



Demands For Tires Far Exceed Number Allotted To County

Eleven Tires and 11 Tubes Allotted Applicants in County Monday

The shortage of tires and tubes for both passenger cars and other types of vehicles in this county is becoming more pronounced from week to week. Rationing Board Chairman C. C. Martin stated this week that the demand now pending will cut deep into and possibly exhaust the allotment for next month. No April allotment has been announced, but it will have to be a sizable one if the present demands are to be met along with those expected next month.

More applications for certificates of purchase were received than the board allotted this week, and now the board has accumulated applications requesting 20 truck tires and 20 truck tire tubes, 32 passenger car tires and 28 passenger car tire tubes, 12 trailer tires and 12 trailer tire tubes and two tractor tires and one tractor tire tube. Altogether there are 31 applications for tire purchase certificates carried over by the board at its meeting Monday.

New applications were received by the board Monday for the purchase of fourteen truck tires and tubes, ten car tires and six car tire tubes, eight trailer tires and tubes and one tractor tire. No requests were rejected, but it is understood that favorable action is not to be expected when further consideration is given some of the applications next week. Exhausting its weekly quota, the board this week just did not examine all the applications, other than those falling in high-rating classifications.

Certificates of purchase were awarded the following: Dr. Edward Lee Early, Jr., Williamston, four tires and two tubes.

F. F. Pollard, Robersonville, two truck tires and two tubes for hauling produce.

Dayle Bakery, Rocky Mount, one tire for the delivery of bakery products. It is understood that this certificate will be charged against the quota in the county's home county.

Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two truck tires and tubes for the delivery of meat and other food products.

John S. Whitman, Robersonville, two truck tires and tubes for hauling logs.

Rogers Supply Company, Williamston RFD No. 2, one truck tube for hauling supplies.

Unable to establish a classification that would qualify them for a certificate of purchase, some of the boys in the county are talking about studying for the ministry. Ministers, in some cases, are able to get tires, but those who would reform are advised that a number of bona fide ministers have had applications before the board for several weeks and have gotten no tires as yet.

New applications for tires and tubes received by the board this week were filed by the following:

Columbus Ebron, Williamston minister, four car tires and tubes.

Walter Alexander Manning, Jr., Williamston, two truck tires and tubes.

W. O. Abbit, two truck tires and tubes.

Charles H. Ange, Jamesville, two car tires and tubes.

Martin County Forest Fire Service, six trailer tires and tubes.

Lawrence Thomas Scott, of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, Williamston, four car tires.

Easter Seal Sale Planned In County

The school children of Martin County are going to do their part to see that crippled youngsters have a chance to be like other kids by joining the annual sale of Easter seals for crippled children. Miss Mary W. Taylor, local chairman of the sale, said today.

"Over 6647 children will take part and will dispose of that many seals," Miss Taylor said.

The seals, which sell at one cent each, are being sold throughout the nation this week. Sponsored nationally by the National Society for Crippled Children, the seal sale is put on in North Carolina by the North Carolina League for Crippled Children.

"Laid end to end, the number of Easter seals distributed last year in the United States would reach from Elyria, Ohio, the National Society's headquarters, to Los Angeles and back." "It is hoped that this year the number distributed will show an increase consistent with the gains made each year in the past," she said.

Proceeds from the sale are used to advance the general program for physically handicapped children, including physical correction, education, social and vocational adjustment, and recreational opportunity.

"The cooperation of the schools is practically welcome because of present efforts to establish adequate educational facilities for crippled children," Miss Taylor said. "Frequently the only hope a crippled child has of becoming an independent wage earner is that of becoming a trained brain-worker. The Easter Seal has come to be recognized as the pictorial symbol of freedom and independence of the handicapped child."

Plans For Rationing Of Sugar Encounter Still Another Snag

Plans for rationing sugar to the 130 million mouths in this country have now encountered another snag, and it is quite possible that diabetic victims will have been developed and passed on before the stingy business is inaugurated. First scheduled for early March, the rationing plans were later tentatively scheduled to go into effect the latter part of this month. Now the rationing authorities have come out of their circle just long enough to say the registration will be handled on May 4, 5, 6 and 7 for individuals and on April 28 and 29 for commercial users.

But will the individuals register at the elementary schools in this county on May 4, 5, 6 and 7? All the schools in the county except those at Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass and Williamston, will close May 1.

Does it mean that the teachers will be detained in the several communities to handle the registration? The superintendent of schools in this county does not know what will be done. It has been suggested that the registration dates could be advanced a week or more, but before that information can be had local authorities must first learn where to write to get instructions.

During the meantime, the rationing authorities of the OPA (Office of Price Administration) must decide whether the individual is to be allowed one-half or three-quarters of a pound of sugar per week. All sugar sales in the United States will be suspended on April 27 for approximately one week or until the rationing system is placed in operation in accordance with the announced registration schedule.

LIKES THE ARMY?

Indirect reports reaching here indicate that Albert (Jim Dawson) Cooke likes the Army very well. Leaving with a number of other county boys a few weeks ago, the young man was reported to have said that he would pay 'em a thousand dollars and walk all the way home if they would let him out. He is in the St. Louis area, some 1,200 miles from here.

"Skipper" Cowen, another recent addition to the fighting forces from this county, has been home twice to tell everybody how well he likes the Army.

School Girl Hurt In Bus Accident

Hazel Jones, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Jones, of near Williamston, was severely hurt yesterday afternoon when she was struck by a school bus in front of her home on or near the Mary Cherry farm.

The bus driver, Russell Bullock, stated that several children got off the bus and cleared the front of the vehicle, that he thought the road was clear and started to drive away. He heard a bump and looked back and saw the child lying in the road. According to the victim, she got off the bus and dropped her shoe and when she darted back to get it and was bending down to get the shoe and was bent over, she was struck by the wheels. She suffered a broken hip and was removed to a Washington hospital for treatment after receiving first aid in the offices of Drs. Rhodes and Llewellyn here.

District Churches Meet In Pinetown

Delegates of the various Christian churches throughout this section are attending the annual Roanoke District Convention meeting with the Church of Christ in Pinetown next Saturday and Sunday, B. F. Leggett, president of the convention, announced this week.

The sessions will get underway promptly each morning at 10 o'clock, eastern war time and the theme of the convention will center around "The Ministry." President Leggett is extending a cordial welcome to all the delegates and a large meeting is anticipated.

Superior Court In Final Session Of Term Here Today

Nine Divorces Are Granted by Court During Current Term in County

Holding very few jury trials but continuing a number of cases and settling others by compromise or agreement, the regular term of the Martin County Superior Court made ready for adjournment this afternoon. The final sessions are being largely attended, and the proceedings in one or two cases actually attracted disinterested spectators.

During the term opening on Monday of last week, the court granted nine divorces, a near record for one sitting. Based on two years of separation, divorces were granted in the following cases this week: William David Cromwell against Martha Williams Cromwell; Geneva Dalberry against Columbus Dalberry; and Estelle Williams Holliday against Roland Holliday.

The case of W. L. Chesson against the Town of Robersonville was continued for the defendant when it was pointed out that a defense witness was sick and could not attend court. A continuance was also granted in the case of Margaret Whitaker against D. M. Roberson when the defendant explained to the court that one of his witnesses could not be found.

A compromise was noted in the case of Mrs. L. H. Matthews against E. R. White, the plaintiff taking nothing and the defendant being taxed with the cost.

The case of C. U. Rogers and others (Continued on page six)

BEATS DRAFT

Drawing a comparatively low number and realizing that he did not stand the chance of a ghost when his name was called by his father as chairman of the Martin County Draft Board, Ray Goodman, Jr., last week volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps. Quitting school at the University last week, the young man received instructions to report for a physical examination in Raleigh this morning. He is expected to return home for a few days pending the outcome of his tests.

Japs' Fierce Drive Southward Has Been Halted Temporarily

Outcome of Diplomatic Move In India and Fighting In Russia Awaited

After overrunning a large territory in the far Pacific, the Japs in a fierce offensive southward are encountering a stronger and more determined opposition, late reports stating that the barbarian hordes have been halted temporarily at the door of Australia. Reported to have lost thousands of men, more than 50 ships and well over 100 airplanes during the past eight weeks, the Japs are now waking up to the fact that there is an opposition, and a growing opposition at that.

Less than 24 hours after Japanese planes had struck the heaviest blow of the war at Port Moresby, a dispatch from the Papuan capital, on the New Guinea Island, said the Japanese land drive in that direction had broken down and that the invaders had reached "a more complete stalemate than they have encountered in any other zone in the Pacific war."

Since landing at Rabaul, the Japanese have captured only one town on New Britain—Gasmata—and they have not been able to extend their hold on New Guinea beyond the beachheads at Lae and Salamaua, except for a slight advance into Markham Valley. The Port Moresby dispatch said.

The Japanese air offensive, however, lost none of its force.

Nineteen Japanese heavy bombers and three fighters raided Port Moresby, 350 miles across Torres Strait from Cape York, but a communique said they caused little damage and no casualties.

The communique said the Japanese dropped 60 to 70 bombs on Port Moresby, apparently concentrating on the airfield in an effort to make it useless as an Allied base. While it said two crack Japanese "Zero" fighters crashed outside the town, a Port Moresby dispatch reported a third was known to have been hit.

The Japanese plane losses brought to a probable 27 this number destroyed or damaged by the Allies in two days of the most savage aerial fighting yet waged at the approaches to Australia.

While the Jap push southward is in an apparent stalemate, temporarily at least, results of pending developments in India are being anxiously awaited in the diplomatic world. Sir Stafford Cripps, the Britisher who recognized Russia as a bulwark (Continued on page six)

Tells Experience At Pearl Harbor

In a recent letter to his brother in this county, Atwood Gurganus, one of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gurganus's three sons now in the army, related an experience at Pearl Harbor on Sunday, December 7th. He said, in part:

"A Jap plane crashed within 75 yards of me and then I stood guard while the pilot was still in it. You know how planes in the movies burst into flames and crash. Well, I saw a lot of that. I could have gotten some good shots at those slant-eyed devils, but I only had a pistol at the time."

Since Pearl Harbor, the forces in Hawaii have been on the alert, young Gurganus stating that as a usual thing they slept in their clothes, pulling them off only to take a bath.

Farmers Will Vote On Conservation District

Ballots Are Being Mailed To Martin Farmers This Week

Landowners Asked To Return Ballots Not Later Than Next Saturday

At a public hearing in Williamston on March 13th to consider the advisability of establishing a soil conservation district for Martin County, a large number of land owners met with Mr. T. B. Brandon, Farm Agent, and Mr. E. H. Meacham, Extension Soil Conservationist. After discussing the advantages to be derived from such a district, those present at the hearing decided to hold an election on March 26, 27 and 28, 1942, at which time all landowners in Martin County would be asked to vote on the creation of a soil conservation district for Martin County.

The name of the proposed district will be the Coastal Plain District and will be composed of Martin, Edgecombe, Pitt and Greene Counties.

Brandon says, that the voting for this proposition will be conducted by mail, and from his office he will mail each landowner a self-addressed card with the ballot printed on the back. Each voter is asked to mark his ballot, sign it and mail it back, postage free, or he may bring his ballot in to the county agent's office in Williamston.

If a majority of those voting in the election favor the creation of a soil conservation district, the State Committee will make the services of the Soil Conservation Service available to the farmers in Martin County who would like to have this service. This service will include technical assistance from trained men located in Martin County in working out a complete farm program of soil conservation to include crop rotations, pasture improvement, terracing, farm drainage, establishment of wind breaks, re-forestation and other practices that will help to improve and conserve the soil of Martin County. All the expense of this service will be born by the Soil Conservation Service and will not cost the taxpayers of Martin County anything.

The following is the official notice of the referendum:

Notice of referendum on creation of Coastal Plain Soil Conservation District to include all of Martin County.

To all occupiers of lands lying within the proposed Coastal Plain Soil Conservation District, complain (Continued on page six)

IMPORTANT

An important meeting of the entire Baptist Church membership here will be held in the church auditorium tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. B. S. Courtney, chairman of the pulp committee, announced this morning. "It is very urgent that all members attend the meeting," Mr. Courtney said.

It is expected that the membership will take action toward filling the pulpit made vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. H. Smith a few weeks ago.

APPROVED

Meeting in Raleigh last Saturday, the State Board of Elections approved recommendations by the county Democratic and Republican executive committees calling for the appointments of Messrs. Sylvester Peel and J. R. Winslow as democratic members and Wade Vick as republican member of the county board of elections. Mr. Peel is entering upon his eighth term as a member or chairman of the board.

Funeral Saturday For W. E. Sawyer

Funeral services were conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home on Main Street here last Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock by Dr. William R. Burrell, Baptist minister, for Mr. William E. Sawyer, local resident who died in a Washington hospital last Friday afternoon following a short illness.

The body, accompanied by Mrs. Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Sawyer, Jr., was removed to the old home in Louisville, Kentucky, that afternoon and final rites were held there yesterday.

Mr. Sawyer, prominent in the tobacco business for a long number of years, came to Williamston last July and was prominently associated with the W. L. Skinner Tobacco Company, making many new friends in his work here. He was a victim of the American and British appeasement policy in Spain. An exporter of tobacco, Mr. Sawyer had a shipment of the leaf to move into Spain just before the revolution. Franco, the little god of the appeasers and Tories, repudiated all the obligations of the Spanish government, and Mr. Sawyer as many others did, lost the savings of a life time. Despite the misfortune, he still carried on and was again on the road to success when death overtook him.

County Board Plans For Twelfth Grade

The problem of establishing a twelfth grade for the county schools was discussed and left unsolved by the Martin County Board of Education in special meeting here yesterday. The school authorities are to return for further discussions on April 6th when they are expected to formulate some definite plan for creating the extra grade.

The board members are undecided just when and where to infiltrate the added grade into the present system. It is fairly well agreed however that the board members will not eliminate the graduation program for those seniors who are scheduled to complete the present courses of study this spring. The graduates will be contacted and urged to return for the extra courses of study to be offered next year. It is possible that one graduation program will be eliminated next year or the year following.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed For Week

Out of 7,500,000 Men in War Work, Less Than Hundred Are on Strike

The Office for Emergency Management, division of information, U. S. Government, released the following information as it relates to war activities on the home front:

Just what did it mean to motorists of the eastern states and of the Pacific Northwest when it was announced last week that gasoline rationing would begin soon? Most of them accepted the situation realistically when gasoline deliveries to filling stations were curtailed 20 per cent and when the Office of Price Administration froze retail gasoline prices at their level of March 13th. And there was little surprise when these moves were followed by the disclosure that rationing would begin in about six weeks. Why this calmness on the part of the average motorist when it was obvious that these moves would have a direct effect upon his everyday life?

Well, the issuance of ration cards to motorists will mean their enrollment in a new conservation corps at a time when tanker sinkings have reduced the gasoline supply in the areas affected and when war needs are demanding more and more of this precious fuel. This new rationing move drives home anew to many Americans the basic truth that conservation and wise use of our resources must go hand in hand with production and fighting in our country's victory program.

Did you hear any motorist anywhere grumbling because he'll have to get along with less gasoline? If so, just ask him which he had rather see: rationing for his own automobile or for the tanks, planes and armored cars of America's armed forces.

To Issue Gas Coupons

The rationing will be accomplished by a rigid coupon system according to Petroleum Coordinator Harold Ickes. He declined last week to say just how much the gallonage of the average motorist might be cut, but he made the point that individuals would be classified according to their needs. The actual rationing will begin as soon as the millions of cards can be printed, which probably will be in about six weeks.

Price ceilings fixed by the OPA were for a 60-day period, after which there may be changes. Meanwhile, filling stations are being required by the War Production Board to confine their operations to 72 hours a week. Many stations are complying with the order by remaining open 12 hours a day, six days a week.

Urges Pooling Deliveries

Firms are seeking to adjust local delivery services as a means of conserving trucks, tires and other equipment and materials.

Mounting demand upon all passenger transportation facilities will make "travel as usual" more and more difficult during the months to come, predicts Joseph B. Eastman, director of Defense Transportation. Although he expressed sympathy with the need for vacations and recreation, he declared that non-essential travel should be limited by voluntary action.

Parleys Boost Production Labor and management representatives, meeting last week in New York and Boston in the first of 31 regional parleys, gave full support to the production drive begun recently by the WPB.

Sounding again the keynote of the drive, Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, declared in a radio address to the nation last week that although plane (Continued on page six)

Order Numbers for Third Registration In County

New Registrants In Martin County To Get Questionnaires About May

Subject to a slight variation and correction in some instances, order numbers for late registrants in this county are listed below. Three hundred and two numbers were announced last week, the list below starting from that number.

10,303—John Henry Allsbrooks, w, Williamston
10,304—Linwood Stanley Weathersbee, w, Robersonville
10,305—Horace Leslie Rodgers, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,306—H. D. Bond, c, Williamston
10,307—James Ernest Rason, w, Williamston
10,308—Walter Lawrence Brown, w, Jamesville
10,309—Zeolar Lee Ander Cox, w, Oak City
10,310—Fulton Ray Warrick, w, Williamston
10,311—Moses Carr, c, Parmele
10,312—John Alford Manning, w, Oak City
10,313—Joe David Thrower, w, Williamston
10,314—John M. Tyner, c, Williamston
10,315—James Thomas Spencer, w, Jamesville
10,316—Heber Ayers, w, Robersonville RFD 1
10,317—Joe Bunting, w, Palmyra RFD 1
10,318—Dennis Roosevelt Barber, w, Williamston RFD 1

10,319—James Walker, Jr., c, Williamston
10,320—Lee McGlen Warren, w, Robersonville RFD 2
10,321—John Jasper Black, c, Robersonville
10,322—Charles Andrew Pate, w, Williamston RFD 1
10,323—Elliott Green Wynne, Jr., w, Williamston
10,324—William Alphonso Fleming, w, Hassell
10,325—Richard Hall Smith, w, Williamston
10,326—James Daniel Nicholson, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,327—William Henry James, c, Oak City
10,328—John Best, Jr., c, Oak City RFD 1
10,329—Jeremiah James, c, Williamston RFD 1
10,330—David Roosevelt Holliday, w, Jamesville
10,331—Lorenza Roberson, c, Robersonville RFD 1
10,332—Alonza Hardison, c, Williamston RFD 3
10,333—Lester Cornelius Roebuck, w, Robersonville RFD 1
10,334—Onley Shepard Cowen, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,335—Lewis Thomas Winberry, w, Robersonville RFD 2
10,336—Elijah Wilson, c, Hassell
10,337—Ben Bennett, c, Williamston
10,338—Ed Thomas, c, Parmele

NO KEY LIST YET

County draft board clerks are marking time in the handling of the third draft registration pending the receipt of official master key lists for assigning the new registrants their order numbers. The list is expected within the next few days, and the registrants will be notified soon thereafter the order in which they will be subjected to call for military duty.

A small variation in the unofficial order numbers appearing in this paper bobbed up today when an error was discovered in the recent registration of D. C. McLawhorn, local white man. The registrar made a mistake in recording the registrant's age and instead of being referred to the first registration, he is now included in the last and properly so. His serial number is 1,291 and his order number ranks with the low ones. By the insertion of the added number, most of the other order numbers are advanced by one.

Official Order Numbers Have Not Been Announced For This County

10,343—Jesse Earl Rawls, w, Jamesville RFD 1
10,344—Harse Andrews, c, Hassell
10,345—Frank Lester Rogers, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,346—Eli Hyman Bowen, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,347—Zachary Taylor Piephoff, w, Williamston
10,348—Milton Mendenhall, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,349—Thomas Earl Martin, w, Jamesville RFD 1
10,350—Lawrence James Lilley, w, Williamston RFD 1
10,351—Raymond Hayes Goodman, Jr., w, Williamston
10,352—William Edgar Davis, w, Hamilton
10,353—James Robert Leggett, w, Williamston
10,354—LeRoy Everett, w, Hamilton
10,355—Tiller James, c, Jamesville RFD 1
10,356—John Little, c, Williamston
10,357—Wallace Olinthus Andrews, w, Robersonville
10,358—Frank Jonah Margolis, w, Williamston
10,359—Edgar Jarvis Gurganus, w, Williamston
10,360—Gabriel Wiggins, c, Williamston
10,361—George Ingram Kerr, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,362—William Claude Jones, c, Parmele

10,363—Praise Liberty Lee, w, Oak City
10,364—John Richard Nelson, w, Robersonville RFD 2
10,365—Elmer Taylor Mizelle, w, Williamston
10,366—Harry Barr, c, Oak City RFD 1
10,367—Wallace Elvin Rawls, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,368—Herbert Purvis, c, Robersonville RFD 2
10,369—Abram Peal Barnhill, w, Everetts
10,370—William Edmund Early, w, Oak City
10,371—Asa Leroy Moore, w, Williamston RFD 1
10,372—William Linwood Harrell, w, Palmyra RFD 1
10,373—Frank Johnson, c, Robersonville RFD 2
10,374—David Albert Omary, w, Williamston
10,375—Jesse James Norfleet, c, Palmyra RFD 1
10,376—James Roy Moore, c, Williamston RFD 1
10,377—Samuel Abraham Ayers, w, Williamston
10,378—Parmele James, c, Oak City
10,379—Jimmie Sack, c, Jamesville
10,380—Mack Daniel Leggett, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,381—James Alexander, c, Palmyra
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WPA Curtailment Will Be Effectuated

Effective during the early part of next month, the Works Progress Administration district offices will reduce the number of its operating personnel in the employment division, according to Chief Lee Wallace, head of the organization's activities in this section of the State. Several of the personnel, it is understood, are planning to enter private employment, and others will be transferred to Raleigh along with the files and records to carry on the main work of the employment division there. The move is a part of a State-wide centralization program, Mr. Wallace stated, explaining that the work in the districts will be handled by a skeleton force while the main activities will be handled by a reduced operating personnel in Raleigh.

At least seven persons will leave the local office, including Mr. Harold Hargett who has ably headed the division here for the past several years. He and Mrs. Hargett have made many friends who regret to learn that the change is to be effectuated.

Mr. Wallace stated that WPA activities are being drastically curtailed, that no public projects are being considered unless they are directly connected with the war effort. Only one non-war project, the Bear Grass school gymnasium, is underway in this county at the present time.