

More Tires Issued By Rationing Board In County Thursday

Applications for Eighty-two
Tires Filed During Week
Are Carried Over

The tire shortage in this county took another decided turn for the worse here yesterday when the rationing board released its weekly allotment and carried over applications for eighty-two tires. Filed during the past week or since the meeting held on August 27th, the applications will receive consideration in due time, but it is becoming more and more apparent day by day that numbers of cars and quite a few trucks will have been forced off the highways in this county long before the applications for tires can be favorably considered.

The list of current applications is not appearing this week for the simple reason that many of the applicants in the past saw their names in the group and thought tires had been allotted to them. Apparently they failed to understand that the applications were only acknowledged, that they were in the list carried over for later consideration. These applications, filed since the meeting on August 27th called for thirty-seven automobile tires and an even dozen tubes; 25 new truck tires, fifteen truck tire tubes, twenty recapped tires and four obsolete tires and tubes.

New truck tires were issued to the following:

W. W. Taylor, Robersonville, four tires and tubes for hauling lumber.
R. A. Critcher and Brother, Williamston, four tires and four tubes, for hauling lumber.

Recapped tires for trucks were allotted as follows:

J. Walter Gurganus, three tires and tubes for farm.
Martin County Transfer Company, Robersonville, two tires for hauling farm produce.

Frank Fagan Carstarphen, Williamston, two tires for hauling fuel.
Royal Baking Company, Raleigh and Williamston, two tires for wholesale delivery of bakery products.

There were no new car tires allotted, but recapped tires for automobiles were issued to the following:

J. H. Hopkins, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for farm.
Archie Hardison, Jamesville, two tires for farm.

M. B. Barefoot, Williamston, RFD 3, one tire for farm.
J. T. Phelps, Williamston, three tires for farm.

Mrs. Martha M. Rawls, Hassell, three tires for farm.
Obsolete car tires were allotted to the following applicants, some of the applications dating as far back as early July:

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

Andrew Flanagan, RFD 1, Hobgood, two tires and two tubes for farm.
Bethel Braddy, RFD 1, Hobgood, two tires for farm.

H. W. Leggett, Sr., RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes for farm.
Obsolete tires for trucks and trailers.

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No General Holiday Will Be Observed Here Next Monday

Mayor Hassell Issues Timely
Proclamation; Postoffice
Closing for the Day

No general holiday will be observed here or in the county next Monday, Labor Day, according to reports coming from industry and business operators. The postoffice will close for the day, however, and no mail deliveries will be made in either the rural sections or in the town. Activities in all other business undertakings, including the tobacco market and banks, will be continued as usual.

While no general holiday will be held here, Labor Day is taking on a new meaning in the eyes of many people during these times of stress and strain. In recognition of labor's efforts, Mayor John L. Hassell is issuing the following Labor Day proclamation:

"In recognition of the fine record and unexcelled spirit of North Carolina's working men and women—Soldiers of Production in the war program, it is the desire of Governor Broughton that the forthcoming Labor Day, Sept. 7, 1942, be a day of acknowledgment for North Carolina labor and he has issued a proclamation declaring Labor Day this year be a day of celebration—a day in which the role of the working people of our state be widely recognized and given the praise which is justly due them.

"Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, proclaim Monday, Sept. 7, 1942, as a day of homage and recognition for labor and call upon our citizens to assist in promoting the observance of Labor Day to the end that the working people

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Comparison of Enrollment

Opening-day enrollment figures in the ten white schools dropped yesterday, but the decrease was not as great for the county as a whole as had been expected and even predicted. In fact, some schools reported slight gains, but in others the losses approximated ten per cent. The decrease, reflected in the figures for both the elementary and high school departments, was twice as great in the high schools where the twelfth graders apparently did not show up. School officials, studying the figures late last night, were unable to reconcile many of the variations, but in view of marked uncertainties they were agreed that the opening was very successful. The tabulations below offer a comparison of the enrollment in the ten white schools by departments for the opening day yesterday and the one a year ago:

	1941			1942		
	Ele.	H.S.	Tot.	Ele.	H.S.	Tot.
Jamesville	336	111	447	351	97	448
Farm Life	155	67	222	123	69	192
Bear Grass	236	68	304	220	61	281
Williamston	562	197	759	579	204	783
Everetts	208		208	198		198
Robersonville	303	291	594	294	249	543
Gold Point	62		62	60		60
*Hassell	60		60	60		60
Hamilton	178		178	187		187
Oak City	225	185	410	217	169	386
	2325	919	3244	2289	849	3138

*—Estimate.

Enrollment Decrease Reported By Schools

INSPECT POST

Making a hurried tour of this section, representatives of the United States Army last Tuesday night inspected the operation of the local airplane observation post on top of the Enterprise building. They found everything in order and stressed the importance of maintaining a 24-hour, seven-day service. Chief Observer W. H. Carstarphen explained today that the schools and colleges are taking possibly 50 of his "watchers" away, and there is an urgent need for at least that many more. Any one who can and will take a turn of an hour or two at the post is urged to volunteer by calling Mr. Carstarphen at 83, his office, or at his home, No. 71. And the observers are again urged not to walk on the tin roof.

Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Fifteen Cases In Recorder's Court

Business in Court Picks Up
Following Opening of
Markets Week Ago

Following a period of comparatively little business the week before, the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday waded into one of the largest dockets in recent weeks, the increased business coming during the first week of the current tobacco marketing season. Judge Robert L. Coburn called fifteen cases during the three-hour session. A much larger crowd than ordinarily attends the court sessions was present for the proceedings.

The case charging Leonard Boston with vagrancy was continued until September 14th. It was explained to the judge that the defendant is subject to immediate employment in the armed forces. If the man does not "stick" he will face trial and possible judgment.

In the case charging Leonard Boston and Robert Boston with violating the liquor laws, a nol pro was taken as to Robert, and the case was continued until September 14th for the other defendant.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Andrew J. Flanagan was fined \$50, taxed with the court costs and had his bonds.

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RED CROSS

Material for making surgical dressings was delivered to the Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross here yesterday after a long delay, and arrangements are being completed today for reopening the project in the rooms over the Western Auto Store Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Miss Nell Harrison, in charge of the project, is calling upon and urging volunteers. The need for the dressings is indeed urgent, and special Red Cross representatives, visiting here this week, pleaded for the successful execution of the project.

UNCLE SAM
BATTLING TO UPHOLD
America's
Freedom

THE 38TH WEEK OF THE WAR

Gen. MacArthur's Australian headquarters reported in a special communique August 31st that Japanese invasion troops have suffered a disastrous defeat in the Milne Bay area of New Guinea. A force of Australian shock troops had been secretly concentrated along the bay in anticipation of the Japanese landing August 26th, the report said, and as a result the Japanese landed in a trap. The Japanese lost all of an "enormous quantity" of heavy material they landed, including tanks, and except for a few troops evacuated by an enemy cruiser and eight destroyers, the enemy land force was annihilated.

The Navy announced that Marines holding six islands in the Southeastern Solomons had killed or captured all Japanese troops attempting to retake the islands. The Navy reported August 30th that seven enemy planes were shot down when they attempted to raid the airfield facilities which the Marines had captured on Guadalcanal, bringing the total of enemy planes shot down in the Solomons fighting to 78. The Navy also announced the Marines, with Navy support, raided the Japanese base on Makin Island in the Gilberts, killing all but 2 of an estimated 330 enemy garrison. U. S. losses were less than 1 to 10 of Japanese.

In the European Theater, U. S. flying fortresses bombed the air-drome of Wevelghem, near Courtrai in Belgium, in the eighth straight operation without loss. In other precision bombing raids, the fortresses attacked the Rotterdam shipyards and an airplane factory at Melle in Northern France. Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced August 31st in Chungking, China, that U. S. army planes based in China have made heavy and successful attacks on Myitkyina and Lashio, the two large Japanese bases in Northern Burma. The Navy announced the sinking of five more United Nations merchant ships by enemy submarines in the Atlantic.

Joseph C. Grew, former Ambassador to Japan newly returned from Tokyo, said in an address the Japanese will fight "with all the force and power at their command... until they are utterly crushed." Mr. Grew stated "we are up against a powerful fighting machine, a people whose morale cannot and will not be broken even by successive defeats, who will certainly not be broken by economic hardships, a people who individually and collectively will gladly sacrifice their lives for their emperor and their nation, and can be brought to earth only by complete defeat in battle."

Controlling the Cost of Living
President Roosevelt said he would announce his new anti-inflation program in a nation-wide address the evening of Labor Day, and would send a message to Congress earlier the same day. He told his press conference that forthcoming steps to control the cost of living will include stabilization of farm prices as well as wages, because neither could be stabilized without the other. He said wage stabilization would be flexible and would not amount to flat freezing of wages and salaries. The President also said the Government is considering one meatless day a week as a plan to be used largely as a means of saving oceanic shipping space for the total war effort. He said under the plan American meat could be shipped to nations in need, and this would make 30 to 40 allied ships available for hauling war necessities to world-wide theaters of United Nations war activities.

Stabilization of Farm Prices
The Office of Price Administration announced it is planning a price ceiling for live hogs and similar action is contemplated soon for cattle prices. The ceiling would be worked out in conjunction with representatives of livestock producers. The office said "vigorous steps" are being taken to enforce quality grading provisions of its beef regulations to prevent adulteration.

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No One Injured In Minor Accidents

No one was injured and no great damage resulted in a series of minor motor vehicle accidents in the town and community during the past three days.

Walter W. Brown, making a turn into Perlie Moore's drive way on the Hamilton Road late Tuesday afternoon, was struck by a pick-up truck driven by Claiborne Cooke, of Surry, Va. No one was hurt and damage to the two vehicles was estimated at about \$100 by Patrolman Whit Saunders who investigated the accident. Cooke's employer agreed to pay the damage.

Bumpers and fenders were scratched and dented in two minor accidents on the main street during the week, but they were of such a minor nature that no records were made.

Tobacco Pours Into The Local Market As Price Trend Moves Upward For The Better Grades

New Middle East Commanders



Gen. Sir H. R. L. G. Alexander, who replaced Gen. Auchinleck as chief of the Allied forces in the Middle East, is shown (left) with Lieut. Gen. B. L. Montgomery, commanding the Eighth Army, shortly after their appointments had been announced in Cairo. It is believed that the changes resulted from Prime Minister Churchill's recent visit to the Egyptian theatre of war. This photo was radioed direct from Cairo. (Central Press)

Stabilization Of Soy Beans Proposed Here

Plans Discussed By
Representatives at
Meet Wednesday

Propose Price of About \$1.50
Per Bushel for Current
Soybean Crop

County farm agents and committeemen from most of the counties in northeastern North Carolina at a meeting in the courthouse here Wednesday with AAA officials from Washington and Raleigh a proposal to stabilize the price of the current soybean crop. The plans, outlined and discussed, have not advanced beyond the preliminary stage, but it is fairly certain that the price will be fixed at about \$1.50 per bushel for soybeans having medium oil content and about \$1.40 for those of low oil content.

The beans will be purchased at about the prices listed and fixed by the Commodity Credit Corporation by agencies and warehousemen designated by the corporation, and it is expected that the Growers Peanut Cooperative warehouses which have handled government purchases of peanuts for the past five years, will be the agency designated to purchase the beans. If the peanut stabilization agency is designated, and there is little reason to believe that it will not be, then those warehouses receive

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Makes His Fortieth Trip To The Courts

Recently charged with disorderly conduct and threatening the life of his wife with a shot gun, Clyde Silverthorne, well-known character here, made his fortieth appearance in the courts of this county last week the count not including his appearances before the minor courts.

Without the services of a lawyer, the defendant planned his own defense, and he made an able plea as far as the damaging evidence would permit. He pushed tears from his eyes at will, asked intelligent questions and offered some plausible explanations to the court. Just before entering the court room, Silverthorne who is very polite and agreeable when sober, asked a lawyer in the ante-room what was the maximum penalty for simple assault. Advised that it was only 30 days, Silverthorne was quoted as saying, "I'll plead guilty to simple assault, that's what I'll do."

Judge Robert L. Coburn would not accept the plea, and when no other plea was offered by him, he was pleaded guilty. Adjudged guilty on the strength of the damaging evidence, including that offered by his wife, Silverthorne was sentenced to the roads for two years.

"I'll give you credit for one thing," he told the judge, "You gave me all you had."

Asked what he ought to have been given, Silverthorne suggested that a year was a mighty long time. Along about then Mrs. Silverthorne swooned. The husband declared that he just could not go to the roads, that he could not handle the tasks assigned him.

Judge Coburn compromised with the man and reduced the sentence to eighteen months. Silverthorne kissed his wife goodbye in the courtroom, and with tears in his eyes, he turned and followed Jailer Roy Peel to the cell block to await his transfer to a prison road camp.

SCRAP

Martin County, making an enviable record in the collection of scrap metal during recent months, is being asked to continue the effective work. Since last December 7th, exactly 3,099,000 pounds of scrap metal—2,220,000 pounds of castings and steel, 774,000 pounds of tin and 105,000 pounds of brass, copper and lead—have been shipped from this county principally by the Williamston Metal and Parts Co. It is understood that fairly sizable deliveries have been made by others, but no estimates on the poundage could be had.

If Martin County people are to meet the obligation assigned them, they will have to raise about the same amount of scrap between now and next January.

Rommel's Drive In Desert Checked by American Bombers

Germany Continue Push Toward
Stalingrad and Coven-
ted Caucasus Goals

Allied fighting outside Russia is becoming more pronounced as successful operations take place on both the offensive and defense on far-flung battle fronts. The aggressive spirit is marking up new gains in the Southwest Pacific and also in China where the Chinese are pushing the Jap invaders toward the sea around Canton. The big news, however, comes from the defensive front in the Middle East where Allied forces have checked initial attacks launched by General Rommel's week American bombers, pounding the German bases, and British artillery have battered Rommel's forces, and while a full-fledged attack may not have been launched, the invaders have not yet found a weak spot for launching it. There can be no weak spot if the Allies are to successfully defend Alexandria and the Suez, for no inviting line of retreat is to be had.

Suffering losses at the ratio of three to one, Rommel was forced to withdraw his crack German tank forces from exposed points along the front. However, dispatches cautioned that Rommel's withdrawal was limited and confined to scattered sectors. But there was every indication that the vicious Allied counterblows, with American planes in the vanguard, were telling on the Axis commander's field strength as he fought to consolidate his foothold in

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CLOSE OFFICE

The office of the Martin County Rationing Board in the agricultural building will be closed all day next Tuesday when members of the board and all clerks will go to Greenville to attend a joint meeting of twenty-nine local Office of Price Administration War Price and Rationing Boards.

The meeting, it is understood, will discuss a new "yardstick" guide for gasoline rationing, and the board members and others will hear a discussion of legal problems led by the State Rationing Board attorney.

Record Deliveries Block Traffic For Blocks on Highway

No Apparent Effect from Ceiling
Price Order Reported
on Market To Date

Pouring into the local market early today in an almost steady stream, tobacco deliveries blocked traffic on local streets for quite a while and at one time traffic was tied up on the main highway running through "tobacco town." The tie-up was soon straightened out by local and county officers, but sidewalk space near the warehouses was at a premium as the growers squeezed closer to the warehouse doors and unloading operations were handled on the sidewalks and along the middle of the streets. A block was certain early this morning, and the second sale was filling up rapidly with a number of farmers moving into the other houses on the market.

The price trend is possibly some stronger today with the better quality grades selling right along for 47, 48 and 49 cents a pound. Prices for the medium and inferior grades are equally as strong as they have been since opening day, with possibly a slight increase for the medium grades in effect.

Early last Tuesday, the local market passed the million-pound mark, and sales today will push that figure to about one million and six hundred thousand pounds. Price averages continue to vary as to grades of tobacco, but as a whole the sales are unusually stable with the general price trend moving upward.

A few tags are turned now and then, but, as a whole, the farmers consider the quality of their tobacco and declare that they are making good sales. Reliable reports clearly indicate that grade for grade, the local market is more than holding its own in prices with sales running equally as well in size as they did a year ago.

If the price ceiling, place in effect last Monday, had any effect on prices, farmers and others apparently cannot detect the change. It is possible that prices for the better grades would go higher, but that is only a guess. At the same time any advance in price for the better grades would possibly have been offset by a corresponding decrease in the price for the inferior quality types.

Meeting in Wilson, Wednesday night at the call of the N. C. Farm Bureau, farmers, farm representatives discussed the price ceiling, and according to R. Flake Shaw, president of the State Farm Bureau, it was not called to for any immediate action but was held to "smooth out any possible worries." Shaw also recalled a talk he had with J. B. Hutson, president of the Commodity

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Dr. W. E. Robertson Passes In Hospital After Long Illness

Funeral Services For Local
Man Held at Home Yesterday Afternoon

Dr. William Ellison Robertson, retired dentist, died in a Washington hospital last Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock following an illness of about eighteen months' duration. Trying to prevent worry for an aged mother and others, Willie, as he was favorably known to his friends here, suffered unto himself until about five months ago when his condition became much worse and he was forced to undergo special treatment. Although his condition grew worse rapidly, he was able to be up and attend to a few duties around the home until about five weeks ago when he was removed to the hospital. Death was expected momentarily since last Saturday, but almost to the end he bore his affliction without complaint.

The son of Mrs. Susan Emma Ellison Robertson and the late Joseph L. Robertson, he was born here 60 years ago, the 29th of last July, the anniversary following one day after he entered the hospital. After studying in the local schools, he studied and mastered telegraphy under the direction of his uncle, the late W. A. Ellison. For a number of years he worked as a telegrapher in Portsmouth. When his hearing started failing him, he resigned his position there and studied dentistry in the Virginia Medical College, later opening an office in Suffolk where he successfully practiced his profession for eight or ten years. Almost total deafness forced his retirement and he returned here to make his home with his mother. Leading a quiet life, he found peace and contentment in

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