

Gas pains rest for Labor Day

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Students leaving for the Labor Day weekend can hop in their cars and take off with the assurance that gasoline can be found somewhere on the road to the beach, the mountains or home sweet home.

A spot check by *The Daily Tar Heel* showed that four out of 10 gasoline stations surveyed in Chapel Hill will be open Labor Day and at least part of the weekend. And most station managers say they are having no trouble in getting their September gas allocations.

Pam Baxter of the Holiday Inn at North Myrtle Beach said most all gas stations in the area will be open on Labor Day and Sunday this weekend.

"However, it's been a little slower for the motels this year than it usually is," Baxter said. "But I know we'll fill up with walk-in guests."

A spot check of gas stations in Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach showed that two out of three stations would be closed on Sunday and Labor Day. A spokesman for B&M Exxon at Wrightsville Beach said he would be open only if he got his shipment of gas on Saturday.

Brian Flattery, state Department of Energy director said that there would be no problem finding gasoline across the state this weekend or in the months to follow.

"There has never been a severe gasoline shortage in North Carolina," Flattery said. "We are only 5 percent short at the worst from what we had last year."

Flattery said that even though some stations claim they are only getting 70 percent of what they got last year, there are "other new stations down the road" that make up for the difference.

It is typical for the price of gas to go down a few pennies during the winter because of less demand for gas and greater demand for heating oil, Flattery said.

"Every spring we use more gas than heating oil," Flattery said. "The energy companies are aware of that and they shift to make up for the changed price of gas."



Gas assured for holiday travel

Even though North Carolina should see some spot shortages, Flattery said, he did not see any person totally without gasoline.

However, before winter comes, the price of gas will still go up at least a few more pennies, according to Jim Stanley of the Etna Oil Company in Winston-Salem.

"It will go up at the first of September, no telling how many cents," Stanley said. His company distributes to Etna dealers around the state.

Stanley was positive, however, that there would be no problem in his company's ability to deliver their September allocations.

"The only thing I am worried about is a possible shortage of gas in the spring because of more heating oil than gas production in the winter," Stanley said.

Stanley said the Etna has had only a few spot shortages, and they were caused by the increased demand on their market because of allocation cutbacks at other stations.

"We're getting 100 percent of our 1978 allocation," Stanley said. "When other customers started coming to us, we got behind in the shipments."

"Our truckers were working 24 hours a day. We always had the gas. The problem was that we couldn't get it out fast enough."

Losing cool?

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University buildings will comply with President Carter's emergency regulations concerning heating and cooling, said John Temple, UNC vice chancellor for business and finance at UNC.

Carter's regulations require that owners not use energy to reduce the temperature below 78 degrees during the air-conditioning season or raise it above 65 degrees during the heating season.

In an attempt to coordinate efforts, Claude E. Swecker, director of the UNC physical plant, has asked that each department head appoint an energy monitor by Sept. 1.

Energy monitors from all departments will attend meetings to determine the most effective methods of maintaining their buildings at the required temperature, Temple said.

Building Compliance Certificates will be posted as soon after these meetings as possible.

Exemptions from Carter's regulations will include health-care facilities and private residences. Libraries and research facilities are of undetermined status. Their status will be decided upon in meetings of energy monitors, Temple said.

Flagrant infractions of Carter's regulations can result in civil penalties of \$5,000 and criminal penalties of \$10,000 per day, Department of Energy officials said.

Carter has asked each state government to appoint inspectors in compliance with his regulations, and he has allocated federal money for this purpose. North Carolina has not yet accepted or rejected the federal money but state Energy Director Brian Flattery has said state inspectors will police buildings across the state within the next few months.

The absence of a time limit for accepting the new energy regulations is a problem, said Lorn Harvey, assistant coordinator of the DOE 78-degree program.

If a state does not appoint its own inspectors, its federal money will be rescinded and federal inspectors will be appointed.

So far, eleven states have agreed to follow Carter's regulations.

News In Brief

Defense fights to release MacDonald

RALEIGH (AP)—Defense attorneys fought Thursday to have Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald released from prison while they appeal his triple-murder conviction, but prosecutors insisted the former Green Beret captain should remain in jail.

U.S. District Judge Franklin T. Dupree Jr. took under advisement requests to set bail for the 35-year-old emergency-room physician, convicted Wednesday of stabbing and bludgeoning his pregnant wife and two young daughters to death at Fort Bragg in 1970. He was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences. Dupree had not filed a decision when court closed Thursday.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Prisons said MacDonald will be transferred from a minimum-custody unit at Butner to the medium-security unit at Terminal Island, near Long Beach, Calif. The prison is near MacDonald's home.

Mike Aun of the bureau's Washington office said MacDonald will remain at Butner until there is a decision on bail. MacDonald will be eligible for parole after he serves 10 years, according to the federal parole board.

No formal notice of appeal was filed Thursday. Attorneys said they expected one to be filed soon.

Kosygin pledges ceiling on bombers

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Alexei N. Kosygin has promised that the Soviet Union will not build more than 30 Backfire bombers a year and expects the United States to withdraw from the SALT II agreement if the vow is broken, the head of a U.S. Senate delegation said Thursday.

Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., said that although Kosygin reiterated this pledge—said to have been given verbally by Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev to President Carter during the Vienna summit in June, when the treaty was signed—Soviet officials still refuse to put it in writing. The production ceiling is not in the formal treaty text.

The Backfire production issue, and whether the Soviets will agree not to allow the bomber to be modified, making it capable of striking the U.S. mainland, figure in four possible Senate reservations to the SALT II pact that Biden and his group came to discuss.

Cargo ship explodes, killing three

GOOD HOPE, La. (AP)—A Peruvian ship coming down the Mississippi River veered out of control Thursday and rammed a big butane tank barge, setting off a huge fireball. Three cargo ship crewmen, all Peruvians, died, three people were missing and 18 were hospitalized.

The barge, torn from the Good Hope Refinery loading dock by the impact of the 514-foot Inca Tupac Yupanqui, drifted downstream, billowing flame.

Those unaccounted for included the tug skipper, and a crewman and the only passenger aboard the ship.

About 300 people living in riverside subdivisions three miles downstream were ordered evacuated when the burning barge struck the riverbank. They were taken to shelters where civil defense officials said they probably would remain for 24 hours.

Two charged with killing Mountbatten

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—Irish authorities Thursday charged an alleged IRA time-bomb expert and another man with murder in the slaying of Britain's Earl Mountbatten, killed when his boat was blown up in Donegal Bay.

Police said they also rounded up an unspecified number of men for questioning in an overnight swoop through County Donegal.

Francis McGill, a 24-year-old farmer, and Thomas McMahon, 31, an upholsterer—both alleged members of the illegal Irish Republican Army's Provisional wing—stood before a judge for just 4½ minutes in Dublin's special no-jury court for terrorist cases.

Two members of Mountbatten's family and a local teen-age boat hand were also killed in last Monday's boat explosion, for which the IRA claimed responsibility.

Lebanon say PLO stocking Soviet arms

AIN EBEL, Lebanon (AP)—The commander of Israeli-backed Christian militia forces in southern Lebanon on Thursday charged Palestinian guerrillas with using a four-day cease-fire to restock Soviet arms and reinforce their positions.

Maj. Saad Haddad said two Soviet ships had docked in the guerrilla stronghold of Tyre about five days ago and unloaded rockets, mortars, rocket propelled grenades, artillery shells and small arms.

Haddad, who receives military supplies and support from Israel in his brushfire war with the Palestinians, controls a six-mile-deep border strip that he had proclaimed an independent "Free Lebanon."

Although neither the Palestinians nor Christians have officially acknowledged the cease-fire, the volatile area has quieted this week as Israel suspended the heavy retaliation it began in April against Palestinian guerrilla posts in Lebanon.

Windy David—raisin' cane in Barbados

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP)—Hurricane David devastated the tiny Caribbean island of Dominica, killing at least seven people and leveling virtually all the houses in the capital, Roseau, Prime Minister Oliver Seraphin said Thursday.

"There are very few roofs remaining and very few buildings standing," in Roseau, Seraphin said. He predicted the death toll would go much higher in "the worst disaster we have had in living memory."

The story, one of the most dangerous of the century, flattened vital banana crops on Dominica and the neighboring islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe on Wednesday, then headed northwest Thursday toward the southern coasts of Puerto Rico and Hispaniola island, shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Authorities said the hurricane center was passing 100 miles south of Puerto Rico and Hispaniola late

Thursday, but evacuated low-lying coastal areas as a precaution.

Forecasters warned that hurricanes often behave erratically, and David could shift course.

Winds within the storm were clocked at 150 mph. Sustained winds of up to 74 mph extend 50 miles on all directions, and steady gale force winds up to 63 mph radiate at least 100 miles from the center.

The U.S. National Weather Service reported at 3 p.m. EDT Thursday the storm was centered near latitude 16.5 north and longitude 66.6 west, and was headed northwest at 13 miles an hour.

Forecasters said that course would carry the storm about 100 miles south of Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city, and they were reasonably certain that hurricane force winds,

higher than 74 mph would not strike the island.

Heavy seas and gale force winds of more than 50 miles an hour lashed Ponce and other areas on the southern coast, forcing evacuation of lowlying areas.

Police in the southern coastal city of Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic, began to evacuate people from wooden huts in the low-lying parts of the city. A spokesman for the national palace said President Silvestre Antonio Guzman was monitoring emergency preparations.

On Dominica, Seraphin broadcast an international appeal for aid, and ordered government buildings, schools and churches opened to an estimated 60,000 persons whose flimsy wooden homes were destroyed by the hurricane.

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that special voter registration would bring harassment to the board. Sharer declined to name the board member.

The county elections board is made up of three members—Chairman Pat Carpenter, Lillian Lee and Lloyd.

Rose said the elections board member he spoke with was very negative about allowing registration in apartment complexes.

"She told me she was sick and tired of being hassled, of having certain Orange Committee members attending Board of Elections meetings," he said. "She told me she was intimidated and didn't want to be sued."

Although Orange Committee member Sim Efland declined to say if his group would consider filing further challenges if apartment registration were held, he said he opposed special registration efforts conducted in only one part of the county.

Lee said she had not talked to Rose or Sharer and would not comment on the

proposed apartment registration until it comes up for discussion at a board meeting.

An elections board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11. Rose said the meeting is so soon before the registration deadline that even if the special registration were approved, it would last less than four weeks.

"But if we get it on the agenda, we'll take it," he said.

Carpenter said she had heard nothing about the suggested special registration, but would consider putting it on the agenda for the Sept. 11 meeting.

"I have ambivalent feelings about it," she said. "I'm in favor of it in that I want anybody that is eligible to vote to have the opportunity to register. The problem I see is that some apartment complexes are almost all students. I'm not sure it's fair to make it so much easier for students to register than for other residents of the county."

"Most of the regular registration places are fairly accessible to anyone who spends time on campus," Carpenter said. "The Municipal Building and the public library are both within walking distance of campus."

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"WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?"

Psalms 2:1 and Acts 4:25

A story and incident: We introduce three men, Messrs. A, B, and C. For the most part they grew up together, went to the same Sunday School and Church and attended the prayer meeting on Wednesday night, as was usual by most of the church people in those days, and all of them joined or in time became members of this same Church.

Mr. A turned out to be a Foreign Missionary and spent most of a long life in that ministry. B and C after leaving school went into secular employment. For some years B continued attending church and prayer meeting but showed little interest in living up to his church vows and, on the contrary, tended to make light of them and the subject of joking and laughter, as well as marriage relations and other things in life that should be considered more or less sacred and personal. For example, he said he dozed off to sleep one night at prayer meeting and dreamed he was in a card game. The preacher called on him to pray, or lead the prayer, and he woke up just in time to hear his name called and the word "lead," so he replied "It ain't my lead, I doat," to the great embarrassment of himself and all present. An Orphan Home Superintendent reported that Mr. B had an illegitimate child in his institution but would not contribute towards the child's support.

Mr. A, who was a bachelor, after many years on the Foreign Field was at home on a furlough. B met C on the street one day and said: "Have you seen A, did you know he was back home?" "Yes," replied C, "and glad to see him again." To this

B replied: "A told me he was not married. The reason he looked so sad and sorrowful was that he did not see me at the prayer meeting last time!"

There is indeed cause for sadness and sorrow at the "passing of the prayer meeting" completely out of so many of our churches, and often where they have not been abandoned altogether relatively very few attend. Someone has truly remarked that the prayer meeting services have just about been deserted, but the "sat-in-meeting" draws the files, pardon, should have said draws the crowds.

Only eternity will tell the story of "the showers of blessing," yes, the "floods of blessing" that have proceeded from genuine prayer meetings, and it may also reveal that the "passing of the prayer meeting" is at the bottom of our troubles, confusion, evil, crime, etc. in this nation that should be today leading the other nations "into paths of righteousness for God's Name sake!" Think of the river-side prayer meeting in the 18th chapter of Acts that turned the tide of blessing and Christianity towards our pagan ancestors instead of another direction! Think of the prayer meeting of the Wesley brothers and Whitefield at Oxford University, and the results to England, America, and indeed the world! The neglect of prayer and "the ways of God" grieved and made God sorrowful in the days of Noah.

God is grieved in His heart at the wickedness of men of the world! Are you grieved, you who claim to be His child and follower?