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CONGRESSMAN DEANE EXPLAINS FUEL OIL SHORTAGE IN N. C.

The News-Journal received a telegram from Eighth District Congressman C. B. Deane in Washington this week concerning the fuel oil shortage in North Carolina. This telegram is considered self-explanatory and follows in its entirety.

"Concerning the fuel oil shortage in North Carolina I wish to advise your paper that I have spent considerable time this week determining the facts. Some oil companies greatly underestimated requirements and refused to purchase oil tankers last summer. Local dealers are not responsible for commitments to supply since they acted on suppliers' promises. Facts reveal that, even though several areas in North Carolina face serious shortages, there is an actual oil shortage in meeting overall national needs in view of enormous conversion to oil.

"There is no Federal Legislation which can control or allot oil. It is purely within discretion of oil companies. Oil shipments to foreign nations are more than balanced by imports from abroad. The feeling exists that many consumers are unconsciously wanting tremendous amounts.

"My personal feeling could be that the Governor of our state issue a proclamation calling for conservation of oil in order to spread available supply and perhaps name an individual to work with oil dealers on conservation program. A ten percent saving can be accomplished by following two simple conservation measures (1) Daytime thermostat setting never above 70 degrees and (2) reduce night temperature to 60 degrees."

C. B. Deane

Concerning the fuel oil situation locally, it is thought that no one has had to do without oil up to this time, although available supplies have been spread thin. As to prospects for the future, officials of the Raeford Oil company were unable to say yesterday.

Representative Of Highway Visits Raeford Thursday

Last Thursday afternoon Dr. W. H. Morgan of Hartsville, S. C. a retired minister who is now a full time public relations and good will traveler for the Lafayette Highway Association, was a visitor in Raeford. Dr. Morgan has recently returned from two trips of several weeks each to the North and East, going north as far as Canada and west as far as Minneapolis.

His work in those areas, as it is in this, is to promote good will for the U. S. Highway 15-A, running between Creedmore, N. C. and Walterboro, S. C. He does this by contacting oil dealers, travel agencies, hotel chains and by inserting advertisements in the metropolitan newspapers of the North and East. His literature and his advertisements all carry strip maps of the Lafayette Highway, "The Short Highway, North-South," of which 15-A is a part.

While here Dr. Morgan visited in town and was escorted by Neill A. McDonald. He also attended the meeting of the Kiwanis club on Thursday night, where he told the group of his mission and stressed the importance of tourists to every community they pass through and the importance of courtesy toward strangers.

McLean Gets Three Lay Day Hunters

Game Protector H. R. McLean got three hunters last Friday afternoon in the Antioch section of the county, Friday being lay day. James McNeill and James D. McCormick, both colored, were hunting rabbits and they were brought before Justice of the Peace Mrs. Barrington for trial. Their hunting licenses were revoked for the remainder of the season and they were fined \$5 and the costs each.

The same day McLean caught Lamar Rucker, also colored, hunting in the same section with an unplugged repeating shotgun. Mrs. Barrington fined him \$5 and the costs also and revoked his license for the remainder of the season.

3-WAY WRECK MONDAY

At 12:30 o'clock Monday afternoon L. B. Seals, white, parked his 1946 Ford coach on the pavement near Buck Roper's garage in the west edge of town just beyond the Mill Village. Erwin Collins, white man of Cameron, was behind him when a truck went by him going in the other direction. Bolston Burke, colored, was going the same direction as Seals and Collins were facing and when he saw the truck coming he hit the back of Collins' car which in turn rammed the car of Seals. Collins' car was considerably damaged on both ends and Burke's car also suffered minor injuries. Seals and Burke were indicted for traffic violations by the investigating officers of the sheriff's office.

RESUME SQUARE DANCE SERIES NEXT WEDNESDAY

The regular square dances held at the Armory each Wednesday night will start again next Wednesday night, December 31, New Year's Eve. Two dances were skipped due to the Glen Gray dance which had been previously arranged for last Wednesday night and tonight is Christmas Eve.

Recorder Hears Light Docket Tuesday A. M.

Only five cases were tried yesterday morning in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid. Others were on the docket but were either continued or bonds were forfeited.

Bolston Burke colored, got three months suspended on payment of the costs and \$50 damages to Erwin Collins when he entered a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving.

L. B. Seals, white, was involved in the same accident as Burke and entered a plea of guilty of illegally parking on a highway. Thirty-day sentence was suspended on payment of the costs.

Jacinto Campbell, white of California, was charged with speeding and due to his great rate of speed State Highway Patrolman Kitchen required a bond of \$100. Campbell did not appear for trial and forfeited this bond.

Willie Bowen, colored of Virginia, also forfeited a bond for speeding and having improper equipment, \$20 for each offense.

Isadore Abrams, white of Pennsylvania, forfeited a \$25 bond for speeding, and Jack Gross, white of New York, forfeited a \$50 bond for speeding.

James McNair, colored of Shannon, was found guilty of speeding and resisting arrest in a charge brought by Officer Clark of the Raeford police force. Sentence of 30 days in each case were suspended on payment of the costs.

Organ Barton, Indian, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly and assault with a deadly weapon.

Johnnie McCrimmon, colored, was charged illegally begetting offspring and the non-support of same. He was found guilty and sentenced to one year on the roads. This sentence is to be suspended on payment of the costs, related hospital and doctor bills and \$5 weekly toward the support of the child. Defendant gave notice of appeal to Superior court.

Producers Average \$42.66 For Tobacco Through November

Producers' sales of flue-cured tobacco on North Carolina markets this season totaled 695,795,570 pounds through November and the season's average price at the end of November was \$42.66 per hundred pounds, the Federal-State Market News Service reported.

Total sales and averages by belts were: Border Belt, 140,940,872 pounds, \$43.07; Eastern Belt, 446,149,253, \$43.55; Middle Belt, 147,927,064, \$43.07; and Old Belt, 100,893,033, \$38.10.

The highest average price paid this season through November was attributed to Wilson, with an average of \$44.53. Rocky Mount paid \$44.66, Durham paid \$44.08, and Tabor City paid \$44.04 to complete the list of markets with a seasonal average exceeding \$44. The November average on the Eastern, Middle and Old Belts was \$41.60. Last year's November average on those belts was \$44.30.

NATIONAL GUARD DRILL

Battery A, local National Guard unit, did not drill on Monday night of this week, and will not have its regular drill on next Monday night. The next regular meeting of the unit will be at the Armory on the night of Monday, January 5, 1948.

To You

In the immortal words of Henry Van Dyke, "I am thinking of you today, because it is Christmas. And I wish you joy. And tomorrow, because it is the day after Christmas. I shall wish you joy. Mayhap I cannot tell you about it from day to day, for you may be far away, or we may be entangled with the things of life. But it makes no difference — my thoughts and my wish will be with you. Whatever of joy or success comes to you, I shall be glad. Clear through the year, without pretense, I wish you the spirit of Christmas."

From us all at

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Army Offers Many Nearby Assignments To Former Members

757 assignments in over 30 different job categories have been thrown open for direct enlistment in the Fifth Infantry Division with duty at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in grades ranging from Private up to and including Staff Sergeant, according to an announcement made today by M. Sgt. M. L. Shore, Recruiting Sergeant of the Rockingham Sub-Station of the Army and Air Force Recruiting Service. Only former members of the armed forces are eligible for these assignments, which are authorized as a part of the Army's new policy of offering former members of the Army Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard the opportunity of enlisting in the Regular Army with an initial assignment of at least a year's duration in the vicinity of their homes.

Among the job categories in which there are a large number of openings are: motor mechanics, cooks, clerk typists, stenographers, light truck drivers, medical technicians, duty NCO's, medical aid men, mess sergeants, and surgical technicians.

Sergeant Shore will be at the Court House every Monday from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Lauder Stedman Funeral Monday

Lauder Stedman, 48 died at his home here last Saturday after a long and painful illness. He was born in McCall, S. C. and had been an employee of the cotton mill here for 38 years.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock at the People's Tabernacle. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lottie Thames Stedman; three sons, James Curtis, Lauder Howard and William Ray Stedman, all of Raeford; one daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Baker of Raeford; two brothers, John of St. Pauls and Walter of Lenoir; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Gales of Laurinburg and Mrs. Tonie Rye of Rockingham.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL REVIVAL SERVICES

There will be a series of Christmas services conducted at Community Chapel Methodist church by the Rev. Wallace M. Ellis of Richmond, Ohio. The services will begin at seven-thirty this evening (Christmas Eve) and will be held nightly at seven-thirty through next Sunday night, December 28, except that there will be no service next Saturday night and there will be a service at three o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

Kiwanians Eat Lightly; Send Europe Saving

The Raeford Kiwanis club had a rather unusual meal at the regular weekly meeting last Thursday night. Instead of the bountiful supper usually served by Mrs. Lucy Smith, a committee headed by Tommie Upchurch prepared a meal based on the average standards of living in Europe today.

No tablecloths were used and the meal consisted of one tea cup of soup, one slice of brown bread, one small boiled potato, one apple and some salt and pepper for each one present. During the meal Upchurch explained that he had studied calories some and learned that the average European was living on 1500 calories a day at the present time. He then itemized the calories in the meal served and they added up to 550, over one-third of a day's fare in Europe.

The saving on the club's food bill, together with a contribution, all totalling \$60, was sent to CARE, or Cooperative American Remittances to Europe, for the purchase of food to be sent to Europe.

The meeting being the last in 1947, retiring president Kenneth MacDonaki made his farewell address to the club, thanking the members for their cooperation and urging them to perform even better next year for President Lewis Upchurch.

Speaker of the evening was Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr. who spoke to the club about her recent visit to the Territory of Hawaii. Her talk contained many interesting anecdotes and descriptions and was enjoyed by all present.

MAYOR RECEIVES LETTER FROM GRATEFUL TOURIST

Mayor W. L. Poole received a letter this week from A. S. Hickey of Kingston New York. Hickey's car caught fire here one day last June and he wrote to express his deep appreciation for the help given him at the Graham's Service Station and by the Raeford Fire and Police Departments.

Quoting from the letter: "At the time of the accident a number of citizens of Raeford gathered around and were most helpful, kind and sympathetic. I should like to thank them also. Raeford must be a pleasant place in which to live when such wholehearted and unselfish assistance is given to stranger in distress."

Game Protector H. R. McLean wishes to call to the attention of all hunters of the county that the open season for hunting deer, squirrel and wild turkey will end on January 1, 1948.

Group Raising Money To Build Factory Here

PROPOSAL FAVORED AT MEETING HERE LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

As a result of a decision made by those attending a meeting sponsored by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc. at the courthouse last Thursday night, a committee is at present in process of setting up a corporation to be formed to build a building here to house a plant of the American Wringer Company, Inc. at Washington, Rhode Island.

The meeting was held after the closing of the corporation after hearing the whole proposition from the officers of the Chamber of Commerce, President Crawford Thomas appointed a committee to sell the stock and the work began immediately after the meeting. It is the plan to raise the money by the last of next week in order that the contract may be signed with the Wringer company and construction started as soon as possible.

In explaining the proposition to the group, Thomas told them that the American Wringer Company is a fifty-year-old, financially strong institution with several plants in the United States and Canada engaged in the manufacture of wringers, rubber rolls, elastic, rubber thread, and other allied rubber products. He also said that they desire to establish a rubber thread plant here initially, a process in which raw rubber and cotton yarn are combined to make the rubber thread used in girdles, stocking tops, and other items. It is their tentative intention to employ about 150 persons when they initially get into full production, about 80 percent of which will be women. They plan to offer wages and working conditions which will compare favorably with any in this section.

The building to be constructed is to be leased by the company for 20 years with an option for them to buy it at its original cost at any time during the life of the lease. They will pay an annual rental for its use and will also amortize the purchase price in payments of five percent each year.

Several very strong financial institutions have indicated interest in making a loan to the building corporation since the name of the leasing company has been released, and it is the intention of the group forming the corporation to sell as much stock as possible (at least 50 percent) and to borrow the remainder. According to J. Lawrence McNeill, chairman of the committee handling this, slightly over \$30,000 of the stock has been sold up to yesterday afternoon. If half the money is put up locally it will return slightly over two percent annually.

This figure will be higher in accordance with the amount over half which is put up locally by reason of the interest saving on money not borrowed, according to best local estimates.

STORES OPEN TONIGHT

Best information available yesterday was that the stores here would be open tonight (Wednesday), following the same hours they usually do on Saturdays. They will be closed Thursday and Friday, as has been previously announced.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Sam Jones said he had no use for these old long-faced Christians who roped around like their Heavenly Father had died and left them no legacy.

I often think of what people will do when wages drop, because income will not justify the present scale. I hope we will not have one of those sudden changes, and ruinous drops in incomes, but such happens in America.

The Sunday School lesson for November 16th showed how people should continue to grow better as the days go by. You hear folks say they are the same old seven and six. They are not. They are better or worst each succeeding day.

I have been really surprised at the strangeness of the names of people, especially the Poles. Those names are ridiculously strange. I do wish we could adopt one language for the whole world. But they said there is none so difficult to learn as the English we use.

Food stuffs have gone down a little in price, but very little. Production is better than control. If we produce more than we need, prices will drop too low. But if you have plenty of your own, you will not grow hungry. Remember the early 1930's.

I have seen people, men and women, wearing clothing that was just rags tacked together. I hope I'll never see any more such.

I have never in my life been where I could not have all I wanted to eat and that good enough for anybody. Folks complain too much.

One woman in this state has a hobby gathering shoes. She has shoes from all the states in this Union, and from foreign countries.

Folks walked to church for six miles Sundays in the 1860's. Women carried their shoes, stopped on top of the hill above the church, and put them on.

The Bible gives warning of just what Russia is apparently trying to do. That country is not so popular with the other countries of the world. There is no necessity for laws against immigration into the country.

This column has warned the people against Wallace. That man is America's Hitler. Hitler was one of the most brutal murderers the world has known.

I remember the grain-fed beef my father had to kill about hog killing time. That was fine, fat beef, and he had a whole hind quarter for spring eating, and we enjoyed it very much.

The Blues were all good providers for their families. They had plenty of bacon, lard, beef, (fresh and dried) and cribs of corn and bins of wheat. That was living at home.

And they say the Anti-Closed Shop Bill is here to stay. I am glad of that. I do not believe any man has the right to say I shall not work.

Christmas is not like it used to be but much better, and I want it to last twelve and a half months every Christmas, hereafter.

This is not a capitalistic country. Any man who will save his money and invest his earnings and have that to help him earn his daily bread and then some, he becomes what the world calls a capitalist. But if he eats, or goes somewhere, or drinks and thus consumes his earnings as he earns, he can die a pauper. Take your choice. Of course, you can get help to massacre your income.