

New Warning Issued By Rationing Board In Regular Session

Requests Will Be Rejected in Cases Where Tires Were Improperly Handled

The Martin County rationing board closed its tire accounts for the month yesterday when the current allotment was exhausted, the board members, C. C. Martin, of Jamesville; Herbert L. Roebuck, of Cross Roads; and J. A. Everett, of Palmyra, immediately turning to new rules and regulations for granting purchase certificates in the future.

For the first time, the board members face repeat applicants with complaints received by them about alleged improper use of motor vehicles equipped with rationed tires. None of the applicants denied the charges, it was learned, but several explained that they were doing no worse than anyone else. The explanation will hardly stand up, a man who has been forced out of business already by rules and regulations, declared when he heard about the cases. Then there are some few who are trying to cooperate with the program instead of taking advantage of it.

Beginning next week, the rationing board will, in accordance with new instructions, deny certificates of purchase to those applicants who have failed to exercise proper care in the use of their rationed tires.

New automobile tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

Corporal C. W. Thompson, N. C. Highway Patrol, two tires.

Z. T. Piephoff, Williamston, two tires for ministerial work.

Dr. J. E. Ward, Robersonville, two tires.

Certificates for the purchase of recapped tires were issued to the following:

Richard Austin Broadnax, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for agricultural training work.

W. B. Cannon, Hobgood RFD, four tires for farm work.

Alvin Lowe Thompson, Williamston, two tires for use as lumber plant technician.

J. R. Winslow, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes for farm.

Milton Herbert Johnson, Williamston, one tire for use in WPA work.

R. A. Haislip, Oak City, two tires and two tubes for farm use.

C. B. Allen, Williamston RFD 3, one tire and tube, for farm use.

Obsolete tires were issued along with tubes as follows:

E. C. Andrews, Parmele, two tires and two tubes, for farm use.

Daniel G. Griffin, Williamston Route 2, two tires and two tubes for general farm use.

E. G. Anderson, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes, for farm use.

New truck tires and tubes were allotted as follows:

Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, three tires and three tubes, for hauling lumber.

Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, four tires and four tubes, for distributing meats.

Tilmon R. Coltrain, Williamston, one tire and tube for general hauling.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Recapped truck tires were allotted to the following:

W. O. Abbott, Williamston, five tires for hauling meat and grain.

Grady Smith, Robersonville, one tire and tube for garage and farm service.

Joseph Carl Griffin, Jamesville, four tires and two tubes for general farm use.

Adkins and Bailey Warehouse, Robersonville, two tires for hauling fertilizer and tobacco.

Saunders and Cox, Williamston, two tires and two tubes, for lumber mill use.

Carroll Griffin, Williamston, four tires for farm use.

G and H Builders' Supply Co., Williamston, five tires and one tube for hauling lumber.

J. H. James, Robersonville, one tire for hauling mules and for farm use.

Progress Report On Daily Bible School

The Union Vacation Bible School completed its first week last Friday showing an enrollment of 169 with an average daily attendance of 142. The interest of those attending this year seems to be a bit better. There is a seriousness with which the pupils study their Bible courses and commit its truths to memory.

The commencement will be held in the Memorial Baptist Church on Friday night of this week. The churches agreed some years ago to have these exercises in alphabetical order, but owing to the size of the school itself, it was thought better to have it in the largest auditorium available.

A splendid exhibit will be made available to the public in the church annex. Articles made by the girls in their handcraft class will be shown along with those made in the Manual Arts class by the boys.

The public will be given an opportunity to contribute to China Relief at the commencement, for this project was chosen this year by the school.

Preliminary Activities Point To Fairly Big Vote Saturday

Despite the dark shadows of war and the saddening news reaching into many homes and the apparent little interest in political affairs, a representative vote is expected at the polls in this county on Saturday of this week. It is generally believed that there is more interest in the primary at hand than is being expressed on the surface. Incomplete reports from the registrars state that approximately 150 new names were added to the registration books this month, and that is considered a fairly representative number for any year, war or no war. Williamston's two precincts added 71 new names to the books or about half the registration increase.

It is generally agreed that more than 3,000 votes will be cast Saturday or about 700 less than the total two years ago. One's guess is about as good as another's, so The Enterprise is offering a subscription to the paper for six months to the person submitting the best guess. The estimate must be filed not later than 6 p. m. on Thursday of this week. The following figures, showing the total registration and the 1940 primary vote, are offered as a guide:

Precinct	1940 Reg. Vote	1940 Guess
Jamesville	552	396
Williams	264	150
Griffins	435	293
Bear Grass	416	255
Williamston, 1	713	492
Williamston, 2	788	590
Cross Roads	405	262
Robersonville	978	477
Gold Point	160	122
Poplar Point	210	156
Hamilton	175	156
Hassell	155	106
Goose Nest	412	250
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Gas Rationing Official Orders 'X' Card Audit

CAPTAIN



Wheeler Martin, Jr., local young man, was this week promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Army Air Corps. His position is the highest earned by a Martin County young man in the Army during recent years.

Hail Damages Some Crops In the Section

Much damage was reported in scattered areas of this county and in sections of Bertie County early last Saturday morning by a hail storm.

A bit freakish, the storm struck limited areas and streaks, one farmer stating that the crop in one of his fields was badly damaged at one end and damaged very little at the other. With few exceptions, the damage was light in this county. Farmer Bob Jones, on the outskirts of Williamston, reported a substantial damage done to his tobacco, and in the Everetts area several farmers reported considerable losses.

Over in Bertie the storm is said to have ruined crops, causing farmers to replant some of them. One farmer stated that all his small pigs were killed by the pellets.

Car Operator Steals Tire From Farmer's Combine

Robert Short, colored car operator, was arrested by Deputy Bill Haislip yesterday afternoon for the alleged theft of a tire from Farmer Roy Edmondson's combine, near Oak City, the latter part of last week. The owner had the serial number of the tire and the property was easily identified as soon as the officers gained a lead in the case.

VOTING HOURS

The electorate will have exactly twelve hours to express itself at the polls on Saturday of this week, the 1942 election regulations providing for the opening of the polls at 6:30 a. m. and for their closing at 6:30 p. m. The time is on the Eastern War schedule, meaning that the people will have expressed their wishes long before sundown. It is the earliest the polls have been scheduled to close since the primary was established.

The electorate is cautioned to bear in mind the early closing of the polls and participate in the primary election without delay.

In Williamston the polls will be opened in the Roanoke Chevrolet Company's showroom on Washington Street for Precinct No. 1 and in the fire station for Precinct No. 2. Entrance to the fire station may be gained through a side door next to the Sinclair Filling Station.

Two Persons Hurt In Freak Accident Last Friday Night

Slight Increase in Auto Accidents in This County Since Rationing Begun

Strange as it may seem, the number and seriousness of highway accidents in this county is apparently on the increase since gasoline rationing was instituted a little over a week ago. One hit-and-run case has been entered in the records and a rather unusual accident was recorded only last Friday night in addition to a wreck in which two cars tried to run down the middle of the road at the same time. Fortunately, however, the first highway death on the highways of the county this year is yet to be reported. There have been several narrow escapes, and Patrolman Saunders thought the good record had been smashed a little over a week ago, but the victim, Willie Ross, soon was able to leave the hospital. It is understood that the investigators are closing in on the hit-and-run driver, that a fairly definite lead had been established in the case.

Walking along the Jamesville highway within the town limits last Friday night about 9:30 o'clock, Robert Coffield, 16-year-old colored boy, was struck a glancing blow by a bakery truck driven by J. H. Parham. Coffield suffered a 10-stitch gash in the back of his head, but he soon recovered from the shock and was able to be out within a short time. When Coffield was struck he was turned quickly around and his elbow struck and knocked down James Finch, 18-year-old colored chum. Finch came through with a big knock on his head.

Parham, failing to stop, declared when questioned by officers that he did not know he had struck anyone. After the investigation it was agreed that a ladder on the truck could have hit the man without the driver of the truck realizing it. The case is still being investigated, and as far as it could be learned no charges have been brought.

Sames Cole, young white man of Plymouth, escaped uninjured when his car, an old 1929 Model A, and that of William Brown sideswiped each other on the Bear Grass Road, a short distance from the Black Swamp Church, last Sunday night about 9 o'clock. Brown and passengers in both cars were not hurt. Damage to the two cars was placed at about \$50 by Patrolman Saunders.

While other sections of the county are reporting marked decreases in the number of road accidents, this county is possibly increasing.

PENS NEEDED

Walking into a local cafe a few mornings ago, a well but apparently self-informed patron complained about the sugar allowance for coffee and declared there was no shortage in sugar, gas or tires. "I have two hundred pounds of sugar at home. I have an 'X' gas card and my wife has new tires ready to replace those on the wheels," the patriotic patron said, asking what more did he need?

The proprietor's patience ordinarily under a strain in a cafe was plainly aggravated. "Mister," the proprietor said, refraining from calling the man what he was, "you need two hog pens, one for yourself and one for your wife."

No, that type of fellow hardly ever offers to fight back.

Eleven Candidates To Face Voters Saturday

Democrats Placing Nine of the Names On Primary Ballot

Hardly a Fourth As Many Men In Race As There Were Two Years Ago

Martin County Democrats will have a limited field to choose from in selecting their party nominees for local, district and state offices in the primary next Saturday. The number of candidates is believed to be the smallest to enter a primary in this county in many years, the Democrats offering the names of nine and the Republicans only two names, as compared with a total of forty-two candidates—37 Democrats and five Republicans—two years ago.

Despite the reduced field of candidates, there's more interest in the primary now at hand than many believe. There's been more politicking this year than there was two years ago, believe it or not, and such action generally is reflected in a representative if not a large vote. Two years ago, the candidates combed the fields and by-ways. This year there has already been much personal politicking and in addition there has been a bit of ballyhoo from the stump and on the streets in several communities. The introduction of a hill-billy band, old stuff down in Texas, was introduced for the first time in this county by one of the district candidates. The value of the program is yet to be determined, reports stating that it was not so well received in at least one of the several communities visited.

With two exceptions, nominees for county offices were declared when no opposition was offered. Much interest is being shown in the two contests, however, and these two are expected to attract the voters. S. Harcom Grimes, of Williamston, and J. Calvin Smith, of Robersonville, are in the race for judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court, and Clarence W. Griffin, of Williamston, and Iverson Skinner, of Williamston, are in the race for a seat in the North Carolina State House of Representatives.

The Democratic district ticket is attracting quite a bit of attention too, and possibly will support an increase in the size of the vote. Marvin K. Blount and Jack Edwards, both of Greenville, and Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington, are seeking the nomination for representative in the National House from this, the first district.

Very little has been said about the Democratic race for United States Senator, but Richard T. (Dick) Fountain, of Rocky Mount, will, it is believed, give Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, a hot time in this county.

The race for United States Senator on the Republican ticket has yet to be heard mentioned for the first time. Nevertheless there are two men, Sam J. Morris and Stoner W. Klutz, contesting for the nomination on the minority party ticket. According to rumors, some of the Republicans have been so busy trying to run the pre-primary show for the Democrats that they have not had time to mention the names of their own party candidates.

Politicians and precinct heelers have been warned that X gas cards are not to be used in hauling the vote Saturday, that there is some doubt if it will be legal to drive B cards. Individuals may drive their cars to the polls, it is understood.

HONORED



Edgar J. Gurganus, young son of Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus, is walking off with a liberal share of honors at Wake Forest College. The young man, just home for the summer vacation, was recently elected president of the rising Senior law class. He will also serve as vice president of the Wake Forest Bar Association of which he is the retiring secretary. In addition to his leadership in the law school the young man has been active in general college activities. During the past two years he has held the major student office of secretary of the Student Political Union, non-fraternity organization. He is slated to graduate from the law school next January.

Jamesville Youth Believed Drowned

Missing from his home since Sunday about noon, Bobby Davenport, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Davenport, of Jamesville, is believed to have been drowned in the Roanoke River there. He was last seen sitting on a piling at the Standard Oil Company dock. When the lad failed to return home, a search was started. The river has been combed but no trace of the body had been found up until noon today.

Moving with his family, his parents, two brothers and a sister, from Washington County only a few weeks ago, the boy took a fancy to the river and was said to have gone there in anticipation of getting a ride on a speed boat. He was accompanied by his two brothers, but after waiting a long time for a ride and without success, they returned home. A strong current in the river made the search difficult, and there is little hope of recovering the body within the next day or two, reports reaching here indicated.

Hassell Rodgers Ross Passes In New York

Hassell Rodgers Ross, native of Washington and well known in this county, died suddenly at his home in New York early yesterday morning. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Tripp Ross and the late David T. Ross, and had made his home in New York for the past fifteen years. He was about 36 years of age.

In 1922 he was married to Miss Bessie James, of Everetts, with which his mother, a sister and four brothers, survives him.

The funeral party is leaving New York this afternoon and will reach Washington early tomorrow morning, the funeral to follow at four o'clock in the afternoon at the home of his mother. Interment will follow in the Washington cemetery.

NINETY PER CENT

According to reliable reports coming out of France within recent months, at least ninety per cent of the French are against collaboration with Germany. Five of the remaining ten per cent are said to be making money or are receiving graft or blood money by working with the Germans, and the other five per cent are playing up to the Germans in the hope of receiving some future reward.

The report also stated that the French aren't whipped yet, that once an expeditionary force lands in France countless numbers of the French will join the ranks and lay down their lives if necessary to free their country of the heavy German yoke. That the French are doing much for the Allied cause is expressed by the following words spoken by a member of the Free French air force: "The factory we smashed the other day—I'm its principal shareholder. In fact, I practically owned it."

Crucial Battle Of War Still Raging On Kharkov Front

Russians, Stalled Just Short of Their Objective, Cling- ing Desperately to Gains

Fighting in Russia has again reached a crucial stage, observers pointing out that the outcome of the greatest battles in all history now underway would have a marked bearing on the war. The Russians, gaining through their mastery but costly fighting, are now tenaciously holding on to those gains in the Kharkov sector while the Nazis have opened a new front about 90 miles to the south to relieve the pressure on their ranks in the vital Kharkov sector. Late reports indicate that the Soviets have been stalled just short of their Kharkov goal, that while they are fighting desperately to hold their gains, there, a new threat is being offered by the invaders in the Izyum-Barvenkova sector to the south. Late reports from Moscow claim that the new threat offensives have been smashed, but reports from both sides do not offer the slightest inkling as to which way the tide is turning.

No official estimates have been offered, but the general opinion is that the battle of Kharkov has witnessed the greatest slaughter of men and the most complete destruction of property and fighting equipment known in modern warfare.

That the Nazis are throwing every available piece of equipment possible into the battle is evidenced in the report stating that light tanks are being flown to the front, that equipment has been moving to the front for days.

Considerable activity advancing the Japs farther and farther toward China's bleeding heart is reported in two widely separated areas today. The Chinese have repulsed the Japs in their drive into Kinhuang, important military center in Chekiang province, but the defenders, pleading for reinforcements, are said to be in a desperate position.

General Stilwell, chased into India by the Jap barbarians, told a pitiful tale of the fighting in Burma. "We had only one anti-aircraft gun to fight off dozens of bombers, and we were whipped," the general said in telling of the Jap invasion there.

Little more than sparring is going on in other parts of the war arenas, but great talk is being heard. A vast American air force is about ready for action, and attacks on western Europe are believed in the offing. A high British official said today that air power will decide the time for an invasion of the continent, that a vast air force could possibly bring the war to an end by the latter part of this year. His prediction is regarded as optimistic. There has been some action in the Pacific, but the late reports reveal no startling developments.

There has been much mysterious talk about a sea battle off the coast of Brazil, and Tokyo is making many claims, but those claims have not been recognized by the United States government. The claims centered around losses in the Coral Sea battle, the Japs declaring that an American battleship of the North Carolina type was included in the list of ships damaged in that great naval engagement.

All is not well between Italy and France, but it is possible that Laval will, after selling out to Germany, sell out to Mussolini by giving Italy certain desired French properties including Nice and Corsica. Mussolini has made the claim and it is possible that the claim will mark the beginning of a row between the thieves.

Hitler is still having troubles with his generals. They have been criticizing him, and today he called a conference possibly with the view of criticizing them for their criticism.

While the fighting goes on over there, we in this country are still wrangling over giving up a gallon of gas and a few old tires. Some say and some don't say the gas shortage is serious. Incidentally, there's no gas in at least one bulk plant in Williamston today. But if we get en-

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3,000 Immunized In Anti-Typhoid Drive

After getting off to a fairly slow start the early part of last week, the anti-typhoid drive in this county is apparently gaining momentum. The health department office stated today that over 3,000 persons had taken the vaccine, and that there was an increased interest in the drive. It is apparent, however, that the campaign will fall far short of the coveted protection goal.

The following figures show the number of persons immunized by race and dispensaries:

	White	Col.
Jamesville	525	96
Hamilton	170	73
Robersonville	139	38
Gold Point	91	40
Everetts	234	137
Williamston	361	55
Dardens	140	340
No. 90 Station	165	71
	2257	1072

Real Estate Values In Martin County

A slight upward trend in real estate values in this county is noticeable in the 1942 listings over those for the previous year. Although there was no revaluation of real estate this year, the total real listings jumped from \$8,138,040 to \$8,243,707, a gain of \$105,667 or 1.3 per cent. Two-thirds or thereabouts of the gain is reflected in the figures for Williamston Township where new construction accounted for most of the increase. Some new construction and repairs boosted the figures slightly in five of the other nine districts, but four, Griffins, Bear Grass, Hamilton and Goose Nest reported slight decreases in the values of properties listed by white owners. Eight of the ten townships reported increases in values of properties listed by colored owners. The figures below show the assessed real estate values for 1941 and 1942, amount gained or lost, and percentages for both white and colored owners. A review of personal and real values will be offered in a subsequent edition.

	White				Colored			
	1941	1942	Gain	Pct.	1941	1942	Gain	Pct.
Jamesville	\$ 786,549	\$ 791,030	\$ 4,481	0.6	\$108,890	\$106,903	\$ 1,987*	1.8*
Williams	232,237	246,195	13,958	6.0	34,800	35,140	340	1.0
Griffins	431,000	425,090	*5,910	*1.3	9,695	9,795	100	1.0
Bear Grass	438,716	438,483	*233	*0.1	20,083	20,083	000	0.0
Williamston	1,852,884	1,921,378	68,494	3.7	146,610	154,719	8,109	5.0
Cross Roads	451,727	453,903	2,176	0.05	27,011	26,766	245*	0.9*
Robersonville	1,460,630	1,468,630	8,000	0.05	113,266	113,994	728	0.06
Poplar Point	259,815	260,513	698	0.2	5,670	5,670	000	0.0
Hamilton	693,800	693,657	*143	0.0	68,310	72,150	3,840	5.6
Goose Nest	851,471	848,632	*2,839	*1.0	144,876	151,316	6,440	4.4
	\$7,458,829	\$7,547,511	\$88,682	1.2	\$679,211	\$696,536	\$17,325	2.6

*—Indicates decrease.