

## County Is Allowed Only Six New Car Tires For Month

### June Truck Tire Allotment Is Increased Over That For Past Month

Regulations for rationing new car tires are being drawn tighter and tighter, the rationing board in the county announcing yesterday that only six new car tires had been allotted for the month of June. The truck tire allotment, however, has been greatly increased and there'll be forty new tires for distribution to those who can establish classifications. It is fairly apparent that the trend is away from the passenger car traffic and moving toward those vehicles considered vitally essential to the war effort or to those types of business necessary to the war effort or to those essential to the public welfare.

Liberal allotments for recapped tires were announced, but a certificate for the purchase of a tire of this type is not worth very much since there are few or none to be had. The high rationing authorities are predicting a fairly high mortality rate among tubes this hot weather for they allotted the county 24 car tire tubes and 48 truck tire tubes.

Applications for tires were rejected in the following three cases:

David Sidney Harper, Robersonville railroad worker, two recapped car tires.

Larry Bunting, Robersonville, farmer and funeral director, four recapped car tires.

Robert S. Gurganus, Williamston public worker, one new car tire.

Obsolete tires were allotted as follows:

Mrs. Minnie Wynne, Everetts, two tires and two tubes for farm work.

J. D. Knox, Robersonville, two tires and tubes for farm work.

The only two new car tires allotted went to Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Presbyterian minister.

Recapped tires were allotted for automobiles to the following:

H. R. Smith, Oak City, two tires and tubes for farm use.

Ira Jones, Williamston, two tires and tubes for farm use.

Mrs. George D. Grimes, RFD, Williamston, two tires for farm use.

W. H. Britton, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires for farm use.

D. E. Bunting, Oak City, was allotted a tube and a recapped tire for a farm truck.

New truck tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

John A. Manning, Williamston, one tire and tube for general hauling.

J. B. Barnhill, Everetts, four tires and four tubes for hauling ice, fish and fuel.

Harry B. Thompson, Williamston, one tire and tube for hauling lumber.

John W. Green, RFD, Williamston, one tube for farm use.

Joe Bunting, of Palmyra, was allotted two new tires and tubes for a farm tractor.

Applications for tires during the past week and carried over for future consideration were filed as follows:

Robert James Hardison, Williams-ton logger, three truck tires and three tubes.

G. H. Davenport, Dardens farmer, four car tires.

Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two truck tires and two tubes.

S. A. Ward, Hassell fire warden, one car tire and tubes.

Vernon Bunting, Williamston farmer, two recapped car tires.

Charles R. Moore, Williamston, two car tires and one tube mostly for police work.

D. Matthews, RFD 1, Palmyra, one car tire and tube for farm use.

## War Brings Change In Liquor Business

Kicked about as badly if not worse than an unwanted reheaded stepchild while the legal operators mire down in wealth, the illicit liquor manufacturer is making desperate efforts to hang on for the duration. The monthly report of ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck points out the use of molasses in making the illicit spirits, and so if one hears of "lightning" and no thunder he can rest assured that monkey rum has staged a comeback to remind the old drinkers of World War I days. The sale of molasses is being checked by officers in an effort to block the manufacturing business and save the respect of the dealers.

The first barrel of beer made out of molasses in many years was poured out a few days ago in the Hassell area. That the sugar rationing program is hurting the business is supported in a report coming from Bear Grass a few days ago when another barrel of the special type of beer was poured out.

Last month was quiet on the illicit liquor front, Officer J. H. Roebuck stating that he and his assistants destroyed only two small liquor stills and wrecked four partial plants, pouring out only 750 gallons of beer. The stills were of the oil drum type and of only 30 gallon capacity each. A little over seven gallons of liquor was confiscated. Three persons were arrested, and the two convicted in the courts were fined a total of \$125.

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES



In a sweeping victory in county and throughout the entire district, Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington, (left), returns to Congress as First District Representative. Josiah W. Bailey won by more than two to one over Dick Fountain to return to the United States Senate for a third term.

## Ask "X" Card Holders To Report To Board

### HIGHER

Home from Hughesville, Maryland, for the week-end, Whit Davis stated that tobacco prices on the market there are ranging around 30 cents a pound or about five cents above the average figure a year ago. Farmers are greatly pleased with their sales, Mr. Davis explaining that most of the tobacco being offered for sale at the present time being of an inferior quality.

Jack Hardison, also of Hughesville, and Jimmie Taylor, of nearby Laplatta, were also home for the week-end.

## Small Reduction In School Tax Rate Is Seen In New Budget

### Economics Departments To Be Added To Farm Life And Bear Grass Schools

Preliminary budget figures, subject to slight changes and final approval by the board of county commissioners, will support a slight reduction in the school tax rate for the coming term, it was learned following a meeting of the county board of education here yesterday.

Exact figures are not available at this time, but it is estimated that \$72,100 will be necessary for debt service, capital outlay and current expenses during the coming term as compared with \$72,280 for the term recently ended. Debt service, fixed at \$50,000 for the new fiscal year, is \$5,000 greater than it was for the year now nearing an end. The capital outlay fund is placed at \$22,000 for the new year as compared with \$27,000 for the 1941-42 term. The current expense item of \$37,000, remains virtually unchanged. The school tax rate last year was 54 cents on the \$100 assessed property valuations, the authorities explaining that, based on present figures, it will be reduced by two and one-half cents or to 51 1-2 cents. With the budget remaining virtually the same as it was for the 1941-42 fiscal year, the reduction is apparently based on an increase in the property values for 1942 over those for 1941.

A contract for re-roofing the high school building was awarded to the following:

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## Red Cross Kits For Boys Entering Army

The local Red Cross Production room is endeavoring to equip each soldier and draftee from this county with a "Red Cross Kit."

The kit is made of khaki twill with the emblem of the Red Cross on it and all the work is being done by the women of Williamston who sew at the Woman's Club on days specially designated for Red Cross work.

Each kit is fitted with the following: a comb, bath cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, cigarettes, matches, postal cards, pencil, needles, pins, sewing thread, darning cotton, scissors and a Gospel of St. John.

Thus far the local organization has made over 140 of these kits. Ninety-eight of them have been distributed and they now have on hand enough for the group leaving the county within the next few days.

Any young man volunteering his services to his country is requested to ask for his kit before leaving town.

The local Red Cross makes only one request. . . . If you are rejected you are asked to return the kit and contents that haven't been used to the local draft board.

## First Fatal Road Accident Of Year In County Sunday

### Another Person Hurt In Early Sunday Morning Accident Near Williamston

The first fatal road accident in the county this year was reported Sunday when John Henry Teel, 27-year-old colored man, was fatally injured in a freak automobile wreck on a comparatively little used road in Bear Grass Township. Suffering a broken neck, Teel died in the local hospital Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Just recently released from the roads where he was serving a six months sentence for non-support of his wife and child, Teel was on his way home between one and two o'clock Sunday morning when the automobile driven by Warner Augustus Bailey, Jr., young white man, went out of control, ran into a ditch on a sharp, sandy curve and turned over on its side. Bailey, Johnnie Gray Mayo and James Arthur Mayo, other passengers in the car, were not hurt, but Teel caught his neck under the seat and broke it. The accident was described as being of a freak nature by Patrolman Whit Saunders, the investigating officer stating that it was possible Teel caught his neck under the seat and that it was broken in trying to release him.

Bailey said he was driving between 30 and 35 miles an hour when the car struck sand in the road and went out of control. Damage to the car was estimated at about \$75. Brought to the hospital by Farmer Irving Terry, the victim was paralyzed from his neck down.

Said to have prowled around the town and visited the wine shops until a late hour, Teel caught a ride to Bear Grass where he made arrangements with young Bailey to take him home.

A short time before the fatal accident, Teel was on the Washington highway, near the Station farm, with Boley Rogers and several other colored men patching a tire. Elmer Rogers, Boley's brother, was standing on the road when Elbert Noah Dawson, traveling toward Washington, struck and broke Elmer's left leg. Dawson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodson Seitz, a bride and groom of only a few hours, was meeting another car and he told Patrolman Saunders that the lights

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## Faculty Members Resigning Posts

Causing directly or indirectly the suspension of activities in eight local business houses, the war is now breaking into the education field in a big way. At least, it is literally tearing to pieces the local school faculty line-up.

Professor Sam Edwards has resigned and will enter the service next week. Mrs. Edwards has resigned also and they plan to locate in Norfolk. Jack Butler tendered his resignation as band director and member of the faculty a short time ago and will enter the service next week. It is quite likely that one and possibly two other members of the faculty will resign to enter the service.

Miss Dorcas Knowles, fourth grade teacher, has resigned to accept a position in the Farmville school faculty.

Miss Madge Glazener, home economics teacher, is going to the Hugh Morson faculty in Raleigh after completing her work here the middle of this month.

The situation will be reviewed and studied by the local committee at a special meeting the latter part of this week.

## WINNERS IN COUNTY RACE



J. Calvin Smith, of Robersonville, (left), chalked up a victory in the last Saturday primary over S. H. Grimes to gain the seat of judge of the county court. In the second contest for a county office, Clarence W. Griffin won over W. I. Skinner to return to the legislature as the county's representative.

## Mrs. Mollie W. Ross Passes In Hospital Here Last Saturday

### Had Been An Invalid For Long Number of Years; Last Rites On Sunday

Mrs. Mollie Whitfield Ross, highly respected citizen of the Hassell community, died in the local hospital last Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock. Suffering a stroke nearly thirty years ago, Mrs. Ross had been a semi-invalid since that time up until about three weeks ago when she fell in trying to raise herself from the bed and broke her hip. She was removed to the hospital where her weakened condition made it impossible for her to respond to treatment. The end came gradually, death being attributed to complications.

The daughter of Ben Whitfield, of this county, and the late Julia Cox Whitfield, of Beaufort County, Mrs. Ross was born in this county in 1883. When a young woman she was married to C. L. Bunting in 1900. Following his death she was married to Mr. B. H. Ross. She was a patient sufferer during the long years of her illness. She was a member of the Christian Church at Gold Point for a long number of years.

Besides her father and husband, she leaves by her first marriage, two sons, Roland C. Bunting, of Norfolk, and P. U. Bunting, of Williamston, and by her second marriage, one daughter, Miss Margaret Ross, of the home, and four sons, Willie Ross, of Norfolk; Garland Ross, of Abokkie; B. H. Ross, Jr., U. S. Army, and Marvin Ross, of the home. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. J. S. Griffin, of Norfolk, and two brothers, Messrs. J. B. and Chas. Whitfield, both of Oak City. Her son, Willie, was painfully injured by a hit-and-run driver near the hospital while he was on a visit to his mother about two weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home last Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister. Burial was in the Bunting family cemetery, near Robersonville.

## Discuss Price Ceilings In Greenville Tonight

A representative of the Office of Price Administration will discuss price regulations or ceilings at a special meeting in the city hall, in Greenville, this evening at seven o'clock, it has been announced. Merchants and other interested parties in this county are invited to attend.

## CEMETERY

Williamston's proposed cemetery improvement project, pending all these many years, has moved nearer a reality at last, the regular meeting of the town board of commissioners learning last night that rights to all the property on the north side of the present cemetery had been obtained up to Gurganus Street. The last title was transferred just recently when Julia Ormond sold her lots for \$1,000 and agreed to move away her home and the old big tenant house by next October 1st. Other property rights were purchased for \$900.

The commissioners had a very dull meeting last night, the only other business being centered around the WPA janitor's salary and a rat eradication program. The janitor gets a dollar raise, and plans for the drive on rats will be discussed with an exterminating firm.

## County Authorities Hold Their Regular Meeting On Monday

### V. J. Spivey Re-elected Head Of The Martin County A. B. C. Board

Uneventful sessions marked the regular meeting of the Martin County commissioners here yesterday, the group receiving very few visitors and no complaints during the day.

In a joint meeting of the County Boards of Health, Education and Commissioners, V. J. Spivey was re-elected chairman of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board and supervisor of the county system by unanimous vote upon the nomination by J. L. Hassell and a second by Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrane. Only one other candidate, Urban Rogers, filed for the position. The appointment of Lawrence Hyman as a member of the ABC board by the commissioners some few months ago was ratified by the joint meeting. Mr. Spivey, head of the system in the county since it was established in July, 1935, was re-elected for a three-year term, the chairmanship and supervisor's job carrying a monthly salary of \$125.

The county welfare budget for the new fiscal year was tentatively approved. A hurried review of the figures reveals a slight increase of about \$500 over the 1941-42 figures. Slight increases in salaries were allowed.

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## RAF In Devastating Attacks on Germany In Past Two Nights

### Main Action of War Is Still Centered On Russia's Eastern Front

The Allied war of the air reached a new high pitch during the past two nights when devastating attacks were directed by tens of hundreds of British and American bombers against German industrial centers. Saturday night, 1,250 planes went over Cologne, leaving the German industrial center the most completely wrecked spot on earth, an estimated 20,000 persons killed and more than 50,000 wounded. Last night the raiders swept the invasion coast of France and centered on the great Krupp works at Essen, leaving wreck, ruin and fires. The air attacks are going forward on an around-the-clock schedule.

In the first raid, 44 bombers were lost. Last night 34 of the 1,036 planes taking part in the raids failed to return.

More reserves are pouring in for air action and equipment is piling up to reach new high proportions. The Allied air force is now going in to action in a big way, leaving some to believe that plans for creating a second front have been virtually completed and that other action is to be expected.

On land attention still centers on the eastern front where blitzkrieg plans are believed in the making. Hitler's hopes are bound up in the Russian fields and a pincers drive to the Caucasus through Turkey and the Crimea is still considered a possibility. Reports from Russia today state that the Germans have been driven back around Leningrad and that no great activity is underway in the Kharkov area, but it is admitted that the fierce fighting in recent weeks on the Russian front is hardly more than a sample of what is in the offing. An assault on the entire eastern front timed with a drive possibly through Turkey about the latter part of this month or early July is predicted by some militarists.

Allied aid, traveling in a large convoy, reached Russia today following a five-day running battle with German planes and surface craft. Six ships were said to have been lost, the report disputing the German claim that eighteen had been sent to the bottom.

The tide of battle has turned in favor of the British in Libya, a report today stating that nearly half of a strong attacking German tank force had been wiped out, that General Rommel's extensive plans for an all-out drive had met with failure.

Australia's Prime Minister Curtin today challenged the Japs to try an invasion of his country. The challenge would indicate that Australia has had its defenses greatly strengthened. While the challenge was being flung at the Japs, three midget submarines entered Sydney harbor and sunk a small boat, killing nineteen persons. The Jap subs were lost in the attack.

In the Far East, China is still being hammered and beaten by the invading Japs, but the defenders are still offering a strong resistance.

Two more ships have been sunk in the Atlantic, pushing the total to around 250. Out of a crew of 42, 39 were reported lost in a sinking in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mexico is today formally at war with Germany, but no outward action is expected.

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## Large Primary Vote Cast In This County

Without malice or excessive persuasion, a large portion of the Martin County electorate took time out last Saturday to participate in the off-year political primary, the size of the vote exceeding many estimates and trailing by hardly 500 the record total chalked up two years ago. The vote had been estimated anywhere from 1,800 to 3,560, J. C. Manning's guess of 3,200 being nearest the total.

The following table shows the vote cast in 1940 and the one cast in the thirteen county precincts last Saturday:

	1940	1942
Jamesville	306	317
Williams	150	107
Griffins	293	293
Bear Grass	255	242
Williamston, 1	492	348
Williamston, 2	590	536
Cross Roads	262	215
Robersonville	477	482
Gold Point	122	105
Poplar Point	156	107
Hamilton	156	145
Hassell	106	95
Goose Nest	250	213
	3705	3215

Nineteen of the 1940 votes were in the Republican column, the last Saturday vote setting a new low record in the total count for the opposition party. Several of the precincts did not record a single Republican vote.

There were only six absentee votes cast in the county, the service men apparently being too busy with their duties to take time out to vote. Four of the votes were cast in Williamston and one each in Robersonville and Bear Grass.

## How They Voted In Martin County

Contrary to many predictions, a large portion of the Martin County electorate found time to visit the polls and participate in the primary last Saturday. A post-mortem of the election is virtually useless, but it can be said that the contest was held without bitterness for the most part, that possibly with the exception of the U. S. senatorial race the voters merely expressed support for candidates of their own choice, voicing no opposition to others in the contest. The following table, based on official figures, shows the vote in this county, by precincts:

PRECINCTS	House of Rep.		Judge		U. S. Senate		Congressman		Senate Rep.		
	Skinner	Griffin	Grimes	Smith	Bailey	Fountain	Bonner	Blount	Edwards	Klutz	Morris
Jamesville	85	219	161	134	122	151	191	112	5	1	2
Williams	30	76	39	68	31	63	80	23	5	0	0
Griffins	6	287	97	147	54	174	194	84	8	0	0
Bear Grass	61	175	35	186	29	167	179	54	3	1	1
Williamston 1	148	196	184	145	109	205	289	44	6	0	0
Williamston 2	253	273	371	139	217	281	451	68	11	0	2
Cross Roads	45	157	36	158	47	146	135	74	3	0	0
Robersonville	274	197	41	439	243	197	402	76	8	0	2
Gold Point	26	72	65	38	37	61	97	7	0	0	0
Poplar Point	46	58	40	62	31	63	92	14	1	0	0
Hamilton	71	70	40	93	60	75	127	16	2	0	0
Hassell	14	77	36	56	8	86	69	25	0	0	0
Goose Nest	53	143	133	70	53	134	142	67	4	0	0
TOTALS	1112	2000	1278	1735	1041	1803	2448	664	56	2	7