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SHORTAGE OF KEROSENE EASED TEMPORARILY

Dealers Receiving Some But Situation Remains Uncertain

Gasoline and fuel oil and kerosene have been critical or threatened to become critical many times recently. The kerosene situation really grew critical at the end of the past week when things got to the point where no one had any. No matter what the gas situation, some comes in all the time, but deliveries of oil, according to dealers comes spasmodically and recently with long intervals between.

Mr. G. W. Huntley, independent dealer, secured two tank trucks full this week by sending to the terminal for it. When the news got abroad he had a line up of from fifty to seventy-five people with buckets, bottles, drums, cans, and what notes trying to get in on it.

Together with word of the shortage, stories came in of discrimination, of plentiful supplies in Wilmington which the Government was holding out, and so forth. Our dealers say that while kerosene quotas have been cut more than the other petroleum products, the shortage is largely a matter of shortage of transportation facilities and part of a problem that is being felt elsewhere although more keenly in communities such as ours where it is used so generally for cooking. T. T. Potter, of Sinclair, says a man from as far away as Southport approached him trying to get some.

Mr. Huntley feels a number of things added up to cause the shortage at this particular time. A shortage of tank cars, labor, weeks of bad weather during which shipments were infrequent, a community at the end of the line and less accessible than others—result, reserves depleted. Mr. Webster Lewis, of Gulf, who has had a small shipment this week lays it to much the same sum total of things, and Texaco, although still without oil, expresses appreciation of the problems of distribution and are hoping for a supply for customers.

While the situation has eased some, as Mr. Potter points out, after the scare of last week the public will not give the companies an opportunity to build up reserves but will buy the oil up as fast as it comes in and store it in their homes—the same psychology with which grocers have grown familiar.

At best the situation while it has eased some seems to be uncertain. As one dealer says, limiting a customer merely seems to stimulate him to send down his children and friends and uncle and aunts to get some for him so it all adds up to letting him have what he wants in the first place and it makes things much easier for the harassed dealer.

QUOTAS

Autos	5
Bicycles	2
Tires—Passenger	
Grade I	186
Grade III	181
Tubes	122
Trucks	
Tires	51
Tubes	50

RATION BRIEFS

GASOLINE
A-8 coupons good through February 8.

SHOES
No. 18, Book I, good indefinitely for one pair.
No. 1 "Airplane" Stamp in Book III good for one pair.

SUGAR
Stamp No. 29 in Ration Book IV good for five pounds of sugar until January 15. This stamp is marked "Sugar."

CANNED GOODS
Green D, E, F, Book IV good thru Jan. 20.

MEATS
Brown R and S good through Jan. 29, T good Jan. 9.

FUEL OIL
Period 2 coupons good through Jan. 24, Period 3 coupons good through Feb. 21.

SPARE
"Spare" Ration stamp No. 2, Book IV, good for an extra 5 points worth of pork through Jan. 15.

Appreciation

Governor Broughton asked that we make the OPA Anniversary, Wednesday, January 5th, a day of special appreciation of the 3000 volunteer OPA workers in North Carolina including Board Chairmen, Panel Members and all those who have given their services voluntarily in the interest of the work in our State and of our own Country.

I am deeply appreciative of the services of this group of men and women in a situation without precedent and one which has not always been easy. In expressing appreciation, I believe I speak the sentiments of all the people of our community.

Grayden M. Paul,
Mayor.

Installation Of Officers

In a service at Ann Street Methodist Church on Monday afternoon, the Woman's Society of Christian Service installed officers for the new year. Mrs. W. S. Potter had the service in charge and the following officers were installed:

President, Mrs. Ralph Eudy, Vice President, Mrs. Jack Neal; Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Sanders; Treasurer, Mrs. Blythe Noe; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Charlie Britton; Christian Social Relations Chairman, Mrs. I. N. Moore; Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. F. R. Bell; Student Work Chairman, Mrs. R. W. Saffrit, Jr.; Literature and Publications Chairman, Mrs. Roy Willis; Children's Work Chairman, Miss Charlotte Sanders; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Potter.

After installation, Mrs. Ralph Eudy took the Chair and led the Pledge Service for the new year.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Sabiston

Mrs. Minnie Dickinson Sabiston died at her home at Core Creek Monday afternoon following an illness of several weeks from pneumonia. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock from Core Creek Community Church of which she was a member. Rev. W. Y. Stewart, her pastor, assisted by Rev. John R. Poe of the Methodist Church were in charge of the services, and the body was laid to rest in the Core Creek Cemetery. Eight trustees of the Church acted as pallbearers.

Mrs. Sabiston was a native of the Core Creek Section. At the time of her death, she was in her seventieth year. She is survived by her husband; Mr. Guy M. Sabiston; five daughters: Mrs. David Bell, Harlowe; Mrs. Beryl Tosto, Beaufort; Mrs. Robert Slater, Beaufort; Mrs. Hilda Simpson, Morehead City; Miss Minnie Sabiston, Core Creek; three sons: Douglas Sabiston, South Carolina; Neal Sabiston, Beaufort; Guy M. Sabiston, Jr., Camp Glenn; two sisters: Mrs. Rosabelle Langdale, Core Creek; Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mill Creek; and by four brothers: Francis and Kenneth Dickinson, of Beaufort; Curt Dickinson, of Core Creek; and Charlie Dickinson, of Kinston.

BRIEFER

Last week's Court was brief—this week briefer with the number of spectators down to almost an all time low.

William Ed Potter (colored) charged with larceny of the automobile of Mrs. Pauline Ross from near the Gulf Service Station was the only person tried. The case was continued from December 28th in order to give the defendant an opportunity to summon witnesses in his behalf. Potter claimed he took the car temporarily to go to his sister-in-law who had sprained her ankle and was on his way to return it when apprehended. His sister-in-law and only witness testified that he did come to hear aid in the car. Unfortunately, Potter has a record of convictions stacked against him for larceny in the past. After considerable deliberation the charge was changed to temporary larceny, and he was given six months on the Court House grounds.

Other cases on docket were continued for one reason or another—chiefly because of absence of witnesses.

MR. STOVALL SICK

Mr. George Stovall of Tide Water Power Company has been at Walker Memorial Hospital since the first of the year for observation and treatment. Mrs. Stovall is with him there. Mr. Stovall was a patient at the Morehead City Hospital prior to going to Wilmington.

"GREEN DRAGONS" ON THE PROWL



NEW GUINEA—U. S. Navy Photograph—As the sun sets beyond the South Pacific Islands, Uncle Sam's nocturnal prowlers, the "Green Dragons," slip from their concealed bases in jungle inlets, for a raid upon Jap installations and inter-island shipping. These PT-boats, manned by picked crews, have played an important part in stemming and rolling back the Jap tide through the islands and now are helping isolate the enemy garrisons by destroying his lines of communications.

CARTERET BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Earl Dickinson, Boatswain's Mate -st CL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dickinson, of Core Creek, has not been home now for three years nor in the States for two until this Christmas when he had a few days with his sister, Mrs. Charles Young (Esther) of Fresno, Calif.

Pvt. Nathaniel R. Mason, USA, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mason, of Atlantic, has graduated from the Parachute School, Fort Benning, Ga. His fifth and qualifying jump, a night tactical leap identical to actual combat work in Sicily, completed his four weeks of jump training.

James G. Murdoch, Jr., son of J. G. Murdoch, of Wildwood, was recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and was transferred to the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., for intermediate flight training. Upon completion of his course he will receive his Navy wings with designation of Naval Aviator and will be commissioned either an Ensign, USNR, or a 2nd Lieutenant, USMCR.

E. C. McConnell, Chaplain USA, has been promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain. He is stationed in California.

Graham Duncan, Jr., USCGR, who has been stationed at Ocracoke for the past month spent the week-end here with his family.

Tommy Russell, son of Mr. Nat Russell, has completed a four weeks course in Diesel Engineering at Chicago has been assigned to Newport News. Mrs. Russell, the former Iris Willis, of Morehead City, accompanied him there.

Christopher Jones, Army Transport Service, stationed at Newport News, has been ordered to Chicago for a four weeks course in Diesel Engineering. Mrs. Jones and Kit will remain in Newport News during his absence. The Jones, incidentally, share a duplex house with the Richard Wisham's.

Albert Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Chappell, completed his course in aerial gunnery in Jacksonville in December. Following his leave he was ordered to Chicago, Va.

Air Cadet Harry Paul was transferred from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Athens, Ga., on January first for pre-flight work.

Lt. Norman Skarren has been transferred from Camp Van Dorn, Centerville, Miss., to Seattle, Wash.

Word has been received of the safe arrival in England of Cpl. Jack Barnes, US Army Air Corps.

Marion L. Lewis, Army Transport Service, Norfolk is spending a week with his grandmother and grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lewis.

Mrs. Ethel T. Brummit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Taylor, of Turner Street, left Tuesday for Camp Oglethorpe, Ga., to enter the WACS.

Miss Hilda Smith, USA, stationed at Camp Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, of Smyrna, has just been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

School Stamp And Bond Sale

The School Stamp and Bond Committee report a sale of \$675 worth of bonds and \$225 worth of stamps made on the first Tuesday of the new year.

Jaycees To Collect Paper Next Sunday

Jaycee Paper Collection will be made Sunday afternoon, January 9th, between 3 p. m. and night. Bundle scrap paper and put it on the porch.

COUNTY BOARD

The Board of County Commissioners met in unusually brief session on Monday morning with a 100 per cent attendance in spite of the deluge.

Tax settlement for Morehead City which was to come up was deferred until the February meeting. Other business consisted of eleven tax adjustments: Jordan Lewis, Stacy; Floyd Willis, Atlantic; Albert and George Way, Harker; Island; Darcy Willis, Morehead City; Albert Gillikin, Otway; Clifford Guthrie, Harkers Island; Mrs. Nathan Lupton, Cedar Island; Mary Styron, Harkers Island; Jessie Reels, Merrimon; and Selma Fulford.

LIST TAXES THIS MONTH

All taxpayers of Carteret County are called upon to list their real and personal property this month with the list takers of their respective township. Mr. John D. Brooks and Mr. F. R. Seelye will be at the Court House throughout the month to serve taxpayers of Beaufort Township.

CHIEF ILL

Chief of Police Walter Longest has been confined to his home since Thursday of last week because of illness. The report today is that he is improving although slowly.

No Town Board Meeting Monday

The Town Commissioners did not meet on Monday, January 3rd, because of the illness of several members. Their regular monthly meeting is now scheduled for next Monday, January 10th.

Speaker Sunday



Dr. Ralph A. Herring, of Winston-Salem, will be heard on the program of The Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock EWT over Stations WPTF, of Raleigh, and WBIG, of Greensboro. His subject will be, "The Primacy of the Spiritual."

Dr. Herring, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Winston-Salem is past Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention, now President of the N. C. Baptist Convention, and also serving as Trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Kentucky, and N. C. member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

THREE MEN HELD FOR DECEMBER HOLD-UPS HERE

Two Bound Over to March Court, Third To Be Heard Soon

Chester Gibson and Jack Williams, both colored, admitted in Mayor's Court that they had a part in the hold up of Joiner (colored) and the attempted hold up of Cecil Dudley (white) last month, and both were bound over to the March Term of Superior Court.

Albert Pratt (colored) said to be ringleader of the gang and who admits implication in the December epidemic of holdups is being held elsewhere for safe keeping and will be brought here for a hearing as soon as the Sheriff's office has completed working up necessary information on the case.

The offense for which Pratt was arrested was for stealing a passenger car which he wrecked on the other side of Morehead City, near Mansfield. His pocket book left in the car led to his identification and questioning. It is said that the car is being worked up.

OVER THE GOAL

Mrs. Martha Loftin, of Beaufort, Seal Sale Chairman for Carteret County announces that the County went over the top in the 37th Annual Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale final reports of which are being made this week. With a goal of \$1200, already \$1300 has come in with a few letters still unheard from.

"Joking"

Young Joe King, born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred King, of Moore Street, on December 29th has a name about which there is a story for those interested in local trivia. This very young Joe's grandfather, some several times removed, is said to have been a native of Portugal. So attractive was he as a child that sailors took him from his nurse, carried him aboard their ship, and brought him here. The little fellow could not communicate his name, but because he was always merry and full of jokes the nickname "Joking" was given him which has stuck and accounted for a long line of Joe King's among us.

MRS. BETTS' FATHER DIES IN RALEIGH

Funeral services were conducted in Raleigh on Tuesday for Joseph H. Mitchell, father of Mrs. J. P. Betts, of Front Street, by Rev. Howard McLamb pastor of the Fairmont Methodist Church, and burial was in the Clayton Cemetery.

Mr. Mitchell died Sunday morning at the age of eighty-six years following a long illness. He is survived by one son: H. Mitchell, of Raleigh; and by seven daughters: Mrs. Betts, Miss Bertie Mitchell, Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. H. R. Cox, Mrs. E. H. Roberts, of Raleigh; Mrs. C. T. Pugh, of New Bern; Mrs. C. E. Bellman, of Huntington, Ind.

ITEMS NO LONGER RATIONED

Pressure cookers and feed grinders and crushers have been removed from rationing. Because the supply of pressure cookers will not meet all uses, the approval of the War Food Administration is necessary for purchases of pressure cookers for other than food preservation uses. Application should be made to the Director, Office of Materials and Facilities, War Food Administration, Washington, D. C.

Hundreds May Lose Property In County

Hundreds of persons in Carteret County who are failing to pay the executions against their property will lose same unless they pay their taxes for the years 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940. This is indicated by the fact that Sheriff C. G. Holland is selling property on Jan. 10th and 12th of executions which are unpaid before that time and which have been advertised in this paper for the past four weeks. Persons owing should pay before Monday on property which no payments have been made and before Wednesday on property on which partial payments have been made but not paid in full. The Sheriff will be forced to put buyer in possession and original owner out of possession following sale.

December Weather

December weather day by day as reported at the Beaufort Station, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Pivers Island.

	Max.	Min.
1	65	38
2	63	42
3	65	46
4	68	44
5	67	49
6	69	47
7	73	50
8	71	56
9	69	56
10	70	54
11	67	43
12	62	38
13	63	43
14	56	39
15	60	29
16	Snow	29
17	43	21
18	37	21
19	50	27
20	50	35
21	57	32
22	59	44
23	50	33
24	54	29
25	50	29
26	60	42
27	55	45
28	57	42
29	53	34
30	58	45
31	55	32

Cull Laying Flock To Increase Profit

Culling the laying flock at frequent intervals during the entire year removes those hens which are "eating their heads off" yet are not laying. And such culling means that profits are increased considerably, says T. T. Brown, Extension poultryman with the State College Extension Service.

Some of the hens are paying excellent dividends by a constant production of eggs while other hens are eating into these profits by not laying any eggs or only occasionally. "With the present high prices for feed, it is especially desirable to remove from the flock all thin, undersized, light-weight, and otherwise unthrifty hens," Brown says.

He points out that it is comparatively easy to determine whether a hen is in good laying condition. The comb of the laying hen is bright red and enlarged. The eyes are clear and bright, giving the head an appearance of alertness.

On the other hand, the comb, face and wattles of the non-laying hen are shrunk, dry and pale. The entire head appears long and beefy, and the eyes are not clear and bright. The low producer is also comparatively inactive and of a wild disposition. Summing up all these points, Brown says that the principal things to watch are health, present laying condition, past performance, and the future possibilities as layers or breeders. Unless a hen is healthy and vigorous, she cannot be expected to lay profitably.

"This year it will be increasingly hard to make good profits from poultry and constant culling is more important than ever before," Brown says.

CHANGES IN STOVE RATIONING

Eligibility requirements for rationed heating stoves have been widened. A consumer who has a heating or cooking stove that cannot be used satisfactorily is now eligible for a stove rationing certificate. Ration certificates also may be issued for stoves to heat premises where essential community activities, such as volunteer Red Cross work, are carried on. A ration certificate now may be issued to a landlord who wishes to buy a stove for the use of an eligible tenant.

DAIRY MAY STOP MILK DELIVERY WITH JANUARY

Mgr. Says 17-cent Ceiling Price Does Not Cover Cost of Delivery Service

Beaufort may be without any delivery of pasteurized milk by the end of this month. Whether it has it or not, according to H. F. Scripture, Manager of the Dixie Dairy, will depend upon whether Washington approves their request for a raise of one cent in ceiling price—a request supported by the County Board of Health and already approved by the Atlanta Regional Office.

According to Mr. Scripture, the increase of one cent will bring the price only to the eighteen cents granted in January, 1943, and in operation until August of last year. On the basis of the eighteen cent price contracts with farmers and labor were made. In August, OPA cut their price to seventeen cents when expenses were more, wage scales everywhere higher, and the Dairy found it impossible to cut back to the basis on which it had operated when milk previously sold for seventeen cents—instead, the Dairy professes to have been operating in the red.

The County Health Department has supported the Dairy in their request for the raise because they feel the increase will be necessary in order to expect the milk to measure up to required standards.

In the event the request fails to get through, Dixie will continue to sell milk wholesale to dealers and restaurants, but say they will cut delivery in the interest of economy as it is the only cut they can make that will not effect the quality of their product. The Government is expected to signify approval or disapproval of the request by the end of the month.

Miss Rivenbark Resigns Dec. 31

Miss Virginia Rivenbark resigned from the Carteret County Health Department effective December 31st and left on Tuesday for her home in Watha. Her plans for the future are not definitely formulated, but before taking up work of any kind, she plans to rest at home for a month.

Miss Rivenbark is a Rex Hospital graduate. She took the Public Health Course at Chapel Hill and has been in Public Health work since the spring of 1941. She came here in September, after serving in Roberson County.

Dr. Oliver, Director of the Department, plans to fill the vacancy due to Miss Rivenbark's resignation during the month, but her successor has not yet been named.

Time

The greatest crop losses in North Carolina are caused by growers not doing farm jobs at the proper time, says R. W. Shoffner, Extension specialist in farm management at State College.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tide at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and are based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the head of the estuaries.

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Jan. 7	
7:00 AM.	12:33 AM.
7:012 PM.	1:28 PM.
Saturday, Jan. 8	
7:47 AM.	1:21 AM.
7:58 PM.	2:15 PM.
Sunday, Jan. 9	
8:31 AM.	2:07 AM.
8:42 PM.	2:58 PM.
Monday, Jan. 10	
9:11 AM.	2:49 AM.
9:24 PM.	3:38 PM.
Tuesday, Jan. 11	
9:48 AM.	3:31 AM.
10:04 PM.	4:16 PM.
Wednesday, Jan. 12	
10:25 AM.	4:11 AM.
10:44 PM.	4:53 PM.
Thursday, Jan. 13	
10:11:01 AM.	4:50 AM.
11:21 PM.	5:30 PM.