

# Discrepancy Is Evident In State Gas Situation

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, May 19.—It is estimated that "figures don't add up" in the state's gas situation. There is no indication that anybody has deliberately lied, but there is some discrepancy in published figures that present a picture of misunderstanding in connection with gasoline taxes, motor fuel, rationing and what have you.

The publication of an administrative report that for the month of March gasoline tax collections in 42 eastern states were 94.4 per cent of the corresponding figures for the same month last year. In North Carolina, the tax collections for March were about 95 per cent under the previous year. For April they fell only about 20 per cent short. For the 12 months ending March 31, 1942, the total amount of gasoline tax collections was \$100,000,000.

The motor fuel tax on gasoline is a tax on the gallon. The tax is 10 cents a gallon. The tax is collected by the State upon arrival of the motor fuel at the point of sale. The tax is collected by the State upon arrival of the motor fuel at the point of sale. The tax is collected by the State upon arrival of the motor fuel at the point of sale.

## Board Will Study Gasoline Grades in Use Over the State

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Raleigh, May 19.—The State board of petroleum and oil inspection today recommended a plan to study the gasoline grades in use over the State. The board is studying the problem in connection with a bill to be introduced in the Senate to do with higher gasoline content, but the whole question of grades and labels will probably be considered.

The hearing was set upon request of the N. C. Petroleum Industry Committee, which proposes to have a number of experts on hand to present the case for the industry. The committee has been holding in Florida and Georgia conferences in connection with the study of the problem. It is estimated that the industry that after the passage of the bill in these states, the use of the same grade of gasoline will be applied to the entire State.

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## AROUND CAPITOL SQUARE

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**SAFETY**—The joke is on somebody. Mrs. B. P. Flythe, director of education for the highway safety division, backing away from a parking meter on Fayetteville street Monday caught fenders with a car parked in the next berth. There was more noise than damage. Small as the accident was, it certainly cannot be classed as "unavoidable."

**REP'S STATE SENATOR**—Edna Gregory of Salisbury tells this one: As he left his hotel here Monday he observed two or three pickamint men with their boxes. One of them accosted a soldier with corporate checkbook, "Some, mister?" "No," replied the soldier, "I haven't got the money." "I don't care but a nickel, mister." "I haven't even got a nickel." The kid squared off, looked away, his pocket and came back with "Well, mister, could you start a two-cent bill?" The creditor didn't want to see the outcome of the conversation, but he is satisfied that colored shoe boy will no places when in a jam.

**MULBERRIES**—There is no official report on prospects for a mulberry crop, judging by a few tax records from some question asked of yielding farmers. The general fruit crop shortage doesn't present a mulberry grove. That it is good news to pig and hog raisers, many of whom think mulberries are the best food. Swine specialists at State College say the berries are very good for them. There is little real value in them. They can do no harm, keep them out of the house and provide a little variety in the menu. The mulberry trees also are food for birds, for dogs, and for cats.

**BOILERS**—North Carolina has a pretty good boiler inspection law, but currently has no boiler inspectors. The State has a boiler department in the Raleigh office, but no inspectors. The State has a boiler department in the Raleigh office, but no inspectors. The State has a boiler department in the Raleigh office, but no inspectors.

**HALF-PINT**—Interested residents of the 25 AIC counties in North Carolina and coupon book holders have the laugh on Virginia. Reports reaching capital states indicate that Virginia is facing necessity of rationing liquor on the basis of half a pint a week. The Old Dominion didn't start any sort of rationing program until months after North Carolina had issued the little coupon books. During that period there was plenty of griping by the "dry" forces. Also there was some traveling. Carolinians crossed the line to get larger supplies. Meanwhile, distillers had rationed on a State basis. Later reports are that Virginia's quota is approaching depletion and drastic rationing may be resorted to in order to assure even half a pint a week.

**ITALY**—Total victory for the Allied nations in North Africa has focused world attention on Italy. Clifton Backwith, station man in the attorney general's office, says of the exact question but he recalls reading something like this that Napoleon said about Italy about 140 years ago: "If Italy is your enemy, it will take two divisions to conquer her; if she is neutral, it will require ten divisions to watch her; if she is your ally, it will take fifty divisions to protect her." Backwith figures Backwith knew what he was talking about, and that the situation hasn't changed much.

**CREDITS**—Bankers must not be very generous with tips. A non-banker was looking over the crowded hotel lobby Monday when the State bankers convention was just getting under way and remarked to a teller boy: "There's lots of money presented here. 'Yeah,' he drawled, 'but it's all on paper; you can't spend that.'"

**"PLANENAPPED"**—The word isn't in the dictionary yet, but it kidnapping means stealing kids, why shouldn't planenapping mean stealing airplanes? Anyway, the ugly prized model of the original Eighth Kitty Hawk plane is gone from its accustomed niche in the State Hall of history, it won't be back in a few days. Bill Sharpe, publisher for Fairchild Aircraft, met with Alfred Chris Crittenden, secretary of the department of archives and library. Sharpe wanted the model to display in the hall of history. After the fair, that model was it has since attracted a good deal of attention. For one day it will share honors with the AT-21, plywood training bomber plane being manufactured at Burlington. After Thursday the Wright model will come back to the hall of history, and AT-21's will come off the assembly line and go to army air training schools.

**MODEL**—The original Wright plane is still in London, where it was placed some years ago after an intricate dispute between the Wrights and the Smithsonian Institution. When the World's Fair came along in 1938 North Carolina wanted to display something to attract the birth of aviation in this State. A group of State College engineering students undertook the building of a small replica to exact scale. After the fair, that model was brought to the hall of history where it has since attracted a good deal of attention. For one day it will share honors with the AT-21, plywood training bomber plane being manufactured at Burlington. After Thursday the Wright model will come back to the hall of history, and AT-21's will come off the assembly line and go to army air training schools.

**PARTIES**—Governor Broughton and several other top rank State officials journey to Shelby Monday night to welcome the Selway outfit to North Carolina. Thursday they go to Burlington to lend approbation of the flight of the first bomber training plans to be put into the air.

by Fairchild. They feel they have to do this every time some big community event occurs—such as a war industry opening, first plane flight, first ship launching, E flag awarding and similar evidences of Tar Heel participation in the war. They have to make or listen to the same old speeches, eat the same kind of iced chicken, and "little peace. Other attendees really enjoy the affairs, these fellows that have to do it every time get fed up; but it's part of the job.

**SIDETRACKED**—Thad Eure, secretary of state, got sidetracked Monday night. Instead of going to the regulation banquet at Shelby he went to Greensboro to crown the winner of a C. G. show.

**MAYORS**—The little town of Holly Ridge ran into difficulties when it found the elected mayor listed on the side of town. Kenneth Lee faced the same problem upon learning the elected mayor wasn't registered as a voter and is therefore presumed disqualified. These mayors weren't rich enough, Dick Reynolds was elected and served without protest as mayor of Winston-Salem, although his legal residence of the city. It's more difficult to argue against an unknown number of millions of dollars than against a small town candidate.

**CHANGE**—Switch in Federal of fiscalism don't come quite so rapidly in branch offices as at Washington, but they come often enough to be confusing. For months Ned Johnson has continued use of the title of "State OPA Director" after the State had actually been split into two districts of approximately equal standing. The official order "came through and Johnson is now "Raleigh district director." L. W. Dye is in charge of the Charlotte district. Johnson has 54 counties. Dekeed 46—with one or two counties wanting moved to the Raleigh district so their representative can confer with other State OPA headquarters. Gail Ford and Fought, suitably, would like to get under Raleigh.

**DEMOTION**—The change was a technical demotion for Johnson. He is not State director any more. Designation of W. Hans H. Her, of Durham, as "acting district director" to the Raleigh district is also a sort of demotion for Gus Bateman. Bateman is gasoline rationing and by reason of seniority had been regarded as top man when Ted J. Hinson was out of town, though he had no actual authority. The Hoffer appointment proceeds "top authority" in the Raleigh OPA office even when Johnson is away. Bateman, however, will still have to wrestle with gasoline rationing—Oldest and most troublesome of all the coupon rationing problems.

**BIG SHOT**—Honors go to the North Carolina C. League for Negroes at Durham, specifically to President James E. Shepherd, for getting the "biggest" commercial speaker to come to the State "his year. What internationally famed Duke University listens to a relatively unknown Presbyterian preacher from New York, Dr. Paul Wolfe, for the commencement address, students over a N. C. College will have Sumner Welles, under secretary of state, and in the light of world development perhaps the most important man in America except Franklin Roosevelt.

**DUCKED**—Dr. Frank Graham, in the university payroll by reason of service on the War Labor Board, but still in the job as boss of an important business is at hand, was here Monday for a meeting of the executive committee of the UNC trustees. Newsmen thought they would corner him and ask "Who are you going to do about John Lewis?" Dr. Graham could duck it and get out of office and closed meetings faster than a baseball shortstop and the question had to be put while he was on the run. He didn't answer it. In light of developments as recorded by news stories Monday night, maybe he didn't know the answer. Perhaps, even, he was more concerned about what John Lewis was going to do to his board.

**BIRTHDAY**—The beer industry control program in North Carolina had a birthday Tuesday. It was four years old, having been organized at Charlotte on May 18, 1938. During that four years the North Carolina committee has held 35 meetings of distributors, 125 meetings of retail dealers, and investigated more than 5,000 retail outlets in the 98 counties which permit a sale of beer. It has conducted an advertising campaign, in 1939 new papers in the State, not so much for the sake of beer as to make it handling comply in all respects with the law.

**MONFORT**—North and South Carolina newspaper readers seldom saw Red Monfort's name on a story. Not many of them realized that every story they carried an AP slug had used under his direction as chief of the Charlotte Associated Press Bureau. But when news flashed over the wires early Tuesday morning that Red had died suddenly soon after midnight practically every newspaper man paused to pay tribute to a great newsman. The average reader won't miss him, because the job goes on—the news comes through; but every craftsman knows he will be hard to replace. Requiescat in pace.

**IN NAVAL AIR SERVICE**—Chapel Hill, May 19.—Louis H. Greenbaum, of Harrodsburg, Ky., who graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1941, recently completed his flight training at Pensacola, Fla., and won his commission as an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

**WINS WINGS**—Chapel Hill, May 19.—Charles D. Cunningham from Monroe, who graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1942, recently completed his flight training at Pensacola, Fla., and won his commission as an ensign in the Naval Reserve.



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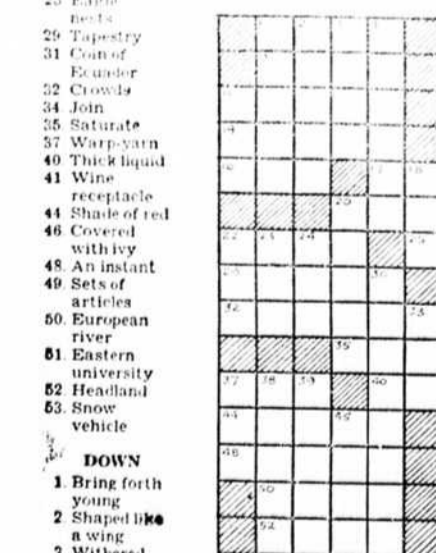
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## DAILY CROSSWORD

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  - 17 His wife turned to suit
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  - 20 Scarf
  - 22 Suppose
  - 25 Earle necks
  - 26 Tapestry
  - 31 Corn of Ender
  - 32 Crowd
  - 34 Join
  - 35 Saturate
  - 37 Warp-yarn
  - 40 Thick liquid
  - 41 Wine receptacle
  - 44 Shade of red
  - 46 Covered with ivy
  - 48 An instant
  - 49 Sets of articles
  - 50 European river
  - 51 Eastern university
  - 52 Headland
  - 53 Snow vehicle
- DOWN**
- 1 Bring forth young
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**CRYPTOQUOTE**—A cryptogram quotation  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN NOTHING IS ENJOYED, CAN THERE BE GREATER WASTE?—THOMSON.  
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