right down to his office and make him eat it.

P. S.—The late afternoon editions have just arrived with an announcement from the local fuel director Mr. Whitney Leary, stating fuel dealers here have plenty of oil and warning people not to order more until their tanks get down to one-fourth full—and me with two gallons and no prospects of oil "for three or four days." I am leaving for Mr. Leary's office with a copy of the paper.

MIDDLE FORK NEWS

By Mrs. Homer Manly
Regular prayer service will be held at Middle Fork Baptist church next Wednesday and Saturday night. Everyone is invited to attend.
Roy Galloway, of West Jefferson, spent the week-end visiting his family. Mrs. Galloway returned with him Monday to spend a few days.
Lawana Morgan, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan, has been ill at her home here, but is improving.
Elford Chapman left last week for the U. S. Army. He was called in the last draft.
Mrs. Roy Galloway spent Tuesday visiting Mrs. Homer Manly. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Morrison and daughter Doris, of Travelers Rest, S. C., spent the past week-end visiting relatives. Miss Bessie Manly returned home with them.
Rev. George Holcombe visited relatives in South Carolina last Sunday.

OLD TOXAWAY

By Miss Myrtle Aiken
Eleford Chapman left here last week for Fort Jackson, S. C. to enter the U. S. Army after spending a 7-day furlough with relatives in this section.
Miss Ailene Kimsey, of Oakland, spent the past week visiting Miss Ella Mae Kimsey.
Rev. Roland Robinson of Oakland spent Saturday night visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Galloway of this section.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Galloway a son on Sunday, Jan. 3. Mrs. Galloway was before her marriage, Miss Mary Kimsey.
Luna Meece and Ernest Powell, of near Rosman were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Chapman.
Miss Mildred Chapman spent Saturday night as guest of her cousin, Miss Myrtle Aiken.

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