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## Simon E. Hardison Dies in the County Yesterday Morning

### Was Former School Teacher And Commissioner in This County

Simon Edwin Hardison, pioneer in county education and retired farmer, died at the home of his son, R. J. Hardison, in Williams Township yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock of a pneumonia attack. He had been in failing health for some time, but despite his advanced age and poor health he was unusually active up until about two months ago when he was taken ill with pneumonia. He assisted in harvesting the fall crops, working along with his boys and grandchildren last fall in the fields. Following the pneumonia attack about two months ago, he was quite feeble, but was able to be out about until last Sunday when he was taken seriously ill.

The son of the late J. W. and Emily Manning Hardison, he was born in the Fairview section of Williams Township 83 years ago the first of last August. Spending his early life on the farm, he attended the neighborhood schools and the old Williamston Academy. As a young man he taught in the county schools and later served as school committee member in his district for many years, taking an active interest in education, religious affairs and things relating to the civic betterment of his community and county. About 54 years ago he was married to Miss Sallie Martin, of Jamesville, and a few years later located on a farm in the Holly Springs Community of Williams Township where he lived until about twenty-two years ago. At that time he moved to Gainesville, Florida, to make his home with his daughter. Early last fall he returned to this county and had since made his home with his son, visiting all his children at regular intervals.

He was a member of the church at Fairview for around 60 years, and was regarded as a leading citizen in his home and adopted communities. Mr. Hardison was a hard worker, and he taught his children to work. While he lived a humble and unpretentious life, he never shirked a duty and valued the family name of life. He served as a member of the Martin County Board of Commissioners for several terms beginning about 1910.

He is survived by the following children, Messrs. Lucian J. Lee, Wilford, R. J. George and C. B., all of Williamston; John Hardison, of the U. S. Army, and Mrs. Frank M. Sexton, of Jacksonville, Fla. Two sisters, Mrs. A. E. Griffin and Miss Mary A. Hardison, also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the home of his son, R. J. Hardison, in Williams Township Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff. Interment will follow in the Martin Cemetery, near Jamesville.

## Reduced Allotments In Tires Expected In Month Of March

### Fairly Large Number of New Car and Truck Tires Rationed This Week

Despite an expected reduction in new tire allotments for next month, fairly large rations are being handed out by the board in this county. A goodly number of new truck tires and tubes, a few new auto tires and quite a number of new car tire tubes were allotted to applicants in the county this week.

New auto tires were rationed to the following:  
 D. G. Modlin, Williamston, one tire for government employee.  
 M. E. Roberson, Robersonville, one tube, no classification.  
 G. B. Burroughs, RFD 1, Oak City, one tube, no classification.  
 Jesse Bailey, RFD 2, Robersonville, two tubes, no classification.  
 F. W. Holliday, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tubes for farm.  
 G. P. Bullock, RFD, Robersonville, one tube, no classification.  
 William W. Tice, Williamston, one tube for salesman.  
 John A. Ward, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for RFD carrier.  
 New truck tires and tubes were rationed as follows:  
 Lindsley Ice Co., Williamston, four tires and four tubes, delivery and farm machinery service.  
 J. H. Lillard, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire, no classification.  
 G. E. Moore, Williamston, two tires for transporting defense workers.  
 W. A. Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and one tube for hauling farm supplies.  
 Jasper C. Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and tube for farm.  
 John W. Manning, one tire and tube for electrical repair service.  
 Roland Guy Coburn, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tube for farm trailer.  
 Martin County Transfer Co., Robersonville, seven tires, no classification listed.  
 John A. Manning, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for hauling farm products.  
 Woolard Furniture Co., Williamston, one tube for hauling.

## List Official Regulations For Compliance During Blackout

### Under the new regulations now in effect, a two-minute blast of the fire siren, known as the "blue", is to be the first warning of the approach of "enemy" planes. All lights are to be turned out or shades drawn to prevent light leaking out. Traffic lights will still be allowed to operate, but dimmed lights and at a speed not in excess of 15 miles an hour. Pedestrians may continue to their homes, but must be ready to vacate streets.

The second alarm, known as the "red" and designated by five waver- ing blasts of the siren, calls for a complete blackout with all traffic grounded and pedestrians off the streets.

A third alarm, a duplicate of the first and known as the "blue" and designated by a two-minute blast on the fire siren, will call for a continuation of the general blackout, but pedestrians and traffic may move again under restrictions.

Street lights will be turned on for the all-clear signal, but no sound signal will be given.

It is possible for the third signal to be followed by a return to a complete blackout instead of by the all-clear signal, but ordinarily the blue signal will come first, followed by a blue and then the all-clear.

To eliminate confusion, fire alarms will be determined by three blasts of the fire siren.

An air raid alert or blackout is to be expected in this district within a short time.

## Bus Routes Reduced Seventy-Five Miles By Special Orders

### Many Tots Will Have To Walk While Pleasure and Useful Driving Continues

A direct order coming from Jos. B. Eastman, national head of Defense Transportation, has added a combined total of approximately 75 miles to the walking schedule for possibly 150 or more Martin County school pupils. Children, living on the ends of bus routes, will have to walk to meet the bus if they live a mile and a half or less from the "trunk" lines. In other words, Eastman says that no bus will operate within a mile and one-half of a child unless the child lives on a direct route to and from the school.

The order also denies a ride to a child living within two miles of the school itself if conditions on the buses are crowded. It is understood that the buses in this county are not so crowded but what they can accommodate those children living within two miles of school.

The order is creating a new situation for the schools, and attendance figures are quite likely to fall, for it has been pointed out that the new conditions will virtually force some children to drop out of school. It is fairly well established that some of the routes are not as safe as they should be for the little tots and young folks.

The main reductions in the school bus mileage were reported by the following schools: Jamesville, 12; Farm Life, 8.8; Bear Grass, 10.7; Williamston, 7.8; Robersonville, 18; Harrisonville, 18.

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## ALARM TEST

Test signals for an air raid alert will be sounded here tomorrow afternoon at 12:05 o'clock. John L. Goff announced from the civilian defense control center here last night. It will be a test only, the spokesman explaining that it would acquaint local people with the signals that are to be used later, possibly within the next few days, in a regular raid alert.

The first signal known as the "blue" will be a two-minute blast of the fire siren. The second or "red" signal will be five blasts of the siren, followed by a second "blue" or a two-minute blast of the siren.

Remember it will be only a test for the people to acquaint themselves with the blackout signals.

## Large Increase In the Demand For Poultry Wire In This County

### Seventy Rolls of Mesh Wire And Farm Implements Are Rationed

Martin County farmers apparently are going into the poultry business in a big way or else their fences are in bad repair according to a rationing release coming from the office of the farm machinery board in the county this week. The board rationed about 70 rolls of poultry wire along with barbed, field and garden wire fencing and a few farm implements.

A report on recent rationing activities in the farm machinery board in this county follows:  
 F. Howard, Williamston, 1 roll poultry wire.  
 Frances Williams, RFD 1, Hamilton, 1 roll poultry wire.  
 Mrs. Clara Everett, Hamilton, 2 rolls wire fencing.  
 M. J. Holliday, RFD 1, Williamston, 4 rolls field fence.  
 G. L. Brown, RFD 3, Williamston, 2 rolls poultry wire.  
 Rosella Bell, RFD 1, Williamston, 2 rolls poultry wire.  
 Lewis Brown, Williamston, 2 rolls poultry wire.  
 J. Lilley, RFD 3, Williamston, 2 rolls mesh poultry wire.  
 Nancy Joyner, RFD 1, Williamston, 1 roll poultry wire.  
 Jimmie Tyre, RFD 1, Williamston, 2 rolls poultry wire.  
 J. R. Perry, RFD 1, Palmyra, 3 rolls poultry wire.  
 Mrs. M. D. Ayers, RFD 2, Williamston, 2 rolls poultry wire.  
 J. F. Bailey, RFD 1, Robersonville, 2 rolls wire and poultry wire.  
 Carl Griffin, Jamesville, 2 rolls poultry wire.  
 Cleo Ebron, RFD 2, Williamston, 1 roll poultry wire.  
 C. D. Brown, RFD 1, Robersonville, 3 rolls barbed wire, 1 roll fence wire.  
 Mrs. L. N. Cullipher, RFD 3, Williamston, 1 roll wire fencing.  
 James Nicholson, RFD 1, Williamston, 3 rolls poultry wire.  
 Rosa Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, 1 roll wire fence.

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## Judge J. C. Smith Holds Short Term Of Recordors Court

### Small Crowd Present for the Proceedings Monday Morning

With only a few cases on the docket, Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson were less than two hours handling their work in the regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Quite a few persons were in attendance from Hamilton, but the crowd present for the proceedings was smaller than the average one.

Proceedings:  
 LeRoy Anthony, charged with assaulting a female, failed to answer when called in open court and his \$10 bond was ordered forfeited. Papers were issued for the man's arrest.  
 Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with trespassing, E. Riek Carson was adjudged guilty of simple assault and was sentenced to jail for a period of thirty days. The judgment was suspended on condition that the defendant remain out of Robersonville during that time.  
 In the case charging Frank Williams with larceny, the defendant pleaded guilty, and the action was continued until the first Monday in May of this year on condition that the defendant pay the costs of the court immediately.

## APPEALS

Martin County truck owners-operators who are still having trouble with their Certificates of War Necessity may file formal appeals with William Stewart of the Office of Defense Transportation in Williamston next Tuesday, February 23. Locating in the State Automobile License Bureau in the Moore Grocery Company building, Mr. Stewart will be in Williamston for one day only.

He will be glad to discuss real transportation problems with truckers, but those persons who want to beg for more gas than they really need will save time and gas by not making a special trip.

## TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

### A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau

Highlights of recent significant economic stabilization orders include (a) President Roosevelt's order that the 48-hour work-week be generally adopted. (b) Economic stabilization director James F. Byrnes' program stipulating that there shall be no increase in wages except to rectify "gross inequities" and "substandard" wages. Mr. Byrnes also said that changing the parity formula would affect farmers adversely in the long run—that farm and dairy workers who had gone into industry should be urged to return to agriculture and that recalcitrants should be deprived of their deferred draft status. All Americans were urged to obey price controls and rationing regulations as part of their contribution to winning the war. High taxes, Mr. Byrnes said, are absolutely necessary, but he believes firmly in limiting profits to prevent exorbitant costs to consumers and government alike.

**Farm Income \$1.517 Billion**  
 Cash income from farm marketings in December totaled 1,517 million dollars compared with 1,182 million dollars in December last year, and 1,764 million dollars in November.

**18 Million Victory Gardens**  
 Victory gardens—18 millions of them—will be needed in 1943 to help meet expanding food production goals. Farmers are pushing for the biggest food production in history under handicaps of labor and material shortages. A victory garden is every family's direct contribution to the war effort.

**Farmers Pay Off Loans**  
 Farmers repaid \$28,000,000 on loans administered by the emergency crop and feed loan offices in 1942, compared with \$19,500,000 they borrowed during the year.

**Lumber for Shipping Containers**  
 More than 11 billion board feet of lumber will be needed for shipping containers in 1943, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture's forest service. Annual average is less than 4-1/2 billion feet of box, crate and dunnage lumber. Container production is decreased by the extraction of agricultural products and exports of Army and lend-lease supplies.

**V-Mail for Sailors**  
 Your V-Mail letter to a sailor will have a better chance of getting to him without delay now, for the Navy has expanded its V-Mail services. Four new V-Mail stations have been sent abroad. Small, portable machines that can be quickly set up in remote areas will now be available to speed up the delivery of V-Mail to sailors.

**Recruit Farm Help**  
 Labor to help with production and processing in canning areas will be recruited in a campaign beginning immediately, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. County agricultural agents, the U. S. Employment Service, the Office of Civilian De-

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## Plans Made For War Ration Registrations

### County Citizens Will Register In Schools Starting On Monday

Everyone is urged to note the time for registering for Ration Book 2.

The registration of every man, woman and child for War Ration Book No. 2 will get underway in all the school houses, both white and colored, in this county next Monday, in accordance with a nation-wide plan for the fair distribution of food and possibly other items. The general public is cordially urged to cooperate with those who are voluntarily offering their services in handling the registration. Everyone is asked to note the registration schedule, and observe the days and hours, and to use every discretion in arranging their visits to the school in their district.

Meeting here this week, school principals worked out a schedule and formulated plans for handling the registration. There are slight variations in the hours and days, and the people are warned and urged to observe them. With one exception—Robersonville white high school—the registrations will be handled on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. General plans for Robersonville registrations in the white school were announced earlier and they are to continue there during the entire week.

The following schedule for the registration will be followed in the white schools next week:  
 Jamesville: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 7 o'clock p. m. in the gymnasium.  
 Farm Life: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:15 to 6:30 p. m. in the gymnasium.  
 Bear Grass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p. m. in the schoolhouse.  
 Williamston: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 7 p. m. in the high school gymnasium.  
 Everetts: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 p. m. in the schoolhouse.  
 Robersonville: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. in the high school gymnasium or auditorium.  
 Gold Point: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 7 p. m. in the schoolhouse.  
 Hassell: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 3 p. m. in the schoolhouse.  
 Hamilton: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 p. m. in the schoolhouse.

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**PEANUTS**

Unofficial reports maintain that peanut prices will be stabilized this coming fall at \$129 a ton, a little over six cents a pound for both the white and light types. There will be no discrepancy in the price, other than for grades. The incentive payments of \$30 an acre for those plantings ranging from 90 to 110 per cent of a planned goal while temporarily blocked by a congressional committee, are likely to be revived, according to reports coming from Washington this morning.

Recognizing the seriousness of the food and oil situation, President Roosevelt is holding a conference with agriculture department officials and congressional representatives today in an effort to revive the incentive payment plan and push to maximum food production. Regardless of the nature of the action taken, recognized leaders and authorities see a scarcity of food and when there's a scarcity, favorable if not high prices are to be expected.

Texas farmers, seeing a good thing in the peanut program, are preparing to plant a greatly increased acreage to the goobers this year, a report from the agriculture department in that state declared this morning.

## Memorial Baptist Church Honors Its Members in Service

### Twenty-three Young Women And Men From Church In The Service

In a special service last Sunday, the local Baptist Church honored its members now serving in the armed forces. Twenty-three young men and women are representing the local church in many states and foreign lands.

Speaking for the membership at home, the pastor, Dr. William Rich, addressed those in the service, said: "We know that you know that this little token is not necessary to remind you that we are constantly thinking about you. Seldom an hour passes but that you are in our deepest thoughts. In you are our hopes and prayers. Our fondest dreams are of the day when we shall welcome you home again. May the God of all Grace have you in His care and keeping. May He, in His wise providence, hasten the day of victory so that you and we shall see the fruits of your sacrifice and be satisfied. Meantime, be assured of our unceasing prayers in your behalf and in behalf of the cause for which you are giving your all."

"We thank God for you and commit you into His loving care."

And then the minister addressed a few remarks to the membership remaining at home, as follows:  
 "Let us not forget that, 'One of the things for which our boys are fighting is that we might have the freedom and the privilege to worship. Of what benefit is it if we do not give their lives for something we do not value enough to use?' Surely the least we can do for the men in the armed services is to attend church regularly and offer our united prayers for their safety, success, and victory."

Following is a list of the names of those who are members of the church and who are serving their country, the pastor stating, "Should any be omitted from the list, we include them in our tribute."  
 Miss Edna Ballard and Miss Jessie Mae Holloman, U. S. Naval Hospital, Charleston, S. C.  
 Lieutenant O. S. Anderson, Jr., 1099 O.R.D., Army Air Post, Waycross, Ga.  
 Pvt. Wheeler Martin Anderson.

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## Reviews Activities On the Legislative Front in the State

### Bill Would Allow Officer To Make Arrest Anywhere for Misdemeanor

By CLARENCE W. GRIFFIN

Last Friday afternoon the finance committee completed its consideration of the Revenue Bill and voted to give it a favorable report. Generally speaking, the bill is about the same as the bill last year with a few minor exceptions. Schedule B, License Taxes, were reduced in several instances on those who were suffering from curtailment due to the war. The merchants in the State in the new bill were given 3 per cent of the amount of sales tax they collect, as a fee for collecting the tax. This was a very feeble gesture on the part of the committee to reconcile the merchants on the sales tax issue. As you can readily see, this will not mean much to the average small merchant. It is estimated that the bill will raise approximately one hundred and four million dollars during the next biennium. It did not provide for any increased taxes on taxpayer and certainly in that respect it is to be commended.

The wine bill passed its third reading in the house and was sent to the Senate. There was heated discussion on this bill, and it passed by a rather close vote.

Another bill which was introduced and passed the House would give commercial banks a right to make small loans on the same basis as industrial banks and national banks. There was considerable opposition to this bill in the House, and it was passed by a rather close vote.

The bill calling for a State-wide referendum on the whiskey issue is now in the committee which is holding public hearings, and the committee will probably take action during this week. It is generally predicted that the bill will not pass.

Probably the most important bill to be introduced in the North Carolina House this week is the bill for the regulation of the regular business schedule will obtain.

## Eliminated

Elaborate school commencement in this county and in all other schools, too, will be virtually eliminated this spring according to orders coming from State school officials. About the only thing the public can drive to will be the commencement sermon since they are recognized as essential and not prohibited by the pleasure driving ban.

Class night exercises, commencement addresses and picnics are definitely out, it is understood. However, it will be possible for the seniors to hold short programs during the last day of school when the graduating exercises will be held.

## Boy Scouts To Make Scrap Collections

### Plans are now being completed by the local Boy Scout Troop No. 27 to conduct an all-scrap drive, on February 27th. The local drive will be part of the giant Eastern Carolina collection staged by the area council.

It was announced last night that Bill Spivey would arrange the use of a truck for the collections here. As yet, a central clearing point has not been decided.

Housewives are urged by leaders of Troop 27 to save rags, metals and tin cans so that Williamston may go over the top for individual totals. The usual procedure of both ends and then mashing them flat must be followed so that shipment can be made.

Already arrangements have been completed with other towns in the regional council for scrap collection contests. It is expected that Williamston will compete directly with Bethel, Robersonville and Jamesville. The entire town will be covered, and Cobb, scoutmaster, will assign one boy or girl to cover the entire town. Housewives who have amassed an abundance of scrap and who are afraid of being missed are asked to contact leaders of the troop or the boys themselves.

## HOLIDAY

### While George Washington's birthday is not rated as a general holiday in this section, it will be observed as such by the two local banks and the post office. No town or rural deliveries will be made from the post office, and window service will be limited to the hours between 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., it was announced.

The banks will be closed all day, but in most all other cases the regular business schedule will obtain.

## Rationing System Will Effect a Fair Food Distribution

### More Than Money and Must Be Saved

Because the point rationing system has been designed to assure everyone a fair share of rationed goods and no one family or person will be allowed to have more than that fair share, one of the first requirements for getting War Ration Book Two will be the Declaration of Stocks of rationed foods on hand at the time of registration.

The first step, therefore, is for you to make an accurate count of the number of containers of these rationed foods on your pantry shelves. According to C. C. Martin, ration officer of the County OPA office, only one figure need be stated—the total number of cans containing eight ounces or over. Containers holding less than eight ounces need not be reported on the "Declaration." You do not need to specify each individual kind of food, just the total number of cans. Home preserved foods need not be counted.

At the time of registration, eight points will be torn from the new ration book for each can in excess of five per person. The official declarations forms were printed in the Enterprise and will be available at the registration places. It will save time when you register if you bring a declaration form already filled out.

Point deductions for excess stocks will be made as evenly as possible from all the new ration books for your family. Only part of the stamps for any one period will be deducted. You will always have part of your point stamps for each period left so you can buy some rationed foods.

This is the democratic way to make sure everyone gets an even break. Persons with unduly large stocks will be charged the proper number of points to make sure no one gets more food than he is entitled to have. Actually, people who have large stocks of rationed foods

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