

MAKE EVERY PAY DAY WAR BOND DAY STOP SPENDING—SAVE DOLLARS

THE PILOT

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Gasoline Rationing Starting; Schools Finish Registration, Issuance of Purchase Cards

Over 300 Per Day Seek "Meal Tickets" to Buy Auto Fuel Until July

Those little "meal ticket" cards which were distributed to gasoline users at the schools throughout the county this week become effective May 15, and, from now on, probably the only motorists who will drive into a filling station and shout, "Fill 'er up" will be those privileged holders of "X" cards—unlimited gasoline allowance.

The ration cards for gasoline will have to last each user through the end of June, and most folks got "A" cards which will allow them, under the present plan, 21 gallons for the next six weeks.

Again, as with the sugar rationing program, the school teachers and school facilities were utilized to help consumers apply for and get their gasoline rationing cards. In Southern Pines about 300 motorists a day were taken care of from Tuesday through Thursday, and less than 100 a day applied at the West Southern Pines School.

May Use at One Filling

Under the present rationing program, each unit on the card issued entitles the auto owner to three gallons of gasoline. The regulations permit him to purchase as much as he wants at one time; but when his card runs out of units—he may run out of gas.

Appeals for more gasoline than allowed on the original card are permitted by the regular county rationing board, which meets in Carthage Thursday afternoons. However, because of the added burdens placed upon this board, it was understood that no individual interviews would be allowed, but that all applications would be considered.

Also, those who did not register and receive sugar rationing cards cannot now get them from the schools, but must apply to the rationing board in Carthage. J. L. McGraw is chairman of the board, and other members are George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs and R. F. Tarlton of Southern Pines.

5,001 Sugar Cards

During the sugar rationing program last week, the school facilities in Southern Pines and West Southern Pines registered a total of 5,001 applicants, according to P. J. Weaver, superintendent. He said that each school teacher in the system assisted in the registration and issuance of ration cards for sugar and gasoline.

The effects of gasoline rationing in this Sandhills section were shown this week by a considerable exodus of folks, heading for the spots they plan to spend the summer, and getting out of here before the strict rationing became effective.

GOES OFF PREACHING; BUSINESS IS ROBBED

When W. M. Allen, Negro proprietor of a caddy house and luncheon at the Southern Pines golf course, went off on a "preaching" the other day, he left Ed Larkins, another Negro, in charge. When he came back from his "preaching," Larkins, the money and much of the stock was gone. Chief Ed Newton trailed Larkins to Laurinburg, but there found that he had left the State and headed toward Georgia. About \$20 in cash was stolen, according to the Chief.

AUTHORITY

A blackout ordinance giving wide authority to special civilian defense authorities during practice and actual blackouts was adopted Wednesday night by the Southern Pines Board of Commissioners, in regular meeting.

Among other provisions of the ordinance is that which authorizes special police "to enter upon any premises within the Town of Southern Pines, using reasonable force, and extinguish lights or take other necessary action to make effective this ordinance . . ."

The town board also heard a report concerning the operation of the Country Club during the season, showing that the gross receipts of approximately \$9,800 were a little larger than last season's total, thus reducing the operating deficit to some extent.

EXPLAINS COMMAND



GENERAL WALTER R. WEAVER

Weaver Tells Club of Training Forces

Ground Crew Work Important to Aerial Warfare, General Tells Members of Kiwanis

Confidence of combat flying crews in the ground forces which keep the planes in shape for top-notch flying is one of the most important factors in this war, declared General Walter R. Weaver, head of the Air Force Technical Training Command at Knollwood, before the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday.

General Weaver was no newcomer to the ways of Kiwanis meeting; for he was vice president of the Montgomery, Ala., Kiwanis Club, when he was stationed at Maxwell Field. This was his first public appearance in this section since the Command headquarters were established at The Pine Needles.

The Technical Training Command is charged with the "tremendous responsibility" of preparing thousands upon thousands of men to be in charge of ground operations of our flying forces, the General said. The headquarters of the command stationed at Knollwood, is the planning and administrative unit in charge of large schools all over the country where these men are being trained.

"Tend to Their Work"

"When the War Department was streamlined," General Weaver explained, it was decided to move out of congested Washington to a section which would be near Washington and yet allow the planning staff to "tend to their work and keep in good condition," so necessary to this type of work.

The schools operated under the Command are for specialists in airplanes, motors, radio, hydraulics, photography, for instructors, administrative officers and inspectors said General Weaver.

Combat flyers do not look after their own planes, and with aerial warfare as important as in the present war, it is of great necessity that the ground force be well-trained and have the complete confidence of the flyers.

"No organization has more important work than this," he concluded.

Accompanying the General was his aide-de-camp, Lt. Raymond C. Firestone. Among other visitors at the club meeting were Joe Steed, Mayor Duncan Matthews, and Carl G. Thompson, all of Southern Pines.

GRADUATING NURSES TO BE ENTERTAINED

The Moore County Hospital Auxiliary has sent out invitations for a party on Saturday evening, May 16, in honor of the nurses who are graduating this week from the three-year training course jointly given by the North Carolina Sanatorium and the Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. Harry Hogg, of Pinehurst, heads the Auxiliary committee in charge of arrangements. Through the cooperation of Maj. R. H. Betts, of the public relations office at Fort Bragg, a group of soldiers from the post will be guests, and will help with the music and entertainment.

One feature will be a half-hour of spirituals sung by a chorus of Negro people who have been patients in the hospital and who are eager to show their appreciation. The party will be given at the Nurses' Home, Pinehurst, and will begin at nine o'clock.

Advisors to Assist Draft Registrants With Question Form

Occupational Questionnaires Being Sent Registered Men

Occupational questionnaires, which have been sent out by the Selective Service Board in Washington to many of the registrants under the Selective Service Act, have given so much difficulty to those trying to fill them out that there has been set up in Southern Pines a special advisory board to assist registrants in correctly completing the two-page form filled with questions.

Members of this board will be available daily, Monday through Saturday, from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m., and from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m., at the Southern Pines Police Station to help those who receive the blanks and have difficulty in filling them out correctly.

These assistants will be known as "associate members of the Moore County Registrants Advisory Board" and at least two of them will be on duty during the specified times.

Serving on the board are J. C. Barron, Jackson H. Boyd, James Boyd, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, Ernest L. Ives, Harlow Pearson, James Schwartz, the Rev. J. Fred Stinson, Harry Vale, Carl G. Thompson, Paul Jeannigan, and the Rev. Vaught O. Taylor.

The board began its services this week and will continue until no longer needed. The police station is located on W. New Hampshire avenue, next to the A. B. C. store.

Junius M. Windham Passes at Age of 73

Was Known as "Judge"; Stores Close in Respect During Hour of Funeral

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Baptist Church for Junius M. Windham, well-known Southern Pines man, who died Sunday at Veteran's hospital in Fayetteville, after a serious illness of several weeks. He was 73 years old.

Out of respect to the deceased, who has been active in business and community life of the Sandhills since he came here in 1914, the merchants of the town closed their doors during the period of the funeral.

For many years a justice of the peace here, Mr. Windham was known familiarly as "Judge" Windham. He had been active in real estate circles for a number of years and, until his recent illness, maintained an office in the Hart Building where he carried on his business.

He had served several terms as a director of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and was member of the Southern Pines Camp, No. 24 of the United Spanish War Veterans, which is no longer active.

The Rev. J. Fred Stinson, pastor of the Baptist Church officiated at the funeral services. Interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery. Pallbearers were Frank Wilson, Eugene Woodward, Frank Buchan, W. Duncan Matthews, Albert Bretsch and A. Montesanti.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. J. M. Windham and one daughter, Mrs. Lee Clarke of Southern Pines; one son, Lenox Windham of Melrose, Mass.; a brother, Sidney Windham of Raleigh, and one sister.

QUEER EGG IN MOORE COUNTY

A queer egg produced in Moore County was the subject of a cartoon drawing by Carl Spencer in "Odd Facts in Carolina." The egg had a yolk in one end and the white in the other, and was submitted by Mrs. J. H. Barnette of Jackson Springs.

In Which an Ex-Senator and Successor Are Baptized Into the Ways of a Canoe

A group of Carthage business and professional men were enjoying an outing at Julian Bishop's camp on Deep River. The schedule called for an afternoon of fishing, then the cooking for supper of all the fish that didn't get away. Nothing was said about a senatorial ducking.

Several members of the party were fishing from boats in water around ten or twelve feet deep. Accompanied by George Wilcox, Jr., Wilbur Currie and M. G. Boyette were in Mr. Bishop's canoe. Mr. Boyette being exceptionally well fixed in a comfortable rocking chair in the little craft.

Though an enthusiastic horseman, the former State senator was honest enough to admit: "This beats riding a horse, all to pieces," and the present senatorial candidate had time to say neither yea nor nay before the canoe did a flip flop, spilling its passengers into the Deep.

Principals in Local Graduation Exercises



DR. OLIN T. BINKLEY

Commencement exercises for Southern Pines High School graduating class will get under way Sunday evening, May 31, with the baccalaureate sermon to be delivered in the Church of Wide Fellowship by Dr. Binkley, head of the department of religion, Wake Forest College.



DR. B. G. CHILDS

Dr. Childs of the department of education, Duke University, will deliver the commencement address at the final exercises, Thursday evening, June 4, in the High School Auditorium.

Page to Be Honored by British Attorney

Sir Norman Berkitt Will Place Wreath on Grave of Late Ambassador

Highlighting the 44th annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association, convening in Pinehurst Friday afternoon at 2:30, will be the presentation of a wreath at the grave of Walter Hines Page in Bethesda Cemetery by Sir Norman Berkitt, in behalf of the crown of Great Britain.

Sir Norman is a judge of the High Court of Justice of the King's Bench in London and is considered one of England's outstanding lawyers. In paying tribute to the late Mr. Page, who was Ambassador to Great Britain during the World War, Sir Norman will be acting as a representative of the Crown, Governor J. M. Broughton will accept the tribute in behalf of the State and the United States. The ceremony will be Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Old Bethesda Cemetery, near Aberdeen.

Johnson to Welcome

J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen will deliver the address of welcome to the visiting attorneys, after the meeting is called to order Friday afternoon. Others on the local reception committee are W. D. Matthews of Southern Pines and W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst.

Following the Friday afternoon program, Dr. Raphael Lemkin of Warsaw, Poland, will head the Friday evening program with an address on "Law and Lawyers in the European Subjugated countries." Sir Norman will address the annual banquet at 8 o'clock Saturday night, and will be introduced by Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, former Ambassador to Mexico. One of the features of the program will be a visit by the lawyers to the Orchid Gardens of Judge W. A. Way.

Willis Smith of Raleigh is president of the Association.

PINE CREST MANOR COTTAGES MADE HOUSING COMMUNITY

The cottages and building at Pine Crest Manor, just South of Southern Pines, are being converted into apartments and family cottages to be offered for rent, according to plans of Virgil Johnston, H. H. Hamilton and F. E. McMillan, who have acquired the property. They plan extensive alterations to the large central building, so that it can be used as a lobby, dining room, and recreation center, around which the individual cottages will be centered. Some of the old cottages are being removed so that the grounds can be landscaped and fixed into tennis courts and for other games. The proprietors plan to appeal chiefly to Army families who want congeniality and yet privacy.

Chairmen of U. S. O. \$1,800 Drive Named

Johnson Again Heads Fund Collection for Moore County; Fund(d) Raising Party at Dunes

A new U. S. O. drive began in Moore County this week with J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen again heading the campaign to raise a quota of \$1,800 to contribute toward the national goal of \$32,000,000 war fund. Johnson said that every effort would be made to go over the top for the county in a drive of one week.

In Pinehurst, the committee headed by L. L. Biddle, II, with the aid of the Pinehurst Motor Corps, is sponsoring a U. S. O. night at the Dunes Club, this Friday evening, with the \$1.00 admission all slated for the national funds. The Dunes floor show and orchestra will be on hand for entertainment at the Club for the U. S. O. benefit.

Chairmen in other localities are: Aberdeen, O. Leon Seymour; Southern Pines, Julian T. Bishop and E. C. Stevens; Carthage, W. H. Currie; Hemp, W. P. Saunders; Vass, R. P. Beasley; Cameron, Mrs. J. E. Snow; West End, Byron Richardson; Pinebluff, Mrs. Harvey Harris. In Taylor town, Mrs. Edna Taylor is chairman. West Southern Pines, P. R. Brown; and Berkeley and Broadway in Aberdeen, J. H. Floyd.

Wednesday Closings Postponed; Seeking Opinions of Public

Merchants Ask Pilot to Ballot Readers on Summer Closing

Wednesday closings ran into some trouble this summer, and as a result, after closing the first Wednesday in May, the retail clothing, grocery and trade stores remained open last Wednesday and their representatives decided to put the matter up to the people of the town.

Representatives of local organizations—such as the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Club, and Merchant Association—meeting Monday afternoon in the Town Hall, requested THE PILOT to conduct a poll of opinion through its columns. They specified that the poll should stick to one matter: Do you favor Wednesday afternoon closings by all stores in town during summer—or do you not?

It has been the custom of most merchants—with the exception of drug stores—for several years to give Wednesday afternoon holidays in the summer to their clerks by closing their doors.

This year, some difficulty developed. Most stores were ready to close beginning the first Wednesday in May. Others agreed to close during June, July and August. At the meeting Monday, the representative of the A & P. Grocery company declared that his stores could not close Wednesday afternoons without consent of the employees. He said that A & P. workers were on a five-day-a-week schedule, under the present policy, and that Wednesday closings would mean their foregoing a half-day.

Others argued that the store could give Wednesday and another half-day; but this week, when Wednesday rolled around, all stores were open.

And so the merchants still want to know—"What does the public think?" Present hopes are that the stores will begin closing the first Wednesday in June—if all stores, especially those in competition, will agree to close.

The merchants have asked each reader of THE PILOT to fill out the coupon at the bottom of the page and either mail or bring this to THE PILOT office, the Town Clerk's office, or to any of the three drug stores—who are not involved in the controversy.

Do you favor Wednesday afternoon closings or not? Cast that ballot at the bottom of the page!

Jaycees Tournament To Begin Saturday

R. F. Tarlton in Charge of Arrangements for Fourth Annual Golf Championship

For the fourth year in succession, Jaycees from all parts of the State will be entertained at the Annual Jaycee Golf Tournament in Southern Pines Sunday, May 17, by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Around 75 players from Jaycee organizations are expected to be organized by the crown of Buster Moffitt of High Point, who took the low gross last year on No. 1 course with one under par. The tournament is a 36-hole medal play, and arrangements have been made to allow 18 holes to be played Saturday. Besides awards to low gross, low net and runners-up, there will be presented a Club Trophy for the best four-man team gross score.

For the wives and girl friends of the Jaycees, there will be a putting contest. After the play is completed, a buffet supper will be served at the country club. Many of the entrants are expected to arrive Saturday for early play on the course.

R. F. Tarlton is chairman of the tournament committee; Paul Butler of refreshments; and Vernon Allan and Tom Millar of publicity.

BALLOT

Please Check one Square and mail or take ballot to The Pilot Office, The Town Clerk's Office or to any local drug store.
I Favor Closing of All Retail Stores on Wednesday Afternoons During Summer Months.
I do not favor the closing of any retail stores on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months.
Name: (Your signature, though not necessary, would be appreciated.)