



Mileage Rationing Program Goes into Effect November 22

Tire Record Forms and Basic Mileage Ration Applications Available

Plans are going forward rapidly for inaugurating the new mileage rationing program on November 22, according to information received by the county rationing board here this week.

Under the new plan tire and gasoline rationing will be combined and rubber will be made available to all gasoline holders on the basis of the gasoline ration issued. Forms for keeping tire records and applications for basic mileage ration book "A" or "D" are now available at the several inspection stations in the county. The owner of any motor vehicle other than those of a commercial type is to get the form, fill it in completely, including serial numbers of tires to be retained, and mail or deliver the application to the county rationing board at Williamston on or before November 12th. The board will then return the tire inspection record to the applicant for him to use in having his tires inspected between December 1 and January 31 and reinspection every four months for holders of "A" cards and every two months or after 5,000 miles have been driven, whichever occurs first, for holders of "B" and "C" books.

The forms for tire records and for making application for basic mileage rations may be obtained at the following inspection centers or from highway patrolmen: Jamesville: G. M. Anderson and Wendell Hamilton; Bear Grass, LeRoy Harrison; Williamston, A. J. Manning, John Henry Edwards, I. Jessup Harrison and John Miller; Everetts, Will Bullock; Robersonville, Jimmie Bullock, J. E. Page, Walter Roberson and Louis Johnson; Gold Point, Harry Roberson; Hassell, Robt. H. Salisbury; Hamilton, Frank Stokes and LeRoy Everitt; Oak City, E. V. Smith and Jas. A. Rawls.

Details of the new plan are not definitely known, but it is understood that the ration holder does not surrender the basic book he now holds. The main features in the new plan provide the following:

A 35 mile-per-hour speed limit will be observed.

Tires in excess of five per vehicle must be sold to the designated governmental agency, by delivery to the Railway Express Agency.

All "A", "B", and "C" ration holders must submit a new application for Basic Gasoline Ration, which will show the serial numbers of the tires returned.

All tires must be inspected periodically.

Commercial vehicles must have Certificate of War Necessity from ODT. Farmers should apply to County Farm Transportation Committees for necessary assistance in filing these.

"A", "D", "C", and "D" coupons must bear license number of vehicle for which issued. Bulk and inventory coupons must bear name of dealer, and fleet coupons the name of the fleet. These identifications are to be written on the coupon, by the holder, before they are used. This regulation is still indefinite, and no effective date therefor has been determined.

Non-highway ration applications are to be submitted in duplicate, in order that a copy may be submitted to the Revenue Department.

Eligibility for preferred mileage has been clarified in the new regulations, with no provision for salesmen.

Applicants for Supplemental Rations, who work in plants employing 100 or more, will submit applications to Transportation Committees established in these plants.

Cars converted to trucks will require Certificates of War Necessity. Trailers will not require Certificates of War Necessity.

Town Board Holds Regular Meeting

Meeting in regular session here last night, the town commissioners banned the sale of fireworks, planned a follow-up of anti-rat campaign and dismissed suggestions for altering the parking system on the main street.

The session was a rather eventful one even though the official minutes carried only three entries. Little comment was heard in connection with the fireworks nuisance, but the authorities were agreed that the drag-out system for shooting the works, that possibly a few days during the holiday season would offer ample opportunity to sell and shoot up the drotted things.

"Pied Piper" Carson will start a two weeks drive on rats next week at \$75 per week. He is to furnish the poison.

"We think the present parking system is all right," the authorities declared after hearing suggestions that possibly parking on one side or parallel parking on one side and 45 degree parking on the other would relieve the dangerous situation created by big trucks and army convoys moving through the street.

The possibility of a shake-up in the police personnel was discussed in executive session, but no official action was taken at the meeting.

County Sells Delinquent Tax List At Public Auction Here

The annual sale of the Martin County delinquent tax list was held at the courthouse door here at 12:30 p. m. yesterday afternoon. The procedure followed the age-old custom, but the sale was quite different from many of those held in past years, according to Tax Collector M. Luther Peel.

In the first place the delinquent list, estimated at about 250, was the smallest reported in nearly a quarter of a century. Secondly, there was more interest shown in the sale than since those days when Mr. D. G. Matthews would buy ten or twelve thousand dollars worth of delinquent accounts at a single auction. There were several bidders at the sale yesterday, but they limited their bids to special tracts of land and in reality there was no competition. In recent years the county bought every

delinquent account, and while it bought in most of them offered for sale yesterday it can be said that there were private bidders present for the auction. Just prior to the tax auction, the commissioners for the M. D. Wilson estate sold about fourteen tracts of property, but that sale did not delay the county tax auction very long.

Less than \$3,000 is due the county by the approximately 250 delinquent property owners, and a large portion of that amount will be paid before foreclosure proceedings are instituted and any deeds are actually passed. Collector Peel estimates that the delinquent personal property accounts will run well under \$5,000 for 1941. And that's a good record when it is considered that he started out with about 8,000 accounts valued in excess of \$200,000.

Call More County Men For Service In Army

ROUND-UP

A marked improvement in the demeanor of local citizens is reflected in the jail records for the past week-end. After pushing toward an all-time high a week before, the number of persons arrested and jailed dropped to seven last week-end. Five colored and two white men were taken in the week-end round-up by local and county officers, the victims being booked for public drunkenness. "Eliminate the strong beverages and the officers will have little to do," an observer remarked.

For the first time in several weeks, youths were not represented in the usual week-end round-up. Most of the "wobblers" were in their fifties.

Real Estate Market Holds To Unusually High Figure Locally

Two Large Estates Offered at Public Auction During Past Few Days

While ranging considerably below the boom figures recorded nearly a quarter of a century ago, the local real estate market is considered indeed firm by observers attending two auction sales at the courthouse door here during the past few days. Land that was known to have sold for \$400 within the past generation sold during the recent auction for \$11,000, and a lot on the town's main street, slightly removed from the main business center, brought \$15,025.

Fairly large crowds were present for both sales which were marked by spirited bidding in some instances.

Machinery Rationed To County Farmers

Several Martin County farmers are making ready for another season, the war machinery rationing board having issued permits to half a dozen persons during the past few days for the purchase of new farm machinery.

Permits were issued by Board Members J. F. Crisp, Mayo Hardison and Reuben S. Everett to the following:

Wm. M. Harrison, of Williamston RFD 2, for the purchase of a harrow disc and tractor; Roy Sutton Edmondson, of RFD 1, Hobgood, for the purchase of a hay press; Jasper Everett, of Robersonville, for a feed grinder; and D. E. Bunting, of Oak City; Frank Leathers, of RFD 1, Hobgood, and E. C. Edmondson, of Hassell, for the purchase of hay balers.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms for consumer fuel oil allotments are now available in the office of the county rationing board. It was announced today, a representative of the board explaining that no forms for making applications for kerosene are yet available. It is understood that a regular registration will be held on a date to be announced for users of kerosene for cooking and lighting.

Consumers using fuel oil in furnaces and heaters may get application forms at the rationing board office. They will then prepare their allotment requests and return the applications to the board. No date for registering retailers of fuel oils has yet been announced.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

Rations in This Country Offer Weekly Feast Compared With Other Nations

The devastation of Europe by the Nazi hordes, like a destructive flood, begins to sap the foundations of the "new order" that Hitler has tried in vain to erect. Typhus, scourge of World War I, is on the increase in Nazi-held territory and in the Balkans. The German army is unvaccinated because of a reported mistake—German scientists tried to produce vaccines of superior quality, but failed to achieve mass production. There are reports, too, of decreased war output by the Nazis' enslaved workers. Those in occupied lands—weakened by privations and sullenly resisting "cooperation"—also deliver far less products of all kinds, including foods.

Except for potatoes, this year's European harvest is below even last year's abnormal crops, but the effects of acute scarcities are less apparent to the Germans, who have added to their larders the foods stolen from their victims. By this means the Nazis are able to provide an average meat ration of 12 1-2 ounces per week of the types of meats restricted in the U. S. But in Norway, although the official meat ration is 7.1 ounces, actual consumption is far less on the average. In the Netherlands, the ration is fixed at 10.6 ounces, but a Hollander is lucky to get one-third of that amount, and for Belgians the allowance is only 4.9 ounces. Greece has no regular meat distribution, the Poles are starving. Italians get from 3 1-2 to 5 1-2 ounces of meat, 1 1-2 ounces of sausage.

Our Ration Is Weekly Feast

The average adult Briton's ration of 31 ounces a week includes meat of all kinds. He gets 70 per cent less fish and a third less poultry than before the war, and only one egg a month. Compared to meat allowances throughout Europe, our voluntary share-the-meat ration of 2 1-2 pounds of "red meat" per person, with no restrictions on liver, kidneys and other "variety" meats, is a weekly feast.

Ride sharing is a most important part of the five-tire program for saving tire rubber. No extra gasoline rations will be issued to those who claim the need for additional gasoline to drive to work or for necessary business trips, unless they belong to a car-sharing group, or can prove that this is not possible and no other means of transportation is available. All members of group ride clubs among war workers, however, can get tires recapped, if recapping is needed, and if their tires are beyond recapping, they may buy new tires of reclaimed rubber. The number of those who may secure "preferred" or extra-mileage rations have been reduced, but among those who still have mileage privileges are farmers carrying products to market, farm workers, commercial fishermen and marine workers going to and from their work, doctors, nurses, veterinarians and ministers engaged in essential services away from their homes. Everyone, however, will have to give up the duration all thought of driving from one vacation spot to another. The war is trimming off all such luxuries.

To Realize What 'Trimming' Means

When we start paying next year's taxes, we'll begin to realize how far the trimming process can go. The Government's war expenditures will run to about 55 billion dollars this year, around 90 billion dollars in 1943. After deducting direct war needs, there will be left over for our use at home next year about 70 billion dollars worth of goods and services. By the last quarter of 1943 we will have only about three-quarters of our normal supply of civilian goods to buy and sell. In the scramble for scarce goods the small retailer is at a disadvantage compared with larger stores. Faced with dwindling supplies, he will have to raise prices.

Draft Takes Three County School Men

After reaching out and taking most of the white men teachers in this county some months ago, the draft is now digging after colored school principals. The system is yanking three men this week. A fourth one was called but he failed to pass the examination—physical, of course.

John James, of Dardens, and Ernest Owens, of Everetts, are leaving Saturday with a Washington County contingent, and Richard A. Broadnax, agriculture teacher in the Williamston schools, was accepted last week. He is to return to camp next week.

Most of the positions will be filled with women teachers, one report stating that there is no shortage of colored female teachers. There is some doubt if the agricultural department in the local colored schools will be kept open. Broadnax is teaching while on furlough, but as far as it could be learned his successor has not been named.

Peanut Market Opens Firm Here This Week

Condition Of Crop Much Better Than Was First Thought

Five Buying Companies Open Warehouses To Offer Strong Market

Reporting a few early sales the latter part of last week, the local peanut market established a firm trend yesterday and today with prices ranging up to seven and one-quarter cents for an estimated 3,500-bag turnover. Most of the sales were figured at 7 cents a pound, but that price was supported by a strong demand and in those cases where the crop was in good condition the farmers held out for the quarter-cent premium.

The crop outlook, dampened by heavy rains about three weeks ago, has shown marked improvement, and reliable estimates based on actual harvesting operations place the damage at hardly more than two per cent. It was pointed out, however, that many of the goobers are falling off the vines. In those cases, the hogs will salvage the loss to a great extent. Farmers are not so certain about the condition of the hay crop, but many of them are going ahead with the baling, exercising every possible care to throw out that which is damaged. "We may be baling 'colic' for our team, but we are finding the hay much better than we had hoped for," several farmers were quoted as saying yesterday after they started threshing operations.

The yield is holding up to first expectations, as a whole, half dozen reports coming directly from the fields where pickers were operating yesterday stating that from sixteen to twenty bags were being picked per acre.

Five buying companies are now on the local market, and at no time has there been keener competition. Gurganus and Rogers (Roy Gurganus, C. Urbin and J. Rossel Rogers) are opening for business in the old Biggs warehouse on Railroad Street. Other buyers are, the Williamston Peanut Company, Manning and Gurkin, Planters and W. E. Old. Government receiving stations will be maintained by Leman Barnhill and Edward Corey at the Farmers Warehouse and by Manning and Gurkin at the New Carolina.

Some confusion has already been reported in connection with the marketing of the crop. At least one farmer is said to have sold all his crop, including his regular allotment and oil plantings, to the edible trade. There is no provision for a farmer to sell both his allotment and oil peanuts to the cleaners. There was a time when he could do that and pay a penalty. But now it is unlawful for him to deliver oil peanuts to the cleaners. The farmer, in question, sold both his allotment and oil peanuts to a cleaner and he found it necessary to take back his oil peanuts and make ready to deliver them to government receiving stations. A price of about three and one-half cents has been fixed for oil peanuts, but efforts are still being made, it is understood, to boost that figure. No official report has been received in that connection, and other than the peanuts will not be sold for less than three and one-half cents for certain grades little is known about the efforts to increase the oil price.

W. H. Elliott Dies In Ahoskie Hotel

Ahoskie, Oct. 30.—Funeral services were held at the Basnight Memorial Methodist Church here this afternoon for W. H. "Big Bill" Elliott, 69, possibly one of the most widely-known men in this section of the State. He was an uncle of R. D. Elliott, Jr., of Williamston. The Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor, officiated; burial was in the family cemetery at Small's Cross Roads in Chowan County.

Mr. Elliott was found dead in his room at a local hotel Wednesday morning, the victim of heart trouble from which he had suffered for some time.

Born in Chowan County on April 12, 1873, a son of the late Richard Elliott and Mary Jane Goodwin Elliott, he gained his wide acquaintance through more than 30 years as a traveling salesman, merchant and one-time Republican leader in this section.

Mr. Elliott came to Ahoskie to make his home about nine years ago. Prior to that time he was president of Elliott-Cummings Company, Norfolk wholesalers, and for many years before that he travelled this section of the State for a Baltimore wholesale house. He was a member of the Ahoskie Episcopal Church and a former member of the Norfolk Masonic lodge. At the time of his death he was in the insurance business and made his home at the Garrett Hotel. He tried unsuccessfully to enter the Army less than a year ago.

COMMISSIONERS

There was little business on the calendar and the Martin County Commissioners in regular session here yesterday did hardly enough to talk about. Attended by all the commissioners, Messrs. R. L. Perry, chairman, R. A. Haislip, C. D. Carstarphen, C. A. Roberson and Joshua L. Coltraine, the meeting handled routine business, drew a jury for the December superior court and adjourned well before lunch time.

Other than reviewing current bills, the board relieved John W. Leggett, of Cross Roads, of payment of taxes on 18 acres of land from which the timber had been removed, and relieved several soldiers of the payment of poll tax.

U. S. Civil Service Announces Opening In Post Office Here

Applications Must Be Filed With Commission by 10th of This Month

The United States Civil Service Commission announced just recently an open competitive examination for postmaster in Williamston, the announcement stating that all applications must be on file with the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., not later than Tuesday, November 10th. Application form No. 10, physical fitness form 13 and instruction forms 2223 and 2358, giving information regarding requirements and other details may be obtained from the local post office or from the Civil Service Commission in Washington.

The examination will be held in Williamston on a date to be announced, and it is possible that appointment and confirmation will not follow immediately. It is understood the office here pays \$2,700 annually.

Announcing the opening, the commission set forth the following qualifications of applicants, pointing out that war veterans would be given preference only when documentary service records are offered:

In order to be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must have actually resided within the delivery of this post office, or within the city or town in which the office is located, for at least one year immediately preceding the date fixed for close of receipt of applications, and within the prescribed age limits of 23 and 63 years. Both men and women.

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Current Tire Quota For Trucks Reduced

Reduced for trucks, the current tire quota for this county reflects a shift from the use of new to recapped tires for automobiles. It is now fairly apparent that passenger car owners will make out with the worked-over tires or not at all, and that truck operators will have to take better care of their tires or quit operating. The number of new car tires allotted the county this month was increased from five to six, but the number of retreads was jumped from 24 to 162. The number of new truck tires was decreased from 33 in October to 17 this month.

A comparison of the October-November allotments:

	Auto Tires - Tubes		New Recaps Tubes	
	October	November	October	November
	5	6	24	17
			162	24
Truck Tires - Tubes				
	New Recaps Tubes			
	October	November	October	November
	33	17	40	30
			37	24

CLOSED

The local tobacco market ended the 1942 season shortly before noon today, Supervisor C. U. Rogers stating that it had been one of the most successful in the history of tobacco marketing here. Official figures could not be had immediately, but sales were right at seven and three-quarter million pounds.

Prices continued firm on the market right up until the last pound was sold, the best types selling right at \$50 per hundred. Prices for the inferior grades, however, had not recovered from the slump that struck them a short time ago.

United Forces Are Making It Hot For Japs In Solomons

Talk of a Shift from Russia To Mediterranean Area By Axis Is Heard

After battling on more or less even terms with the Japs in the Solomons since the early part of August, United States forces are gaining the initiative in the fighting there and are making it plenty hot for the yellow scoundrels. While our losses have been great and possibly even serious, the enemy has suffered and suffered badly. The first round of the big Guadalcanal battle apparently was ended last week, but the Americans are not resting but are forcing the enemy to retreat. When, if and how the Japs will make another all-out attack are unknown quantities, but apparently they received enough punishment for them to ponder over for a time.

Jap supply lines have been pounded, American submarines accounting for seven ships and damage to three others, including a converted aircraft carrier. Aided by dive bombers and fighter planes, one band of Marines gained two miles in the land fighting west of the Guadalcanal air field on Sunday.

A late report states that strong reinforcements have been moved onto Guadalcanal Island.

In a statement today, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox warned that "we must not grow too optimistic over the fighting in the South Pacific," adding that the Japs still had a formidable fleet and that it could be expected to return. It was declared, however, that the Allies were massing the strongest fleet in history and making ready to "slug it out" with the enemy.

The Navy man also declared that Jap losses had been underestimated, that instead of sinking one Jap cruiser and four destroyers on October 11th as it was first reported, the American forces sunk three Jap cruisers and five destroyers. Last week about fourteen Jap warships were either sunk or badly damaged, the reports clearly indicating that the Japs came out second best in the first round of the Solomon fighting.

There was some talk of the Germans shifting from the Russian front and converging their forces in the Mediterranean area. It is fairly apparent that there has been a change of policy in the battle of Stalingrad, but the Germans are pushing harder than ever toward the Grozny oil fields and the main routes to Baku and Trans-Caucasia. The Russians are driving the Germans out of Stalingrad and the flanking movement from the north is dealing the Germans heavy blows. Preliminary losses at ten million men killed or wounded or otherwise rendered useless to Hitler. The losses will more than offset the birth in Germany for ten or fifteen years, it was estimated. Supporting the report that Germany was shifting its scene of action was the movement of two new divisions into unoccupied France to block possible flanking movements.

In New Guinea, the hard-hitting Australians, aided by British and American airmen, have captured Kokoda, strong Jap position. The gain places the Allied forces within easy striking distance of important Jap supply routes.

The British drive in Egypt is now a flaming battle with hundreds of British and American tanks hooked in mortal combat on the hot desert sands. Axis lines and mine fields have been broken, and one report stated that the Allies are working with all their might to force an early decision in the fighting there. Important gains were made in Axis territory.

Small Vote Being Cast in the County

A record low vote in the county in the current off-year election was certain early this afternoon when hardly more than 100 persons had visited two of the main polling places to cast their ballots. At one o'clock, the No. 1 precinct had only 29 recorded votes and the other local precinct was boasting of 71 ballots in its box. Interest in the election, regarded by many to be at the lowest point in a generation, was lagging throughout the county, and the total vote will hardly pass the 1000 mark, some believe.

Strong support, what little there is, was directed to the democratic ticket, but a strong opposition was seen in the early voting for the two proposed amendments to the constitution.

The polls close at 6:30 o'clock this evening, but no move will be taken to tabulate the results until the election officials canvass the vote in the courthouse here Thursday morning. While little interest is being shown here, and admittedly there is little about the election to create interest, the voters in other sections, especially in New York, Nebraska, California and a dozen or more states, are having a "hot" time at the polls today. The Republicans are making marked gains in several states, but the Democrats are still maintaining they will still hold control of Congress when the count is completed.