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"When clouds are seen wise men put on their cloaks" - Shakespeare

MAY

- 21-1,600,000 acres of North Dakota land opened to settlers, 1891.
- 22-Trial of Aaron Burr began on charge of treason, 1807.
- 23-Advance Nazi division reached Boulogne, France, 1940.
- 24-33 rescued, 26 lost in submarine Squalus disaster, 1931.
- 25-34th Eucharistic Congress, Budapest, Hungary, 1938.
- 26-Dred Scott granted freedom, 1857.
- 27-End of NRA, 1935.

Eliminate "X" Cards From Gas Rationing

The rationing board in Washington County—as well as those in other counties throughout the eastern portion of the country—is being deluged with appeals, protests and requests for adjustments of gasoline allotments. The board is being unjustly accused of showing favoritism, when, as a matter of fact, it is humanly impossible for its members to check on every individual case and decide exactly who has lied and to what extent.

There is no denying that inequalities exist, but they are the fault of the car owners and the method, not the rationing board. Some of those who made false statements about

their necessary requirements, and there are many who did, received cards entitling them to amounts of gasoline actually in excess of what they have been using. Others, comparatively few, did not receive sufficient allotments. There are bound to be inequalities in any system devised to handle this problem, and there is no single answer or remedy. Public opinion may gradually limit the use of cars unnecessarily, and is the only force to be depended upon to level off existing inequalities.

There is one phase of the rationing plan, however, which can and should be remedied instantly. That is the issuance of "X" cards for passenger cars. This one feature is causing more distrust, disunity and resentment than all the efforts of enemy propagandist and fifth columnists put together.

As a matter of cold, hard fact, there is no reason for issuing "X" cards to any group of people, thereby setting up a super-privileged class entitled to buy gasoline in unlimited quantities. A doctor, nurse, minister or government official can estimate his average mileage on just as reasonable a basis as can a traveling salesman or any other person who uses his car on business. Provision is made for emergency and supplementary allotments which will care for any hardship cases.

This is not to say that holders of "X" cards abuse the privilege. Possibly most of them will use their cards in strict compliance with the rules under which they obtained them. But it does set apart a hand-picked group which is answerable to no one for the gasoline they use, while other people must prove their right to use their car to earn a living. This is one thing we believe the common run of people will not stand for, nor should it be expected of them. It is class discrimination in its rankest and most objectionable form, and those who have received "X" cards would be wise to surrender them voluntarily to avoid the suspicion and resentment which will be directed at them otherwise.

A majority of the public is willing to make sacrifices, provided assurance is given that the sacrifice is evenly distributed over all people alike. This was proven in the case of sugar, about which there is no complaint, because everyone, rich and poor, black and white, was treated alike. There is no such assurance in the gas rationing plan. As a result those who walk to save gasoline resent seeing a neighbor using his car when both are going to the same place for the same purpose.

Eliminate the "X" card for pas-



enger cars entirely, and you eliminate most of the criticism of gasoline rationing.

Buy Your Winter Fuel Supply Now

We've all been advised not to hoard—and that's necessary advice indeed. But there is one basic commodity which the government wants us to "hoard" now—coal.

High officials are urging individuals to purchase next winter's coal stocks before summer ends—and preferably immediately. This, of course, isn't "hoarding" at all. It is, instead, a definite contribution to the war effort.

The reason for it is simple. If everyone waits until cold weather arrives before ordering coal, the drain on the mines and on the agencies which must transport the fuel, will be tremendous. Worst of all, that drain will come at a time—early and middle fall—when crop movements are at their peak. And in addition, war freight of all kinds will be substantially heavier in the fall than now.

The point is to get every possible ton of coal into the hands of the ultimate consumer at the earliest possible time. So, buy your winter's coal today. Then you'll be doing your part to clear the transportation lines for war traffic. And you'll also make certain that you won't be out of fuel when you need it.

Rambling R...About
By THE RAMBLER

Guest Columnist—

Overworked and underfed, or vice versa, and suffering from a prevalent malady dignified by the name of "spring fever"—all right, then, call it plain laziness—the Rambler this week resorts to that artifice often used on the radio and calls in a guest star. The only thing about it, this columnist doesn't know he's guesting for us, because he lives and has his being 'way out in Ohio, where he publishes the Bryan Democrat. Anyway, fed up after a session of listening at radio commercials interspersed with a bit of music or something, this Cass Cullis, the aforesaid publisher and unbeknownst guest columnist of ours, turned to and delivered himself of a satirical piece which has been nominated as one of the best writings of the year by various and sundry persons, including ourselves. Of course, in the original version that follows, he said "Bryan Democrat" where we say "Roanoke Beacon," but with this slight change to give proper station identification and assigning him due credit for the entire column, here goes. It's entitled "The Radio," and from here on we give you the Hon. Mr. Cass Cullis, of Bryan, Ohio (give the lad a big hand, folks):

THE RADIO

The radio is the most wonderful invention of modern times. It was made possible by Lee De Forest, who now seldom listens to the radio and who says that he almost regrets having made it possible. But first just a word from our sponsor:

Do you get the Roanoke Beacon regularly? If you do not get the Roanoke Beacon rush down child must share our sacrifices together as Americans should?

If our little card calls for more units of gasoline than we need, are we going to burn it up just because we have it? As for you who may be storing up gas for those unnecessary trips: What kind of a patriotic duty do you call yourself doing?

W. A. DAVIDSON.

The PUBLIC Forum
GASOLINE

Last week you and I got our little A, B and X cards. Yes; there were some loud squawks from many of us. If this little sacrifice will help shorten this war and bring our boys back home quicker, then why squawk? You and I have been burning up gas and wearing out tires running here and there. Really, don't you think we all have gone our limit and beyond when we get in our car or some other car say for two or three blocks just for a drink?

We may drive one mile or twenty-five miles just for a game of golf. It may be some other game. Who knows? Has not our President said this is an all-out war against our enemy; that every man, woman and

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P. W. Brown
Tax Collector - Town of Plymouth

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to the news stand and buy a copy of the Roanoke Beacon and then rush to the Roanoke Beacon office and subscribe to the Roanoke Beacon and then you will receive the Roanoke Beacon each week and you will be able to keep informed and amaze your friends with your knowledge of local affairs. Now some more about the radio.

The first messages carried electrically through the air were telegraphed and the system then was known as wireless. Marconi was one of those who helped perfect this great invention. But before we tell you more about Marconi just a word from our sponsor:

Make the count test. Take an ordinary newspaper and crumple it in your hands while you count five: one, two, three, four, five; then take the Roanoke Beacon and crumple it in your hands while you count five, and notice the difference. Now some more about the radio.

The first wireless signals were sent across the ocean by Marconi in 1901. However, it was a long time from that date until the time when there was a radio set in nearly every home. And here is a brief message for you while we check on the latest information regarding this wonderful invention.

When you buy the Roanoke Beacon you buy the best. The paper on which the Roanoke Beacon is printed is carefully selected, and in order to get the very best we pay 27 per cent more than the average market price. The ink, too, is selected with the greatest care, and is mixed with vitamins so that when you get the Roanoke Beacon you get not only vitamins A, B and C, but the lower-case vitamins a, b and c, as well. No other newspaper can make such a claim. Now, more about the radio.

In the early twenties the first radio sets were marketed. At that time, it was customary to sell parts, and in many instances amateurs built their own sets, using earphones, for the loud speakers had not been perfected at that time. In just a moment we will be back with more about the radio.

Are your hands beautiful, or do they look like misshapen carrots? Does your husband thrill when he sees your hands, or does he shudder? Your hands, too, may be beautiful and seductive. Every morning, noon and night just wrap your hands in copies of the Roanoke Beacon. Just as all the movie stars do, and then you, too, will have beautiful hands, and you will exude glamour like an automobile exudes gas fumes. And now some more about this interesting subject, the radio.

The first radios were not very dependable, and the tone was not good, compared to modern sets. However, those early listeners were thrilled, as no radio listener today is thrilled, as we will be back in a moment with some news about the radio.

Do people turn up their noses when you come into the room? You, too, may smell like a rose. Just take several copies of the

Roanoke Beacon and put them around you and they will absorb the perspiration and leave you neat and clean. Ask for the Roanoke Beacon; be sure you say Beacon, which is Nocaeb, spelled backwards.

Ladies and gentlemen, we interrupt our program to bring you a special bulletin. Hitler has just surrendered, the Berlin radio states; Mussolini has denounced the Axis and a peace party in Japan has driven out the militarists and is asking for peace. But now we have some important news from our sponsor.

The Roanoke Beacon is only \$1.50 a year, slightly more when sent a distance. Save the wrappers from the Roanoke Beacon, and when you have accumulated 12 dozen, send them in to the Roanoke Beacon and you will receive a lovely bridge pad free; enclose 10 cents for wrapping and mailing.

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