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FILL-ER-UP — Roger Spivey of Hobbsville fills his gas tank at a self-service station in Winfall. (Staff photo by Jack Grove)

Gas situation in county is not serious locally - yet

By JACK GROVE

The oil situation and gasoline supplies, not to mention the price of gas has been featured in newspapers and on television for some time now. A survey of the three oil companies in Perquimans County (Reed Oil Co., Hollowell Oil Co. and Winslow Oil Co.) was conducted by the Perquimans Weekly in order to attempt to pinpoint the situation locally.

Why is there a shortage nationally, or is there a shortage? This question has been asked repeatedly by the news media of the major oil companies and the Federal Government. Outside of the well-known fact that shipments of oil from Iran have been cut, no clearly defined answer has been given to this question.

The three local companies were asked this question. They were also asked if the major oil companies were purposely holding back stocks from the American public. Each company answered in the same way — they simply do not know.

They do know one thing — their monthly allocations of fuel are below what they received a year ago. Winslow Oil Co. has received 80 percent of what it received in June a year ago. May's allocation for Winslow was 90 percent. Reed Oil's June allocation was 78 percent. Allocations from three of the four suppliers for Hollowell Oil were 80, 90 and 68 percent.

Asked if they expected the serious situation that has developed in California and Washington, D.C., with the attendant long lines of cars at gas pumps to develop locally, the companies said no.

That is, if their allocations for the months ahead do not drop further. Julian Winslow said the serious situations elsewhere were caused by panic buying where motorists are "topping-off" their tanks. Joel F. Hollowell feels that such a situation could develop if supplies got tight in neighboring counties

causing motorists to look to Perquimans for supplies.

The price of gasoline meanwhile, continues to rise. Winslow said the price of gasoline from Union Oil of California, his supplier, has risen 15 cents a gallon since the first of the year. He said the company expects the price to rise at least another five to ten cents a gallon before the end of the year.

Hollowell said that he has experienced a price rise of about 18 percent from his suppliers. All three local companies expect to see the price of a gallon of gas reach or exceed a \$1 by the end of the year.

The supplies of diesel and home heating oils are a common concern of the oil companies. Farmers and commercial fishermen are guaranteed 100 percent of fuel needed for their operations by Federal law. However, supplies for the general public could be a problem in the months ahead.

Man facing extradition to N.C.

A man wanted in Hertford for larceny was arrested last week in Middlesex, N.J. on a felony warrant for breaking parole and leaving the state.

Anthony Huston Sloane, a New Jersey native, is facing extradition to N.C. He was on parole in Elizabeth City as a result of a conviction for breaking and entering and larceny there.

During this parole, Sloane worked at Ayscue's Cafe in Hertford. On March 14, it was reported to the Hertford police that a sum in excess of \$100 had been stolen from Ayscue's along with approximately \$40 worth of frozen steaks.

A warrant for larceny in general, naming Sloane, was obtained by the Hertford police.

Smith is honored by U.S. Jaycees



AWARD RECIPIENT — Paul L. Smith, Jr., shown with his wife, Anna, has been chosen by the national Jaycees organization as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America."

L. Paul Smith, Jr. has been named an "Outstanding Young Man of America" by the U.S. Jaycee organization. Smith was nominated for the honor by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

The letter forwarding the award to Smith said, in part, "The selections for the 1979 Outstanding Young Men of America Awards have been decided, and our Board of Advisors is happy to inform you that you are among these exceptional young men. This is an honor of which you can be very proud and we want to extend our wholehearted congratulations to you."

A man of your character is truly an asset to his family, as well as to his community, state and nation."

Smith's previous accomplishments include: received distinguished service award from the Perquimans County Jaycees in 1976; in 1977 he was named the outstanding young farmer by the Jaycees; past member, county chairman and state committee member with the Young Farmers and Ranchers organization; member of the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department since 1971 and a captain since 1974; a member of the board of directors of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau since 1977; charter member and Chairman of the Perquimans County Young Democrats since 1978; a precinct officer of the

Democratic Party since 1974 and currently is the third vice-chairman of the county Democratic Committee; a member of the Parkville Ruritans since 1971 and he has served in each office of that organization; and he has been very active in the Hertford Baptist Church and was elected as a deacon in 1977.

Suspect in break-ins caught

By JACK GROVE

A nightly visitor to the Little Mint in Hertford has had his visits curtailed indefinitely. This particular visitor had made his calls on the establishment after closing hours and had allegedly helped himself to cash there on these visits. The total amount taken was approximately \$180.

According to Police Chief, Marshall Merritt, the break-ins began on the night of June 7 and continued on the nights of June 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14. Merritt was on stake-out in the office at 10:40 p.m. on the 14th when he heard the suspect enter the premises. He was apprehended in the act of crawling over the counter to the food service area.

Police were first notified of the entries on June 11. Subsequent stake-outs in the neighborhood failed to turn up a suspect until

Merritt decided to wait on the premises itself.

The suspect, James Leroy Saunders, 17, of Rt. 1, Belvidere, was charged with five counts of breaking and entering and larceny and one additional count of breaking and entering. He was also charged with one count of possession of marijuana.

Saunders, a part-time employee of Little Mint, had obtained a key to the business and had a duplicate made, according to Merritt. One tool used in the investigation also apparently ensnared Saunders. Bills, whose serial numbers had been recorded, were left in the till and were subsequently passed by the suspect across the counter at the Little Mint, according to the police chief.

Saunders was released on \$2,000 secured bond pending a first appearance hearing to be held on July 18. If convicted, Saunders faces a possible sentence of 60 years imprisonment.

Earlier reports that Saunders was wanted in connection with five other burglaries were denied by Merritt.



BABY SCUPPERNONGS — Scuppernong grapes that will grow and ripen into sweet eating fruit are inspected

by Jesse P. Perry, Jr. in his orchard near Beach Spring. (Staff photo by Jack Grove)

Jesse P. Perry farm has pick-your-own theme

By JACK GROVE

A county resident has a rather unusual farm operation. Jesse P. Perry, Jr. grows grapes and blueberries for the pick-your-own enthusiasts. They are not

your average grapes and berries.

Perry, a botanist, grows hybrid plants that were carefully selected for their high yield, hardiness and sweet fruit. The grapes are a hybrid Scuppernong. Perry explains that the Scuppernong grape was growing wild in this area when Sir Walter Raleigh first landed. The native grapes have male and female plants that must be cross-pollinated to bear fruit. Perry grows the Carlos variety developed by N.C. State. This plant requires no cross-pollination since the male and female flowers are combined into one on the plant.

According to Perry, the grapes are bronze in color and nice and sweet. The winery near Edenton utilizes the Carlos variety of Scuppernong grapes in their operation. Perry has three acres of vineyard. They will be ripe for picking in September.

He also has two acres planted in blueberries. He

grows the "rabbit-eye" sub-variety Woodard and Tiff-Blue berries. Perry says the blueberries should be ready for picking during the first week in July.

Perry's farm is located about two miles northwest of Beach Spring at the edge of the Goodwin Mill Pond.

Board plans lunch program

The Perquimans County Board of Education is planning a summer lunch program, June 25 to July 27, from 12:30 to 1 p.m. each day, except July 4, at Perquimans Union School.

All meals will meet the minimum nutritional requirements set by federal and state guidelines. Lunches will be available without cost to all children under 19 years of age regardless of race, national origin, income level or handicap.

Mrs. Terranova will represent Perquimans

By PAIGE EURE

Summer vacation began June 4 for students in Perquimans County and June 8 began a long vacation for three of Perquimans County school teachers.

At an Employee Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Perquimans County Board of Education, on June 8 at the Hertford Grammar School, Mrs. Myrtle Williams, Mrs. Mary Parker and John Wynn announced their retirement.

Pat Harrell, superintendent, presented each teacher with a token of appreciation for their years with the Per-

quimans County School System.

Also on the agenda was the introduction of the candidates for Teacher of the Year. They were Ruth Winslow, Mary Foskey, Parthenia Hill and Brenda Terranova. Prior to making the Teacher of the Year announcement, Harrell pointed out that each candidate represents professionalism sought in teaching. He then announced that Mrs. Brenda Terranova would represent Perquimans County in the district competition for Teacher of the Year.

Following a brief program, Harrell adjourned by telling everyone to have a "nice summer".



TEACHER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES — Pictured left to right are Mrs. Ruth Winslow, Mrs. Brenda Terranova, Mrs. Mary Foskey and Mrs. Parthenia Hill. (Staff Photo by Paige Eure)



RETIRING EMPLOYEES — Also included on Friday's luncheon agenda was recognition of retiring school personnel. (L to r.) is Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Myrtle Williams, and John Wynn. (Staff photo by Paige Eure)

Banks raise interest

Effective July 1, 1979, the Bank of North Carolina, N.A., will increase rates paid on regular savings accounts from 5 percent to 5 1/2 percent. It was announced today by BNC president, Charles F. Merritt. BNC will also offer a new variable rate four-

year certificate of deposit which is tied to the rate paid on four-year Treasury notes as now permitted under new Federal regulations announced last week.

The higher rates will be available statewide in all of the bank's 65 offices.