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## WIDESPREAD PROTEST ON RATIONING OF GASOLINE

### Easterners Ask Whole Country Share Alike; Broughton Takes Up Matter with Secretary Ickes

Although most citizens took the prospect of gasoline rationing in stride, the question of who gets how much and why precipitated a wave of grumbling protests Tuesday along the 17-state eastern seaboard where registration for rationing beginning Friday entered its second day.

A survey indicated there was considerable confusion among individuals and rationing officials over what constituted legitimate needs. There were reports from some sections that applicants in many cases were not exactly accurate in stating them.

Registration was not an hour old Tuesday before the office of Adolph J. Chesley, deputy federal rationing administrator for the Bronx, received 30 calls from irate motorists who complained that they had not received the ration cards to which they were entitled.

At Providence, R. I., Wednesday morning Administrator Edward T. Hogan warned over the radio that card applications would be examined rigidly and penalties given if abuses were detected. At least one city administrator said he didn't think people were dishonest, but just stretching the truth.

Leslie V. Bateman, rationing administrator for Westchester county, New York, declared, "St. Peter closed the gates on many residents of Westchester Wednesday," meaning, he said, that many motorists weren't entitled to the B-3 and "X" cards—providing more than the minimum ration—which they asserted they needed.

One of the sorest points with easterners was that only in their section of the nation was gasoline rationing being imposed. Mayor F. H. La Guardia of New York City summed up this feeling when he declared Tuesday night:

"All we ask so far as gas is concerned is that the entire country be treated equally and that no greater burden be put on us than on the rest of the country."

Actually, it appeared that some restrictions might be in prospect for the rest of the country as the war production board ordered curtailment of deliveries of fuel oil extended to 15 mid-western states for the first time beginning June 15.

Raleigh, May 13.—Governor J. M. Broughton appealed today to interior secretary and Petroleum Coordinator Ickes in his determined stand for a relaxation of gasoline rationing in this state.

The Governor appealed to Ickes after Price Administrator Leon Henderson had informed the Governor that the area in which gasoline is to be rationed is the same as the area in which an earlier gasoline limitation order applied.

The limitation order, the Governor said, was effected by the War-Production Board at Ickes' recommendation.

The Governor pointed out, however, that portions of the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia were included in the limitations order but were excluded from the rationing program.

Broughton's telegram to Ickes said: "According to press reports the western portion of the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia are by your request excluded from the gasoline rationing area. It is reported that this action is based on pipe line or other source of gasoline for these areas not involving ocean borne or rail transportation gasoline.

"I call your attention to the fact that pipe lines in the state of North Carolina with delivery and storage facilities at Charlotte, Salisbury and Greensboro, North Carolina, are in active operation and have a total capacity of approximately 50,000,000 gallons per month.

"In view of this situation I respectfully submit that North Carolina is entitled to the same consideration shown the other states named and have so advised Honorable Leon Henderson, Administrator. Your cooperation in this equitable adjustment will be much appreciated."

### CANCER DRIVE REPORT

The recent Cancer Drive Enrollment Campaign conducted here under the leadership of Miss Felicity DeVincenti assisted by Mrs. LeRoy Parker was very successful and \$50 was contributed by interested citizens to aid in the Cancer Fight.

The world owes us all a living but it is no trick it can't pay off and we'll have to go to work for it.

## SATURDAY IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER

J. H. Harrell, chairman of the Pitt County Board of Elections, calls attention to the fact that next Saturday, May 16th, is the deadline for registration of voters who wish to cast their ballots in the coming May 30th primary.

This is not a new registration but is for all persons who have not previously registered, or for those who have changed their voting places since the last election. Persons desiring to do so may see the registrar in their precinct at any time today or tomorrow. Persons who fail to register before closing the books on Saturday will not be permitted to vote in the primary.

M. W. Rollins, registrar for Farmville Township, will be at his office at the Rollins' Cleaners and Dyers, on Wilson street all day Saturday to accommodate those wishing to register in this township.

## ACCIDENT VICTIMS

Albert Kilpatrick of Brevard and Bob Aiken of Asheville, who were with the 44th Field Artillery, Battery B, at Camp Gordon, Ga., were killed instantly when their car struck a buttment of an under pass bridge, at Edgefield, S. C.

The boys were returning to camp following a visit to their families. The accident occurred at five A. M., on Monday, May 4th.

Kilpatrick was a brother of Mrs. Will Moore, Jr., of Farmville and Aiken, a cousin.

Funeral services for Kilpatrick were conducted from the Methodist Church in Brevard and burial followed in Gillopie cemetery.

In addition to Mrs. Moore, he is survived by his father, D. P. Kilpatrick; a brother, Karl Kilpatrick; and another sister, Mrs. S. T. Utley, all of Brevard.

## The First War-Time Poppy Day Is Just Ahead

### Poppies of Patriotic Remembrance will Bloom in Farmville on Saturday, May 23

Every man, woman and child will be asked to wear a poppy on that day in honor of the men who have given their lives for America. The poppies will be distributed by volunteer workers from the American Legion Auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. P. E. Jones and the coins contributed for them will be used in Legion and Auxiliary work for the war disabled, their families and the families of the dead.

"Each poppy has individuality, being individually made by some veteran too badly disabled to do other work." "Into each flower goes the sentiment of these men for the comrades they left in France. Each symbolizes beautifully the supreme sacrifice which has again become necessary to maintain America's freedom and democracy."

Wearing a poppy is the way each individual can show that he remembers the men who have died in the nation's defense and honors their patriotic spirit. The poppy is more than even a badge of patriotism this year when young Americans again are offering their life to keep our country secure. We are hoping that everyone in the city will show his patriotism by having a poppy on his lapel on Saturday, May 23.

Poppies were first worn in America in New York City on November 10, 1918, the day before the Armistice. They were adopted as the official memorial flower of the American Legion in 1920, and one of the first acts of the American Legion Auxiliary when it was organized in 1921 was to name the poppy as its memorial flower.

Poppy Day is observed in the United States on the Saturday before Memorial Day, when more than 14,000,000 of the little red flowers are worn by patriotic citizens.

As we honor those who give their lives, we should think, too, of those who sacrifice health and strength, and of the families left in need because a father or son has served his country. They are still within the reach of our help. Let us be generous in our contributions for the poppies. Every penny of the money given goes to support the work the American Legion and the Auxiliary are doing for the disabled and dependent families of the First World War and of the present conflict.

## Rotary Conference Raleigh May 20-21

Excellent Program Arranged, With Several Good Speakers; Irvin Morgan, Farmville Rotarian and A Past District Governor, To Appear On The Program

Raleigh, May 14.—Men of national repute will feature the speakers' tables at the annual 189th District Rotary Conference here May 20 and 21. Among these is a North Carolinian who has held the highest office Rotary International can give.

Raymond Tiffany, New Jersey lawyer, and Larry Akers, Memphis business man, both members of the board of directors of Rotary International, will bring messages from headquarters of an organization that has felt the effects of war by having to disband clubs in axis-held territory through edicts of totalitarian governments.

"Gene" Newsome of Durham, past president of Rotary International, will preside at the fellowship dinner Wednesday evening May 20, when Wallace and Mabel Wood of Roxboro are scheduled to do group singing honors and Robert L. Patton, Tar Heel humorist from the mountains of Morganton and Burke county's school superintendent, will be the speaker.

The convention program is under the direction of District Governor H. Dennett Jones of Burlington, familiarly known all over the district as "Tarvis." Backing him up as conference musical director is Edmund H. Harding and his accordion that began to spread song and humor throughout the eastern seaboard from the Rotary Club of the Original Washington in Beaufort county. Jones was named head of the 189th District at the 1941 convention in Greensboro last spring.

A number of past governors of the district will appear on the program, among them Charles W. Phillips, Greensboro; Henry R. Dwise, Duke University; and Irving Morgan, of Farmville. Musician Ed Harding is also a past district governor.

James Bishop, Jr., president of the Graham club will preside at the breakfast for club presidents and secretaries with the speaker for the occasion being Dr. Walter K. Green of Duke University.

At the district conference banquet Thursday night, May 21, Governor and Mrs. J. M. Broughton will be specially invited guests and Raleigh's Mayor Graham H. Andrews will welcome the Rotarians and Rotary Anns to the Capital City. The district governor's ball will follow the banquet.

Conference sessions will be limited to Thursday morning. The host club dance is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 20, after the incoming visitors have had the afternoon for rest, shopping and visiting. Registration will begin Wednesday at midday and no registration fee will be charged.

Host Club President Earl Johnson and General Conference Chairman John A. Park have urged all 49 Rotary Clubs in the 189th District to send large delegations of members and wives and to double up as much as comfortable in cars in view of impending tire and gasoline shortages.

## Farmville Soon To Have Two First Aid Stations

### Air Observation Post For Week of May 18

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Monday Night—8 P. M. to 8 A. M. R. H. Knott—G. H. Joyner. Service Station.
- Tuesday Night—8 P. M. to 8 A. M. Haywood Smith—J. M. Stansell. Service Station.
- Wednesday Night, 8 P. M. to 8 A. M. J. R. Shearin—Hy. D. Johnson. Service Station.
- Thursday Night, 8 P. M. to 8 A. M. A. F. Joyner—C. L. Ivey. Service Station.
- Friday Night—8 P. M. to 8 A. M. E. S. Scott—Mark Dixon. Service Station.
- Saturday Night—8 P. M. to 8 A. M. B. L. Lang—John F. Paylor. Service Station.
- Sunday Night—8 P. M. to 8 A. M. George Dixon—Matthew Gibbs. Service Station.

### COLORED SCHOOL HERE ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE

The Farmville colored school wishes to extend a special invitation to all friends and patrons to its "Open House" on Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22, respectively. Your visit will be most appreciated.

## House Takes Final Vote On Soldiers' Pay

### Expect Conference To Adopt Senate Figure of \$42 Per Month

Washington, May 15.—Approving a base pay schedule of \$50 a month for buck privates and apprentice seamen, the House passed and sent back to the Senate today the amended pay adjustment bill for all branches of the armed services.

The House refused to back down, on a roll call vote of 381 to 28, from its tentative action of yesterday in boosting the \$42 base pay voted by the Senate and recommended by the House Military Committee.

The amendment also boosted pay of second class seaman and first class privates from the Senate-voted \$48 to \$54.

The present pay of a private and an apprentice seaman with four months experience is \$30, while a second class seaman and a first class private receive \$36.

Members of the Military Committee predicted the original \$42 voted by the Senate would be the figure the measure finally contains after emerging from conference to adjust the differences.

The vote on final House passage was 356 to 1, with Rep. Disney (D-Okla.) casting the lone dissent.

Rep. Brooks (D-La.) put into the Congressional Record what he said were official figures which showed that a basic pay schedule of \$42 would make Uncle Sam's privates the second-best paid in the world. The Australian private gets \$62.10 a month, the list showed.

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) sponsored the amendment raising the pay to \$50.

"It was unfortunate that the amendment was put in in the first place," one committee member said privately. "Of course, we'd all like to give our fighting men a lot of money, but there's a limit. This bill already stands to cost in the neighborhood of half a billion dollars annually. Some of the soldier boys who are expecting the amounts provided for in the amendment are going to be mighty disillusioned when the figures are changed in conference."

The House added the amendment to the service pay adjustment bill on a voice vote at the suggestion of Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) who said it might prevent "a bonus fight" after the war.

It would give privates and apprentice seamen \$50 a month, compared to \$30 now paid and \$42 approved by the Senate, and first class privates and second class seamen \$54 compared to \$36 now received and \$48 voted by the Senate.

The House made no changes in other base pay or allowance provisions of the bill, which is applicable to the army, the navy, the marines, the coast guard, the coast and geodetic survey, the public health service and the nursing service.

Base pay increases were provided for men in the lower ranks up to and including second lieutenants and ensigns, with hikes in allowances for rental and subsistence of higher officers.

## Five More Ships Sunk By U-Boats

### Two of Them Torpedoed in the St. Lawrence River

Raleigh, May 14.—The United States Navy revealed Wednesday that three United Nations merchantmen have been sunk by Axis submarines—one off Africa, one in the Gulf of Mexico and one within sight of the Atlantic coast town—while the Canadian government disclosed that two vessels have been torpedoed in the St. Lawrence river instead of one announced previously.

Sinkings revealed at Washington and Ottawa brought to around 185 the cargo ship losses revealed in this nation and Canada since the war began. Two of the latest victims of U-Boat warfare were American vessels.

Three fishing boats brought 22 of the 37-man crew of a medium-sized American freighter ashore after their vessel was torpedoed off the Atlantic coast in sight of housewives in a beach town. The survivors revealed at West Palm Beach, Fla., that their vessel sank within 60 seconds, the lifeboats still in their davits. Two men—Fourth Mate Dewey MacDonough, New York, and Chief Steward Louis Ruiz, Brooklyn, were killed and 13 others were missing.

The careful preparation of First Mate C. L. Clark, Mill Valley, Calif., was praised by other survivors for saving their lives. They said Clark had made lifeboats from bits of planking and discarded oil drums several days before the sinking.

Saved By Oil Drums. "I don't know whether it was a premonition or not," Clark said. "But I thought that instead of throwing away those old drums, we might put them to a practical use."

Clark said that none of the men had time to jump overboard, and "about the time we decided to jump, we were waist deep in the water and the next second we were swimming like hell to get away from the suction of the ship."

## MRS. W. L. FULFORD

Mrs. Henrietta Beardsley Fulford, 63 years of age, died Wednesday night, May 6, at Pitt General Hospital in Greenville after an illness of ten days. She was born on April 16, 1879, the daughter of the late Lambert and Martha Evans Meardsley. She was a lifelong resident of Pitt County and an active member of the Arthur Methodist Church. She will be greatly missed by her many friends, "for to know her was to love her."

Funeral services were held from the late residence Friday afternoon at four o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. Key Taylor, assisted by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Farmville Christian Church. Burial followed in the Parker cemetery near the home.

She is survived by four daughters: Mrs. R. C. Maddrey of Raleigh, Miss Melba Fulford of Richmond, Mrs. O. T. Gay and Mrs. Ois Nanney of Farmville; three sons: William, David L., and Robert L. Fulford of Farmville; twenty-one grand children and three great grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Gordon Leo, H. C. Tyson, W. L. White, O. L. Ervin, E. O. Norton, Mack Erwin, William Hobgood, Ira Oakley, B. L. Bateman, Ichabod Allen, John Erwin Wilkerson and Claude Tyson.

Honorary pallbearers were R. T. Norville, Dr. W. M. Willis, Dr. R. T. Williams, J. H. Harris, Bob Tuzage, O. C. White, C. N. Allen, Bennie May, J. A. Mathews, Zeb Gay, John Tyson, J. H. Bynum, John Hill Paylor, Jack Lewis, Arthur Joyner, George Neberecut, Archie Jones, D. S. Harris and Levi Humble.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral were Mrs. W. D. Adams, Mrs. Groves Raper, Miss Ruby Jenkins and Miss Isabelle Brouwer of Wilson; Mrs. Roy Wheatley, Mrs. J. O. Woodward, Mrs. E. J. Anderson, Mrs. Mary Alice Tyrell, Mrs. Belle Maddrey, Mrs. Mary Maddrey Woodall, Mrs. Margaret Schell and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Maddrey of Raleigh; Mrs. David Beardsley, Sr. of Charlotte; Mrs. David Beardsley, Jr., and Mrs. George Walf of Wilmington; Mrs. Ernest Fulford and L. A. Fulford and family of Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Beardsley of Florence, S. C., and E. O. Norton of Charleston, S. C.

For the present Station No. 1 will be located at the Farmville High School Gym, and Station No. 2, will be at the Farmville Colored School. The organization as temporarily set up has been divided into the following groups: First Aid squads will be headed by S. A. Garrie, C. S. Hotchkiss, Walter E. Jones and John B. Lerie. The Ambulance and Transportation squad will be in charge of W. H. Duke and W. B. Gaddy. There will also be a Nurses unit acting in cooperation with the above squads and will be composed of the Nursing Staff and all those who have taken the Home Nursing course.

The Colored organization will be headed by H. B. Sugg, principal of the Farmville Colored School. First Aiders and Nurses will be conducted by their chiefs at once.

A meeting to perfect the organization will be held Wednesday night, May 20, at 8 o'clock, at the High School Gym.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will hold its annual meeting in joint session with the Farmville Rotary Club on Tuesday night, May 19th. Every member is urged to attend this meeting. As to the place and time of the meeting you will be notified soon.

## RUSSIAN ARMY WITHDRAWS TO NEW CRIMEAN DEFENSE

### NOTICE !!!

All persons having vacant houses, apartments, or rooms furnished or unfurnished, please notify the Chamber of Commerce as to location, size, accommodations provided; that is, whether furnished or unfurnished and if heated, what type of heat; and the minimum price of the unit. Due to the fact that we have been notified of crowded conditions in the surrounding towns we have written to the Chamber of Commerce of each town saying that we have vacant houses, apartments and rooms for rent, and to please refer the prospects to Farmville Chamber of Commerce. Please call this office and give us the above information as soon as possible.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Reverend Bueford B. Fordham has been appointed to serve on the William Jewell College Bequest Program committee. This committee is part of the plans for the preparation for the centennial of William Jewell for the centennial of William Jewell in 1949. This committee will have members in forty-eight states because the college alumni are so widely scattered over America. Appointment was made by Lex Daniel, member of the Board of Trustees of the college, who will serve as the national Chairman of the College Bequest Program. William Jewell College is in Liberty, Mo.

## VEGETABLES

About 79 percent of the 6,086,799 farms enumerated in the recent census reported farm gardens growing vegetables for consumption on the farm only, an average of \$44 worth per farm.

## Chinese Veterans Ready To Meet Japanese Drive

### Troops Under Personal Direction of Chiang Kai-Shek; Burma War Continues

London, May 13.—Veterans of the China wars under the personal direction of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek braced their lines tonight against a reinforced Japanese penetration of their soil, while isolated, exhausted Chinese and British forces held stubbornly to the last few bits of Burma.

After suffering a temporary, but speedy setback, the Japanese advance guard on the Burma Road was reported in a Chinese communique from Chungking to have penetrated at least 50 miles inside China's backyard to Lungling and to have pushed on towards Paoshan, 50 miles deeper inside Yunnan province. The major objective of this drive supposedly is Kunming, capital of the province, and China terminus of the true Burma Road.

A Chungking spokesman said, however, that the Japanese advance guard had made no progress since yesterday, and expressed the opinion that they might not try to advance farther because of the heavy casualties they have suffered in Yunnan province.

Still Fighting. While Chiang's seasoned troops fought this new incursion, other, by-passed units of American General Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese expeditionary force were slashing at the enemy's thinly-guarded communication lines in northern Burma.

The Chinese high command said Chinese units had disrupted Japanese communications between the Mandalay-Lashio area and Bhamo and Myitayina to the north.

However, Chungking disclosed that the Japanese had opened up a new front by advancing northward up the Mekong River from Thailand into the Burma-Thailand-Pratah Indo-China border region and have occupied the town of Hongkuk. There they passed on toward Nongko, where the Chinese engaged them.

The communique reported also that another Japanese column was battling the Chinese at Langkum on the Salween River, but these actions were said to have taken place late last week.

During 1941 a total of 636,518,000 chickens were produced on American farms, the largest number since 1899 and 18 percent larger than the total for 1940.

## Moscow Denies German Claim That Nazis Already Have Won Kerch Peninsula Battle at Gateway To Caucasus Oil Riches; Russians Take Offensive In Kharkov Area

Moscow, May 14.—The Russians acknowledged early today that they had fallen back to new positions on the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea in the face of attacks by superior numbers of Nazis, but they denied German claims that the battle had been concluded.

In the vicinity of Kharkov, approximately 300 miles north of the Crimean battlefield, the Russians under Marshal Semeon Timoshenko were engaged in a mounting offensive against the Germans, and there the Red army forces were "successfully advancing," according to the midnight Soviet communique.

A possibility that a third important sector of the front may be opened by the Germans soon, perhaps as part of a general offensive, was seen in a brief Moscow radio report that the huge total of 229 German transport planes and 37 fighters were destroyed in the past few days in the region about Stavra-Russia, south of Leningrad and northwest of Moscow, long a bitterly-contested area.

The presence of so many German transport planes indicated a further Nazi attempt to bolster the reportedly trapped 16th German army south of Lake Ilmen. (The Nazis recently claimed they had cut a ground corridor through to that army.)

Crimean Front. The Crimean front, meanwhile, continued to rock with battle, " fierce fighting still is going on," said today's communique. The text read:

"During May 13 our troops, opposing numerically superior forces of Germans, retired to new positions. "The German communique claim that the battle of Kerch resulted in a German success and that they captured many tanks and guns and took a large number of prisoners is nothing but a lie. "Our troops are retiring in good order and inflicting heavy losses on the attackers. "In the Kharkov direction of the front (in the Donets basin) our troops took the offensive and are successfully advancing. "On other sectors of the front nothing of significance took place. "On May 12, 43 German planes were destroyed. Our losses were 17 Soviet ships in the Barents Sea sank an enemy transport of 12,000 tons."

German Claim. (The German high command yesterday claimed that 40,000 Red troops had been captured, and the battle was decided at the approaches to Kerch, which, with the narrow isthmus of the name, bars the way to a jump into the Caucasian oil fields. The Nazis also claimed the "annihilation of enemy forces which have been overrun and encircled there.")

A supplementary Russian communique said: "During May 13 our air units destroyed 32 German tanks, 230 motor vehicles with troops and supplies, 105 cars with supplies, 45 field and anti-aircraft guns, ten mortars, eight anti-aircraft and machine gun firing positions, smashed a railway train and six platform cars with trucks, dispersed and partly annihilated an enemy regiment."

The destruction of 43 more Nazi planes raised the announced toll to 104 since May 1, and presumably most of those downed were operating as a covering and dive-bombing force for General Von Manstein's tank and infantry troops pounding the Russians along a 12-mile line between the Black and Azov seas on the Kerch Peninsula.

The Soviet communique implied that the preliminary Red dugouts and concrete emplacements along the neck of the peninsula had been overrun, but gave no indication of the depth of the German penetration.

CIRCLE MEET

Mrs. Frank Harpel was gracious hostess to Circle Number Four of the Methodist Women's Society on Monday afternoon at her home in which garden flowers were used in pleasing arrangement.

Mrs. Pearl Johnston led the devotional program. Following a short business session a social hour was enjoyed during which the ladies enjoyed refreshments and the ladies enjoyed the program.

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