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## A Good Word For A Public Utility

In our news columns this week we are re-

printing a story carried a few days ago by the News and Observer, in which Rate Expert Edgar Womble of the State Utilities Commission has a good word and some explicit figures which speak even more eloquently in praise of a private corporation in the public utility business. Such a good word from a public official for an electric company is a rare thing indeed these days, when the air is filled with the praises and advantages of Federal authorities such as the fabulous Tennessee Valley Authority.

The power company serves this area of the state and many here will be interested in the savings that have been effected. The power company, too, is one of the county's and of the state's largest taxpayers, and through its operation here—instead of the area being served by a Federal authority—there accrues another savings to all of our taxpayers through its bearing its share of the taxload, a major fault to be found with Federally financed projects which compete with or displace private corporations.

**360,000 SEE BOWL GAMES**  
 Ten bowl games on New Year's day attracted 360,000 football fans.

**500 IN UNIFORM**  
 Approximately 500 major league ball players were in the armed forces on January 1, 1945.

Prime Minister Churchill has ordered the immediate induction of 250,000 more men into the armed forces.

## County School News

The Rockfish school has been working hard on attendance and has been rewarded for its work by the allotment of an additional teacher by the State Board of Education. Mrs. Hermon Koonce has accepted the position and has been at work since the first of the month.

Within the next few days the Ashmont F. T. A. hopes to have the lunch room in operation. A three division sink, hot water tank and heater have been installed and new tables are being built. This lunch room will be one of the most modern in the county when all of this work has been completed.

All schools are working in the drive for the Infantile Paralysis fund and will report not later than February 3rd. The goal in the schools is to average a dime for every child enrolled.

The Raeford graded school is seeking to improve its daily attendance. Last week Miss Ferguson's sixth grade had everyone present every day in the week. Mrs. Brown's sixth grade ran Miss Ferguson's group a close second having perfect attendance for three days. The pupils from Miss Ferguson's grade who came every day were: Betty Lou Parks, Peggy Walters, Earl Hendrix, David Currie, Irene Andrews, James Tapp, Lynn Conk, Norma Lou Mace, Iris Thomas, Bobby Wallace, Dewey Mel- (Continued on page three)

## Two Raeford Men Live Hazardously Hauling Gasoline

Two thousand gallons of gas—just to have that much would be something over here—but to have that much behind you on a trailer with a Nazi plane diving at you from the clouds would not sit any too well with most of the home folks. Yet, taking such chances of being blown to bits is the everyday job of Corporals Walter Handon and Elmer McCall of Raeford, Rt. 2, and Cpl. William Blount of Lumberton, Rt. 1, Cpl. William P. Morrison of Southern Pines and Pvt. Joshua Wright, Jr., of Fayetteville.

These boys are members of a Motor Transport unit which have been plying the roads of France since June 26, delivering motor and air-plane gasoline to artillery units and airfields, in 2000 gallon lots, much of it going almost to the front lines, following the armored columns of General Patton giving "transfusions" to stranded armored units right in the thick of an advance. Many boys of the MTS have been overseas so long now that the roads and highways of England, of France, of Belgium, of Holland and even parts of Germany are as familiar to them as the highways of North Carolina, and they know the hiding places which will shield them and their trucks from plane attack probably far better than they ever knew the "parking" places back home.

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In our opinion, based on information available to us, the chief fertilizer problems this season will be those of shipping and delivery. All our manufacturing connections are seriously short of labor, and this is the general situation confronting the whole industry. Shipping, both by rail and truck, is as you know not up to the usual standards, and delays are being encountered more and more. Farm deliveries from local warehouses depend upon local labor and local trucks, and most of you are familiar with both these problems. So, our advice is simply this:

Give your fertilizer order to your fertilizer dealer without waiting any longer, and arrange to take immediate delivery. We believe this is the ONLY way farmers all round will be able to get what they want and be ready to use fertilizer when they need it. While there may be enough fertilizers in sight, and we believe this is true, the delivery problem is definitely serious, and we believe the only solution is for early purchase and taking delivery of all requirements.

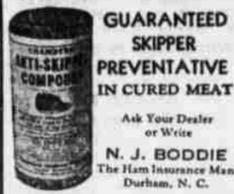
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