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Number Truck Tires Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Twenty-one Current Applications Carried Over for Later Consideration

Holding their regular weekly meeting here yesterday, members of the Martin County Rationing Board dug deep into the August tire and tube allotment but failed to materially relieve the serious tire shortage for motorists in this county. After digging as deep into the allotment as they were allowed to dig, the board members carried over for later consideration 21 applications that had been filed since the July 30th meeting.

The welfare of county youth came in for consideration at the meeting this week, the board allotting twelve bus and truck tires and a dozen tubes to the Martin County Board of Education. Even with the fairly liberal allotment, there'll hardly be a spare tire for the school buses. Other new truck tires were allotted, as follows:

John Gurkin, Williamston, one tire and tube for hauling lumber. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, four tires and tubes for hauling lumber.

R. A. Critcher and Bro., Williamston, three tires and three tubes for hauling lumber.

J. S. Whitman, Robersonville, one tire and tube for hauling piling and logs.

Wiley B. Rogerson, Robersonville, three tubes for distributing oil.

Recapped truck tires were issued to the following:

Mrs. Kate B. York, Williamston, two tires for fuel deliveries and farm.

Pete Wynne, Williamston, two tires for farm.

D. C. Peel, Everetts, two tires for farm.

James G. Staton, Williamston, two tires for farm.

Elmer C. Stevenson, Hassell, two tires for farm.

James H. Revels, Williamston, two tires for farm.

Dennis Bunting, Oak City, two tires for general hauling and farm.

Milton E. Bennett, Oak City, two tires for farm.

Only two new automobile tires were allotted and they went to the State Highway Patrol, Patrolman W. E. Saunders, applicant.

Recapped automobile tires were issued to the following:

Larry Bunting, Robersonville, four tires and two tubes for farm use and funeral director.

Vernon Bunting, Williamston, two tires for farm.

Lester L. Everett, Robersonville, one tire and one tube for farm.

Hubert C. Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire for farm.

Obsolete tires were issued to the following:

Herbert A. Sexton, Jamesville, one tire and tube for trailer for farm.

Asa Thomas Whitley, Williamston, two truck tires and tubes for farm.

Louis T. Holliday, RFD 2, Williamston, two trailer tires and tubes for farm.

S. R. Bullock, Williamston, two trailer tires and tubes for farm.

Seth Bailey, RFD 2, Williamston, two trailer tires and tubes for farm.

Town of Williamston, two truck tires and tubes for street and sanitary work.

The following applications were rejected:

Bennie Reeves, Williamston, two recaps for auto.

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Will Clamp Down On Counterfeiters

Gasoline coupon counterfeiters must be prosecuted as rigorously as any saboteurs attacking our war program, OPA Administrator Henderson declared July 26th.

Reports that fake ration books are being peddled to motorists have reached the Office of Price Administration from various points in the rationed area.

"These reports are now being investigated, and prompt action will be taken by this office against any counterfeit activities exposed," Mr. Henderson said.

"We are rationing gasoline as a war measure. Anyone who operates to place spurious rationing coupons on the market is not only violating a criminal statute of the United States, but is also operating to thwart this war measure.

"It will not be easy for counterfeiters and their accomplices to get away with it. In the first place, the paper on which the authentic coupons are printed is secretly marked so that counterfeiters can be instantly recognized."

"The machinery of our coupon flowback makes it possible for OPA to trace the coupons instantly and exactly to the service station to which they were presented."

"Service station attendants must exercise every precaution against accepting counterfeit coupons, since they do so at their own risk. Any citizen who is offered a coupon book except through the authorized channels of the Office of Price Administration, will be performing a patriotic service if he reports the incident to OPA officials, or local police authorities."

Three People Volunteer Their Services For Red Cross Work

Asked to make 35,000 surgical dressings for the United States Army, the Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross recently sent out an urgent call for volunteers. Up until shortly before noon today, three persons had responded to the call. Instructors, volunteering their services, have been trained and they have been patiently waiting in the rooms over the Western Auto store on Main Street for volunteers.

It was first thought the unusual warm weather during the early part of the week kept nearly everyone from reporting for work on the project. A change in the weather followed and still very, very few have volunteered to help. Another call is being issued for volunteers, and it is earnestly hoped that the response will be favorable.

Devoting a total of two hundred hours per week the volunteers can handle the project and complete the work by the early part of the year. Material has been made available by the Red Cross at the direction of the surgeon general, and arrangements for handling the project were completed several days ago by local chapter Red Cross officials in cooperation with Miss Nell Harrison who is supervising the work after taking a special training course a short time ago.

Similar projects are now underway in many chapters throughout the state and nation, and the appeal for immediate action is an urgent one. Local people may volunteer by leaving their names at Clark's Drug Store or at the E and W Grocery.

PILING UP

That the tire shortage is becoming more serious week by week in this county is revealed in an unofficial audit of applications for replacements now before the rationing board.

Up until last evening, the board had 137 applications awaiting attention, the applicants pleading for 7 truck tires and 77 truck tire tubes, 205 automobile tires and 79 car tire tubes, and seven trailer tires and seven trailer tire tubes, a total of 289 tires and 163 tubes.

The list is gradually growing and clearly shows why all applications can't be considered immediately.

Jurymen Are Drawn For Service During Court In September

Change in Grand Jury Personnel Will Be Effected During Coming Term

Forty-five Martin County citizens were drawn by the Martin commissioners this week for jury duty during the regular session of the Martin County Superior Court convening the third Monday in next month. Nine of the men are to replace retiring grand jury members who are completing a year of service as members of the permanent system. Eighteen men are being called for service as petit jurors the first week and 18 are to report for the second week of the two-weeks' term.

Judge Clawson Williams, of Sanford, is scheduled to preside over the court and to hear both criminal and civil cases.

Names of jurors called to serve follow:

First Week and Grand Jury
Jamesville Township: Levin Ange. Williams Township: L. J. Hardison.

Griffins Township: J. Heber Peel. Bear Grass Township: Oliver Harrison and Archie Wynne.

Williamston Township: Malgram Barefoot, W. M. Myers, Z. T. Piephoff, J. E. Bullock, C. G. Crockett, J. C. Anderson, D. L. Speight, George Sctus, W. W. Gurganus, L. R. Nicholson, John Henry Edwards.

Robersonville Township: J. R. Winslow, Clifton Keel, W. L. House, J. D. Page and W. A. Vanderford. Poplar Point Township: H. C. Harrison and Ben H. James.

Hamilton Township: Marvin Cope land. Goose Nest Township: P. E. Manning, F. S. Scott and E. V. Smith.

Second Week
Griffins Township: L. Coy Griffin. Bear Grass Township: W. A. Brown.

Williamston Township: F. L. Cheson, S. R. Biggs, J. O. Manning, Jr., Hubert Harris and C. E. Jenkins.

Robersonville Township: G. D. Keel and Asa D. Ward. Poplar Point Township: H. B. Smith.

Hamilton Township: D. G. Matthews, Stanley Ayers and Alton White. Goose Nest Township: W. W. Casper, G. W. Barrett, J. F. Crisp, G. H. Manning and Robert Hix.

Careless Use Of Firearms Is Cited

The safety of residents on the north side of the town was threatened not intentionally but through the careless firing of a high-powered rifle late last Tuesday afternoon.

Practicing with the rifle in a ravine just off North Houghton Street, Chas. Mizelle sent several shots into the sides of houses and by several persons' heads on Grace Street and Simmons Avenue. Mr. Herbert Taylor heard several shots whizz by him as he sat on his porch on Grace Street. Another shot struck right near Mrs. Blanche Manning in her back yard on Simmons Avenue. Mr. R. H. Goodmon said he heard several shots flying through his yard.

Mizelle, carried before Mayor J. L. Hassell, explained that he did not intend to shoot at anyone. He was warned against the careless handling of weapons and released.

Registrants In The Third Registration Classified Tuesday

Work Centered on Those Order Numbers Ranging From 10,300 to 10,736

Rapidly exhausting available I-A men in the first registrations and finding it necessary to call some men from the third registration group in meeting the July call, the Martin County Draft Board in a recent meeting classified approximately 436 men in the third registration group.

With a very few exceptions, the board established three main classifications, 1-A, 3-A and 3-B. The first group is composed of single men without dependents. The second group is composed mainly of married men, and the 3-B group is composed principally of married farmers operating their own farms. Only three registrants, Elliott G. Wynne, Jr., w. of Williamston; Thomas Ephern Harden, w. of Dardens, and Robert Harrell Long, w. of RFD 1, Oak City, were placed in the 2-A classification. Gordon Manning, w. of Williamston and Wilson, was placed in 4-D, the classification designated by the National Selective Service system for ministerial students. James Bernest Keel, w. of RFD 1, Robersonville, was deferred six months.

The following names are those of young men who were placed in the 1-A classification, the list covering those order numbers ranging from 10,300 to 10,736:

James Daniel Nicholson, w. RFD 3, Williamston
Asa LeRoy Moore, w. RFD 1, Williamston
Samuel Abraham Ayers, w. Williamston
James Warren Jones, w. RFD 2, Williamston
Robert Lee Mizelle, w. RFD 1, Jamesville
Jesse David Coltrane, w. RFD 1, Williamston
Richard Paul Edmondson, w. Williamston
Dennis O. Holliday, w. Jamesville
Charlie Bullock, w. RFD 1, Robersonville
James Etheridge Smithwick, w. Jamesville
Henry Lee Cherry, w. RFD 3, Washington
Clyde C. Carson, w. RFD 1, Williamston
Elton Davis Carson, w. Robersonville
Thomas Martin Whitaker, w. RFD 3, Williamston
Clinton Hale, w. RFD 1, Palmyra
Luther Brown, w. Williamston
Percy Dorsey Evans, c. RFD 3, Williamston
Horace Leslie Rodgers, w. RFD 3, Williamston
H. D. Bond, c. Williamston
William Henry James, c. RFD 1, Oak City
Lorenza Roberson, c. RFD 1, Robersonville
Leamon Lloyd Ward, w. RFD 2, Robersonville
Lueutenant Carr, c. RFD 1, Oak City
Harse (Horace) Andrews, c. Hassell
John M. Little, c. Norfolk

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Leaf Price Average Is High On Border

Eastern North Carolina farmers, despite a long dry season and other adverse factors, were brightened yesterday as reports on the Border Tobacco Belt markets opened the current marketing season with averages ranging up to the \$37 mark.

The opening day average was better than 10 cents above the \$26.93 figure set on the first day of the 1941 season, and was reminiscent of the lush days of the post-war era 22 years ago.

Prices ranging up to \$49 per hundred pounds brought forty comments of "that's just right" from overland farmers, who had kept their fingers crossed over reports of high prices south of the border on Georgia markets.

One grower declared that some of the common grades of tobacco "that we would have thrown into the horse stables ten years ago, are now bringing 20 cents a pound."



THE 34TH WEEK OF THE WAR

Price Administrator Henderson announced that maximum gasoline prices in the rationed area of the 17 Eastern States and the District of Columbia was reduced 2-1/2 cents a gallon August 5th. He also announced reduction of 0.9 cents for kerosene, 1.1 cents on distillates and light heating oils, and 15 cents a barrel on residual fuel oils.

Mr. Henderson said the reductions were made possible under the recent agreement worked out by the Office of Price Administrators, the Office of Petroleum Coordinator and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, whereby the Defense Supplies Corporation will absorb the extra transportation costs for moving petroleum into the Atlantic Seaboard areas.

Commerce Secretary Jones reported the Defense Plant Corporation will finance a two-point program to convert existing steel dry-cargo barges into tank barges to transport oil, and to improve existing inland waterways. The Bureau of Mines estimated the national gasoline demand for July, August and September will be about 17 per cent less than in the corresponding period last year, eliminating the necessity for a large winter accumulation of stocks.

Consumer Supply and Maximum Prices
President Roosevelt issued a statement that every user of fuel and enough oil even to meet his minimum realistically the fact that there can be no guarantee that he will get enough oil even to meet his minimum needs."

Petroleum Coordinator Ickes asked all sellers of fuel and heating oils in the East to request their customers to convert oil burners to the use of coal or other available fuels. The Office of Solid Fuels Coordinator reported bituminous coal stocks in storage in the U. S. increased an estimated 5,850,000 tons in June, to a near-all-time record. The office said consumer stockpiles, however, continued insufficient to provide adequate protection against possible shortages during the Fall and Winter.

The OPA established a wholesale ceiling price on milk and cream, sold in bottles or paper containers, at the distributor's highest March level. The action was taken to prevent a price "squeeze" on milk retailers by some milk distributors. The office set a ceiling price of four cents a pound for waste kitchen fats now being sold by housewives in the salvage program, and a ceiling price of

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Charlie Coffield Is Charged With Theft

Charlie Coffield, young local colored boy, was arrested early last evening by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks for the alleged theft of a fairly sizable collection of clothing from the Belk-Tyler store. Several men's suits, a number of shirts, quite a few sets of underclothes and other articles were recovered.

Employed by the store as a floor sweeper, Coffield is said to have slipped the stolen goods out of the store at opportune times and hid them just outside the back door. After the store had closed he would pick up the articles and carry them to his home back of the cemetery.

Yesterday, Coffield is said to have slipped a shirt from the store and hid it. When he went to get the package, Coffield was caught by the officer.

Carried before Mayor J. L. Hassell this morning, Coffield admitted the theft of the clothing but denied he had stolen approximately \$100 in cash. Although he had given his age as 18 in applying for a social security card, Coffield was found to be only 15 years old. The case was turned over to Judge L. B. Wynne, and it is possible that it will be carried to the superior court for trial.

In a second search, officers found six pairs of shoes and an overcoat in the boy's home. A \$200 bond was required.

OLD RECORDS

Preliminary plans for handling the collection of old phonograph records, whole or broken, have been completed by the county American Legion Post. The people are being asked to give the old records free, Bob Taylor, head of the drive, explaining that the undertaking will be handled without profit from the point of collection on through the recording laboratories and subsequent delivery to men in the armed services.

The records will be received at Hall's barber shop on Main Street here, and legion members at a meeting here next Monday night will make plans to collect them in other parts of the county.

More Registrants Are Reclassified By Board

Draft Is Certain To Aggravate the Labor Situation

Number of Deferment Claims Denied by Board in a Recent Meeting

Faced with an ever-increasing demand for more selectees, the Martin County Draft Board in a recent meeting tightened down on deferment claims, more or less, out of necessity and removed quite a few registrants from the lower classifications, making the subjects available to immediate call. It is quite likely that many of those men retained in the 1-A classification by the board this week will be included in the group answering the September call in this county. One of the group, Brownie Whitehurst, of RFD 1, Oak City, and RFD 5, Greenville, is being included in the group scheduled to leave for the Army induction center this month.

Most of the deferments granted by the board this week went to young men on the farms, but even some of the claims from that quarter were denied. The board apparently reasoned that where one member of the family had been deferred that special consideration was hardly due except in extreme cases.

An unusual case reached the board at the recent meeting. A father asked that his son be deferred. The request was granted. Further on in their work, the board members found a request from the son asking that a tenant be deferred. After considering the merits of the case, the second claim was granted.

With some few exceptions, most of those registrants deferred will be subject to call on or about the first of next December. If there is a labor shortage now, indications are that the shortage will be seriously aggravated at planting time next spring. It is a difficult task, but the agricultural sections at it almost dead certain, will have to solve the problem after some fashion. It is possible that some of those men who are rejected for actual combat service will be called into service on the home front or that clerks, office workers and others will have to turn to the open fields to help keep the production front from sagging.

Sixty cases in the first registration were reviewed, the board announcing its reclassifications as follows:

Howard B. Roberson, w. RFD 3, Williamston—2-A
Julian Hugo Carson, w. Parmele, 1-A
Joseph David Thrower, Jr. w. Williamston, 1-A
Jesse Wed Curtis, w. Robersonville, 1-A
Lonnie Woolard, c. RFD 1, Williamston, 1-A
Augustus Edson Moore, w. RFD 1, Williamston, 1-A
Henry Lee Hardison, w. RFD 1, Williamston, and Norfolk, 3-B
Joe Lee Dunn, c. RFD 2, Robersonville, 2-A
Jamie Edwin Copeland, w. Palmyra, 3-A
Merlin Carson, w. Parmele, 2-A
William Griffin, c. Williamston, 1-A
Mathew Crowell, c. Everetts, 2-A
Thomas Raymond Gibson, w. RFD 1, Williamston, 4-F
John Leary Hassell, w. Jamesville, 1-A
Asa Robert Harris, w. RFD 2, Williamston, 1-A
William Godard, c. RFD 2, Williamston, 2-A
James Clyde Holland, w. RFD 1, Williamston and Newport News, 2-B
Ralph Clayton Mobley, w. RFD 2, Williamston, 1-A
Vernon Wilson Griffin, w. RFD 1, Williamston, classification pending.
William Martin Cherry, w. RFD 1, Williamston, 2-A

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Last Minute Change Made In Draft List

Last-minute changes were made in the August draft list this week when appeals were unavoidably delayed. Benjamin Franklin Roberson, of Robersonville, was deferred at the last minute when his appeal was found. There was a second Benjamin Franklin Roberson in the county, and the appeal entered by Benjamin Franklin Roberson of Robersonville, was credited to the other through error. The deferment claim was recognized, and Brownie Whitehurst, of Oak City, was called in.

A claim filed by John Garland Hardison and reaching the draft board late was granted, but no substitution could be made in that case.

Elie Lenwood Williams, of Robersonville, was deferred on account of physical disabilities that were revealed after the drawing had been effected. A report from the draft board this morning stated that Lyman Lucian Britt had volunteered and he will fill the place made vacant by Williams' last-minute deferment provided certain examinations can be completed in time.

Plans Go Forward For Scrap Drive

Repewed interest in the collection of scrap metals was shown at a meeting of local citizens in the county courthouse here last evening when radio appeals for an all-out scrap drive were heard.

There was only a small group present, but it was pointed out in the meeting that there is a dire need for scrap iron, old rags and rubber, that unless individuals volunteer to move the materials the cases will be referred to the authorities. Governor Broughton, in his special broadcast arranged in connection with the scrap metal drive, declared that this is not a "they" war, that "we" must go into action in a big way on the home front.

Much scrap has been collected in Martin County, but the collection must be stepped up in the future if the urgent goal is to be met.

SCRAP DRIVE

In an effort to promote an all-out scrap drive the local Lions Club in a meeting last night made plans for opening a receiving station at the Roanoke Chevrolet Company on Washington Street. The scrap pile is being opened for the convenience of those who may have small quantities of old scrap to contribute to the war effort. No money will be paid for the small deliveries. It is expected that large deliveries will be made to the regular dealers.

The club members will at certain intervals see that the collection is moved into the proper channels.

Judge R. L. Coburn Calls Eleven Cases In Recorders Court

Speedster Fined \$25 by Court In Regular Session Last Monday Morning

Finding several defendants not guilty, Judge R. L. Coburn held the county recorder's court in session hardly more than two hours last Monday morning. The jurist called eleven cases and continued three for the defendants. A fairly sizable audience was on hand for the proceedings.

The speeding charge against Sam Peoples highlighted the activities of the court. Driving an empty log truck, Peoples passed Sheriff C. B. Korbuck and other motorists on U. S. Highway 64 near the radio station a few days before. The defendant maintained that he was not driving over 50 miles an hour, but the officer said he drove 60 miles an hour in an effort to overtake him. Peoples was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Other proceedings in the court: The case charging Joe Frank Mayborn with bastardy was continued. Charged with forcible trespass, Lyman Britt was found not guilty. Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, B. F. Bowen was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The road sentence was suspended on the condition that the defendant pay a \$50 fine and the costs and have his driver's license revoked for one year. He appealed to the higher courts and bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

The case charging James L. Ward with drunken driving was continued two weeks for the defendant. Pleading not guilty, Robert Lee Dickerson was adjudged guilty of abandonment and non-support. He was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$15 a month for the support of his wife. It was further stipulated that the defendant is to appear before the court on the first Monday in January for further judgment. A cash bond in the sum of \$100 was required to guarantee compliance with the judgment.

The case charging David Bowen with assaulting a female and larceny and receiving was continued for the defendant until next Monday. Charged with forcible trespass and larceny and receiving, Taffey Mitchell was found not guilty.

John Thomas Bunting, charged with drunken driving, pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced to serve sixty days on the roads, the court suspending the sentence on condition he pay a \$50 fine and the court costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year. He appealed to the higher courts and bond was required in the sum of \$75.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Laverne Godard was found not guilty.

The case charging Robert Brown, colored, with trespass and larceny and receiving was not prosed.

More Observation Posts Are Opened

That there is an increasing willingness to accept assignments without pay or hope of cash reward in connection with the war effort was reflected by action taken in Bear Grass and Hamilton recently. Following recent public meetings in the two towns, airplane observation posts have been opened on a 24-hour schedule, the post at Bear Grass going on a full-time basis Wednesday and Hamilton following with a similar schedule yesterday, according to J. Paul Simpson, district director of aircraft warning service.

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Plans are being advanced as rapidly as possible in an effort to open other posts in the county on a 24-hour basis. "But it takes time," Director Simpson explains.

Russian Situation Alarming As Nazis Approach Oilfields

Unconfirmed Reports Point Out That Russians Are Counter-attacking

With the Germans pushing on toward the great industrial city of Stalingrad and on toward the Caucasus oil fields, the situation in Russia today was described as critical and alarming. A late report stated that the Nazis were within one hundred miles of the Matkop oil center, and that the push about 95 miles south of Stalingrad was progressing rapidly.

An encouraging report coming from Germany and yet unconfirmed stated that the Russians were counter-attacking. Possibly the German propaganda system is preparing its people with unfavorable news, possibly a withdrawal from the advanced positions in the Caucasus and on the Stalingrad front.

That the situation is critical is evidenced by the presence of Allied leaders in Moscow today. An unconfirmed report states that Prime Minister Churchill is among the Allied leaders in the Red Capital. Rumors had it that the conferences there were being centered around the movement of supplies to Russia, but it is indeed possible and quite likely that a second front is being discussed.

While the main action is centered on the long Russian front, there's plenty brewing on and near the war fronts in other parts of the world. Mohandas Gandhi is delaying his call for a general disobedience act, and is looking to the United States and China for support of his claim for Indian independence. Gandhi says he is a friend of Britain and that he does not want to stab her in the back. Gandhi's move, apparently pro-Japanese, is receiving a cold shoulder in Washington. No final deadline has been set, but Gandhi is likely to get permission from the All-India Congress to call for disobedience.

High Chinese officials said today that the Japs were continuing their preparations to stab Russia in the back, that more troops and 1,000 planes were moving apparently to spring on Siberia.

American soldiers, following extensive training, are about ready or have already gone into battle over in the hot desert of Egypt. No reports have been received from that quarter, but patrol skirmishes are said to have been frequent during recent days. It was also said that the Germans were moving men from Crete and that supplies were moving to Africa in what is believed to be a move to renew the drive on Alexandria and the Suez Canal.

Allied airmen have attacked Jap positions in New Guinea with success, but the Japs are said to have occupied three more islands near Australia.

The sinking of the 234th Allied merchant ship since Pearl Harbor has been announced. The frightful losses have brought action for the construction of plane freighters, War Production Chief Donald Nelson today approving plans for the construction of 500 of the planes at once.

President Roosevelt has reached no decision following a study of the records in the saboteur trial case, and it may be a day or two before his decision is announced.

Some observers point out that six of the saboteurs may be executed within 24 hours.

A move to halt traitors was given impetus in Detroit yesterday when a judge sentenced Max Stephan to be hanged for befriending an escaped German prisoner.

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