

## Rationing Of Sugar Is Scheduled To Go Into Effect Shortly

### Consumer Will Be Allowed About One Pound of Sweetening Each Week

Designed more to prevent hoarding and an unbalanced distribution than to reflect a shortage, government rationing of sugar is scheduled to go into effect throughout the nation some time next month. It has been said that the supply of sugar is adequate to care for normal needs, but other reports state that there is an actual shortage of about one-third in the present supply. Regardless of supply, it is quite evident that hoarding already reported underway on a large scale will wipe out the supply within a short time, and to prevent the greedy from causing a lopsided distribution, rationing has been ordered.

Just how the rationing system will work is not known, but purchase books have been designed, and according to one report they are being printed now.

Anticipating over-buying and a resulting scarcity, some merchants a short time ago imposed a modified rationing plan of their own to help take care of their customers' needs and help effect fair distribution. Sales, in some cases, were tied to purchases of other goods, the retailers allowing so much sugar for every purchase of a certain size with a five-pound limit. This system has been ruled in violation of the anti-trust act. It is admitted, however, that it afforded about the best method for fair distribution aside from the rationing card plan.

Continued heavy "runs" on sugar supplies compelled the government to consider the rationing system. The first step to meet the situation was taken a short time ago when large industrial consumers were limited to the same supplies of sugar they received in comparable months of 1940.

When American youths were sacrificing or their lives were sacrificed at Pearl Harbor on last December 7, the two-legged hogs in some sections of this country increased the consumer demand to such an extent that a full month's supply of sugar was exhausted within one week.

In Boston, patriotic appeals were addressed to those who had hoarded or bought large supplies of sugar. Supporting the appeal, some of the merchants offered 10 cents a pound to get the surplus sugar back into their stores for sale under a fair distribution system at 6 1/2 cents a pound.

Of the nation's normal six million tons sugar supply, about one million tons were imported from the Philippines and approximately 900,000 tons from Hawaii. The Philippine supply has been cut off in its entirety and

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## Drive For Infantile Paralysis Fund In County Progressing

### Chairman Skinner Believes More Than \$345 Quota Will Be Raised

Chairman W. Iverson Skinner is quite optimistic over the prospects as the campaign for funds to carry on the fight for infantile paralysis enters its final period this week. "We are fairly certain that the \$345 quota assigned this county will be exceeded," Mr. Skinner said after receiving only a few scattered reports from here and there in the county.

Two centers, Robersonville and Williamston, have already reported more than \$100 raised in the "March of Dimes" drive, and none of the schools in other parts of the county has been heard from, Mr. Skinner explained. Other reports state that some fairly sizable individual contributions have been made to the cause.

The Williamston Junior Woman's Club and the local schools reported \$66.60 in their drives last week, and most of the 80 silent coin collectors throughout the county are receiving a loyal support, according to the fund drive chairman.

Tomorrow night at 8:00 o'clock, Chairman Skinner, armed with a speaker—Elbert S. Peel—and Professor Jack Butler and the Williamston High School band will appear in a special concert in the Bear Grass school. On Thursday night at the same hour, the same group will invade Farm Life and stage a program in the school auditorium there. Unable to arrange a date this week, but by special request, the band and others will appear in a concert in the Hamilton school on Thursday of next week. No admission fee will be charged, but admission will be by an infantile paralysis button.

Mr. Skinner will take up the coin collectors next Monday, and the money will be turned over to the proper authorities.

The campaign will reach a climax here on Friday night of next week when the President's birthday anniversary dance will be held in the gymnasium. Large crowds are expected.

## Past Year Eventful One In This Section

### RETURNS



Feeling as if one of their own is returning home from a long journey, local Baptists and many others, too, will warmly welcome Dr. William R. Burrell as he succeeds Rev. J. H. Smith, resigned, as supply pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church this week.

## Infantile Paralysis Council Formed in County Last Week

### Dr. E. T. Walker Heads Unit; Three Members Chosen From Robersonville

Recognizing the need for aiding infantile paralysis victims and other crippled children, several leading citizens met here last Thursday and perfected the Martin County Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Mr. W. I. Skinner, one of the organizers, stating that the chapter would operate on a county-wide basis and extend help to any needy crippled child any where in the county.

Dr. E. T. Walker, of Williamston, was named chairman and Miss Ella Wynne Critcher, also of Williamston, was elected secretary-treasurer of the chapter. The council membership is made up of the following: L. T. Fowden, L. Bruce Wynne, J. Sam Getsinger, Dr. John W. Williams, Mrs. H. O. Peel, Miss Mary Taylor and C. B. Clark, Sr., representing the various county offices and civic organizations, and Mrs. C. B. Carraway, Dr. Walter Ward and Principal L. W. Anderson, of Robersonville. W. I. Skinner was named director of publicity. Cases of needy crippled children will receive every consideration possible when reported to the chapter officers or members.

It was pointed out at the meeting that there are five crippled children now receiving treatment from this county. One is from Everetts, two from Williamston and two from the rural areas. The chapter will possibly handle many additional cases just as soon as sufficient funds can be raised.

At the recent organizational meeting, Dr. Walker briefly discussed the symptoms and general effects of paralysis and explained the work of the infantile paralysis foundation. His talk was very timely and unusually interesting as it related to the history of the foundation and how it

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## Negro Youth Jailed On Alleged Rape Charge

Charlie Whitehurst, fifteen-year-old Negro youth, was bound over to the superior court by Justice J. L. Hassell at a preliminary hearing held in the courthouse here yesterday afternoon, in a case charging him with attempted rape. Bond in the sum of \$200 was required.

Whitehurst is alleged to have attacked a young colored girl in the Dardens school house the early part of last week, but abandoned the attack when she called for help.

### STUDIOUS

That high school students are taking a greater interest in their studies may be evidenced by the fact that on last Sunday afternoon two young ladies climbed through an unfastened window in the commercial room of the Williamston High School for the purpose of continuing some typewriting drills. Principal D. N. Hix reports that as he left the building on that afternoon he heard a noise and a moment later saw two young ladies scale a wall and window ledge seven feet from the ground. Investigation revealed them busily at work typewriting.

Provision was made for the enterprising pair to use the door as an exit after their work was completed.

## Definite Trend Is Feature Of Varied Activity Programs

### Business and Industry About Stabilized For Future When War Broke

Aside from the momentous happenings on the international and national fronts, old 1941 was an eventful year in our own backyard. There were high spots, to be sure, but nothing startling within itself, but all in all there was a definite trend toward stabilization of business and industry, including farming. The year, as a whole and for most everyone, will be referred to as one of the good years.

There was marked advancement along material lines, especially in the manufacturing or processing field. And, too, there were gains in the other fields with possibly the exception of the one pertaining to religion. Sad to relate, it is fairly evident that there was little or no progress evident in that realm. Individual gains may have been made, but as a whole, religion held to its old rut.

Few changes were anticipated in early January, a year ago, but in the second month things started popping, so to speak. The Guaranty Bank bought the old Peoples Bank property. George Harris, Jr., bought out the store and good will of the Williamston Hardware store, and local interests purchased the basket factory, the last event ranking with the most important of the entire year. In reopening the plant, the new owners held jobs open for several hundred persons and maintained one of the town's most valuable pay rolls. Changed to the name of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, the plant advertised the town in hamlets and areas all along the entire Atlantic seaboard, almost.

As business worked toward a definite stabilization program, the rumbling of war became louder and louder. Volunteer lists were exhausted on March 13th, and the Martin County Draft Board started calling for men, the series of events to follow in the ensuing months merely adding to that which had already been started.

On March 17th, Judge W. C. Harris of the superior court ordered a check-up of delinquent tax listers in the county, the step being recognized as a decided one toward a strictly business program in public affairs. On that same day, Reuben Bland died. Although death brought sorrow to many homes in the town and county during the year, the passing of the old Martin County native and father of 34 children recalled the

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## Wm. Holliday Dies In Robersonville

William Henry Holliday, well-known Martin County citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. E. Baker, in Robersonville yesterday afternoon at 12:05 o'clock. Injured in an automobile accident several years ago and troubled over the brutal murder of his son, Thomas, in November, 1936, Mr. Holliday had been in declining health for some time, but he was able to be up and about until just a few days before his death.

The son of the late Thomas and Sarah Leggett Holliday, he was born in the Macedonia Community in Bear Grass Township 70 years ago the 27th of next May. Regarded as an upright and God-fearing citizen, Mr. Holliday was held in high esteem by all those who knew him. He farmed most of his life, but engaged in the mercantile business during a long number of years in Robersonville and at one time owned a store in Williamston. When a young man he was married to Miss Beulah White who is undergoing treatment in a Raleigh hospital at the present time. He also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Fred McDaniel, of Bear Grass; and three sons, D. F. Holliday, of Dunn; W. O. Holliday, of Rocky Mount, and Louis T. Holliday, of the U. S. Navy. Two brothers, Messrs. J. L. Holliday and Louis T. Holliday, of the old home community in Bear Grass Township, also survive.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Christian Church at Robersonville this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Burial will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## Fined For Operating Car Without Driver's License

Aaron Council, young colored man, was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost of the case by Justice J. L. Hassell here yesterday for operating an automobile without a driver's license. Council was detained by Corporal C. W. Thompson following an accident on Highway No. 11 near Hassell, early last Sunday morning.



### SEVENTH WEEK OF THE WAR

Chairman Nelson of the War Production Board abolished the OPM and transferred its functions regarding production, purchasing, priorities, materials, civilian supply and subcontracting to a new streamlined organization under the board. In addition, Mr. Nelson created under the new board a progress reporting and a planning unit to suggest improvements from time to time.

Mr. Nelson stressed two fundamental differences between the old and new organization; an increased amount of authority and a more definite delegation of responsibility to promote speed. He said the main objective of the new organization was the full mobilization in the war effort of every national resource, large and small.

Mr. Nelson named Ernest Kanzler to convert auto industry facilities to war use. Mr. Kanzler will have complete authority to do whatever is necessary, Mr. Nelson said. He said that he expected to appoint as many other men with similar authority for other industries as are necessary.

### The War Front

President Roosevelt told his press conference an inter-allied supply council and similar joint commands are in existence, and excellent progress is being made to strengthen the position of the United Nations in the Southwest Pacific.

The Army announced Gen. MacArthur's forces have repulsed continuous heavy attacks by reinforced Japanese units on Bataan Peninsula, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy with comparatively low losses to the defenders. The entire Japanese 14th Army, together with other units, landed on Luzon. U. S. Army forces sank a Japanese cruiser and a large tanker 100 miles off Jolo, shot down 16 enemy planes in the Philippines and sent to the bottom at least five Jap transports in the Macassar Straits last week-end.

The Navy announced the freighter SS Brazos was sunk in a collision 120 miles southwest of Cape Hatteras, and during the past week U-boats sank the City of Atlanta, the Latvian freighter Citivra, the tankers Combra, Allan Jackson, and the Varanger, Norwegian tanker, off New Jersey, and torpedoed the tanker Malay. The Navy did not announce number of U-boats sunk or captured but said "some of the recent visitors to our territorial waters will never enjoy the return trip portion of their voyage." The U. S. Navy sank three enemy merchant ships off Tokyo Bay and torpedoed a 5,000-ton enemy vessel in Binanga Bay.

### Report to the Nation

The Office of Facts and Figures, coordinating the information activities of all Federal agencies to keep the public informed of the war effort, issued a 62-page booklet, "Report to the Nation," outlining the defense and war programs from the beginning to the present. In separate chapters the report discusses price control activities, alien control, economic warfare, production of all

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## Father Of Local Man Dies In Dunn

Mr. E. L. Parker, widely-known Harnett County farmer and a leading merchant of Dunn for a long number of years, died at his home there Sunday afternoon. Mr. Parker, father of Mr. Ralph K. Parker, of Williamston, had been in declining health for some time but the end came suddenly and unexpectedly.

Besides his son here, Mr. Parker leaves a daughter, Mrs. Irene Sanborn, of Dunn, and three sons, Messrs. E. L. Parker, Jr., of Raleigh; Eugene T. Parker, of Rembert, S. C.; and L. Hugh Parker, of New York, and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Byrd, of Miami.

Funeral services were held at the home this morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. O. W. Dowd, pastor of the Dunn Methodist Church of which Mr. Parker had been a member for many years. Interment was in the family plot in the Greenwood Cemetery, Dunn.

### EXHAUSTED

Warned against the use of their motor vehicles without displaying the new federal use tax stamps, motorists depleted the supply of the little stickers at the local post office this morning. Assistant Postmaster F. E. Wynne said. An additional supply has been ordered and will be placed on sale possibly tomorrow or certainly by Thursday or Friday. Quite a few calls for the stamps have been received after the supply of 400 stamps was exhausted.

The post office closes Saturday noon and stamps should be purchased prior to that time.

## Doubtful If Tires Can Be Made Available For Many Farm Trucks In County Under Rationing Plan

### Arrest Two Youths In Connection With Hamilton Robberies

### Jailed Here Yesterday Afternoon In Default of Bonds Of \$100.00 Each

Charged with robbing the store of Reuben Edmondson in Hamilton early Sunday night, Willie Taylor and Charlie Price, Hamilton white youths, were jailed here yesterday afternoon in default of bonds in the sum of \$100 each.

Price, arrested by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck following a lengthy investigation that carried him into two counties, denied the charge. The youth was in school at Oak City when taken into custody. His story to the officer did not check with the facts, the officer declaring that while the boy may be innocent much of the evidence points to his participation in the crime.

Taylor, arrested in Edgecombe County, admitted he entered the Edmondson store and implicated Price. Taylor, just 17 years old, also admitted he participated in the robbery of Mr. Asa Johnson's store in Hamilton on last December 6th.

Telling about the Sunday night robbery, Taylor stated that he and Price went to a side window, broke a pane and tore out part of the sash, that he went into the store while Price maintained watch. There were several people in a filling station nearby, but according to Taylor they were so busy talking and gossiping they did not know what was going on. Apparently hungry, Taylor opened a can of beef, crackers and a soft drink and sat down at a table and ate them. He then stole a small quantity of cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, a few other articles and 21 cents in change. Price, according to Taylor, received six packages of Camel cigarettes for maintaining watch.

Reviewing the Johnson store robbery, Taylor declared that he removed the window lights and made an opening, but did not enter the store. According to his story, a brother, Edgar Taylor, entered the store and brought out two pocket knives, a dollar watch, a pistol, some candies, a few packages of cigarettes and a number of pennies.

Given a preliminary hearing by Justice John A. Davenport in Hamilton yesterday afternoon, probable cause of guilt was established, and they were bound over to the superior court for trial in March.

## Personnel Changes Announced By Firm

Losing another one of their men to the war effort this week, the local offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company is now well advanced in its war economy schedule. Supervising Engineer Sam Woolford has been called to report to the army as a lieutenant. He will leave this week-end, but will not move his family until later. Mrs. Woolford and little daughter plan to make their home with her mother in Holland, Va., while Mr. Woolford is in the army.

Following Mr. Woolford's call to the army, Manager R. H. Goodman is announcing several new additions to the V. E. P. Company personnel. Engineer Robert E. Kimball, a native of Enfield but for more than eleven years a member of the V. E. P. Co. engineering staff in Roanoke Rapids, reported here yesterday. He and his family plan to occupy the Woolford house on Williams Street.

Leighton Roper, a native of Norfolk but for several years connected with the Smith-Douglas Company in Wilson, is another new recruit in the V. E. P. organization here. He has moved his furniture into the Coburn home on North Houghton Street and will be joined by his family within the next few weeks.

Mr. Woolford is the third V. E. P. engineer to be called from the local office. Messrs. Arthur Bertolet and "Buddy" Tallman having reported for service some months ago. Euris Vandford entered the service about eight months ago, and several other employees have entered upon defense jobs.

## Students Participate In March Of Dimes Here

Students in the Williamston elementary and high schools contributed a total of \$26.35 to the March of Dimes campaign conducted in the local school last week for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Contributions in the elementary school totaled \$11.70, while the high school students bought buttons in the amount of \$14.65.

### THE RUSH IS ON

Those owners who waited more than three weeks to list their properties are now lining up around the list-takers in several of the townships, and as the week progresses the larger the waiting line will become. There's little else to do but wait one's turn and wait without grumbling. The list-takers in most of the townships have been idle at their posts most of the time since the early part of the month, serving an occasional property owner from time to time.

A warning from Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen today stated that no extension for listing would be considered, and that late listing will be made subject to penalty and non-listing subject to court action. Saturday of this week is the last day for getting property values on the books.

## American Troops In Ireland For All-Out War Against Hitler

### Opposition Against Japanese In Southwest Pacific Growing Rapidly

America's meaningful action in World War No. 2 was grimly but surely displayed yesterday when thousands of young American troops landed in Northern Ireland apparently to take part in an all-out war against Hitler and his hordes. It was the first expeditionary force in World War No. 2 known to have crossed the Atlantic for possible action in the European battle area. Major General Russell Hattle was the first man to set foot on shore, and he was followed by Private First Class Milburn Henke, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, whose father was born in Germany and whose last words to his son before sailing were, "Give them hell!"

The ultimate mission of the expeditionary force is not known, but the thousands of American soldiers going mostly from Iowa and Minnesota and quite a few from North Carolina, have taken their places in strong buses prepared for them months ago by lease-lend funds.

Their movement kept secret even in this country, the Americans took the North Ireland Port town by complete surprise, but news of their arrival spread like wildfire, and stout Brits began streaming out of doors, whooping with excitement. "The Yanks are here," they yelled and shouted as the men moved from the docks to prepared camps.

The possibility that a Williamston boy, Julian Roebuck, was in the group was mentioned here today. No word has been heard from the young man in about a month. Ordinarily, he came home at least every other week-end and oftentimes he was home every week-end. It cannot be said definitely that he is in the group, however.

While the movement of the expeditionary force to Ireland was expected

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## Man Jailed For Alleged False Pretense Monday

Alleged to have obtained money under false pretense, Elmer Riddick was released under a \$100 bond following a hearing in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here yesterday.

Riddick, declaring he had met the terms of a contract, collected \$3.50 from Farmer L. J. Hardison. Investigating, Mr. Hardison learned that Riddick had not even offered to meet the terms of a contract calling for the cutting of three cords of wood.

### PREDICAMENT

C. C. "Frosty" Martin, chairman of the Martin County Tire Rationing Board, finds himself in one big predicament. In four days last week, he had four flat tires, and there's no way for him to get new tires. Possibly if the chairman can't get to the "dish-out" meetings, there'll be no tires for anyone, and Martin County will go all out in saving rubber for war purposes.

Asked if he couldn't get a bicycle, Mr. Martin explained that he rode one ten miles to and from school in his younger days, and that when the last trip was made he swore off the two-wheel vehicles. "I can walk," the chairman said, intimating that he would walk to town if it were necessary to keep others important to the war effort rolling.

## County Is Allotted Thirteen Auto and Eleven Truck Tires

### Board Will Complete January Rationing At Meeting Next Saturday

The rationing of tires to farmers for their pick-up trucks on a large scale was virtually ruled impossible by the Martin County Tire Rationing Board in session here yesterday morning. Anxious to do the right thing, all three members of the board, Messrs. C. C. Martin, chairman, and H. L. Roebuck and J. A. Everett, agreed to await further instructions before refusing a pick-up truck owner a purchasing order. It is the opinion of the board that the present regulations covering tire rationing will not permit the purchase of tires for pick-up trucks used as a family car and to run errands and occasionally haul supplies to individuals. "As we understand the rules, owners of those trucks used in moving farm supplies or farm produce and for nothing else will be eligible to buy new tires," Mr. Martin said, pointing out as examples those trucks used in collecting sweet potatoes, delivering fertilizers and other articles used on the farm or produced there.

It is reasonable to believe, according to one of the board members, that the quotas would have to be materially increased if all farmers with pick-up trucks were ruled eligible for new tires.

The tire rationing business is becoming more complicated as the applications for tires increase. A farmer appeared before the board, this week and explained that he wanted a tire for his car, that he used his car to pull a trailer, that he hauled produce and supplies on the trailer. Another applicant explained that he used his car to haul materials used in plumbing, heating and other phases of work for which tires are rationed. Unable to classify the applications, the board delayed action.

At the meeting yesterday, the board granted purchasing orders for fourteen truck tires and tubes, but took no action on applications for

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## Colored Man Badly Hurt In One Of A Series Of Wrecks

### Large Freight Truck Runs Off River Fill Here Last Friday Afternoon

One person was seriously hurt and several others miraculously escaped unhurt or with only minor cuts and bruises in a series of motor vehicle wrecks on Martin County highways last week-end. W. Oscar Rollins, "borrowing" Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick's car in Robersonville Sunday morning after taking the doctor's children to Sunday school, wrecked the almost new Oldsmobile on a dirt road about a mile from town. Losing control of the car on a curve, Rollins, a colored man who worked for the doctor at various times, suffered a serious injury to his back. According to a report given Corporal C. W. Thompson, of the Highway Patrol, Rollins had seven ribs torn from his backbone. After going out of control, the car ran 35 yards dragging against a small embankment, jumped the road and tore through a new wire fence. Damage to the car will approximate \$250, Corporal Thompson said.

Earlier that morning, about one o'clock, Aaron Council was driving his old model car on Highway 11 toward Bethel, followed by his cousin, Arthur Council. Just as Arthur started to pass, Aaron made a left turn, and Arthur plowed into the lead car. Arthur was painfully cut on his forehead and his nose was skinned. The other Council colored man was not hurt, and passengers in the cars escaped injury. Damage to both cars was placed at \$150 by Corporal Thompson who investigated the wreck.

Homer Russell Norton and his driver-helper, of Seville, Florida, escaped uninjured when their large transport truck-trailer ran off the western end of the Roanoke River fill just a short distance this side of the bridge late last Friday afternoon. Rounding the curve at a rapid speed, Norton lost control of the big transport loaded with 91 boxes of fish, and it tore through the wire fence and came to a stop without turning over. When the front wheels of the truck went off the fill they were jammed, throwing the cab around and against the trailer. The cab was

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