

No Car Tire Quota For March Has Been Assigned To County

February Quota Is Exhausted With Many Requests For Tires, Tubes Pending

With many requests still pending, the rationing of automobile and truck tires and tubes is apparently about to take an even more serious turn, according to a report coming from the office of the rationing board in the county courthouse here this morning. "No quota of tires and tubes for March has been assigned to the county, and it is possible that none will be assigned," the report stated. Representatives of the rationing board had no comment other than that they had not had any information from State headquarters stating that a quota would be or would not be assigned. It has been rumored that no quota would be assigned for the month of March. Very little weight is attached to the rumor, however, and although it may not meet the demand or the needs a quota will likely be issued, according to the belief of at least one member of the board.

Completing its rationing work for the month of February in a special meeting here yesterday, the county board issued certificates of sale for three truck tires and three truck tire tubes and three car tires and two car tire tubes, leaving applications pending for twelve car tires and thirteen car tire tubes, fourteen truck tires and thirteen truck tire tubes, and four trailer tires and three trailer tire tubes.

Certificates of sale were issued to the following:

Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two truck tires and two tubes for the wholesale delivery of meats.

W. O. Abbott, Williamston, one truck tire and tube for the wholesale delivery of corn meal.

Dr. V. E. Brown, Williamston, three car tires and two tubes. The doctor had applied for four tires and four tubes, but the supply was exhausted before his requirement could be met.

Taking inventory of its quota at the meeting, the board found that it had a surplus of eight truck tire tubes on hand. Claim to those tubes has been forfeited.

The board approved a sales contract, permitting Jack Edmondson, Williamston man, to purchase an automobile. In rejecting a sales contract submitted by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, the board explained that proof of contract was unquestionably established, but that the particular type of car wanted by the county home demonstration agent had not been shipped from the factory. Instructions received by the board stated that a car covered by a sales contract must have been in the dealer's hand or in transit on January 1st. The rationing of cars is slated to get underway next Monday to those prospective customers who can establish required classifications similar to those required of prospective tire purchasers.

Four Schools Will Reopen on Monday

Closed last Tuesday when a measles epidemic sent the number of absences to a new high peak, the schools at Jamesville, Bear Grass, Everetts and Williamston will reopen next Monday morning, the office of the county superintendent announced this morning. It is believed that the epidemic has been relieved to some extent, but that the attendance figures will hardly approach normal the early part of the week.

Conditions, while never approximating those in the four schools where activities were suspended, are said to have showed some improvement in the other schools in the county during the past few days.

No definite decision has been made, but the office of the superintendent intimated today that if there has been no marked improvement in the attendance figures by next Monday in the schools now idle, operations would be suspended again.

Trailer Is Lost In Dynamite Blast

(Washington Daily News) Mixtures of lard, flour, molasses and meat were blown into the tops of towering pines for several yards late Saturday when a trailer owned by Fon Corey, Negro, was blasted to bits by a dynamite charge which he was carrying in the trailer.

Corey, who lives on the Beaufort-Martin County line was about six miles from Washington on the Market Street extension when the 25 sticks of dynamite which he had in the trailer exploded, completely demolishing the trailer and blowing groceries, which he was carrying for a friend, through space for yards. Corey was slightly injured and every window in the car shattered when the back end of the car blew in.

A witness of the occurrence stated that he and his son were getting into their car when the awful explosion happened and that it sounded "like the Japanese or Germans had started bombing us."

FLYING FOR YOU AND ME



Entering the Army Air Corps just a few short months ago, Chas. L. Daniel, Jr., (left), and James Walters, (right), a few days ago finished ten weeks of intensive training at Randolph Field, Texas, and are being transferred to another field where they will continue their flying. Both are young men, Daniel the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Daniel, of Williams Township, and Walters the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walters, of Jamesville.

THE RECORDS

C. C. Martin, chairman of the Martin County Rationing Board, today called the attention of all tire dealers to the following order:

"Every person selling new tires or tubes or retreaded or recapped tires shall: On February 28, 1942, and at the close of business on the last day of every month thereafter take an inventory of all new tires and tubes and retreaded or recapped tires in his possession or control, and keep a record thereof; maintain a file containing all certificates which have been presented by applicants to whom sales of new tires and tubes or retreaded or recapped tires have been made; and prepare reports requested by the Board in his area and by the Office of Price Administration."

Uneventful Session Of the Recorder's Court Held Monday

Judge R. L. Coburn Calls Only Five Cases During Brief Morning Period

There were very few crime problems for Judge Robert L. Coburn and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson to clear up in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Only five cases were on the docket, and the session lasted hardly an hour and a half, the court machinery turning slowly but surely in meeting out unstinted justice. Despite the scarcity of cases on the docket, fairly large crowds were present for the proceedings, especially for the evidence in the case charging Herbert Staton Williams with drunken driving.

Charged with drunken driving following a minor wreck, Williams admitted that he had had a drink, but that he was not drunk. Witnesses maintained that he was not drunk, but it was a close call for the young man, the law stating that a man did not necessarily have to be wobbly before he could be convicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. It was his first alleged offense, and Judge Coburn gave the defendant the benefit of the doubt and adjudged him not guilty.

The case charging Moses James with disorderly conduct and assaulting a female was continued until next Monday.

A continuance was also granted in the case charging Lin Williams with trespassing and destroying personal property.

Charged with reckless driving, Boss Reed was adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle in a careless manner. The court suspended judgment upon payment of the costs.

Walter Wallace Bailey, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, pleaded guilty, and the court continued the case under prayer for judgment.

Cases are often continued in the courts to make it possible for the defendants to get out and raise attorneys' fees and occasionally to meet the court costs and fines.

EGG MARKETING

The war continues to bring about many innovations and inconveniences but the latest method of marketing eggs was introduced this week by R. L. Smith and Sons. Unable to get regular egg crates this firm is using sweet potato baskets and 25 or 30 dozen eggs are packed in each basket. With twenty or thirty baskets on hand a shipment will be made to some large market this week with J. R. Matthews supplying the transportation.

"We have more eggs on hand than at any time during a long number of years," Mr. Smith said. He attributed the increase in egg production to a revival of interest in chicken raising and the improvement of flocks.

Japs Encountering Strong Opposition In March To South

Java Defenses Have Been Bolstered By Arrival of Allied Forces

Enjoying fairly easy sailing during the first two months, the Japanese hordes are now beginning to encounter a stiffening opposition in their march to the south. However, it is hardly to be expected that there will be any appreciable turn in the battle of the Far Pacific immediately, but it is indeed certain that the invading hordes are paying dearly for any and all gains.

More than 100 Jap planes were wrecked over Burma and in the Java area in two days of fighting this week, and large numbers of Jap ships, including half dozen transports and several war ships, have been sunk by the Allied forces.

With Bali and Sumatra lost to the Japs, the defenders, boosted by the recent arrival of thousands of American, British and Australian troops, are making ready for a land invasion attempt by the Japs on Java.

Speaking in English, Lieutenant General Hein Ter Poorten acknowledged that the situation of Java, with the Japanese closing in, was perilous. He said there was no reason for light-hearted optimism, but added that, on the other hand, there also was no reason for pessimism.

Welcoming the Imperial and American troops, the Dutch leader said: "I know your gallant record in the history of fighting. I know I can rely on you Americans, Australians and British to fight equally gallantly now alongside us Dutch."

"The enemy," he said, "is at the end of long lines of communication seeking desperately food and oil. We are fighting for our existence and our families. Up to now our resistance has gone according to program. Nowhere has the Japanese new order succeeded in getting the products needed so badly."

"The Japanese will go hungry amid the smoking ruins, and the coming battle for Java will go accordingly to plan also."

Reports from Rangoon, the Burma Road terminal, are not quite clear, but it is assumed that the Imperial forces are offering the invaders a stubborn resistance. The city of 400,000 people has already been destroyed by the Imperials to keep supplies from falling into Jap hands.

To date, the Japs have either lost or had badly damaged at least 225 ships in all of the Pacific war areas, the Americans accounting of 74 sinkings.

General MacArthur and his men, tiring of defensive warfare, took the offensive on a small scale this week, the action perplexing the Japs who have failed to conquer the valiant men in the Bataan.

The possibility of Hitler's defeat this summer is being mentioned by Russian authorities who point out that a second war front would wreck the German war program. During the meantime Russia is doing a masterly job on the Eastern Front, late reports stating that the 16th German army, encircled below Leningrad, is breaking up rapidly despite Hitler-inspired orders to hold firm.

The war was carried to Indian territory yesterday when the Japs bombed islands in the Bay of Bengal.

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Off-Day For County And Town Officials Monday

A preview of the business calendar points to an off-day for both the county and town officials in their meetings next Monday and Monday evening. "We'll hardly get around to a preliminary study of the tax values, and about the only thing on the calendar is the selection of a jury for the April superior court," C. D. Carstarphen, speaking for the county commissioners, said.

"Just a routine meeting is scheduled for our board," Mayor J. L. Hassell said, adding that Roy T. Griffin, recently appointed commissioner, would be welcomed to the fold.

RACKET

The soft drink business is developing into a little racket in the hands of some few retailers and in opposition to expressed desires of the distributors. Soft drink prices are ranging from five cents to 25 cents with sales holding to about eight cents in quite a few cases.

The sugar shortage is certainly being felt in the soft drink business and filling station operators after experiencing marked decreases in gas sales are now getting it on the nose when it comes to the soft drink trade.

Anxious to serve their patrons, retailers here yesterday were seen going to other places to buy their own individual drinks.

Some fountains had bottled drinks and no syrup while other fountains had syrup and no bottled drinks. The sugar shortage will be brought home to individual consumers shortly unless something happens.

Parmeles Youth Reported Lost In Attack On Pearl Harbor

According to reliable but unofficial information received recently, Murray Cargyle, of Parmele was the first Martin County youth to lose his life in World War II. The young man was reported missing some time ago, and the early part of this week his parents were notified that he had been given up as lost, apparently indicating that he was killed when his ship, the Oklahoma, was attacked.

In appreciation for the supreme sacrifice made by the young man for his country, the Robersonville High Schools pupils are raising a fund for the purchase of a bronze memorial. The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cargyle, of Parmele, the young man was graduated from the Robersonville High School and volunteered his services in the Navy. Measuring 15

by 18 inches, the bronze plaque will cost \$60, and it is believed that the sponsors will have little or no difficulty in raising that amount among all the people who are eager to express in some measure their gratitude and their debt to the youth and others who fell or are falling before world gangsters.

Members of the committee named to solicit the funds are: Margaret Johnson, Lois Rogerson, Dick Green, Charles Wilson, Mildred Carson and Peggy Gray. It is understood that the memorial, carrying a fitting description, will be placed in a conspicuous place in the Robersonville High School building.

One other county youth, Austin Randolph Jackson, was reported to have died presumably in Honolulu on Monday of last week.

County Far Short In Oil Peanuts For War

Incomplete Report Shows Farmers Lag In The War Effort

Hardly Half of Farmers Show Any Interest at All in Latest Movement

With some few exceptions, Martin County farmers are not wholeheartedly supporting the war effort, according to incomplete and unofficial reports heard this week following a study of the War Production Program. Farm leaders would make no comment when questioned about the excuses offered by farmers when asked to increase their peanut acreages for oil, but it was learned from several of the committeemen that a large number of farmers were not even interested in the war effort.

In some districts less than 20 per cent of the farmers even bothered themselves to find out about the latest War Production Program, and committeemen were running here and there in an effort to get new commitments. In the county, as a whole, about 60 per cent of the farmers reported to their respective committeemen last Friday and Saturday to learn about the new program.

Some of those who reported were not at all interested in increasing their peanut acreages for oil, but according to the reports 95 out of every 100 talked about increasing his tobacco acreage to the hilt. In one township the farmers agreed to increase their oil peanut plantings by 100 acres. It is unofficially estimated that possibly the county will plant about 4,000 acres of its 11,000 acre oil quota.

Claiming that the labor shortage prevented them from increasing their peanut acreages, the farmers last week-end came forward with a new excuse. It was rumored that the government was demanding the increased acreage in an effort to hold a club over the edible trade market. The rumor is unfounded, the gossiping overlooking the fact that this country has an all-out war on its hands, and that before it is over with everyone will be doing things he had never dreamed of doing.

When it came to promises, the farmers were indeed liberal. They promised to buy savings stamps and bonds in large denominations and numbers. They assured the committeemen that all the scrap iron had either been sold or was being delivered. Every old plow and piece of machinery have been repaired, most of the farmers reporting were quoted as saying.

Evidently Martin County farmers are not interested in the cotton crop insurance plan, the incomplete reports stating that not a single farmer wanted the protection. It has been pointed out that the cotton crop insurance program is hardly suited for this county, that the farmers have fairly good protection in a diversified farm program.

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Officers Wreck Big Distillery Thursday

Raiding in Cross Roads Township and not so very far from the Cross Roads church, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel wrecked a large illicit distillery yesterday morning. The plant was equipped with a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle and modern connections. Nearly eight hundred gallons of beer was poured out, the officers confiscating the copper kettle and some equipment. The plant was not in operation when the raid was made.

There isn't enough copper to run electric lines into rural areas, but the distillers are managing to get copper for their operations.

The plant was one of the largest destroyed by the officers in this county in recent weeks.

War Effort At Home Will Be Given Boost In Various Courses

Plan First Aid and Nutritional Courses and Special Demonstrations

Recognizing that real dangers do exist and that it is always advisable to be prepared to handle an emergency, civic leaders and heads of other organizations are taking definite action to boost the war effort right here at home.

Dr. E. T. Walker is already offering special instruction to thirty or more persons in a first-aid course, and the Red Cross will follow that course with special classes possibly the latter part of March.

A special course in nutrition is being planned here by a number of ladies, and tentative arrangements have been made to have a representative of the Virginia Electric and Power Company to conduct the series of classes. The nutrition school will be followed by courses in canteen work. Miss Naomi D. Shank, home service director for the YEP system, discussing the value of such training here this week said that courses in nutrition and canteen work had met with marked success in many of the coastal areas especially in the Norfolk areas. It is entirely possible that some of our coastal areas may be evacuated before the war is over and towns like Williamston on the main highways will be called upon to feed and care for those people. Detailed announcement will be made in connection with the proposed course within the near future.

Supplementing the victory garden and food for defense program, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, has made arrangements for holding a canning demonstration in the courtroom next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A recognized canning expert has been employed to conduct the demonstration which will advance the latest methods in preserving food and which will stress nutritional food values as a means for furthering defense in our present national emergency. A special invitation is extended to the general public to attend the demonstration. Husbands are also urged to attend and bring their old canning equipment with them. The demonstrator, an expert repairman, will gladly check up on the equipment and assist in making repairs where possible.

Hundreds of people in Martin County have been asking what they could do to aid the war effort. Splendid opportunities are being offered to them now in the programs of nutrition and canning.

The Farm Bureau will discuss victory gardens in connection with the food for freedom program at a forum in the agricultural building this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Announce Openings For Skilled Worker

Carpenters at \$1.00 an hour, construction laborers at \$34 a week, and many other openings, are among those now listed as urgent at the Williamston office of the U. S. Unemployment Service.

The Williamston office is referring every able bodied man, white and colored, who wants to go, to construction work now open in Eastern Carolina, at 40 cents an hour for the first 40 hours, and 60 cents an hour for overtime; and they work on a 7-day week basis, which means \$34 a week for seven days work.

A great many jobs are open now. Some are those requiring special training, experience and skills. Other jobs require nothing except good health and a willingness to work where the work is located. Opportunities are open for both white and colored. The Williamston office is open every day in the week; and applications are received and referrals to jobs made for all openings for which local workers qualify.

Former Local Man's Brother Loses Life

Jack Meador, brother to the late Harry L. Meador, of Williamston, lost his life in a costly hotel fire in Aberdeen early last Wednesday morning, relatives here have been notified. While he had an opportunity to escape, Mr. Meador who had visited here often some years ago, lost his life in an effort to save the lives of others. At least one other person, Mrs. Ben Eby, of Harrisburg, was lost in the fire.

Mr. Meador, a native of Madison, North Carolina, was manager of the hotel. The body was moved to Greensboro for burial.

Succeeds Miss Hackney In FSA Position Here

Miss Caroline Waters enters upon her new duties here tomorrow as a member of the Farm Security Administration staff in this county, succeeding Miss Jeannette Hackney who has been transferred to Washington. Miss Waters, who has been receiving special training in Raleigh during the past few weeks, is from Washington.

DEFENSE MEETING

The organization of a civilian defense council for this county will be effected at a meeting of a group of citizens in the courtroom here next Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Chairman H. G. Horton announced today. Sub-committees will be named and other plans worked out for the furtherance of the defense and war programs. The following persons have been requested to attend:

- D. N. Hix, C. L. Daniel, Mrs. Mack Wynne, G. P. Hall, W. H. Gray, R. L. Perry, J. C. Manning, Dr. J. W. Williams, F. M. Manning, L. B. Wynne and the presidents of the Williamston Lions, Kiwanis, Women's clubs and the Robersonville Woman's and Rotary Clubs.

Conduct Nutrition Demonstrations in The Local Schools

Pupils Showing Much Interest in Demonstration Conducted by Dr. Evans

Pupils in the local high school are conducting a demonstration in nutrition under the direction of Dr. M. R. Evans, of the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Board of Health. While holding dental clinics in other schools, Dr. Evans has found that the demonstrations have proved very informative and interesting, and a similar test was started here the early part of the week when the pupils started feeding four white rats certain foods at the direction of Mrs. Mildred Crawford and Miss Madge Glazener.

The rats will have contrasting diets, Dr. Evans stating that the demonstration is expected to clearly prove to the children the importance of wise selection and eating of proper foods.

The diets for the demonstration are, as follows:

Poor Diet
Representative of the prevalent bread, potato, meat, and sugar diet.

1. Corn pone, made from white corn meal, salt and water (no milk, eggs or butter); or "Baking powder" biscuit or soda crackers may be substituted for a part or all of the corn pone. The biscuit is to be made from non-enriched white flour, shortening, salt, baking powder and water. No milk, buttermilk or butter should be used.

2. Smeared corn pone or biscuit lightly with corn syrup or molasses. Candy may be used instead of the syrup or molasses.

3. Boiled or fried white Irish potatoes, feed about 1-2 as much as the bread.

4. Boiled or fried fat back, or bacon, feed about 1-2 as much as the potatoes.

Good Diet
The poor diet supplemented so as to overcome its deficiencies.

1. Corn bread, muffin bread or (Continued on page six)

MORE MONEY

After dropping off to a trickle a few days ago, soil conservation payments are beginning to flow again for Martin County farmers.

This week, according to Miss Mary Carstarphen, clerk in the farm agent's office, ninety-eight checks representing \$5,245.66, were received. The latest check deliveries boosted the total received in soil conservation payments in this county to \$47,997.15, the amount having been distributed in 696 checks and representing 341 applications.