

Pick-up Trucks Not Eligible For Tires, County Board Rules

Fifteen Tires Are Allotted by Board in County Last Saturday and Monday

That farmers operating pick-up trucks for general use are not eligible to purchase tires for those vehicles was recognized as a certainty when the county tire rationing board here yesterday in its second meeting within three days refused certificates of purchase to several applicants.

The problem was explained to Farmer Hugh Bennett who had applied for a certificate granting him the right to buy tires for his pick-up truck. "It's all right," Farmer Bennett said, adding that he would have to get along some how possibly on tires retrieved from the junk yards or on foot.

Completing its work for January last Saturday, the board allotted its full quota with the exception of one passenger tire which reverts back to the State quota.

At its meeting, held in the clerk of court vault while the commissioners were in session, the board this week allotted tires to the following: Albert Roberson, Jamesville, two truck tires and tubes for a truck used in hauling hands and feed to log woods;

Applications filed by J. L. Knowles, Dardens, for a truck tire and tube, and by Vance Benjamin Bessap, Robersonville, for a trailer tire and tube, and one by Clarence Wallace, peace officer, were carried over for later consideration.

The tire rationing board's work is gradually tightening up. Some applicants are said to have questioned previous allotments in one or two cases after they were unable to classify their own individual needs.

No One Is Hurt In Highway Accident

No one was hurt but considerable property damage resulted early last Sunday evening when an old model car believed to have been driven by Louis Roberson, colored, of Parmele, sideswiped Captain LeBoron Colt's new 1942 Mercury about two miles west of Robersonville on U. S. Highway No. 64.

Its left wheel torn down and body and fenders bent, the Mercury was damaged to the extent of about \$150. The damage to the other car was estimated at \$200.

Spread Of Measles Is Nearing Epidemic Stage In the County

The spread of measles in several sections of the county is rapidly approaching the epidemic stage, according to a report based on an incomplete survey and coming from the office of the county board of health this morning.

Adopt New Ordinance For Civilian Defense

SMOKEHOUSE KEY

Carrying on the tradition maintained for so many years by their father, Mr. Ira T. Coltrain, Mrs. Jean Bedwell and Tighman Coltrain found the key to Martin County's 1942 smokehouse last Friday afternoon when they dipped the first herrings from the Roanoke at Jamesville.

Taking advantage of the first break in the weather, the two young people dipped two of the fish from the river with a net in a very short time. While farmers are packing their smokehouses with choice meats, thousands of others, including those who enjoy "good eating" will depend on the herring run for their main source of food supply.

New Study Course Is Instituted in the Local High School

Will Encourage Healthful Living And Prepare Youth For Emergency

By D. N. HIX, Principal

Following the suggestion of the State Department of Education, the local high school this week instituted formal courses in Health and Nutrition, First Aid, and Safety. Designed to encourage healthful living and prepare youth in a greater measure for the demands being imposed by the present emergency, the special courses will be offered daily throughout the remainder of the school term, and will be a part of the regular course of study next school year.

Permits Necessary For Burning Brush

Working for a more effective forest fire protection in the county this year, Forest Fire Warden Marvin Leggett today urged all farmers and others who must burn brush, ditch banks or foreign material to apply for a permit either from their district wardens or from one of several just appointed. Four persons, Messrs. J. L. Hassell and W. B. Daniel, Williamston; A. P. Barnhill, Everetts; and W. H. Gray, Robersonville, have been named to issue permits in addition to the regular district wardens.

Supported by a possible fine ranging as high as \$50 or thirty days in jail, the law requires one to get a permit before burning brush between now and June 1. No charge is made for the permit.

fort to check the spread of measles, but new cases should be reported immediately to the health office. A meaningful drive against health law violators has been launched in the county, the health officer stating today that fifteen or more defendants were in the courts yesterday for failing to take treatment for venereal diseases. Other cases will be dumped into the court hopper if the victims do not report for treatment, Dr. Williams said.

Roy T. Griffin Is To Replace Peel As Commissioner

First Tangible Steps Taken For Enlarging the Public Cemetery Here

Meeting in regular session last evening, the local town commissioners passed a civilian defense ordinance calling for an enforced "black out" at the direction of the proper authorities and creating a council to handle any emergency. Adopted for the duration, the ordinance appears in full elsewhere in this paper and all citizens owe it to themselves to read the new law.

The defense chairman is meeting this evening to name members of the several committees for handling work and assigned duties during any and all emergencies. Roy T. Griffin, by unanimous action, was appointed to the board of commissioners to succeed M. Luther Peel, who resigned several months ago to accept the newly created position of county tax collector.

Miss Mary Coltrain Passes In Griffins

Miss Mary Coltrain, highly respected and aged citizen of Griffins Township, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wainwright there last Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock following a stroke suffered the evening before.

The daughter of the late James and Clementine Coltrain, she was born in Griffins Township 84 years ago the 19th of this month. She had been unusually active for her advanced age up until she was taken suddenly ill. Miss Coltrain was well known in her community and was held in high esteem.

DAY OF PRAYER

By MRS. J. L. GOFF For the fifth consecutive year the churches of Williamston are planning to observe a World Day of Prayer. The date for this service is February 20th. The theme for this service is "I Am the Way." The Christian women who prepared this program came from Germany, France and China.



EIGHTH WEEK OF THE WAR

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill created three Anglo-American boards to pool American and British munitions, shipping and raw materials. The boards will confer with representatives of the Soviet Union, China and others of the 26 United Nations as necessary "to attain common purposes."

The President told his press conference great progress has been made in unification of American Army and Navy commands. He said such unification has been going on for the past two months and does not result from the Pearl Harbor inquiry board report.

The Army reported the Japanese were making heavy reinforcements in the Philippines preparatory to resumption of a large scale offensive against Gen. MacArthur's forces which were continuing to hold strong positions in the Bataan Peninsula.

The President signed the Fourth Supplemental National Defense Bill carrying a \$12,600,000,000 appropriation for 33,000 Army planes and equipment. War Secretary Stimson announced plans to speed training of 30,000 pilots, observers, navigators and other personnel to match airplane production.

The House passed and sent to the President a bill authorizing the Navy to purchase 100,000 pairs of shoes for the armed forces in this and other states.

Fire Destroys Home Here This Morning

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Willie Speller, colored, on South Railroad Street here this morning at 10:10 o'clock, scorched another and slightly damaged a third one. No one was at home, and when it was discovered the fire was breaking through the roof. Only one or two small pieces of furniture were saved.

Commissioners Invoked Penalty For Late Tax Listing In County At Regular Meet Here Yesterday

Unexpected Demand Depletes Supply of Vehicle Tax Stamps

A last-minute rush completely wiped out the supply of motor vehicle tax stamps here last Saturday and left more than a hundred car owners grumbling in the rain at the post office door. It was one of those cases where the federal tax authorities bungled their plans, the faulty and haphazard system of distribution causing unnecessary trouble for many and delaying the general tax plan.

Complete Plans For Victory Book Drive

Asking Citizens Of The County To Give Thousands Of Books

Churches, Schools, Service and Civic Organizations To Aid Movement

Martin County through its schools, churches, service and civic organizations and other interested agencies and citizens, will start its Victory Book Campaign next week according to R. H. Goodman, United Service Organizations chairman, who has been called upon in cooperation with J. C. Manning, superintendent of schools, to see that several thousand good books are collected and made available to members of the armed forces in camps, bases, on the high seas and in foreign lands.

A public depository will be maintained on Williamston's main street in front of the Virginia Electric and Power Company's office, and books will also be received in the office of the county superintendent.

The campaign is to get underway as of next Monday, February 9th, and close one week later. The collections will be centered in Williamston, transferred to Washington and then to Raleigh for distribution among the armed forces in this and other states.

World Awaits Next Step By Japanese In The Far Pacific

It is a right big order, Mr. Goodman said this morning, "but when we realize that good reading is very essential to high morale in the armed forces, it will be an easy task to collect several thousand books in this county," he added.

Late Listers Will Have Tax Accounts Boosted 10 Percent

Commenting on the tax listing Commissioner C. D. Carstarphorn stated that the task was 99 per cent complete in the county, as a whole. In Williamston Township there were about a dozen property owners who had not listed their holdings before the deadline. There are quite a few names missing, but the commissioner-tax supervisor explained that possibly those belonged to the young men in the armed service or to others who had moved away.

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INCOME HELP

Admitting that it is a difficult task in filing income tax returns properly as well as raising the wherewithal in meeting the obligation, the government has made arrangements to have an income tax expert assist Martin County income tax payers in preparing their returns.

MacArthur's Indomitable Soldiers Repulse Another Mass Attack By Japs

Withdrawing from the Malayan Peninsula, the defenders of Singapore are confident they will hold out, but the world is now guessing as to whether the Japs will attack the half-billion-dollar base fortification of Bataan and move on to other areas in the Southwest Pacific. Much prestige is wrapped up in the small island of Singapore, and about the only way the Japs can tear down that prestige is to sacrifice countless numbers of men and much equipment. The Japs say they will have it by Wednesday of next week, but the defenders are confident as the siege of the base gets underway.

Throng Present At Church Dedication

The dedication of the new Macedonia Church of Christ on Highway No. 17 in Bear Grass Township, last Sunday attracted an unusually large crowd, the event climaxing activities in the religious field in the county during recent years.

ABC Officers Wreck Five Illicit Plants

Working in three sections of the county last week, Martin County ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked five illicit liquor plants and poured out about 700 gallons of beer. Two of the plants were found along the Beaufort-Martin boundary, two in Williamston Township and one in Bear Grass.