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Few New Car-Truck Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

Carry Over Applications For Only Twenty-one New Car Tires and Tubes

The new rubber tire pinch is apparently home for both automobile and truck operators, according to a review of the allotments effected by the Martin County Rationing Board in regular session here yesterday. Two new car tires and four new truck tires were allotted along with a few new tubes and a goodly number of certificates for recapping car and truck tires. The issuance of new tires is about the smallest, if not the smallest, reported in the county since the rationing program was instituted more than ten months ago.

Two new auto tires and two tubes were allotted to C. S. VanLandingham, Williamston, star mail route operator.

New car tire tubes were issued to Wm. B. Wynne, Williamston, one for farming; J. A. Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston, one for farming; N. W. Worsley, Oak City, one for carrying the mail. John Hadley, RFD 1, Williamston, was allotted a tire and tube for a farm harvester.

New truck tires and tubes were issued to the following:

John Gurkin, Williamston, two and two for hauling lumber.

J. D. Harrison, two and two, for hauling peanuts, cotton and sweet potatoes.

Certificates for retreading truck tires were issued to the following:

W. A. Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, two for farm.

Jasper C. Griffin, RFD 2, Williamston, three for farm.

Albert Tyre, RFD 1, Williamston, two for farm.

Certificates for retreading auto tires were issued to the following:

Clyde Knight, RFD 3, Williamston, two for farm.

W. H. White, RFD 2, Williamston, three for farm.

W. L. Bryant, RFD 1, Bethel, three for farm.

Raymond Heath, Williamston, two for conveyance of technician to and from work.

Mrs. Watt Daniel Burton, Williamston, one for health work.

G. L. Brown, RFD 3, Williamston, two for farm.

Mrs. Lydia Gurkin, RFD 1, Williamston, two for farm.

Mrs. Leslie Bailey, RFD 1, Williamston, four for farm.

Jesse D. Price, RFD 2, Williamston, two for farm.

Wm. Jos. Hewitt, RFD 1, Hobgood, three for farm.

Jack Smith, Oak City, four for farm.

A. S. Williamson, Robersonville, four for farm.

Reginald Sears, Williamston, three for logging operations.

J. Evan Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, two for farm.

Daniel DeMary, Hassell, three for farm.

P. M. Holliday, RFD 1, Jamesville, four for farm.

J. H. Holliday, RFD 1, Oak City, two for farm.

An application for four tires and four tubes for J. H. Bell, RFD 2, Robersonville, was rejected when the application could establish no classification.

Obsolete tires and tubes were allotted the following:

John A. Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and tube for farm trailer.

John H. Best, RFD 1, Bethel, four tires and four tubes for farm.

Richard Baker, Oak City, four tires for farm.

Joe Bunting, Palmyra, two tires and two tubes for farm.

A bicycle was allotted to Delbert Wynne Stalls for traveling to and from his work at a dairy.

Appreciated Red Cross Kit Bag

In a letter to the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Ernie L. Modlin expresses his appreciation for the little kit bag given him when he departed for the Army. Expressing his appreciation, the young man touches on another very important topic in his letter written just this week from Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Indiana, as follows:

"I sure appreciate the little bag you gave me upon my entrance into the army. It has been one of the most useful things given me since my induction. Everything in it comes in very handy just when you need it."

"I have had some very nice compliments about it from soldiers from all parts of the world. The thing that makes me appreciate it so much, though, is that it helps me to know that we have the people back home behind us. You will better understand this when I tell you that in all of the recruits I have seen from every county in North Carolina and from every state in the Union, there are only two local Red Cross chapters, Williamston Red Cross and the Bertie County Red Cross, that have given these little bags. So naturally we feel that our Williamston Red Cross is behind us and doing its part in this war."

Grant Extension For Mileage Rationing In North Carolina

Special instructions were received by the Martin County Rationing board here yesterday ordering the mileage rationing program for commercial vehicles delayed until December 1st.

ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman said the 15-day delay will enable correlation of his agency's program with the Office of Price Administration's nation-wide gasoline rationing plan for private passenger automobiles, start of which has been set up from November 22 to December 1st.

The delay also will give commercial vehicle operators who have not yet submitted their applications for certificates of war necessity, another chance to obtain a certificate before mileage rationing begins.

After December 1st no commercial motor vehicle subject to limitations already laid down by ODT will be permitted to operate unless it carries a certificate. This does not mean an operator can wait until a few days before December 1st to submit his application and expect to receive his certificate before the deadline, officials said.

Several days are required to process the certificates and get them back to the operators. In the event an application is not properly filled out or the wrong application is submitted, even more time will be required.

Eastman said the postponement does not change the period in which the tires of all commercial motor vehicles must be inspected—between November 15 and January 15.

FREEZE COFFEE

That hot, steaming cup of coffee is about to be converted into a snowball, according to a government announcement just released. Effective Saturday night of next week, all coffee sales will be frozen, preparatory to the institution of rationing the following Saturday night. The orders are effective at midnight, meaning that one may buy coffee until Saturday midnight of next week provided, of course, he can find any to buy.

Individual consumers will not have to register to buy coffee when the "freeze" is lifted. They will use Stamp No. 27 from their sugar ration card. The stamp entitles the holder to one pound of coffee and that pound is to last from November 28 to January 3 of next year. No one under fifteen years of age is entitled or will get coffee rations.

Institutional users will have to register for their allotments on November 23, 24 and 25th, and their applications will be approved by Washington. But, individual consumers do not have to register for coffee. They will use Stamp No. 27 from the sugar ration book. Wholesalers and retailers do not register at this time. Those persons who never received a sugar ration book may get one now with so many stamps removed.

Department Issues Appeal For Early Christmas Mailing

Packages Should Start Moving at Least 25 Days Before Christmas

One of the worst Christmas mailing jams in the history of the country is in the offing, and urgent appeals are being made by the Post Office Department, urging postal patrons to start their packages moving at least twenty-five days before Christmas. Heretofore, a large portion of the holiday mail and packages was handled in the five days just before Christmas. It is an established fact that mail, including greeting cards and packages, will not reach its destination in time for delivery before Christmas.

Reliable sources state that nothing, not even the mails, will be allowed to interrupt military movements, meaning that facilities cannot be made available in sufficient volume to handle the big Christmas mailing rush.

No concerted drive against the practice has been announced, but individuals can help relieve the pressure on the postal service and at the same time save money for war stamps by mailing no Christmas cards to their next-door neighbors or other friends seen on the streets from day to day.

The appeal from the Post Office Department just released, reads:

Officers To Meet In Rocky Mount

A conference for law enforcement officers in this and several other eastern North Carolina counties will be held in the Ricks Hotel, Rocky Mount, next Wednesday, November 18th, it was announced today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All law enforcement officers, including auxiliary police, in this and several other counties are expected and urged to attend the conference which is being held under the auspices of the FBI.

Ed Scheidt, agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the FBI, will preside at the meeting. The program will include confidential motion pictures on the war never shown before; confidential slides showing devices used in sabotage, and an analysis of German propaganda. The conference opens promptly at 10:30 that morning and closes at 1 p. m.

Germans Flee Ahead Of American Forces In Northern Africa

Darlan and Others Are Trying To Form Pro-Ally French Government

Following a sweeping move into French North Africa last week-end, Allied Forces, including possibly 150,000 Americans, are being left behind as the enemy takes to the air to clear out of their last stronghold and surrender all that vast territory ahead of a concentrated drive now moving into Tunisia. The African campaign now can be rated even more successful than Allied leaders had even hoped it would be. The Allies first gained air control and as land forces started moving across the Tunisian border, the Germans took to air transports and gliders and started moving out, presumably north to the continent. Several of the transports were shot down, and it is fairly apparent that the big fight in that part of Africa is ended for the present, at least. Rommel, to the south, is still leading the British 8th Army in a record chase. The German general's forces have not yet been able to make a stand, and if he keeps running he is going to crash head on into the Allies sweeping down from the north. Berlin too urged the desert fox to make a stand, but there is some doubt if the message overtook him. He has already gone quite a distance, leaving Bardia and Tobruk behind for the British.

The German action is not quite clear. Just a few days ago air-borne troops were moved into Tunisia. Apparently they were sent there to tear up military installations, and their job done they are moving back to the continent. Hitler is said to be working feverishly in an effort to fortify himself in Greece.

General Smuts, of South Africa, was quoted as saying today that the war could be expected to end in 1944 if the Allies continued their offensive. With Africa well in hand now, a new phase of the war is believed near at hand. Will the Allies invade Italy, France or turn toward Crete and then continue into Greece? One guess is as good as another, but it is likely that other developments will be awaited before anything similar to the African feat will be or can be attempted. The possibility that Hitler will now go into Spain and Portugal has been mentioned.

Admiral Darlan is conferring with leaders in Algiers today in an effort to form a pro-Ally French government in North Africa to discredit Vichy and to plead with the French fleet to join the Allies. Last reports (Continued on page six)

Farm Group Sets Canning Records

Under the direction of Mrs. Emelyne Evans Griffin, Farm Security Administration families in Martin County established an all-time canning record during the season just ended. Gathering up surplus fruits and vegetables and reaching into the barn stables for an animal or two, the 143 Farm Security families canned a total of 55,200 quarts of foods, giving each family 386 quarts of food or each person in the group 64 quarts. Last year, the Farm Security group canned 54 quarts of food per person.

Included in the food canned this season were twelve calves the farm and home supervisors stating that the families are making plans now for doubling their meat canning next year.

Mrs. William Rogerson led the entire group with 795 cans and Mrs. V. U. Bunting was second with 675 cans of food preserved and stored for use this coming winter. Other records were established as follows, Mrs. George Ayers, 575 cans and Arthur Modlin, 565 cans.

Colored patrons of the Farm Security Administration also made splendid records, as follows: Esther Taylor, 652 cans; Virginia Williams, 625 cans; Mary Willis and Alice Taylor, 600 cans each; Rowena Riddick, 599 cans; Hattie Cherry, 570 cans, and Annie Lee, 563 cans.



THE 48TH WEEK OF THE WAR

"A powerful American force equipped with adequate weapons of modern warfare and under American command, is today landing on the Mediterranean and Atlantic Coasts of the French Colonies in Africa," President Roosevelt said in a statement issued by the White House late November 7th. This action "provides an effective second-front assistance to our heroic allies in Russia."

The U. S. force split into three parts and struck at Algiers, near Oran on the Mediterranean Coast of Algeria, and on the Atlantic Coast North and South of Casablanca. The War Department stated that the offensive was advancing rapidly everywhere along 1,600 miles of coast against light French resistance. Algiers capitulated within 24 hours. The Vichy Government broke off diplomatic relations but Secretary of State Hull said the main purpose of the Vichy policy of our Government during the past two years was simply to pave the way for the military drive into the Western Mediterranean.

"The landing of this American Army is being assisted by the British Navy and air forces and it will, in the immediate future, be reinforced by a considerable number of divisions of the British Army," the President stated. "This combined Allied force... in conjunction with the British campaign in Egypt is designed to prevent an occupation by the Axis of any part of Northern or Western Africa, and to deny the aggressor nations a starting point from which to launch an attack against the Atlantic Coast of the Americas."

Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's headquarters in Cairo reported November 7th that American fliers shot down 45 enemy planes against a loss of 6 of their own in the Middle East from October 1 to November 5th. In addition, the announcement said, the U. S. fliers have seriously damaged an uncalculated number of tons of enemy shipping and knocked out a number of tanks and other motor vehicles.

"The French Government and the French people have been informed of the purpose of this expedition, and have been assured that the Allies seek no territory and have no intention of interfering with the friendly French authorities in Africa," the President's statement said. "This expedition will develop into (Continued on page six)"

Classification Of Farm Labor Under Selective Service

Believe Few in This County Will Have Basic Claim For Deferment

Attending a district meeting in Washington yesterday morning, members of the Martin County Draft Board, including the appeal officer and clerk, and draft board officials from other counties heard the classification of agricultural workers discussed by a representative of the Selective Service.

Deferment granted those young men with dependents was reviewed, and the policy in those cases will continue unchanged. A short time ago the draft board was advised that experienced workers on dairy, livestock and poultry farms were to be deferred or placed in 2-A if single and in 3-B if they have dependents. Should they quit the farm or the particular type of work they are subject to immediate induction into the armed forces.

At the meeting yesterday it was explained that other farm workers may be deferred under certain conditions. These conditions are that the farm must plant half of its cultivated acreage to "essential" crops such as peanuts, cotton, soybeans, etc. "If the local board is convinced that the result of inducting a farm worker engaged in the cultivation of such an essential farm will cause the farm to be idle or a material portion of it to be taken out of cultivation, deferment of such registrants as necessary men in Class 2-A is justified. It is the opinion of this headquarters that such farm workers who can so qualify for consideration as 'necessary men' in agriculture should be deferred through the 1943 crop year. What will finally be done with them will depend upon the fortunes of war, but this headquarters is of the opinion that a farm which is 50 per cent devoted to the production of essential products should not be permitted to close down, provided it is recognized as more than a mere 'subsistence farm'."

"A farm devoted exclusively to the production of products which are not listed as essential, such as tobacco, is not to be considered an essential farm."

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Oil Peanuts Moving To Warehouses Here

Price Average Will Range Around 3 1-2 Cents Plus Premium

Weaker Tone Noted in Open Market During the Past Few Days

After much fuming, fussing and even a bit of cursing, farmers have started delivering oil peanuts to government storage houses in the county, and increased activity is predicted on that front during the coming weeks. Arrangements for opening the receiving stations at the Farmers and New Carolina Warehouses here were completed Wednesday when a representative of the Growers' Peanut Cooperative delivered forms, price schedules grading materials. Up until late yesterday approximately 300 bags of the oil stock had been delivered and sold, one report stating that approximately 2,000 bags were in the houses and ready for the graders.

The first sale was made by Mrs. C. C. Fleming of Jamesville. Producing what is commonly known in this section as a regular oil peanut or one of the Spanish runner type, Mrs. Fleming received four cents a pound, plus a premium of 10 cents per hundred pounds. The average price will range right around three and one-half cents for the type of peanut generally grown in this section. However, quite a few farmers planted the special oil type and where the quality is from good to fair and the damaged do not exceed two per cent, they can expect four cents or more plus the 10 cents per hundred pounds.

The following price schedule has been announced:

Oil Content	Ton	Type	Price
78 and above	\$87.00	T-77	\$77.00
73 to 77	83.00		73.00
68 to 72	78.00		70.00
63 to 67	72.00		64.00
58 to 62	64.00		56.00
53 to 57	56.00		50.00
48 to 52	50.00		44.00

The above prices carry a premium of 10 cents per hundred pounds regardless of grade or type. All peanuts grading below 47 per cent meat content are not deliverable to government storage houses.

To get the maximum price of \$77.00 per ton for the Virginia type, the farmer must have a crop that will grade 45 per cent jumbos out of which 34 per cent must be hand-picks, and grade 65 per cent or more meat and not have over two per cent damaged stock. The 2-A grade calls for peanuts of 65 per cent meat content and 35 per cent jumbos with 21 per cent hand-picks and not over two per cent damage. The 3-A grade must have 65 per cent meat content and not more than two per cent damaged stock. The 3-B grade must have a meat content of at least 60 per cent, and the C grade must have a meat content of not less than 55 per cent. These grades carry the following prices for the Virginia type, plus the 10-cent premium: 1-A, \$3.85 per hundred; 2-A, \$3.65; 3-A and possibly the most common grade for this section, 3-B, \$3.20; 3-C, \$2.80. Very few sales will fall below this figure.

It is estimated that about ten per cent of the crop produced in the county this year will be diverted to the oil mills, meaning that about 36,000 bags will be sold at oil prices, minus those peanuts saved for seed. Some farmers planted no oil peanuts at all, while a goodly number planted in excess of the estimated 10 per cent average for the county.

No accurate estimate can be had, but in many individual cases the farmers (Continued on page six)

Second Award Goes To Salvage Dealer

For the second time in two months the Williamston Parts and Metal Company has earned the government's special merit award for holding a ranking position in the shipment of scrap iron and salvage material into war channels. In September the company moved 232 tons of material from its yards here, and last month shipments totaled 254 tons, setting a new record.

Coming close behind the collections effected by the schools throughout the county a short time ago, another scrap drive is being urged by the War Production Board. Salvage Chairman V. J. Spivey is going before a special meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the agricultural building this evening and will urge the organization leaders to make a new survey of available scrap iron. The need for more scrap iron is mounting day by day, and when the drive for scrap is completed, it is quite possible that the government will start calling for marginal machines and equipment. It has been suggested that those machines now idle will be ordered into the fight even though they are still serviceable.

REGISTRATIONS

The registration of kerosene and fuel oil dealers was virtually completed in this county this week when nearly 300 business firms signed up at the rationing board office. Completing that task, the rationing authorities with the aid of the principals and teachers are handling the registration of those persons using kerosene or fuel oil for cooking, lighting and operating farm machinery. The first of the individual consumer registrations were handled in all the white and colored schools in the county yesterday afternoon. The registrations will continue this afternoon between 3 and 6 o'clock and tomorrow between the hours of 9 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Those persons using fuel oil for heating their homes either with a central heating plant or individual stoves and who heat water with kerosene or fuel oil will call or write to the rationing board, Williamston, for the proper application forms (Application for Fuel Oil or Kerosene Ration for Heat and Domestic Hot Water for Private Dwellings). They are to prepare the answers and return the applications to the rationing board. Present indications point to some mighty "airish" or down-right cold homes in the county this year, and it might be that fuel oil rationing will pinch far more than gas rationing has in the past.

Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Twelve Cases In Recorders Court

Small Crowd Present for Long Session Held Last Monday

Calling twelve cases, Judge Robert L. Coburn held the county recorder's court in session for more than three hours clearing the docket and entering the judgments. The crowd present for the proceedings, while larger than usual was quite small, the number of white spectators dwindling to less than half a dozen before the session was adjourned.

Judge Coburn is holding his last session next Monday. Appointed to fill the office made vacant by the death of his brother, W. Hubert Coburn, the judge ordinarily would hold his last session on November 30th, but a special term of the superior court offers a conflict and brings his term to a hurried end. Judge J. Calvin Smith assumes the duties of the office on the first Monday in December.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, German A. Rollins was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

Charged with trespassing on the property of another, Stanley Ayers pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty of simple trespass, judgment was continued under prayer for judgment for two years upon the payment of the case costs and with the understanding that the defendant is to remain off the premises of C. L. Leggett.

Entering no plea in the case charging him with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, Herbert Purvis was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for three months. The court agreed to suspend the road sentence on condition that he pay a \$50 fine and the case costs.

The case charging Lee Perkins with bastardy was continued until the first Monday in June, 1943.

In a second case, Perkins, charged along with Emma Simmons with fornication (Continued on page six)

Hold Armistice Day Program Wednesday

While the day was not generally observed as a holiday here Wednesday, a goodly number of County Legionnaires met in the legion hut on Watts Street here Wednesday night for a brief but fitting program, marking the anniversary of Armistice Day.

Albert S. Peel addressed the group and a general patriotic program was rendered in song with Mrs. W. C. Manning at the piano.

Few local business houses closed for the day here, and the war production machine, now said to be turning in high gear, paused for only two or three minutes to pay tribute to those who fought and lost their lives in the first World War.

Big celebrations were held in various places throughout the country, but locally business continued its steady pace, the lumber and peanut mills holding to the tasks so important to the prosecution of the war.

Thirty-Four Cases On Civil Calendar In November Court

Only Civil Cases Will Be Tried During Two Weeks Term Starting Nov. 23rd

Reflecting little activity on the legal front, the calendar for the special term of the Martin County Superior court convening Monday, November 23rd, carries possibly the smallest number of civil cases tentatively scheduled for trial in this county in a number of years. Just recently prepared by the members of the Martin County Bar Association, the calendar carries only thirty-four cases, and most of them add importance unto themselves merely by "breaking" into the "big" court. Only three cases are on the calendar court has slated trials on four days only. Thanksgiving will halt the sessions after the first two days in the second week the barristers apparently will call for time out to rest.

Several of the cases involve small-size accounts, and a few involve boundary line differences. However, there are two or three that will require much time for trial. W. Haywood Rogers, claiming that the writing and signature to his mother's will were obtained through "undue and improper influence," is asking the court to set the document aside.

The case of Bunting against Salsbury, sent back for a new trial when the supreme court noted that "hearsay" evidence was admitted by the trial jurist, is scheduled for trial on opening day. The defendant is claiming that he holds certain liens against insurance made out to the plaintiff who is suing to recover.

D. M. Roberson in his case against Chas. H. Jenkins and Company is asking the court to support his claim to a truck.

In his case against Ethel Rogerson, A. L. Mizelle is asking the court to set aside a deed to certain property.

In their case against A. Sanford Roberson, Jos. Wiggins and others are claiming ownership of certain properties.

The case involving the largest claim is the alienation of affection suit brought by Jas. R. Griffin against J. L. Ross. Claiming that the defendant operated in an effort to break up his home, Griffin is asking \$10,000 actual and \$5,000 punitive damages. Answering the complaint, the defendant avers that the plaintiff wrongly treated and abused his wife, that he (the defendant) tried to help his daughter.

Two suits grew out of an automobile accident on December 25th of last year in Cross Roads Township. Johnnie Mobley is suing Corbett Swain for \$250 damages alleged to have resulted to his car, and Mrs. Ada Haislip, a passenger in the Mobley car at the time of the accident, is suing Swain for \$1,000 personal damages.

Jake Ruffin is suing Samuel Ruffin for ownership of a house and lot in Williamston.

Mrs. Carey Steele Jenkins is suing Mrs. Allie Hadley Steele to recover certain amounts and definite items of personal property allegedly due the estate of Geo. Steele.

Howell House, suing the Martin County Bottling Company for alleged breach of contract, is asking \$720.

Three suits are pending against J. (Continued on page six)

Number Of Cases In Mayor's Court

Following a week-end of general lawlessness, Justice John L. Hassell held several sessions of his court this week to clear the cases from the docket.

Charged with simple assault, Warren Griffin was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$4.50 costs and on condition that the defendant remain away from H. L. Manning's store.

William H. Speller, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$3.50 and taxed with the costs. Raeford Jones was taxed with \$7.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Probable cause was not found and H. D. Griffin was released in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. In a second case against Griffin, he with Joe Mobley was found guilty of disorderly conduct. Both of them were sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$5.50 costs each and on condition that they stay away from Roberson's cafe.

Clinton Davis and Francis Leggett, charged with disorderly conduct, were each taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Sam and W. H. Stokes, charged with disorderly conduct, were each taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Charged with speeding, Madison Lee Glenn was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

Robert Bailey, Henry Barkdale and Ray Crawford, publicly drunk, were each taxed with \$7.50 costs. Porable cause of guilt appearing in the case charging him with larceny and receiving, Dick Baker was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.