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Point Rationing On Food Slated to Begin March 1; Schools to Be Used Again

Registration System Probably to Follow That Used for Sugar

Sale of canned fruits and vegetables will halt on February 20 throughout the country and will be resumed on March 1 with every item closely rationed, it was announced this week by the Office of Price Administration.

Meanwhile, the Moore County Rationing Board was preparing for the gigantic task of registering every consumer of canned goods in Moore County during the week of February 22 to February 27, the six-day period set by the OPA for public registration.

The county ration board members said that not all details for the registration had been completed but that the procedure to be followed would probably be very similar to the sugar rationing registration plan. School plants throughout the county will be utilized for the point ration registration.

Point Values Given

In explaining the new rationing, the Board said: "The primary purpose behind the point rationing program, to be put into operation March 1, is to give everyone an opportunity to share in the supply of scarce commodities. An arbitrary point value will be given by the Government to each article on the basis of the scarcer the article the higher the point value.

"A limit of five cans for each applicant for Ration Book II is allowed (at the time of registration), and any excess amount will entail removal of stamps to cover their point value," the board said. "One week before the rationing program is instituted, all sales of canned goods will be stopped to allow dealers to build up their inventories. Ample notice will be given as to when and where registration for Book II will be held. To obtain Book II you must have Book I and a statement of canned goods on hand."

Moral: Can Your Own

The restriction of five cans, does not apply, however, to home canned food.

The Board emphasized that any loss of Ration Book I (for sugar and coffee) or kerosene coupons should be reported immediately to the Board in Carthage, as no re-issue is permitted until 30 days after loss is reported.

The Ration Board this week also advised holders of tire certificates to "deposit their certificates with their dealer, thus keeping them valid until filled." Any certificate returned to the Board will be voided, it was said, and priority rating lost.

The Board suggested that to obtain new or recapped tires, one should go to his Tire Inspector and, if he finds it necessary, fill out an application blank and leave with him for filing with the Board. "Tire inspectors should make sure their tire recommendations are correct," the board said, "that the class of gasoline rationing book is stated on the blank and that question 5 is answered. If question 5 is left unanswered, the application automatically is put in the lowest priority classification."

Sandhill Hotel Fire Brings Damage Suits

Faulk Carter Sued for \$75,000 by Husband and Estate of Fire Victim

Damage suits totaling \$75,000 have been filed in Moore County Superior Court against Faulk Carter, owner of the Sandhill Hotel in Aberdeen, which was practically consumed last February by a fire which resulted in loss of life or serious injury to several guests.

Describing as a "veritable fire trap" the third-floor room assigned to him and his wife when they stopped over for the night on their way from Florida to their home in Harrisburg, Pa. Ben Eby is asking damages in the amount of \$25,000.

Howard R. Harrison, administrator of Mae Gallatin (Mrs. Bea) Eby, whose remains were found among the ashes, is bringing suit for \$50,000.

Carthage Man Killed

Lt. Charles A. Cox of Carthage, son of Mrs. Lelia Cox, was killed Tuesday night when a medium Army bomber crashed shortly after taking off on a routine training flight from the bombing range at Avon Park, Fla., it was announced Thursday. Lt. Cox received his wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Ellington Field, Texas, last October. Five other members of the bomber's crew were killed in the crash. Lt. Cox was the grandson of the late J. Alton McIver, for about 25 years Moore County's Clerk of Court.

Village Inn Ruined by Afternoon Fire

Blaze, Starting in Furnace Room, Completely Razes Dancing Spot Near Here

At 1:30 p. m. last Friday afternoon, fire, originating in the furnace room at the rear of the Village Inn, just south of Southern Pines, quickly flashed in between the metal ceiling and the high peaked roof, and within minutes swept the entire gabled-roofed establishment which was virtually razed to the ground before the lapse of an hour, despite the best efforts of the men of the Southern Pines and Aberdeen fire companies.

Dense clouds of heavy black smoke were driven by the brisk wind across both sides of the Aberdeen-Southern Pines road into the pines and grass and embers started little fires, despite the drench drizzle of early morning.

Occupants of the cabins closely adjoining the burning building removed their effects through the back doors as Max Backer played a stream from a garden hose on the smoking roof until relieved by the Aberdeen company.

While the short handed crew of the Southern Pines pumper, aided by Police Chief Ed Newton, stretched four hundred and fifty feet of hose from the corner of Bennett street and Morganton road, and battled to keep the flames from the gas tanks under the portico of the building, the Aberdeen men protected the cabins and then shifted to the leeward side to keep down the blazing embers.

The building, located on the West side of the Aberdeen-Southern Pines highway about four hundred feet south of the Morganton road, was rebuilt about eight years ago, principally of wire lathing, tile and stucco. George Butry has operated the Inn for the past two years, leasing from Ed Burt, of Biscoe. Stock and fixtures.

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Kiwanians Advised About Income Taxes

Paul Dana Says Some Changes Were in Favor of Taxpayers; Club Meets Next Feb. 17

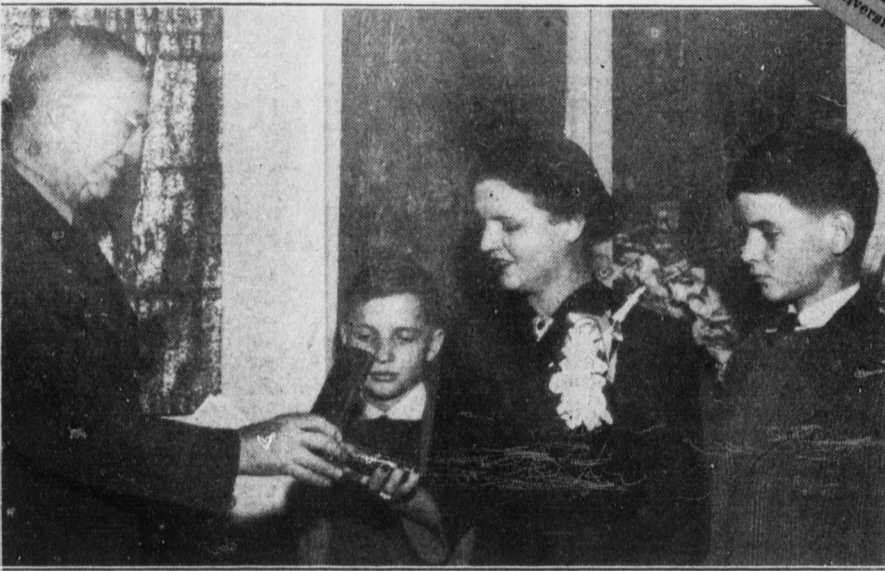
Even though the Federal government raised rates on income taxes for the past year, some changes were made in the law which actually benefited the taxpayer, said Paul Dana of Pinehurst, speaking before the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday at its meeting at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Mr. Dana mentioned particularly the allowance of money spent over 5 percent of the total income for doctor, medicine, and health insurance, retroactive allowance for investment service and safety deposit boxes and allowance for expenses of carrying non-productive property, as well as deduction of State sales tax.

The Kiwanis Club voted to meet every other week at the Country Club and the next meeting will be February 17.

A. B. Patterson reported a total return of \$234 for the Kiwanis annual Underprivileged Child Page, carried recently in THE PILOT as a contribution to the Kiwanis Hospital Bed Fund.

Mrs. Stuart Wood and Sons Accept Col. Wood's D



Major General William Bryden (left), commanding General, Fourth Service Command, flew to Southern Pines last week to present to Mrs. Stuart Wood the Distinguished Service Medal awarded to her husband, Lt. Col. Wood, for outstanding service in the Philippine campaign. Unofficial reports say that Col. Wood is now a prisoner of the Japanese on the Island of Formosa. With Mrs. Wood, as she took the medal for her husband, are the two sons, Stuart, Jr., and Walter. Mrs. Wood said she was accepting the medal to hold "until Stuart comes back to get it." Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present at the presentation which took place at Mrs. Wood's residence on North Ashe street.

Rotarians Revising War Roll of Honor

Club Seeks Corrections and Additions to Names Before Making Changes

The committee of the Southern Pines Rotary Club which has charge of the Honor Roll in front of the Southern Pines Library is preparing to revise the roll listed there and bring it up to date.

Additions to the Roll of Honor and corrected names which will be included in the revision are given below. The list includes those whose homes are in the Southern Pines School District or whose parents or families make their home here. The committee asks that any corrections as to spelling or branch of service be reported to them. Also, if there is someone in service whose name is not on the Honor Roll at present or is not included in this list, it should be reported to the committee. Members are Don Jensen, Paul Van Camp and A. S. Newcomb. Corrections may also be placed in the box at the bottom of the Honor Roll post.

Following is the list of names to be added by the Committee as well as names already on the Roll which are to be changed:

John Scott Newton, NAF.
Henry Eugene Norton, USA.
L. C. Godwin, USA.
Robert Alexander Aeschilman, USA.

Bynum Reed Bailey, AAF.
William Adolph Boney, USA.
James D. Carter, USA.
James D. Cruce, USA.
John Dowdy, Jr., USA.
Read Benedict Harding, AAF.
Edward Levis Prizer, RCAF.
Colin Porter Osborne, Jr., USA.
Charles Arthur Kinder, AAF.
Julian Tomlinson Bishop, USA.
Ross Maxwell Gray, USA.
John Walker Diggs, USA.
Kenneth Maurice Epps, USA.
James Gray Duggins, USA.
Russell Monroe, USA.
Elwood Bryan Hatch, USA.
Robert Hausen Beck, USA.

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Just Suppose Nature in the Sandhills Suddenly Became Actively Nationalistic!

Suppose nature in the Sandhills pact with English lilacs and snow-balls or to stand by the sullen Italian Lgustrum.

And, in the meantime, von Herff's French sycamores, scattered all around Manly and Southern Pines, let go their seed bombs on another European, the cork tree, or anything else within target range!

And then we discover lovely, slinky Paulownia, from the Orient, named for a Russian princess by a Dutch botanist and naturalized in the South, was found to be an international spy!

Supposing!—but fortunately, our Sandhill trees and shrubs possess agreeable moral and social equalities in our gardens. —H.K.B.

Legislature Learns Samarcond Girls Allowed Only \$4 Annually for Clothes

School Bus Routing Cuts Mileage 16p.c.

Total Daily Trips Drop from 2,812 Miles to 2,325; Seek 20 Percent Gas Cut

School transportation reorganization to meet the standards set up by the Office of Defense Transportation has resulted in a 16 percent reduction in the total daily mileage of Moore County's 70 school buses, a summary compiled this week and given out by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas reveals. The total daily mileage has dropped from 2,812 to 2,325 miles.

"We are trying to reduce the gasoline consumption 20 percent," Mr. Thomas disclosed.

No buses have been eliminated, but the number of trips made daily has been reduced from 110 to 92, and the number of stops has fallen from 2,366 to 1,941. Under the defense routing stops are to be at least one-eighth mile apart.

Only an eight per cent reduction in the number of children transported has resulted. Before the change the number transported daily was 4,310 and the present number is 3,955.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY HOLDS REGULAR MEET

Membership committee for the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary was appointed by Mrs. A. B. Patterson at the monthly meeting of the organization Wednesday at the Nurses' Home in Pinehurst. Mrs. Patterson is chairman of the membership drive for this year.

Committee members are as follows: Mrs. J. B. Edwards, Aberdeen; Mrs. George C. Moore, Southern Pines; Mrs. Charles L. Warner, Pinebluff; Mrs. J. G. Downing, Carthage; and Mrs. Robinson Cook, Pinehurst.

Mrs. James H. Walker of Pinehurst, first vice-chairman, presided at the meeting Wednesday.

General Assembly Threatens Investigation Coinciding With Moore Grand Jury

Conditions at the State Farm and Industrial School for Girls at Samarcond, in western Moore County, known as "Samarcond Manor" received the attention of the North Carolina General Assembly this week, resulting from Judge Frank Armstrong's charge to the Moore County Jury recently calling the institution a "place of mystery."

Pleas for additional funds for the school were made before the joint appropriations committee which learned that the State allows only \$4.00 per year per girl for clothing at the institution.

The Samarcond delegation described conditions at the State school for delinquent girls, and discussion arose about Judge Frank Armstrong's charge to the Moore County grand jury that an investigation should be made of that "place of mystery." It was then that members of the joint committee indicated they will "do something" about Samarcond before the 1943 General Assembly goes home.

Grace M. Robson, superintendent of the school, first appeared before the committee and requested increases amounting to \$800 for clothing equipment and \$500 for farm equipment. She said that the school is satisfied with other recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission.

Dr. W. A. Stanbury, chairman of the board of trustees of the school, then told the committee that he did not see how the superintendent could say that the school was satisfied with the recommendations. The Budget Commission recommended appropriations of \$74,505 for 1943-44 and \$70,356 for 1944-46. Last fall the superintendent requested before the Budget Commission \$71,577 for 1943-44 and \$69,338 for 1944-46.

Patched Overalls

Dr. Stanbury told the committee that girls at Samarcond wear "overalls so patched you can't tell where the overalls stop and the patches begin, and the only coats they have are made of cotton outing." He said that the State should provide for girls at Samarcond "a nice dress, a house dress and a warm coat." He estimated that \$3,000 yearly would be a proper appropriation for clothing, but said that the institution would be happy to get an appropriation of \$1,500.

Mrs. Wilbur Bunn of Raleigh, member of the board of trustees, told the committee that the girls have to wear tennis shoes and brogans for the lack of "nice shoes." She said that the purpose of the school, as described in the legislative act, is that the lives of the girls "may be made worthwhile and that they may return to their communities as self-respecting women."

"These women at Samarcond are like other women—they have the (Continued on Page Eight)

Trousdell to Head Red Cross Campaign Southern Pines

Avery Selects Chairmen to Work in Various Units Seeking Goal of \$25,000

Volunteer chairman to help in the most ambitious money-raising undertaking which the Moore County Red Cross chapter has ever faced were named this week by L. T. Avery of Southern Pines, county chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive which begins on a nation-wide basis March 1.

A goal of \$25,000 for local Chapter and branch needs and for Moore County's contribution to the National War Chest was set as an organization to cover the entire county took shape.

Trousdell Local Chairman

Kenneth P. Trousdell accepted the chairmanship of the drive for Southern Pines, with Harry P. Vail and J. G. deBerry as vice-chairman.

The drive in Pinehurst will be directed by Robinson Cook, in Aberdeen by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edwards, in Hemp by W. P. Saunders, Carthage by M. G. Boyette, Pinebluff by Mrs. Charles Warner, West End by W. A. Johnson, Knollwood section by Major H. V. Carson, Eagle Springs by Miss Ellen Maurice and C. C. Underwood, Jackson Springs by Mrs. Herbert Carter and High Falls by Howard Jones.

At Vass Roy Stutts will head the drive, assisted by Mrs. S. R. Smith and Miss Anna Mae Caddell will be in charge at the Farm Life School community. The chairman for Cameron has not yet been definitely selected.

Mr. Avery emphasized that these chairmen were named only in conjunction with the various branches of the Red Cross in the county and that their efforts would be extended into nearby communities where no branches of the Red Cross exist.

Quotas for the various communities have not yet been set, but every effort will be made to meet the quota, and exceed it, by attempting to reach every individual in every section of the county.

The regular Red Cross roll call was not conducted last fall so that the organization could mobilize its entire strength and appeal behind this War Fund Drive, which is to finance the essential work of the national organization and to provide necessary funds for the operation of the branches and Moore County Chapter.

Although Moore County employs only one paid official, Mrs. Lee Clarke, executive secretary, its work entails many necessary expenses. The home service work, surgical dressings, knitting and sewing rooms, junior red cross, first aid instruction, nurse's aides work, camp hospital and recreation, are part of the function of the local Chapter.

A campaign to carry the message of the Red Cross into every community of the county by speakers, through newspapers, through locally shown moving pictures, and other resources is being worked out by Mr. Avery with the assistance of Struthers Burt, local author, who will act as publicity director for the War Fund Drive in the county.

Mr. Avery said the emphasis this year would be on funds—and more funds—needed, and that contributions directly to the chairmen would make the task of covering the county easier.

THREE LOCAL YOUTHS BEGIN AIR TRAINING

Three Southern Pines men, along with several other Moore County volunteers, left last Saturday night for Miami, Fla., to begin training with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Vernon Allan, district commercial manager for the Central Carolina Telephone Co. since 1941; William J. Wilson, son of Mrs. H. S. Shea, who has recently been employed by Broad Street Pharmacy, and Arthur Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pate, who has been working in Charlie Patch's Tog Shop, were the three Southern Pines men who have begun training for the Air Forces. All three enlisted last fall and have been awaiting call to active duty.