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Big Number Of Low-Grade Tires Issued By Rationing Board

No New Car Tires and Few Truck Tires Allowed By Board This Week

Having very few new or Grade I tires for rationing, the Martin County Rationing Board was very liberal in issuing Grade 2 and 3 tires at its regular meeting here yesterday. No new automobile tires were made available, and only ten new truck tires and five truck tire tubes were allotted.

Purchasers are warned by dealers that the low-grade tires cannot be expected to hold up and give the service of a new Grade A tire. It is possible to drive them thousands of miles, but they must be kept properly inflated, driven at a slow speed and handled carefully.

New truck tires were issued to the following:

C. G. Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston, four tires for hauling logs and lumber.

John A. Manning, Williamston, two tires and one tube for hauling farm produce.

John W. Gurkin, Williamston, two truck tire tubes for hauling peanuts.

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

Grade II tires were rationed to the following:

John T. Williams, RFD 2, Williamston, two grade II tires and one re-capped tire for defense worker.

Eva M. Evans, Williamston, four tires and three tubes for government employee.

Grade III tires were issued to the following for use either on cars or pick-up trucks:

Howard Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires for farm work and transporting defense worker.

Chas. G. Forbes, Robersonville, four tires for farm.

Chas. H. Ange, Jamesville, two tires for farm.

H. T. Roberson, Williamston, two tires for farm.

Chas. Rawls, Williamston, three tires for defense worker.

Robert Lee Manning, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires for farm.

G. H. Forbes, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires for farm.

J. M. Highsmith, Robersonville, two tires for farm.

Elmer C. Stevenson, Hamilton, four tires for farm.

J. S. Whitman, Robersonville, two tires to haul workers.

Tires formerly issued for pick-up trucks came out of the regular truck tire allotment. Now they are charged against the passenger car allotments since they are the same size.

Certificates for recapping service were issued as follows:

Wallace Olinthus Andrews, Robersonville, one tire for minister.

J. O. Stokes, Hamilton, two tires to ride to and from work.

Johnnie Bland, Hamilton, four tires for farm.

S. E. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston,

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Estimate More Than 5,000 In This County Register For Liquor

New Customers Recognized At Counters When Stores Were Reopened

An estimated 5,000 Martin County persons registered under the liquor rationing system this week, according to reliable reports gained here this morning. County ABC officials could not be contacted, but store managers in two of the towns where the legal brands are offered for sale were of the opinion that the registration would reach and possibly pass that figure. Rushed with applications during the early part of the week, ABC officials ordered the registration continued through today in most of the stores when it was apparent that the task could not be handled in the allotted time. Registrations after today will be handled by the County Board. It could not be learned definitely, but it is possible that the applications received after today will be considered only during regular meetings of the board once each month.

A fairly accurate check made here this morning indicated that the registration in the Williamston store had passed the 5,000 mark. Jamesville reported approximately 500 registered there. Final figures are likely to show a greater total in these two stores and also a larger total than the one estimated for the county.

The liquor rationing registration was accepted in full stride, reports declaring that there was no trouble experienced and that the registrants were happy over it. Some stood in the rain and waited their turn without murmur or complaint. Gasoline and tire rationing kept few away, and the meaning of the entire liquor rationing business was grasped in one gulp from the highest to the most ignorant. Women, including the white, crowded into the lines and accepted for a fairly sizable portion.

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Eight Defendants Before The Mayor

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Charged with being drunk and down, James Purvis was found guilty and was taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Russell Perry, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was charged \$7.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Simon Howard, Ben Lee Tyner, Tank Bennett, Louis Harris, Sylvester Scott and James Walston were taxed with the costs in the sum of \$6.50 each.

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Delivery Of Kerosene Rations Gets Underway in the County

The distribution of ration coupons for the purchase of kerosene used in lighting and cooking and for various mechanical uses on the farm and around the home got underway in seven white county schools this afternoon. Approximately 6,000 of the coupon sheets were made ready by rationing board employees and volunteers who worked day and night during recent weeks. That some errors were made is admitted, but in many cases, the applications did not carry the proper name of the applicant, and in a few cases "Martin County" was given as the address of the applicant. In those cases, the applicants will find it necessary to call at the rationing board office next week to get their kerosene rations. It will also be necessary for those who do not get their coupons this afternoon or tomorrow morning to go to the rationing board for their allotments.

All consumers are warned, and the warning is final, to observe the expiration date of the allotment and use their allowance accordingly. Some of the coupons are to last a year, others for three months and some will expire the last of this month. There'll be no supplemental rations allowed.

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Those persons using kerosene or fuel oil for heating, that is in central heating plants and "space" heaters, will not call at the schools at all for their rations. They will report directly to the board office possibly next Wednesday or Thursday. So few people have volunteered to assist the work that it has been impossible to get the allotments ready.

The distribution of allotments for kerosene purchases underway today and tomorrow morning is being effected in the schools at Jamesville, Williamston, Everett, Robersonville, Hassell, Oak City and Hamiton.

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RED CROSS

With the able help of faithful volunteers in three communities—Jamesville, Bear Grass and Williamston—the Martin County Chapter this week completed another surgical dressings project, Mrs. Tom Barnhill, chief supervisor of the work here, stating that 9,000 4x4, 30,000 2x2 and 7,200 4x8 bandages or dressings were prepared for use in treating wounds of American service men on the battlefronts.

Hardly had the last project been completed before a new and larger assignment had been made. Definite figures could not be had immediately, but it is estimated that around 100,000 bandages are waiting to be made in the chapter.

During the past week only 23 women reported for service in the local bandage room, but in Bear Grass and Jamesville, the volunteers are said to have turned out in numbers and worked faithfully. Much has been accomplished, but the task is not yet done, and every one is urged to take a part in handling the new project.

Major Offensives Are Still Pending On African Fronts

Fierce Fighting Continues in Russia Despite Extreme Weather Conditions

A major Allied offensive, designed to throw Hitler and his hordes out of Africa, is, according to military observers, taking shape rapidly, and far-reaching developments are expected momentarily. During the meantime hard fighting continues in and around the Tunis area, and increased action is already underway in the El Agheila section where the British 8th Army is pitted against the Germans.

Few definite reports have come from the several battlefronts during recent hours, but fierce fighting continues on the Russian front despite extreme weather conditions. In the Stalingrad area, the Russians are gradually pushing the Germans back and on the central front, the Russians are consolidating recent but small gains despite repeated German counterattacks. The Germans are still falling by the thousands along the eastern front, and it is now estimated that 6,000,000 of the Nazis have been knocked out since June, 1941. The number of German casualties in Russia alone during that time is greater than the German losses in any three years of World War I on all fronts. Despite the enormous losses, Hitler and his new chief of staff are sending fresh troops to the slaughter. It is believed, however, that he had withdrawn a part of his air force from Russia and shifted it to the Africa scene of action where it is estimated the Germans have more than 2,000 planes in action.

The Allies and Germans are pouring reinforcements as rapidly as possible for what appears will be a big show-down in North Africa. Little has been said about comparative airpower, and there is some doubt if the Allies have yet built up their strength to compete and surpass that of the enemy. Land fighting has been underway for nearly a week in the Teboura with short lulls. A German tank drive 20 miles southwest of Teboura has been checked by American tanks, a report stating today that the drive was a costly one to the Nazis while only a few American tanks were lost. The Americans are gradually regaining their positions. A daring venture was made by daring British paratroopers yesterday when they landed behind German lines about ten miles out of Teboura and blasted supply lines and important junctions. The British are softening up the Germans at El Agheila in Libya and the enemy is all jittery waiting for an expected all-out blow.

Allied leaders declared today that the operations now underway in Africa are only a foretaste of what will be directed against the Germans in due time.

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New Judge Has Busy Day In The County's Court Last Monday

Returning To Bench, Judge Smith Impresses Defendants and Spectators

Holding his first term of the Martin County Recorder's Court since his election in November, Judge J. Calvin Smith last Monday impressed defendants and spectators with his forthrightness and determined action to mete out justice to fit the crime and retain respect for his tribunal. Judge Smith presided over the first term of the court back in 1919, serving on the bench for more than seven years. His absence of 16 years from the bench did not take away his individualistic technique, and the old gentleman felt very much at home when he called his first case Monday morning after a short delay.

The court was in session until fairly late in the afternoon clearing the larger-than-usual number of cases that had accumulated during the two weeks the superior tribunal was in special session. A sizable crowd was present for the proceedings which were featured by the imposition of a \$100 fine in two cases against the same defendant.

Judge Smith hardly more than starts his new term before the superior court comes along next Monday and interrupts his work. But he is due back on the bench the following Monday with plenty more of the same medicine he prescribed last Monday.

Proceedings in the court: Charged with larceny and receiving, Jasper Peterson was adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. He appealed and his bond was fixed in the sum of \$150.

In the case charging Joseph Clark,

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Christmas Pageant Here Sunday Night

Choruses of the Williamston grammar and high schools will unite in the presentation of their annual Christmas pageant in the high school auditorium next Sunday evening at 8:15. Over two hundred voices will sing in the student production, which has as its theme the promise of peace for a war-torn world.

Scenes of the Nativity will be presented from the main stage from which the boys choir of unchanged voices will sing. A small stage to the right of the auditorium will be used to portray the present day American scene of a mother telling her small children of the meaning of Christmas.

Two readers, Conrad Getsinger and Nancy Mercer, will give the narrative.

Well-known hymns and carols of many lands will be heard during the third annual presentation of the Christmas pageant.

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THE 52ND WEEK OF THE WAR

The OWI announced that the U. S. in the year of 1942 will have produced approximately 49,000 planes, 32,000 tanks and self-propelled artillery, 17,000 anti-aircraft guns larger than 20-MM., 8,200,000 tons of merchant shipping, thousands of anti-aircraft machine guns, and thousands of scout cars and half- and full-track carriers. Munitions and war construction were "above the most optimistic estimate of our production possibilities a year ago," and food production—a large proportion of which was meat, milk, eggs, and soy beans—was 12 per cent above the previous year.

Expenditures for the year for munitions and war construction will total \$47,000,000,000. In the first 10 months of 1942, more than \$13,000,000,000 were collected in taxes and more than \$33,000,000,000 through the sale of bonds and other government obligations. Approximately 17,500,000 people are now employed in war work—compared to 7,000,000 a year ago—but in 1943 an additional 5,000,000 will be needed for war work and for the armed forces. By March 15, 1942, the cost of living had risen 15 per cent over the end of 1939, but price regulation, instituted in April, held down the increases in those prices subject to control to 6-10 of one per cent as of October 15th.

Report on Pearl Harbor

The Navy Department announced that all of the eight battleships in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, were hit, seven of them temporarily disabled and one, the Arizona, permanently and totally lost. Those reported damaged had returned to the fleet, while others critically damaged are being repaired and will soon be ready for battle action. Of the 202 U. S. naval aircraft based at Pearl Harbor, 150 were permanently or temporarily disabled. Army planes destroyed totaled 97. As a result of the Japanese attack, 2,343 officers and enlisted men of the U. S. services were killed, 1,272 wounded, and 960 are still reported as missing.

The Navy estimates that 105 enemy planes took part in the attack, and that the enemy lost 28 aircraft and 3 submarines of 45 tons each.

The War Front

Navy Secretary Knox told a press conference that Japanese troops on Guadalcanal may be running short of supplies. The enemy's attempt to land supplies and reinforcements on the night of November 30 was a complete failure, he said. At that time a U. S. naval task force intercepted and engaged Japanese troop transports and one cargo ship—at a loss of

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Work Of Missing Youth Recognized

The work of Wilmer Thomas Glover, young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Glover, of near Oak City, was recognized in a special citation made by Rear Admiral Frederick C. Sherman of the United States Navy this week.

The citation reads, "For meritorious conduct in line of duty as a member of the crew of a torpedo plane, U. S. S. Lexington, in action against Japanese forces in the Coral Sea on May 7 and 8, 1942, he (Wilmer Thomas Glover) participated in two successful torpedo attacks against enemy carriers."

Young Glover is still listed as "missing," the latest report received some time ago stating that his plane was forced down just off a small island in the Pacific.

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TOO LATE

While Christmas is thirteen days away, it is already too late to mail Christmas cards and packages for guaranteed delivery by that time, according to a statement coming from postal authorities. Ordinarily enough cars to make a train 125 miles long are brought into service to handle the tremendous increase in the mail volume at Christmas but those cars are being used to haul service men, arms and equipment and will not be made available to the postal service this Christmas. It is humanly impossible to handle the task without delay. Late mailing will mean post-Christmas deliveries.

Many government departments have placed a ban on Christmas cards, and millions of patriotic citizens are exchanging greetings verbally with their neighbors instead of sending cards. The extra money ordinarily spent for cards and stamps, will do a lot of good if invested in savings stamps and bonds. If America ever had a good reason and a recognized excuse to skip the monotonous card business, it has it this year.

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Youths Will Collect Clothes And Toys for Needy Tomorrow

Williamston high school boys in cooperating with the Christmas Cheer Committee will canvas the town for old toys and clothing tomorrow morning. Housewives are urged to donate clothing which may be of service to others, particularly children's clothing, and toys which can be mended and distributed to needy children.

The boys will begin