

Rationing Board In Special Meet Here Yesterday Morning

No Action Taken on New Car Sales; Will Meet Again Next Monday

Asked to recognize a contract for the purchase of a new car, the Martin County Rationing Board in a special meeting here yesterday morning delayed action that would "unfreeze" inventories on hand as of January 1st in those cases where evidence of contracts could be established to the complete satisfaction of the board. The rationing of automobiles and trucks does not go into effect until the latter part of next week, and the board yesterday considered only those applications asking that those inventories on hand as of January 1st be released where evidence of contract could be established.

There are quite a few cases where customers placed orders with the dealers and trade agreements had been advanced verbally. The sales in those cases were "frozen" before deliveries could be effected. These cars, for the most part, are now in the dealers' showrooms. In addition to the "frozen" inventory, additional cars have been received by the dealers, but the late shipments will come under the car rationing system.

Only one application was filed with the board yesterday. Miss Lora E. Sleeper explained to the board that she had placed an order for a car on last June 28, that the type of car she ordered could not be had. It was fairly apparent in this case that while the particular car ordered by the applicant had not been made available, the Washington dealer had another car and that the applicant was asking that it be released. Instructions, released by the OPA, does not permit the board to recognize verbal contracts, and they point out that for a sale to be consummated an order must have been placed for a definite type of car. No action was taken on the application since the applicant did not list the motor number of the car and other detailed information.

Next Monday afternoon between 1 and 3 o'clock, the board will consider applications for certificates of purchase. Those persons who had placed orders for cars and who think they have sufficient evidence to prove contract are asked to appear.

William S. Mallory Dies Suddenly Last Wednesday Morning

Funeral Service for Prominent County Farmer Was Held Yesterday

William Sidney Mallory, well-known county farmer, died at his home near Oak City last Wednesday morning at 1:15 o'clock. Retiring about 8:00 o'clock Tuesday evening, Mr. Mallory was apparently in his usual health. About two hours later he woke up and told members of his family that he wasn't feeling well, but after receiving treatment he stated that his condition was better. About midnight he suffered the acute attack, and the family physician was called, and it was while he was talking with the doctor and members of the family that he suffered another attack and died suddenly.

Mr. Mallory, 59 years old on Thursday of last week, had a slight heart attack about three weeks ago, but he was found to be in fairly good health when undergoing a physical examination a few days later. He attended a hog killing Tuesday, and while he had not been as active as he once was, his health was considered as good as usual.

The son of the late Sidney C. and Lula York Mallory, he was born near Oxford in Granville County. When a child he moved with his family to Nash County, locating in the Chapel Community. When a young man he was married to Miss Effie Saunders in 1903. Following

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Preliminary Reports Point to Increase in Property Values

A sizable gain in assessed property values in Martin County was predicted today for 1942 over 1941 by County Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen. The tax supervisor, stating all the while that he anticipated a gain, based his more or less definite prediction on preliminary reports coming from three of the smaller townships in the county. "It is possible that the total assessed valuation this year will exceed the 1941 listings by half a million dollars or even more," Mr. Carstarphen said.

Reported Dead In Pacific Area



Austin Randolph Jackson, Jamesville young man, was reported to have died in the Pacific area last Monday, according to an official communication received by his mother, Mrs. Ora Jackson Burnett, this week from the Navy Department.

Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Eight Cases In The County's Court

Three Defendants Charged With Drunken Driving Last Monday

Judge Robert L. Coburn held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until after one o'clock last Monday before clearing the eight cases from the docket. The number of spectators was larger than usual, but most of them deserted the courtroom after hearing the trial of two long, drawn-out cases.

Drunken driving gobbled up almost half of the docket space, two of the defendants in the three cases pleading guilty as charged. Proceedings in the court: Continuing his round-up of alleged tax delinquents, Special Tax Collector S. H. Grimes presented W. T. Currie to the court for failing to pay his dog taxes. Currie pleaded guilty, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the taxes and the court costs.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging her with assaulting another person with a deadly weapon, Narcissus Williamson was sentenced to jail for thirty days. The jail sentence was suspended upon payment of a \$15 fine and the court costs. Notice of appeal was given, and the court required bond in the sum of \$100.

Adjudged guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Marion Andrews was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. The sentence was suspended upon the condition that the defendant pay a \$50 fine and the court costs. His liability

Will Offer Cross Roads Bonds For Sale Tuesday

Martin County will offer \$44,000 worth of Cross Roads Township road refunding bonds for sale in Raleigh next Tuesday morning, Commissioner C. D. Carstarphen said today.

While the bond market may not be as favorable as it was a short time ago, county authorities are hopeful the interest can be materially reduced from the six per cent rate the bonds are now carrying.

VICTORY SING

The Martin County-Bethel Symphonic Chorus, Lewis Sidney Bullock, conductor, will lead a Victory Community Sing at the high school auditorium in Williamston Sunday afternoon, February 22nd, at 3:00 o'clock. All music lovers are invited to attend and participate in the singing.

Mrs. Virginia Perry Passes At Her Home Here This Morning

Funeral Services for Aged Citizen Tomorrow Afternoon At 2:30 O'Clock

Mrs. Virginia Perry, one of the town's oldest citizens and a widow of the Confederacy, died at her home here on Beech Street this morning at 12:20 o'clock following a long period of declining health. An invalid for almost ten years, Mrs. Perry was as well as usual last Saturday when she talked freely on various subjects with members of the family and friends. Last Sunday she was taken ill, the end coming gradually, and peacefully this morning, the result of infirmities of age.

The daughter of the late John Lanier and Mary Hodges Ward, she was born in this county a short distance from the Beaufort County line on July 6, 1854. She recalled the Civil War and even up until a short time ago she told about the hardships and trials experienced during that period.

On December 10, 1873, she was married to W. Micajah Perry who fought through the Civil War. Following their marriage the young couple located in Williams Township, moving from there to Williamston about 1914. Especially attached to children and young people, her home was open to friends at all times, and

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Few Filing Federal Income Tax Returns

Few people in this county are filing income tax returns with special agents of the Treasury Department who are maintaining headquarters in the Williamston post office this week. "Apparently the people are filing their returns directly with the Collector of Internal Revenue in Greensboro," one of the department representatives said.

Few farmers are said to have filed reports on their income for 1941, one of the representatives pointing out that single farmers making \$750 and married farmers making as much as \$1,500 gross during 1941 are supposed to file a return. It does not necessarily mean that all farmers with that much gross income have to pay income taxes, but according to the law they must report their earnings.

While the increase in income taxes will average about nine per cent greater in 1941 than for 1940, the man paying \$12 income tax for 1940 will be called upon to pay about \$90 this year, it was learned. The special income tax representatives will be in the post office in Williamston until Saturday noon.

Japs Pushing Drive On Several Nations In the Pacific Area

Attacks on North Carolina and Virginia Coasts Are Now Considered Likely

Leaving only a small spot in the hands of General Douglas MacArthur and his men unconquered, the yellow-tinted Japs are rapidly continuing their push on several fronts in the South Pacific, late reports stating that two strong jaws had been forced closed on Java in the fall of Sumatra and the small territory of Bali to the west of Java. The fighting is just about over in Sumatra and Bali, and even though the attack on General MacArthur is expected to continue unabated, the next bloody fighting on a large scale is scheduled in Java where the last of the Southwest Pacific Allied bases stands outside of Australia. American troops have been landed in Java, and American airmen are there, but in what numbers it could not be learned.

Australia, for the first time in its history, has had its mainland attacked. Jap planes in fair large numbers doing an extensive damage to the port of Darwin in two raids yesterday. The Japs claim they sunk thirteen ships but Australian authorities while admitting an extensive damage deny the claim. Australia is now on an all-out war schedule. Sporting programs have been "chucked" by the board, and it is a crime for a man to even ask for pay for his services. Bank presidents, clerks and other white-collar people are using picks and shovels in the defense of their country. The occupation of the Portuguese island of Timor by the Japs yesterday is aggravating the already critical situation for Australia. Timor is just 400 miles north of Australia.

In Burma, the British were said to be holding their lines in defense of Rangoon and the Burma Road. However, the Japs are pouring men into Burma, and it is believed that the Burma Road will fall within a few days. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek conferred with leaders in

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Dr. W. R. Burrell Addresses Kiwanis

"Don't rock the boat, take courage and weigh matters in the light of their spiritual and moral value," Dr. W. R. Burrell said last night when speaking of world conditions to members of the Kiwanis Club.

With reference to rocking the boat, Dr. Burrell was speaking, of course, to adverse criticism to our governmental departments and our war efforts. "We must have courage, fortitude and faith in our leaders and the cause for which we fight. If we are on the right side we'll win... if not we deserve to lose," the speaker said.

Dr. Burrell, who served as chaplain with the British forces in the first world conflict, visited or saw service in practically every country involved in the war. His talk was both informative and interesting and he counseled and commissioned each individual to do the job which is now yours to do well.

George Thorpe and Robert Kimball, new members, met with the club last night. Both Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Kimball just recently moved to Williamston and are employed by the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Children Hurt In School Bus Wreck

Several children were hurt, none seriously, yesterday morning shortly after nine o'clock when a school bus driven by Charles Mizelle plowed into another school bus driven by Slade Peel Revels at Skewarkey, near here.

Eula Mae Williams, suffering a neck injury, Willie Lou Bowen, her nose bruised, and Magdalene Bowen, with an ankle injury, were treated in the offices of Drs. Rhodes and Llewellyn and later released. Several other children were slightly bruised, one or two of them biting their lips.

Reporting the accident, Principal D. N. Hix stated that the Revels driver stopped his bus quickly to pick up some children who had been out several days on account of the measles. Mizelle, hardly expecting Revels to stop and paying little attention to his driving, plowed into the first bus. No great damage was done to the buses. Both drivers were relieved of their jobs, it was learned.

BANK HOLIDAY

Falling on Sunday, George Washington's birthday will be observed as a holiday by the local banks and post office next Monday. No mail deliveries will be effected that day. Next Monday will not be observed as a general holiday, however, and business, for the most part, will maintain its regular schedule of activities.

Local Youth Believed Lost In Sea Tragedy Off N. C. Coast

Dennis R. Coltrain, local young man, has been reported missing by a North Atlantic Steamship Company, his anxious parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dawse Coltrain, stating this morning that the ship he was on had been due in an Atlantic port since January 18th.

Signing on a large steam ship of the U. S. Merchant Marine last December, Coltrain, 35-years-old, held the rank of second assistant engineer. The name of the ship was not disclosed, but it was believed to have been attacked somewhere off the North Carolina coast. One of its life boats was picked up empty off Cape Hatteras some time ago, and as far as it could be learned here none of

the crew has been reported found. Despite the discouraging report, the young man's aged parents still entertain a remarkable hope for his safety. "He may have been picked up by another ship traveling out to sea, and his rescue has not been reported," Mrs. Coltrain reasoned. The young man had been in the merchant marine service for about ten years. Another son, Johnny, is also in the service and no word has been received from him in recent weeks. A third son, Moses, recently transferred from the service to a land position.

The size, name and type of ship Dennis was working on was not disclosed. Mrs. Coltrain was not certain if the ship had been reported lost.

Measles Epidemic Sweeping Through Schools of County

Hundreds of Cases Reported In County by Principals Wednesday

Martin County schools are in the midst of their worst contagious disease epidemics in a number of years, according to a report coming from a meeting of the Martin County Schoolmasters Club in Oak City last Wednesday evening. Nearly three hundred pupils were absent from school that day on account of measles, it was learned, the report stating that it was impossible to tell how many other children had contracted the disease and were still attending school.

The epidemic, while sweeping through the schools in nearly every section of the county with the exception of Robersonville and Oak City, is centered for the most part in the Williamston and Everetts districts, Williamston reporting an even hundred cases and Everetts, 55. Hamilton was next with 35 cases, with Farm Life following closely with 34 cases. Bear Grass reported 30 cases and Jamesville 20. Robersonville and Oak City had only one case each.

Very few cases have been reported in the colored schools.

The epidemic is possibly even more inclusive than the one reported about six years ago when the schools were forced to suspend operations for a few days. However, there is little likelihood that the schools will close, a report stating that unless the epidemic becomes more serious the schools will continue to operate.

No direct report has been released by the county health officer, but it was learned from the health office that 183 cases of measles had been reported. The number called to the attention of the health office is nearly 100 less than the number of absences actually reported by the school authorities.

If there has been any discussion about the advisability of closing or even continuing the schools, no mention has been called to the attention of the public.

Only one of the cases has proved serious, but most of the victims have carried unusually high fevers, temperatures ranging as high as 106 degrees in some cases. Most of the victims have had bad coughs and in some instances slight chest congestions.

It is understood that the large number of absences will not necessarily affect the attendance records as far as teacher allotments for the next term are concerned. It is quite evident that large numbers of children will get behind in their work.

Measles Fatal To Ten-Year-Old Girl

Orice Maverine Hardison, ten years old, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adron Hardison, in Griffins Township at 5:45 o'clock this morning of pneumonia. Taken ill with a cold last Sunday, the little girl was able to attend school Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday night she was taken quite ill with measles, pneumonia developing the following day. She had been a diabetic patient for about four years and in her weakened condition she was unable to combat the heavy burden of the added disease.

Ten years old the fifth of this month, the little girl took much interest in her school-work and would have made the current honor roll in the Farm Life school had she not been absent Wednesday. It was partly to attain the honor that she insisted on attending school the first two days of this week. She was bright and cheerful despite ill health.

Besides her parents she is survived by two brothers, James Adron, and Alvin M. Hardison, and a half-brother, Dennis Myrton Hardison. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township.

Young County Man Reported Dead In Pacific War Area

Austin Randolph Jackson Is Said to Have Died Monday Possibly in Hawaii

Austin Randolph Jackson, youthful son of Mrs. Ora Jackson Burnett, was reported to have died in the Pacific area last Monday, according to an official communication received by his mother in Jamesville this week. No details of his death could be had, the brief message merely stating that the lad had died in a naval hospital presumably in Honolulu.

It was the second message bearing sad news for the young man's mother and other relatives and friends in the Jamesville community and over the county. Following the dastardly attack by the yellow-tinted Japs on Pearl Harbor December 7th, young Jackson was reported lost on December 16th, the terse message coming from the Navy Department stating that he had been lost in the performance of his duty in the defense of his country. The message, coming soon after Pearl Harbor, was shocking to the people of this county. About two weeks later on January 1st, his mother received a message stating that he was alive. Christmas presents followed in due time and the youth corresponded with his mother, his thoughtfulness prompting him to send a goodly portion of his meager salary to her. And then the message bearing the shocking news was flashed across the Pacific to San Francisco and then across the continent, heaping sadness and sorrow upon his loved ones again.

No details of the young man's death could be had. It is believed, however, that he was wounded during the Pearl Harbor attack, and that death was possibly the result of those wounds. The son of Mrs. Ora Jackson Burnett and the late Austin Jackson, he was born in Jamesville on December 15th, 1923. When a mere tot of five years, the boy lost his father. He grew up in the Jamesville community where he readily made friends and where he was recognized as a typical all-around American lad. Asking little of life for himself, the lad before rounding out sixteen years of age, offered his services to his country by volunteering in the Navy. The picture appearing elsewhere in this paper, portrays the youthfulness of the lad, his innocence of brutal warfare standing out

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Discusses Twelfth Grade For Schools In P. T. A Meeting

Not Certain How, When Or Where Grade Can Be Added to Present System

Virtually admitting that definite plans had not yet been advanced for its adoption, Superintendent J. C. Manning, addressing the regular meeting of the local parent-teacher association Wednesday afternoon, discussed the general plan for adding another grade to the schools. He said:

The 1941 General Assembly on March 13th passed a law replacing the present eleven-year system of schools with a twelve-year system. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction was charged with the duties of setting up the twelve-year system and \$50,000 was appropriated to make the study.

The State Superintendent called a committee of approximately eighty people, including laymen, college professors, county and city superintendents, supervisors, principals and teachers.

The first thing the committee did was to decide where this additional grade should be placed in the system. There was a unanimous consent in the minds of the committee that this grade should be placed in the elementary school and that it should follow after the seventh grade setting up our new system on a basis

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Tentative Plans for Widening River Bridge Are Approved

Tentative plans for widening the Roanoke River bridge here have been approved, according to unofficial information received here this week. Few details could be gained relative to the proposed project, but according to reliable sources of information it is now possible for the Highway Commission to proceed with its plans for widening the bridge.

It was pointed out that priority ratings for steel girders to be used in widening the concrete part of the bridge could not be had, but that ratings for reinforced steel for making concrete girders had been granted. It could not be learned definitely, but it was understood that the steel for the draw bridge itself was included in the priority ratings recently established.

Bids for widening the bridge were asked some weeks ago, but no contract was awarded, and it is believed that the delay was caused when ratings could not be had at that time. It could not be learned if and when the commission plans to call for bids on the project, but it is believed that since the road is an important link in the federal and military road system that every effort will be made to improve the bridge. Mr. J. C. Parkin has been transferred from High Point here as resident engineer for the highway commission, but he could offer no definite plans relative to the proposed project.