

Trucks Stalled In County, Rationing Board Member Says

State Official Says Quota Cannot Be Expanded and Future Outlook Is Darker

The rubber shortage has already been brought home, literally speaking, to some people in this county, but the situation is rapidly being aggravated for others according to a report coming from the regular meeting of the Martin County Rationing Board held here yesterday.

Trucks, loaded with materials, more or less, vital to the war effort are stalled in this county because tire replacements could not be had immediately.

After issuing certificates of purchase at their meeting this week, the board carried over 33 applications. The applicants are requesting 51 truck tires and 51 truck tire tubes; 19 automobile tires and 19 automobile tire tubes; three trailer tires and three tractor tires and two tractor tire tubes, a total of 76 tires and 75 tubes.

Certificates were issued to the following truck operators this week: Martin County Forest Fire Service (M. M. Leggett, Jamesville, R.F.D. 1), two tires and two tubes;

Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, 2 tires and two tubes for wholesale meat deliveries;

Harry B. Thompson, Williamston, one tire and one tube for transporting grain and produce;

Martin County Transfer Co., Robersonville, two tires and two tubes for common carrier.

Retreaded tires were allotted the following truck owners: J. W. Green, Williamston R.F.D. 2, four tires for farm use;

Harry B. Thompson, Williamston, one tire for hauling lumber;

Robert Dewey Perry, Williamston, two tires for hauling farm supplies.

Automobile owners were allotted the following new tires and tubes: Dr. Edward Lee Early, Williamston, two tubes;

P. E. Getsinger, Jamesville RFD 1 minister, two tires and two tubes; Cleveland VanLandingham, Williamston star route mail carrier, one tire and one tube.

Two retreaded tires were allotted Mrs. Clae M. Dunnagan, social worker, Williamston.

Obsolete tires and tubes went to the following: J. H. Holliday, Oak City, two trailer tires and tubes;

Robert Alexander Haislip, Oak City, two trailer tires and tubes;

Elmer Royster Edmondson, Bethel RFD 1, two trailer tires and tubes;

Kenneth Roberson, Robersonville, two car tubes;

J. C. Taylor, Robersonville, two car tires and tubes;

B. M. Haislip, Oak City, two car tires and tubes.

The following applications were rejected this week: Chas. H. Ange, Jamesville RFD, two car tires and tubes;

Harry Gaylord Jones, Williamston, two truck tires and tubes;

William Horace Corbett, two trailer tires and tubes.

New applications for tires and tubes were filed recently by the following: Dr. John W. Williams, four tires and four tubes, health officer and practicing physician;

Farmers Supply Company, Williamston, four truck tires and tubes for hauling farm supplies;

Martin County Transfer Company, Robersonville, common carrier, two truck tires and tubes;

G. C. James, Parmele mail carrier, (Continued on page six)

Victims of Two Retreats



C. P. Radiophoto

A Russian peasant woman stands with her children amid the ruins of her home. Twice she has been the victim of the scorched earth policy; when the Russians retreated, and when the Nazis were thrown back. The picture was released by the British Ministry of Information after being radioed from Moscow.

LAST MEETING

The Williamston Parent Teacher Association will hold its last meeting of the school year in the grammar school auditorium tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. Reports from various committees will mark the formal close of a year of fine work under the leadership of Mrs. Garland Woolard.

Miss Irene James, home economist, will be the principal speaker on the program, which will be marked by the induction of officers for next year.

All members of the association are urged to be present for this important meeting.

Japs Push Toward India After Plans For Defense Flop

British Air Defense Virtually Knocked Out in Area, Churchill Says

Acting quickly after British and Indian leaders failed to formulate a united defense pact for India last week-end, the ever-expanding Japs are apparently making ready for a mighty invasion push into India. The situation there has been described as critical as millions of men remain immobile on the British Isles and possibly several hundred thousands are virtually idle in Australia. Speaking before the House of Commons yesterday, Prime Minister Churchill stated that the Japs had and were amassing a huge fleet in the Bay of Bengal in preparation for an invasion of India, the leader also admitting that the British air defense had been virtually wiped out in that area. The population in the coast city of Madras are said to be evacuating in anticipation of a Japanese attack. At least three big battleships, five airplane carriers, numbers of heavy and light cruisers and several flotillas of destroyers are reported moving in the Bay of Bengal, apparently making ready to support extensive land forces moving across Burma.

While the Japs are making ready to prosecute about the last of their scheduled operations, Hitler is believed to be making ready to strike somewhere. Commenting on reports coming from the Eastern front where Hitler is throwing in weak reserves and battered equipment, some observers are of the opinion that strong forces are being gathered for a push toward Suez and the Persian oil fields. The push may be through Turkey where a gallant but poorly equipped army stands in readiness, or Hitler may bypass Turkey, or he may swing his forces for a drive

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Seine Fishing Is Nearing Its Peak

Seine fishing in the Roanoke at Jamesville is progressing very favorably, according to indirect reports coming from the Fleming fishery there this week. Hundreds of thousands of herring have been taken during the past week or ten days, and large catches of rock are being reported daily. Few shad are being taken this season, indicating that that type of fish has all but disappeared from the waters in this section of the State.

Acting to head off or at least check the upsurge in living costs, more people are buying and packing fish for use during coming months. However, the number of persons coming from other sections of the State is possibly smaller than usual, one report stating that the tire shortage is holding the individual fishermen at home.

LOSES APPEAL

Seeking a lower classification than the I-A rating given him by the Martin County Draft Board, William Henry Gurganus, young Bear Grass white registrant, lost his appeal before the district draft appeal board in Windsor last week, draft officials in this county were advised yesterday.

The appeal was the first and only one entered by a registrant in this county. Several others are understood to be pending, but they have not been formally submitted for consideration.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

Buy Coal Now; Transportation May Make Delivery Impossible Next Fall

Strange, indeed, is the obsession of some Americans that we're going to win this war simply because of our superiority in natural resources and industrial capacity. We're going to win the war! But we're going to win it not simply because of our superior natural resources and industrial capacity. Victory will come eventually because of our intelligent use of those things.

It is the determination of the War Production Board to use these things intelligently that lies behind its action in slicing away at civilian manufacture. This necessarily precedes the funneling of vastly increasing quantities of materials into war production.

Reflecting this unbending determination of the WPB are two orders, one prohibiting the further use of iron and steel in a long list of products and the other calling a halt to all construction not essential to the war purpose. Those two orders call for sacrifice. But let us keep always in mind that sacrifice alone will not win the war. It is not just doing without something which will vanquish our enemies; rather, victory will come as a result of positive, aggressive action—both on the home front and on the fighting front.

We are now producing weapons for our armed forces and for our allies at the rate of some 30 billion dollars a year. It's not enough, of course, but it's three times what we were doing last year—and our pace is accelerating. Let Hitler and Hirohito and Mussolini think that over!

Three Problems Face U. S. The most important problem we face on the Home Front today is that of production, but there are three other problems to be solved if we are to get production to the fullest. These problems are (1) shortages of materials vital to the war effort; (2) inflation, which means that prices are getting higher and higher and that unless something is done we won't get our full value in planes and weapons and ships for our money; and (3) transportation.

Transportation, both for passengers and freight, is going to become more difficult every day. Because of the increasing demands on the railroads, the Office of Defense Transportation has asked government agencies and private businesses to order only the transportation they know they can use, and also that reservations be made and tickets purchased well ahead of time. The problems of motor transportation increase also. The Office of Price Administration warns that there's no guarantee that recapping material will be available even for the tires of defense workers, and that "national interest and not the convenience of the war worker" is the governing factor in allocating such material. If you drive to work, pool the use of your car with that of a neighbor or fellow worker—tires will last twice as long.

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One Hurt In Series Of Auto Accidents

Several persons went through two automobile wrecks in the county last week-end without a scratch, but a pedestrian figuring in a third accident was painfully but not seriously hurt.

Stopping in front of her home on the Slaughter House road about 12:30 o'clock last Sunday morning, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas' car was struck by another driven by Pvt. Seaman S. Richardson. Richardson almost brought his Oldsmobile to a stop when it crashed into the rear of the Thomas car. No one was hurt and damage to the cars was estimated at about \$100 by Patrolman Whit Saunders who investigated the accident.

Driving along the highway leading off Highway 17 toward Smithwicks Creek, Tom Woolard, colored, crashed into the rear of a 1941 Plymouth car driven by Mrs. W. B. Wynne. Damage to both cars was placed at \$50 by Investigator Saunders. The accident was reported about 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

Walking toward the temporary army camp at the fair grounds last Friday night about 11:20 o'clock, Pvt. Willard Christensen, a native of Wisconsin, was struck by a car driven by Lawrence Edwin Coltrain. Struck a side blow, Christensen was knocked into a ball and rolled several feet. Two stitches were necessary to close a small gash in his forehead. He suffered a slight abrasion on the back of the head, but he went through the accident without breaking his glasses. Treated in the local hospital, Christensen was soon discharged and was quoted as saying that he was responsible for the accident. No charges were preferred against Coltrain after it was explained that the victim had stepped off the highway to allow another car to pass and that he stepped back into the road and into the path of the Coltrain car.

Band Will Have Tag Day Here Thursday

Thursday of this week has been designated as Tag Day by the Williamston Band Parents Association in an effort to raise funds to cover the final payment due on uniforms recently purchased for the Williamston High School band. Members of the association and friends of the band are urging the general public to cooperate in the worthy project.

Thirty-six green and grey uniforms and four majorette outfits were received last week for use of the local musicians. Making their first public appearance in the new outfits on Thursday night at 7:30, the high school band will parade down Main Street from Watts to Houghton and return to the area before the post office for a special program. Director Jack Butler promises an interesting program of music as well as intricate drills and counter-marches, and the public is urged to be present for the event.

Machinery Set Up For Holding Primary Election On May 30 By Board In Meeting Here Saturday

More Men Will Be Classified By Draft Board Next Friday

Although there is a sizable surplus in the manpower pool in this county, the Martin Draft Board is making ready to resume its classification work as a called meeting of its members on Friday evening of this week, the action being scheduled in apparent anticipation of increased quotas for the approaching months. However, it was pointed out that no official instructions have been received that would indicate large quotas would be assigned the county.

Up until the present time, the draft board has classified approximately 2,800 registrants in this county in addition to those holding "S" numbers. By "S" numbers is meant those young men who were registered in the second registration and whose numbers were filtered into the first registration. It is estimated that there are approximately 500 registrants in the first and second

registrations who have not been classified in the third registration will be classified at the meeting of the board this week. However, about 100 of the 300 questionnaires mailed to those men in the third registration have already been returned.

Approximately 2,250 order numbers have been exhausted in filling draft quotas to date. However, it is now likely that the draft board, in accordance with instructions, will go back to some of the lower numbers and get those men who were deferred for one reason or another but whose deferment status has been changed. Draft officials would not comment when asked how long they thought the present supply of I-A numbers would last, but judging from current happenings, married men can look for calls about next December or January.

No Women Named To Precinct Posts In Martin County

Not Enough Republicans To Go 'Round; Fill Places With Democrats

Machinery for holding the primary election in the twelve precincts of this county on next May 30th was tentatively set up by the Martin County Board of Elections in scheduled session at the courthouse last Saturday morning. The board chairman, Mr. Sylvester Peel, of Griffins Township, and members, Messrs. J. R. Winslow and Wade Vick, both of Robersonville, were in session hardly more than an hour reappointing the precinct officials or making new appointments to meet changing conditions or circumstances. Very few changes were made in the personnel for the twelve precincts, and where changes were made the old officials had resigned for one reason or another. In one case where a registrar had moved from one precinct to another, the board followed him up and appointed him registrar in his new precinct.

Republican Member Wade Vick did a very able job in rounding up members of his party for duty as judges of election in the various precincts, but in at least two cases there were apparently none to be had and the Democrats obligingly opened their ranks and mutual appointments were effected. The action of the board last Saturday gives general approval to the election personnel in this county, the State board having established the precedent when it reappointed Messrs. Peel, Winslow and Vick to the county board some weeks ago.

After naming several members of the fair sex to precinct posts four years ago, the board dropped the practice two years ago. None was named this year.

The registrars are to open the registration books on May 2nd for those persons who have attained the age of 21 years since the last election and for those who have moved into the county or into new precincts within the county and those who for one reason or another did not get their names on the books two years ago. The books will be open for new names on three Saturdays, beginning May 2nd. On the fourth Saturday, May 23rd, the registration books will be opened for challenge of any registrations.

With the exception of Messrs. John H. Edwards, W. B. Watts, Robert S. Price, Oscar Anderson, for Williamston; Claude Smith, Robersonville; W. A. Beach and George A. Oglesby, Hamilton, and George Haislip, Hassell, the following precinct registrars and judge of election were reappointed by the county board last Saturday: Jamesville: R. L. Stallings, Registrar; J. L. Knowles, Democrat; C. Davenport, Republican.

Williamston: Lee D. Hardison, Registrar; Floyd Moore, Democrat; C. L. Daniel, Democrat.

Griffins: S. Oscar Peel, Registrar; W. T. Roberson, Democrat; J. C. Gurkin, Democrat.

Bear Grass: J. Rossel Rogers, Registrar; W. M. Harrison, Democrat; W. A. Brown, Republican.

Williamston No. 1: J. H. Edwards, Registrar; W. B. Watts, Democrat; Robert S. Price, Republican.

Williamston No. 2: Oscar Anderson, Registrar; J. R. Simpson, Democrat; J. T. Price, Republican.

Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, Sr., Registrar; J. B. Barnhill, Democrat; Marion Griffin, Republican.

Robersonville: Claude Smith, Registrar; I. M. Little, Democrat; L. N. Vick, Republican.

Poplar Point: W. S. White, Registrar; Luther Leggett, Democrat; (Continued on page six)

Army Calling More Men to the Colors From This County

Group of Young Colored Men Has Already Been Expanded

Instructions to report for service in the United States Army have just been issued by the Martin County Draft Board, the instructions following closely behind those received by a goodly number of young white men a few days ago.

The group of colored draftees leaving "soon" for the induction centers underwent examinations some time ago, and it is quite likely that all of them will "stick" when they report for service.

As far as it could be learned today no draft quota has been assigned this county for May.

Names and addresses of those colored men recently receiving instructions to report "soon" for service are, as follows:

Booker T. Lloyd, RFD 1, Robersonville; Walter Pierce, RFD 1, Jamesville; Willie G. Fleming, RFD 1, Oak City.

Preston Mayo Ormond, Williamston; John Paul Dennis, Williamston and Winston-Salem. Dennis is a teacher in the local schools and will not be able to finish the term.

Claudius Simmons, Robersonville; Booker T. Hill, Dardens; James Patrice Keys, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Geo. H. W. Rogers, Robersonville; Raleigh Frank Daniel, RFD 2, Williamston.

Moses James, RFD 1, Oak City; William Hooker, Robersonville; Ishmond Brown, RFD 1, Hobgood.

Delayed appeals have been directed to the draft board office by several of the young white draftees who were recently notified to report for service. It was pointed out that the appeals were received too late to get consideration, and the instructions to report could not be altered except in case of death or critical illness. Appeals must be noted within ten days after a registrant receives notice of his classification.

Two Men Badly Cut In County on Sunday

Two colored men in different parts of the county were critically cut during last Sunday, unofficial reports stating, however, that they are expected to recover.

Riding together along the road, Rome Little and Aushon Rogers started arguing. The car was stopped and Little got out. Rogers started to get out, and Little turned on him with a pocket knife. Sinking the blade of the weapon in Rogers' back, he pulled and cut the man almost half in two, the knife blade leaving the body only after it had gone almost half way around the man's waist. Approximately 40 stitches were necessary to close the wound. The attack took place about 1 o'clock that afternoon near Skewarkey. Little was arrested and jailed by local police.

Said to have been drinking a bit heavily, Lee Ward and Buck Askew entered into a cursing frolic in Farmer R. H. Weaver's yard near Spring Green last Sunday afternoon. Ward whipped out his knife and drove it into Askew's body, one report stating that the man's lung was punctured twice. He was removed to a Tarboro hospital where his condition was described as serious. Ward was arrested and jailed by Deputy Haislip.

IMPORTANT MEET

Lieutenant Earl Ek will address a meeting of civilian defense leaders and other interested citizens in the county courthouse Wednesday, evening, April 15th, W. I. Skinner, coordinator of civilian defense agencies in this county, announced today.

The Army man, speaking as an individual who has been trained in defense work, will discuss vitally important problems, and the general public is invited and urged to hear him. Lieutenant Ek is originally from Olean, New York, and is now stationed with Company A, 30th Engineers, here for a few days. He and the company are expected to leave this immediate section the latter part of this week.

Prominent Citizen Of Oak City Died At Home Monday

Funeral for John T. Daniel Is Being Held There This Afternoon

John T. Daniel, prominent Oak City man and well-known citizen of this county, died at his home there yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis suffered the evening before. After visiting a relative that evening, Mr. Daniel went to his home about 9 o'clock and was found critically ill on the porch a few hours later by his son.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mack Daniel, he was born near Robersonville 69 years ago. Years ago he married and located in Oak City where he successfully engaged in the mercantile business, later devoting his entire time to extensive farming interests. Mrs. Daniel died about three years ago.

Mr. Daniel was active in the civic and religious fields of his community, serving as a town official and as a member of the school committee for a number of years. He was held in high esteem and is remembered as a Christian leader in his adopted community.

Two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Early and Mrs. W. W. Casper, and three sons, Messrs. Wheeler V. John and Harry Daniel, all of Oak City, survive. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Oscar Daniel, of Everetts, and Jim Daniel, of Robersonville; and two sisters, Mrs. Henry S. Everett and Mrs. Jack Taylor, of Robersonville.

Funeral services are being conducted at the late home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Ed E. Gresham, Baptist minister of Tarboro. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Oak City cemetery.

VICTORY BOOKS

Falling short in their efforts to collect ten millions books for men in the various branches of the armed services, sponsors of the Victory Book drive in the nation are asking the people to share a few more books with the soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guardsmen. Friday of this week has been designated as Victory Book day throughout the country, and local people are urged to support the drive by leaving a book or two at the library or turning them over to Superintendent of Schools J. C. Manning or to R. H. Goodman, chairman of the book drive in this county.

Pupils To Appear In Song Festival

The grammar school and high school glee clubs will present a joint program of song in the high school auditorium tonight beginning at 8:15. Approximately 175 students will participate in the variety program, which promises to be an outstanding event of the school year.

Kathryn Mewborn will direct the groups. Grace Talton and Katherine Bradley will furnish the piano accompaniment.

Tonight's performance of the grammar school children will be their only appearance this spring because loss of time from the epidemic of measles made the presentation of the usual operetta or pageant unwise.

The song festival is being arranged under the sponsorship of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association.