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DIXON BROTHERS IN ARMED SERVICES



HOWARD DIXON.



WILKINS DIXON.

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dixon of Turkey are serving overseas with the armed forces. Col. Howard Dixon is in England, Cpl. Wilkins Dixon is in Alaska and Tech. Sgt. Bruce Dixon is in the Southwest Pacific, as reported on New Guinea.

BRUCE DIXON.

Gasoline Problem Critical In Area

RALEIGH, Feb. 7.—Governor Broughton said today that he will appoint a state gasoline coordinator whose duties will be to handle reports of gasoline shortages in the state and to work with federal officials in relieving areas where the shortages become acute. The appointment probably will be made tomorrow, the governor said, and will be made from employees already on the state payroll. He emphasized that he would not create a new job.

The gasoline shortage in North Carolina has reached such proportions, the Governor said, that he is unable to handle the requests and seek help personally and still attend to urgent state business.

A critical situation developed in the Wilmington area, particularly around Wallace, today, the governor said, and he has asked Federal officials to make tank cars available to relieve the situation.

All filling stations at Wilmington were closed, he added, despite the fact that 40,000 barrels of gasoline are stored in terminals there awaiting orders of redistribution. This gas cannot be distributed, he said, until allocations are made and he has urged the "striking committee to see that it is moved as soon as possible. The governor said he was assured at the gasoline would be allocated immediately.

A number of defense workers were unable to get to their jobs today in the Wilmington area because of the shortage, and tractors being used in agricultural work were being kept idle, the governor said.

A critical shortage in the Wayne county area was relieved last week after the governor consulted with federal officials.

However, Governor Broughton today was notified that a critical situation had developed in the Duplin county area, the gas shortage hampered cultivation of potato truck crops.

Some Relief Received
Since the above story appeared in the Wilmington Star-News, some relief to motorists in Wallace and Duplin County has been received. Some gas came in Tuesday and motorist in worst stresses were given relief.

Celebrates 75th Birthday

Miss Lula Hinson, Kenansville's most patriotic lady, celebrated her 75th birthday Monday Feb. 7th. Though not a state or national holiday, Miss Lula displayed her large American flag that is always seen on holidays. During the day she was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sitterson and in the afternoon guest at bridge of Mrs. J. E. Jarrett.

Rose Hill Boy

Reported War Prisoner

Mr. and Mrs. Heman Hall of Rose Hill have been notified from Washington that according to a German short-wave broadcast, unofficial, which was intercepted recently, their son Wm. H. Hall is a prisoner of war. No personal message was included pending further confirmation. The local Red Cross chapter is working on the matter now.

Coombs Brothers Open

In New Store At P. Hill

Stanley and Chris Coombs proprietors of C. & D. Cash Store have constructed a new store building, 30 X 100 feet on a vacant lot facing the Pink Hill post office. The structure is made of cement blocks and is well finished on the inside.

Chris Coombs is now serving with the Army overseas and his brother, Stanley is managing the store.

Though a young institution in Pink Hill, opened about three years ago, C & D Cash Store has enjoyed a nice growth and is one of the larger stores in the busy town of Pink Hill. They carry a general line of merchandise including shoes and clothing. They feature Blount's furniture.

County Home Dem. Agent Resigns

Mrs. Rachel Hurst Rogers, who has been Home Demonstration Agent for Duplin for some time has resigned the position effective March 1st. Miss Nettie Cameron, assistant, will carry on her duties until a new agent can be secured.

PAID FOR WALK TO SCHOOL

Searshurg, Vt.—Because of a shortage of gasoline, the School bus was unable to make its usual runs. Therefore, this mountain town is paying school children up to \$1.70 a week for walking to school, depending upon the distance covered.

Three Boys Caught Stealing Gasoline

According to reports reaching here three white boys, one named Thompson and two Arnette boys were caught in the act of stealing gasoline from Fred Hardy's service station in Albemarle township Tuesday night.

Mr. Hardy has been missing gasoline for some time. Around two hundred gallons per month has been missing. He changed locks on his pump but someone seemed to have a key to fit all of the locks.

Being suspicious Tuesday afternoon, he announced in the presence of the boys, the story goes, that he was going to Mt. Olive late in the afternoon. He left as he stated and his father closed the station and hid inside. Some time later the boys came up, unlocked the pump and were drawing gas when Mr. Hardy threw on the lights. They lit out but he saw who they were.

A particular feature of the new store building is a huge refrigerated ice house in the back storage room. It has a 50 block capacity and will relieve the ice problem in and around Pink Hill considerably. Mr. Coombs states also that the temperature will be low enough to keep meat indefinitely. He says that any of their customers who desire to kill a pig for fresh meat during the summer, will be given the opportunity to store the meat in the ice box free of charge.

R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for Governor, announced here today that William B. Umstead, prominent Durham attorney and former Sixth District Congressman, will serve as his state campaign manager.

No definite date has been set for the official opening of the Cherry headquarters, but it was made known here today that state headquarters for the Cherry forces will be opened in Raleigh in the near future, either in late February or early March.

Widely known throughout the state, Mr. Umstead is a native of Durham County. He attended the University of North Carolina and graduated with the Class of 1916. After leaving the University he taught school in Kinston. Immediately following the declaration of war in 1917 he resigned his position with the Kinston Schools and entered the military service. He served until the end of the war with the 317th Machine Gun Battalion, 31st Division.

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After the war Mr. Umstead studied law at Trinity College, now Duke University, and the University of North Carolina. He began to practice in Durham in 1921.

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