



Stern Warning Given Consumers Of Fuel Oil By Board Here

Board Charges Consumers Have Abused Liberal Regulations Of First Period.

Scores of fuel oil consumers in this district stand to have their tickets and certificates called in by the fuel oil rationing board unless they pay dealers in tickets for fuel oil purchased between October first and December 15, the period during which registration and issuance of stamps and certificates were made. The fuel oil board in session here Monday issued the stern warning.

Several dealers have turned in the board long lists of names of persons owing them stamps. One consumer owed fifty stamps.

The board warned that the abuse of the liberal ruling made when fuel oil became a rationed item, and that no dealer could now get any fuel oil out until tickets were collected for the full amount. It also warned that the ration was so acute that there would be a gallonage quota for the district, unless consumers turned in tickets they owe dealers at once.

Each person who bought fuel between October first and December 15, and still owes the dealer tickets, is listed on the delinquent roll, and their future allotment of stamps can be held up until all present stamps recalled and settlement is promptly made.

All dealers have been notified by the board of the conditions, and urged against continuing the practice allowed in the fall while stamps and certificates were being issued to consumers. Dealers cannot replenish their stocks unless they have adequate tickets on file for the new purchases.

Fuel oil became a rationed item October first, and in order that the ration be continued to get oil, the dealers were allowed to sell oil to all persons who pledged themselves to turn in a ticket for every gallon as soon as the tickets were issued. The failure on the part of many consumers to keep this promise has brought about the condition termed by the board as "farming."

The board has mailed stamps to persons making application for oil, yet a number have reported they have not received the stamps. The board warned that a person with the same name, or any other reason, received stamps which were not intended for him, that the stamps should be turned over to the rationing office at once, as there is a severe penalty for persons convicted of the stamps for which they did not make application.

Any person making application for stamps, and have not as yet received them, should see the office to get the matter straightened out, and not borrow stamps, that is a dangerous practice.

Reece Back From Buying Trip

C. J. Reece, owner of Massie's Department Store, is back after a buying trip in New York City, having secured merchandise for his firm's Department Store. "Buying was brisk in all lines," reported Mr. Reece worked out his New York buying, and covered the largest firms in the district.

A bit of the merchandise I just got here before I got back," said Reece.

Authentic News Of RATIONED ITEMS

Recent rulings of the rationing board will be found on page two of this newspaper, week after week.

An account is taken from the rationing board, and these records in the office have been carefully compiled to your benefit.

Re-elected Speaker



Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, 61, of Texas, is shown as he appeared when he opened the Seventy-eighth Congress, after he was re-elected Speaker. He received 217 votes to 206 for Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (Central Press)

Seventy-Two Reservists Will Leave Tomorrow

Seventy-two reservists of the January quota under the selective service system are scheduled to leave town tomorrow for Fort Jackson, after spending a week's furlough at home.

The men are asked to report at 8 o'clock to the office of the draft board in the court house for final instructions.

They will be the guests of Christ George at the W. W. N. C. Cafe for coffee. Doughnuts will also be served as the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pearce of the Waynesville Bakery.

A committee from the Woman's Club will distribute cigarettes to the men as they board the buses. Carl Patelliff and Raymond R. Franklin will serve as acting corporals on the trip to Fort Jackson.

Those leaving include: Joseph D. Calhoun, James E. Inman, John T. Cagle, Wilce McGaha, Paul Hedrick, Frank Head, Charlie A. McPeak, Manuel L. Mills, I. C. Sutton, Jerry W. McElroy, Elbert Revis, James W. Franklin, Euzelle Robinson, James R. Hicks, Amos Rich, James L. Rathbone, Wilburn P. Caldwell, David J. Faulkner.

William W. Stephens, James B. Robinson, Joseph D. Hyatt, Robert E. Lee, Albert L. Phillips, Jack Ray, Ralph F. Hannah, Walter N. West, Charles B. Medford, Herbert W. Burnett, Jr., Clifford L. Presnell, Berlin C. Haynes, Clyde L. Stamey, Low Parton, Bonner F. Rabb, James E. Frady, Charles R. Davis, Wilson C. Medford, John L. Head, Jr., James E. Harrell, Hardin L. Price, Raymond L. Setzer, Lloyd H. Stevenson, Oscar G. Moore, Dewey Smith, Thurman J. Sanford, Robert M. Hall, Jr., Ralph Dotson, Lee M. Hannah, Richard R. Shoaf, Charles A. S. Hartsell, William E. Crawford, Robert E. Norris, Robert D. Lowe, Howard J. Truitt, Oscar Howell, Ranson V. Ford, Jr., Marvin H. Parton, Homer L. Brown, Harry W. Rabb, Phillip H. Queen, Hugh B. Smith, James H. Mitchell, William C. Davis, William Duckett, J. T. Rich, Charles L. Dotson, Lloyd T. Derrick, Stanley C. Henry, David F. Smith, Samuel Q. Burnett, and Ernest B. Messer.

Taxi Operators Increase Fares Outside City Limits

The taxi operators of Waynesville are making a change in their rates today, as will be seen in an advertisement elsewhere in the paper.

They will make an extra charge for service outside of Waynesville city limits which will be based on mileage. The rates are included in the advertisement.

The rate of 35 cents will remain the same in town.

Mrs. Greek Waddell, of Asheville, is spending the week here with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Waddell.

'42 Postal Receipts Show 5 Thousand Increase Over 1941

The receipts of the local post office for 1942 were \$5,123.25 more than the year before, it was learned from J. Harden Howell, postmaster.

The receipts for 1942 were \$37,365.63, as compared to \$32,242.38 for 1941.

The last quarter of 1942, including the months of October, November and December, amounted to \$11,500.95 in 1942, while in 1941 they were \$8,977.42.

The reason for this is attributed to the fact that there is more money in the community and the people are using the mails more than in the past.

First Aid Classes Organized This Week, Still Open

A Red Cross first aid class is being organized and taught by Joe Davis. This is the second class instructed by Mr. Davis. The class will meet on each Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the court room at the court house at 7:30 o'clock.

The class had their first lesson on Tuesday night, but will be open to new members who wish to take the course through Thursday evening.

Among those who attended the first class were the following: John L. Edwards, W. M. Gaddy, Fred Marcus, Dewey Stovall, Robert Lee Brown, Milton Brown, Chas. T. Painter, Ira Marcus, Floyd Mehauff, David F. Underwood, Jr., and J. W. West.

Classification Cards Must Be Carried By Men From 18-38

All men in the state of North Carolina between the ages of 18 and 19 who have been subject to selective service regulations for as long as six months and who do not have their classification cards, are advised to communicate with their selective service board at once, it was announced this week by the local board.

On and after February 1, any one in this age group who does not have in his personal possession his classification card as well as his certificate of registration card is liable to fine or imprisonment, or both.

Registrants in the 46 to 65 year old group are not affected by this order. Nevertheless in the present emergency no man regardless of age will be allowed to avoid military responsibility merely because of failure to keep his local board advised of his whereabouts.

Local Girl Takes NYA Training, With Signal Corps Fort Mommouth

Miss Margaret Frances Shoaf, of Waynesville, who has recently completed a course in the radio shop of the Asheville NYA War Production Training Project, has been placed in a war industry. She is with the Signal Corps at Fort Mommouth, N. J.

Haywood Farmers Complete Plans For Increasing Food Production In 1943

"This work of education of the farmers to the need for increasing food production in 1943 rests on the shoulders of the AAA committeemen. For the past six years it has been their job to explain to the farmers in the communities the work of the AAA," said J. H. Enloe, district AAA field officer, at a meeting here Friday.

The purpose of the all-day meeting was to complete plans for the crop production goal for 1943, which will be 14 per cent higher than that of 1942. Howard Clapp, county farm agent, presided.

A majority of the AAA 121 committeemen, which included the county officers and community members, were present for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Mr. Clapp outlined the object of the meeting, stressing the fact that during the year all men of military age would be under the control of the government.

"They will either have to work or fight. Farm labor problems are national problems and I feel that the farmer will get his labor troubles adjusted," said Mr. Clapp. "The labor problem is not acute

Quits Red Cross



H. G. HAMMETT resigned yesterday as chairman of the Haywood Chapter of the Red Cross, because of pressure of increased duties as pastor of the First Baptist church.

Hammett Resigns As Chairman Of Red Cross Here

L. N. Davis Named Temporary Chairman; Lot Of Work Being Done By Organization Here.

H. G. Hammett has resigned as chairman of the Haywood Chapter of the Red Cross, a post he has efficiently filled since May, 1941.

L. N. Davis, chairman of the executive committee, will serve as temporary chairman, it has been announced.

In turning in his resignation, which became effective today, Mr. Hammett stated that the pressure of his work as pastor of the First Baptist church was demanding his entire time.

Mr. Hammett is devoting much of his time in keeping in touch, and advising with the 60 men of his congregation who are now in the armed forces. The increase in church membership has also added to his work and necessitated more visitation.

"I love Red Cross work. It is something that is very close to my heart, and I have enjoyed the work and the splendid cooperation given me and others during the past 20 months. I believe there is someone who can devote more time to it than I find it possible for me right now," he said.

All departments of the Red Cross have been active during the past year or so, and there is much interest in the various phases of work that are being undertaken.

Furniture Men Attend Market In High Point

N. W. Garrett and John W. Boyd attended the furniture market in High Point this week, returning Tuesday night. Both went as buyers for their respective firms.

RETURNING FRIDAY

J. C. Jennings, general manager of Belk-Hudson Company, plans to return Friday, after spending several days in Orangeburg on business for the firm.

Former Resident Sends Home To Buy Government Bonds

"Please put me down for \$500 for a government bond. I will send you check as soon as I can get it from the savings bank," wrote Dr. Eugene Gudger to Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank, last week.

Dr. Gudger stated that "it would help Haywood's quota" he wanted to buy his bonds in his home town.

Dr. Gudger, assistant curator of the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, is one of the county's most distinguished sons, and has gained national and international recognition in the field of science.

Tax Collections Are Best Ever Made In County

"Haywood county folks are certainly paying their taxes this year. The collections so far have been the best ever made at any time in the history of the county," said Earl Ferguson, county tax collector, yesterday.

"They seem to want to get rid of them. One thing they want to pay them while they have the money. It is the same case in every township in the county. While there is plenty of money they want to get out of debt as much as they can," he continued.

"At least 95 per cent of the 1941 taxes are all paid, which totals around \$300,000. This is the best record ever made in Haywood," said Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson predicted that collections during the months of January and February will reach a high mark.

63 Furs Shipped From Haywood Fur Farm Yesterday

Ned Moody shipped 63 valuable furs to the New York fur auction market yesterday, for the first shipment of the season. Mr. Moody is a professional handler of fur bearing animals, and operates a farm and raises mink, foxes, beavers and fish.

In the shipment yesterday were 60 mink and three silver fox. The beaver pelts will be shipped later.

Mr. Moody plans to keep 40 mink breeders for next year, and anticipated raising about 125 for the 1944 market. He has retained eight silver foxes as breeders.

In addition to the pelts shipped to New York, Mr. Moody sent one each to a western furrier to have a neck piece made.

7 Haywood Men Enrolled At Wake Forest

Seven Haywood county students are enrolled this session at Wake Forest College. Names of the students and that of their parents, in parenthesis, follow by towns:

Canton - Frances McClain Byers, Jr. (F. M. Byers), Walter C. Clark (T. A. Clark), Don Higgs (S. E. Higgs), Larry L. Williams (F. R. Williams), Charles Rhoads Willis (E. C. Willis).

From other areas—Bruce Bailey Gowen (C. E. Brown) Clyde; and Eston R. Caldwell, of Waynesville.

The students are well represented in campus activities. Clark is an end on the varsity football team. Higgs is a blocking back on the varsity football team. Williams is a member of the International Relations Club, a member of the varsity debate squad, and was elected speaker of the House of Representatives in the North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly this year. Brown is a senior in law school and a member of the varsity debate squad.

Caldwell is enrolled at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem.

C. Of C. Board Will Name New Officers Friday

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Friday at 5 o'clock at the Building and Loan office and elect officers for the coming year. The president, vice president and treasurer will be elected Friday.

The 1943 board is composed of: W. A. Bradley, Charlie Woodard, J. R. Morgan, Mrs. J. M. Long, Charlie Ray, Guy Massie, Clayton Walker, Bill Prevest, C. A. George, Howard Clapp, R. B. Davenport, and Paul Davis, who served as president last year.

Lester Burgin, Jr. Student at Mars Hill College, Spent the Week-end here with his Aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Burgin.

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3 Soldiers Arrested For Assault On Taxi Driver, Car Returned

Wins Flying Cross



Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, U. S. airforce commander on the Tunisian front, pinned the Distinguished Flying Cross on Lieut. Col. Elliott Roosevelt (above), son of the President, "for heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights."

Soldiers Who Are Said To Have Assaulted Buckner To Be Brought To Jail Today.

Three soldiers who are alleged to have assaulted Leo Buckner, local taxi driver, and took his car a week ago, are scheduled to be brought to the Haywood jail by members of the sheriff's department today from Shelby, where the trio were arrested yesterday.

Haywood officers left late last night for Shelby to get the three men, and the Plymouth car, which officers said was the taxi Buckner was operating on the night of the assault.

The sheriff's department last night named the soldiers that were being held in Shelby for them as: Ralph Jenkins, formerly of Iron Duff, Earl Scates, of Hazelwood, and Horace Bridges, of Forest City.

Sheriff R. V. Welch notified the sheriff of Cleveland County of the theft of the car and assault on Buckner. The sheriff there watched for the three men and nabbed the men there, together with the car.

Bridges' home was given as Forest City. Bridges and Jenkins are from Camp Gordon, near Augusta, and Scates from Fort Jackson, officers learned.

The alleged assault took place about 9:30 on the night of the 12th, when the three soldiers hired the taxi to take them to Jonathan Creek. Upon arrival near a point near the Rock Hill school, the men ordered the taxi stop so they could examine a name on a mail box. When Buckner stopped, he said one of the men in the back seat hit him over the head with an iron pipe. He was knocked unconscious. Then, he said, one of them tried to get his pocketbook, but he came to himself and kicked the assailant away. The three drove away in the car.

The car was traced the next day to Cosby, Tenn.

Buckner was brought to town, and he told officers he knew the two Haywood men and named them that night.

22 Enrolled In Defense Classes At Bethel School

Twenty-two men, women and boys have enrolled in the defense class in farm machinery repair which began at Bethel Monday night. The course is being held in the vocational shop and is being taught by George Stamey and supervised by I. A. McLain.

The class will meet four nights a week, Monday through Thursday and will run for two three week periods. The expenses of the course are being paid by the Federal Government.

Some of the boys who are especially interested in mechanics will devote most of their time to study and work on tractors, gas engines and other motors. The repair of motors and various farm machinery is under way.

Farmers of the community who are interested in getting their machinery in good repair for summer should contact Mr. Stamey or Mr. McLain.

Allen's Creek Baptists Pay Off Their Debt

The congregation of the Allen's Creek Baptist church held a special services last Sunday afternoon, commemorating the paying of the debt on the parsonage and Sunday school rooms. The deed of trust and notes were burned during the service.

The dedication program was in charge of Rev. C. L. Allen, and the sermon was preached by Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church.

WEATHER

The following is the official weather report for Waynesville, as recorded by The Mountaineer:

Date	max	min	pcp
14	47	17	.00
15	50	35	.20
16	59	46	.00
17	49	59	.00
18	64	50	1.20
19	58	24	.74
20	24	9	.00

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