

Large Number Tires And Tubes Allotted By Rationing Board

Several Applicants Failed To Establish Classifications And Got No Tires

A fairly large number of tires and tubes were allotted by the rationing board last Wednesday, the officials having moved up the meeting date one day to avoid a head-on crash with Thanksgiving.

New auto tires and tubes were allotted one each to Dr. A. J. Osteen, Williamston veterinarian, and J. R. Leggett, Williamston mail man.

New truck tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

Geo. James, Robersonville, one tire and tube for hauling farm supplies.

J. C. Norris, Williamston, one tire and tube for making plumbing and heating repairs.

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

H. W. Barber, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes for logging.

R. L. Ward Coal and Wood Company, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for fuel deliveries.

P. M. Ange, Jamesville, one tire and tube, for farming, logging and hauling pulp wood.

Willie Boston, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes for hauling pulp wood.

Williamston Parts and Metal Co., three tires for hauling scrap metals.

Certificates for recapping truck tires were issued to the following:

Alpha Cleaners, Williamston, two tires for deliveries.

D. V. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, two tires for farming.

Certificates for recapping car tires and for the purchase of three tubes were issued as follows:

Alphonza Little, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube for farm.

R. A. Haislip, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires and two tubes, for farm.

E. D. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, three tires for farm.

N. A. Brown, Hamilton, two tires for ministerial duties.

Leslie J. Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire for farm.

Hubert C. Smith, Williamston, four tires for mechanic.

Alice Forrest, Hassell, one tire for farm.

W. M. Oakley, Robersonville, two tires for farm.

P. C. Edmondson, Hassell, one tire for farm and mill.

W. A. Evans, RFD, Robersonville, three tires for farm.

Geo. Gorham, RFD 3, Williamston, four tires to go to and from town to buy groceries, haul people to and from church and for farm use.

Fred Taylor, Robersonville, two tires for farm.

C. G. Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston, four tires for farm.

Obsolete tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

Warner Bailey, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for farm.

Andrew Mobley, Hamilton, two tires for farm.

J. O. Bunting, Parmele, three tires and two tubes for making fish deliveries.

Establishing no classifications, the following applicants were granted no tire rations:

W. A. Daniel, Williamston, two tires for moving picture work.

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DRAFT BOARD

The Martin County Draft Board is expected to meet within the next week or ten days for the classification of the first 18- and 19-year-old youths in this county for possible military service. The youths registered last summer and were ruled eligible for military service under the selective service act by congressional amendment just a short time ago. It is quite likely that some of the young men will be included in the January draft call.

The board is also expected to review claims for deferment, but just now there are comparatively few claims that the board can recognize.

Farm Life Community Takes Lead in Stamp and Bond Sales

Holding a pie party in the auditorium there last Tuesday evening, the Farm Life School took an early lead in bond sales, Principal Tommie Gaylord announcing that \$11,500 worth of the United Government Securities were sold during the program, that in addition to the \$11,500 approximately \$2,000 more was invested in bonds by people of the community just a few days before.

Sales ranged from a \$5 stamp right on up to \$550 in stamps and bonds. A crowded house was reported and the happy and willing through rallied to the support of their government with cash and checks. Approximately fifty pies and cakes were auctioned by Jimmy B. Taylor and there was spirited bidding at times when members of a single family de-

Mopping Up in Libyan Desert



British infantrymen move forward in the Libyan Desert and mop up pockets of rearguard resistance left by the hastily retreating Axis troops under Marshal Rommel. Axis transports, flying between Sicily and Africa with supplies for their forces, are being attacked repeatedly by Allied long-range fighters. This photo is from News of the Day Newsreel.

Truck Transportation Is Uncertain In County

WARNING

Filling station operators were officially warned today by the county rationing board that all gasoline ration coupons unsigned or without the number of the car in which gas was poured will not be valid unless turned over to their distributor or dealer by the end of business, Saturday, November 28. Dealers are directed to turn the coupons over to the rationing boards immediately.

Denominations Here Are Participating In Canvass of Churches

Nation-Wide Movement Calls For Renewed Allegiance And Support

By REV. JOHN HARDY, Rector, Church of the Advent

For the first time in history, sixteen communions and creeds, Christian and Jewish, are joining in a united appeal to the Nation this winter. Designated as the United Church Canvass, the effort aims to call Americans to renew their allegiance to the church of their choice and to support their churches more adequately in a financial way. This is a practical approach to a unity of understanding and objective among the religious forces of the nation.

Four of the churches in Williamston are cooperating in this nationwide enterprise—the Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Episcopal. The canvass began last Sunday and will end on the fifth Sunday of this month. This does not mean any combination in budget or in the work itself but it does mean that these churches of our community will be called upon during the same period of time to pledge their allegiance and support of the religious work in our community and world. This plan for a community-wide Every Member Canvass grew out of a realization of the need for strengthening the spiritual foundations of our country in these war days. Now, more than ever before, the spiritual forces of America must be effective. The future of our country depends largely upon them.

The purpose of the United Church Canvass is to bring forcefully to the attention of our community the importance of our religious institutions; to call each individual to participate more actively in the work of these institutions; and to insure for the churches adequate financial support.

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Less Than A Dozen Operators Applied For Gasoline Books

"S" Tickets Will Be No Good On and After the First Of December

The truck transportation system in this county is facing a period of uncertain operation on and after next Tuesday, according to a report coming from the rationing board office early this morning. Up until that time less than a dozen truck owners-operators had applied for gas rations under the new rationing system. The old "S" book coupons will be worthless after next Monday, and it is indeed apparent that applications can't be prepared and "T" coupon books issued in time to keep all trucks moving. Just how the bottleneck is to be handled could not be determined today. The rationing board is not scheduled to meet again until next Thursday, and it is hardly likely that the gas in the truck tanks will run the vehicles until the new applications are prepared, filed and approved.

It is understood that not all truck owners-operators in this county have received their certificates of war necessity. It is imperative, if they wish to continue to operate their trucks, to contact the county office of defense transportation in the agricultural building and make application for a certificate. The application form must be then ordered from the state or federal office. After the application form is executed, the applicant will in turn receive his certificate of war necessity with a given allotment.

Those who have their certificates of war necessity already, are directed to the county office of defense transportation in the agricultural building and make application for a certificate. The application form must be then ordered from the state or federal office. After the application form is executed, the applicant will in turn receive his certificate of war necessity with a given allotment.

Court Thrown Off Schedule By Long Drawn-Out Motion

Trial of Civil Cases Will Be Resumed Here Next Monday Morning

Planning to hear the Rogers will case Tuesday morning, the court was thrown off its schedule by a long trial involving a fertilizer suit during the morning and by a special motion that afternoon.

The motion, before it was exhausted late in the afternoon developed into what some observers termed a near comedy. Some differences originated between Mr. and Mrs. John H. Roberson, landlords, and Raleigh Perkins, tenant on the Roberson farm last summer, and the differences were carried to the court. The first trip did not solve the problem and a second trip was made to the court, the landlords claiming that the defendant had not complied with the order of the court. Argument lasted well into the afternoon, and then to climax the case, Receiver Harcum Grimes, appointed by the court last summer to handle the sale of the tobacco for the two parties, appealed to the court for an increase in the \$40 receivership fee. The receiver explained to the court that he made fourteen trips in preparing the tobacco for market, that he traveled 300 miles. Other evidence was brought in about this and that, and before Judge Dixon stepped in with definite orders, attorneys for both sides, the landlord and the but rather friendly argument among receiver were to have a determined

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BATTLING TO UPHOLD
America's Freedom

THE 50TH WEEK OF THE WAR

President Roosevelt, in a radio address, said that "During the past two weeks we have had a great deal of good news, and it would seem that the turning point of this war has at last been reached. But this is no time for exultation. There is no time now for anything but fighting and working to win."

Navy Secretary Knox reported the following total damage inflicted on Japan in the battle of the Solomons November 12-15: Sunk—2 battleships, one may have been a heavy cruiser, 6 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers, 6 destroyers, 8 transports, 4 cargo transports; Damaged—2 battleships, 1 cruiser, 7 destroyers. The Japanese lost between 20,000 and 40,000 troops, as well as large numbers of naval personnel. U. S. losses were 2 light cruisers and 6 destroyers sunk.

Mr. Knox said U. S. forces are in complete control of the area in and around Guadalcanal and "Our hold on the island is very secure." The president said the battle is a major victory. War Secretary Stimson said army aircraft from Australia and new Caledonia played an active and effective role in the battle.

Allied headquarters in North Africa reported that American, British and French troops are driving into Tunisia from all sides, closing in a ring around the Northeastern triangle of Bizerte and Tunis. The British First Army, reinforced by U. S. and French units, engaged Axis mechanized columns in Tunisia and drove them back, the War Department announced. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported November 21 that American and Australian forces are driving hard against the Japanese, who are pinned along the northeastern coast of New Guinea between Buna and Gena on a narrow beachhead extending 20 miles along the coast and 6 miles inland.

President Roosevelt ordered registration for Selective Service for all young men who have reached the age of 18 since July 1, as follows—Those born July 1 to August 31, 1924, inclusive, to register the week beginning December 11; those born September 1 to October 31, 1924, to register December 18-24; those born November 1 to December 31, 1924, to register December 26-31. Young men reaching 18 after January 1 will register on their birthdays. Selective Service Headquarters ordered distribution of questionnaires to 18 and 19-year old registrants, who will be inducted as their order numbers are reached.

"To make sure that no one who is really irreplaceable shall be separated from an essential position," the president ordered the Secretaries of War and Navy to "see to it that"

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Will Hold Defense Meet At Jamesville

A community-wide civilian defense meeting with representatives of the First Fighter Command's office, Norfolk, civilian defense officials from the state and county offices participating, will be held in the Jamesville school auditorium next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, Chief Air Raid Observer Chas. Davenport announced yesterday.

An interesting program has been arranged and a special picture of war-torn England will be shown. The work of about thirty ground observers at the Jamesville post will be recognized when the watchers are awarded arm bands for their meritorious service since the service was placed on a 24-hour schedule last summer.

The public is cordially invited and urged to be present for the meeting.

RECOGNITION

Members of the Martin County Rationing Board—Messrs. C. C. Martin, of Jamesville, chairman; Herbert Roebuck, of Cross Roads, and J. A. Everett, of Goose Nest, were given recognition for their services by federal and state rationing officials this week. The voluntary service award, resembling a college diploma and the members admit they have learned a lot about rationing and their fellowman, was given in recognition of "meritorious service in the War effort and in sincere appreciation for their devotion to the country's needs through the free and patriotic sacrifice of personal interest in the execution of the War Price and Rationing Program."

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Thanksgiving Is Reverently Observed In This Community

While no general holiday was observed in this county yesterday, Thanksgiving Day saw hundreds of Martin citizens flocking to houses of worship to kneel down in prayers of thanksgiving. Religious services were well attended throughout the county, the union service in the local Methodist church at 10 o'clock attracting one of the largest congregations in recent years. Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, delivered the Thanksgiving sermon with other ministers participating in the service. The day, as a whole, had a fuller meaning for the first Thanksgiving under World War II conditions.

The day was observed without incident throughout the county. Traffic was comparatively light and no accidents were reported on the highways in the county. The accident toll

in the nation, placed at 78, was less than half the number reported over the nation a year ago.

Wheels of those industries directly or indirectly connected with the war program continued to turn without interruption, and but for them the day in this community would have had the appearance of a peaceful Sunday. Quite a few hunters turned to the woods and fields and a big deer hunt, declared a successful one, was held in this section. In most of the rural areas, the day was a full-fledged holiday, but quite a few farmers continued peanut harvesting activities and there were some goober deliveries, but not very many.

The few days before the holiday were marked by the heaviest buying spree in years, many stores selling almost to the bare walls in some items.

Wardens Prepare For Air Raid Alarm Here

Army Will Call For Next Alert Without Warning in Advance

Air Raid Warning Alert May Be Ordered During the Daylight Hours

Holding a special meeting this week, local air raid wardens with civilian defense officials, made ready for an air raid alert that is certain to come and come without advanced notice, possibly some time between now and Christmas. Heretofore, advanced warning was given, the notice stating the date and suggesting the approximate hour the test would be made. Since no advance notice will be given and not certain whether it will be a test or an actual raid, local civilian defense met to discuss plans for a successful blackout if the warning comes by night or for a successful drill if the warning comes during the day.

Air raid wardens and fire watchers are being instructed to report directly to their assigned zones. Auxiliary firemen, police, first aiders and others are instructed to report directly to the control center in the town hall. These men are to be depended upon, but they must have the cooperation of the general public if an air raid alert is to be of any value. They are asked to see that every light in their homes, places of business or elsewhere is turned out immediately after the five-blast warning is given with the fire-siren. Air raid wardens were instructed not to break store windows to turn out any light that one might have left burning and provided no switch for cutting it off on the outside of the building. Any light left burning will be reported to the control center, and orders will be issued there. It might be that the window will be ordered broken so that the light can be turned off, or the wires to the building may be cut.

Should the warning come during

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Bookmobile Making Regular Tour Next Week In The County

Numbers of New Books Have Been Added To Traveling Library for Distribution

The following new books off the press since November 1st, will be available on the Bookmobile when it visits the county next week, Miss Elizabeth House, Regional librarian, announces as follows:

Green, Memories of Happy Days; Rice, I Came Out of the 18th Century; Irving, Safe Deliverance; Morley, Thorofare; Rich, We Took to the Woods; Stong, One Destiny; Vance, Reprisal; Mason, Rivers of Glory; Williams, Time of Peace; Wolff, Night Shift.

Since schools will be closed during Christmas week, bookmobile service will be suspended also. That slight interruption in schedule will mean that it will be five weeks rather than the normal four before the service will return to the county again.

The schedule follows: Monday, Nov. 30, Jan. 4—9:15, C. B. Allen's Service Station; 9:30, Edward's Service Station; 10:00, Hamilton School; 11:05, in front of Hamilton Bank; 12:45, Gold Point School; 1:35, Jim Johnson's Service Station; 2:10, Robersonville Public Library.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, Jan. 5—9:30, Hassell School; 10:20, Hassell Post Office; 11:15, Oak City School; 1:05, Wilbur Barrett's Drug Store; 1:45, Smith's Store on Palmyra Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, Jan. 6—9:00, Williamston High School; 9:45, Everett's School; 10:35, J. S. Ayers

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French Fleet Falls Into German Hands; Army Demobilized

British and American Forces Moving Steadily Forward In North Africa

Reflecting a definite trend on the part of the French toward the Allies, Hitler's forces captured a part of the French fleet at Toulon this morning and immediately set to work to demobilize "unsure" portions of the French Army. The real meaning and details of the latest activities at Toulon are not quite clear, one report stating that the Germans met with strong opposition as they occupied the port and that some of the sixty-two ships were scuttled ahead of the German drive. Still another report declares that every one of the ships was scuttled. It is apparent however, that none of the ships escaped to join the Allies. As a counter move to the German drive at Toulon, it is now expected that all remaining portions of the French fleet at Alexandria, Dakar and other ports will join the Allies for positive action.

Hitler, explaining his action, declared that the Fighting French were giving him much trouble, that he saw a movement on their part to run the fleet out of Toulon, and that he was forced to take action. In his orders to demobilize "unsure" portions of the French Army, observers see a marked trend on the part of the French toward closer collaboration with the Allies.

Allied armies moving in the general direction of Tunis and Bizerte, are believed just before engaging the Germans and Italians in what observers think will be a fairly sizeable battle. The Allies have already contacted the enemy on a small scale but their march to the important points continues slowly but steadily forward. Mussolini was said to have left Italy for North Africa, but his mission is not quite clear. The report stated that Mussolini was going to lead his troops there, but some think Mussolini is leading his own way out of Italy. The reports have not been confirmed, but rumors have been heard indicating that the Italian people are talking about overthrowing old Musso and suing for peace.

The Allies are now claiming safe passage for its ships through the Mediterranean, but the Germans are claiming air superiority in Tunisia. The British Eighth Army is making ready for a big fight at El Agheila in Africa where Rommel is believed to be preparing to make a stand.

Allied forces, fighting in mud and slime up to the arm pits, are gradually closing in on the Japs at Buna in New Guinea, but the immediate capture of that port is not expected.

On the Russian front everything is going extremely well for the Allied cause. Between 100 and 200 thousand Germans have been knocked out, and more than 200,000 others are about to be annihilated in the Stalingrad area. Strong Russian offensives are forming north of Moscow and in the Leningrad area.

There is some talk about the Japs forming another armada for a drive toward Guadalcanal or New Guinea. Such a move will not surprise the defenders.

In this country we are fighting harder to postpone gas rationing in the west than we are to win the war, apparently. But rationing will be made nation-wide next Tuesday.

LAST CALL

Automobile owners have until midnight next Monday to turn their idle tires over to the government. Several hundred express office here since the order was issued about a month ago, and it is believed that there are few car owners with more than the five tires allowed under the new ruling.

Those persons having more than five tires for each car will find it advisable to turn the extra tires over to the express office for the government by next Monday night, for the possession of idle tires after that time will subject the owner to prosecution in the courts.

URGENT

In a telegram just received, Donald M. Nelson, War Production chief, again pointed out the urgent need for more and more scrap iron and metals. Addressing his telegram principally to farmers, Mr. Nelson said, "The Government is asking the American farmer to dedicate the remaining weeks of 1942 to an intensified scrap hunt. Steel mills need more heavy scrap and the farms are one of the best sources of this type of metal."

While the appeal is addressed mainly to the farmer, Mr. Nelson said that the further help of everyone was urgently needed in advancing the collection of scrap.

Plans for a county-wide scrap harvest drive are being prepared and will be announced shortly.

Stamp Sales Here Reach High Figure For Third Quarter

Money Order Business Declines, But Office Cashes More for Local Patrons

Although a bit removed from army activities and war industrial centers, the local post office continues to report a booming business. Assistant F. Earl Wynne announcing a few days ago that stamp sales for the first time for any third quarter went over the \$6,000 mark. During the period the income from stamp sales was \$6,095.26, the figure comparing with \$5,715.51 for the corresponding months a year ago.

No one definite cause for the unusually good business the office continues to enjoy could be advanced. There's a great deal of mail going out to the service men every day, to be sure, but it would seem that the increase there would be about offset by the withdrawal of several firms from active business.

Last August saw the stamp sales shoot up to an all-time record figure. They more than doubled the sales for the same month in 1941. Stamp sales for the months of July, August and September, 1941 and 1942, are compared, as follows:

	1941	1942
July	\$1,637.58	\$1,692.72
August	1,462.88	2,498.43
September	2,615.05	1,904.11

It can be seen from the monthly comparisons that the business in September started "slipping" a bit, but possibly the comparative decrease is attributable to the large business the month before.

Money order business during last

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Bond Sale Drive Drawing To A Successful Close In County

According to incomplete reports received here this morning, the war stamp and bond sale drive is meeting with marked success in this county, that the campaign now drawing to a close, will measure up to expectations.

Farm Life, taking the lead in the drive early this week, reported sales of stamps and bonds slightly in excess of \$13,000 during and immediately following a pie party in the school auditorium there. No other communities have reported their activities, but an incomplete report from leaders of the movement here states that the high school participants had handled sales in the sum of \$6,251.45 to date. Miss Della Jane Mobley, leading the stamp-bond con-

test, was crowned queen at a high school dance in the local gymnasium by Mayor John L. Hassell last night at 10 o'clock. Miss Julia Clyde Waters was second in the contest.

A climax in the war bond week program locally is scheduled for tonight in the gymnasium when the adults hold a dance and bond auction. Prizes will be offered and Jimmy Brown, Martin County's offering to the winners of the recent world series, will handle the auction. A large crowd is expected, and stamp and bond sales are due to reach a high figure.

While no direct report has been received from the county chairman, Mrs. Paul D. Roberson, the campaign is going forward very successfully in Robersonville.