

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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### Rationing Board In Last Meeting Before Christmas Holidays

#### Officials Will Be Closed At Noon Thursday Until Next Monday

Meeting two days ahead of their regular schedule, members of the Martin County Rationing Board on Tuesday virtually cleared their desks of all current applications and other papers and made ready to close the office at noon on Thursday, December 24, until next Monday. The issuance of new B and C gas books or the renewal of old ones is frozen until further orders, and there was little left to be done by closing time Tuesday afternoon. The fuel oil rationing board was just about up with its work, and the clerks were rapidly pounding out certificates and clearing their desks for a well-earned holiday.

Recapped tires were issued to the following:

- David R. Holliday, Jamesville, four tires for farm.
- Johnnie W. Wynne, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires for farm.
- C. D. Carstarphen, Williamston, one tire for county tax work.
- Johnnie T. Moore, RFD 1, Palmyra, two tires for farm.
- Everett and Williams, Robersonville, four tires, deliver groceries and meat.
- J. M. Perry, Robersonville, one tire for ministerial work.
- Dennis Moore, RFD 2, Williamston, four tires for farm.
- C. L. Brown, Williamston, three tires for farm.
- Second grade tires were allotted as follows:
- Jesse D. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes, for farm.
- Oliver Peel, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire for farm.
- Lester Lee Sutton, Robersonville, three tires for traveling to and from work.
- Grade III tires were allotted as follows:
- Will Roberson, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire for farm.
- M. M. Griffin, RFD 1, Jamesville, three tires for farm.
- Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, four tires, for meat deliveries.
- J. R. Williams, Jamesville, two

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### Russians Breaking Through the Nazis Lines In Ukraine

#### General Jos. Stilwell Predicts End of War in Pacific Before Another Year

Russia's third winter offensive, launched on an extensive scale last week, is gaining momentum and rolling forward in several sectors today, late reports stating that the Soviet forces had broken through strong German defense lines in the Ukraine and were exacting heavy losses on the fleeing Nazis. Just southwest of Stalingrad, the Germans were offering a stronger defense, but even there the situation is gloomy for Hitler and his hordes. It all adds up to give Hitler his biggest headache of the war. He can't pull forces from one front for action in another for fear that the weakened spot will offer an opening for the fighting Russians. German losses are running into big figures, and with large forces fighting almost between two Russian armies Hitler is in a good way to lose upwards to a million men in Russia within a short time.

Over in Tunisia, big-scale developments are apparently still pending with both sides waiting for an opportune moment to launch an all-out drive. The French are said to be pushing on toward the sea in an effort to make certain that Rommel will not join over German forces, but in other areas action in North Africa is limited to patrol work and air raids.

Rommel's Africa Corps is said to be making another stand in his backward march before General Montgomery's pursuing British 8th Army. This time he is using natural barriers about 140 miles east of Tripoli to slow down Montgomery's men.

Over in New Guinea the stubborn Japs are fighting to the last man and are offering a stronger defense in the Buna Mission area. However, encouraging news comes from there in a statement of General Joseph Stilwell to his men this week. The General, talking about Christmas, assured his men that Christmas, 1943, would see the war over in the Pacific.

### Further Issuance of Gasoline Rations Awaits New Orders

By direct order of State rationing authorities, the Martin County Rationing Board Tuesday was directed to issue no new or renew no "B" and "C" gasoline ration books. Few details accompanied the order, and it could not be learned how long the ban of those types of books would continue in effect. The board was merely instructed to issue no new books or renew old ones of the B and C classes until further orders are received. It is quite possible that the rationing system will be overhauled from one end to the other, and many are of the opinion that a general tightening up of allotments will follow.

The value of the B and C coupons, reduced to three gallons and now on a parity with the A coupon, will remain unchanged for the present, at least. No general freezing order for

A, B and C books is anticipated immediately, but all indications point to the elimination of all unnecessary driving and a possible reduction in "necessary" travel.

Accompanying the order freezing the issuance of new B and C books and the renewal of old ones in that class were instructions for the delivery by filling stations of all B and C coupons received in exchange for four gallons of gasoline not later than Wednesday, December 23. Receiving the 4-gallon B and C coupons from their retailers, the distributors are to surrender the coupons to the rationing authorities by December 28. It could not be learned if the B and C coupons surrendered after that time would be recognized as having a four-gallon value, but the dates were mentioned as dead lines for clearing the four-gallon value B and C coupons.

#### NO EDITION

In keeping with a long-established custom and one that is highly prized by the members of the force, The Enterprise Publishing Company will not issue an edition the early part of next week. The shop is being closed upon the completion of this edition, and according to present plans publications will be resumed the latter part of next week. Come what may, the "gang" will buckle down for another year at that time.

But before signing off for the holidays, the force in this last edition of the year expresses every hope to everyone for a pleasant and thoughtful Christmas season.

### Personal Property Will Be Listed At Two-Thirds Value

#### Property Listings Are To Get Underway The Early Part Of Next Month

Meeting in the courthouse this week, Martin County tax list-takers fixed a schedule of values for personal properties and made plans for taking the lists beginning the early part of next month. Some of the list-takers will start the work on Saturday, January 2nd, and all are scheduled to complete the work by the end of the month.

Real estate values will remain unchanged except in those cases where improvements were made or losses are proved as a result of fire or other agencies.

Personal property as a whole will be placed on the 1943 books at two-thirds of its actual value or 66 and 2-3 cents on the dollar. This figure, it was pointed out, is in line with the schedule of values placed on real holdings. If a merchant has a \$10,000 stock it will be listed on the tax books for \$6,666. The same schedule will apply to furniture and fixtures. Listing values for individual items were announced by Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen at the close of the meeting as follows: Peanuts, \$5 a bag; cotton, 12 cents a pound; live hogs, 8 cents a pound; meat, 15 cents a pound; live cattle, 7 cents a pound; calves, 10 cents a pound; chickens, 50 cents each; lumber, \$25 per 1,000 board feet; logs, \$15 per 1,000 feet; mules, \$300 and down; horses, \$150 and down, and milk cows, \$100 and down.

The tax picture for 1943 is not very encouraging. While the list may possibly hold its own, the tax authorities are frank to admit that some losses are almost certain. They point out that general store inventories are at a low point. There are few new automobiles, and hundreds of young men who have had their names on the tax books in past years are now in the service and will not be subject to the usual assessments. Peanut stocks, in most cases, are smaller than they were a year ago and those grown in 1942 and still in the hands of the producers are not subject to taxation in 1943.

All of the list-takers were present for the meeting except one and he was frozen out. Only two changes were made in the personnel. F. C. Stallings succeeds J. Linwood Knowles in Jamesville Township, and Chas. L. Daniel succeeds Vernon Griffin over in Williams. The names of the others are: Tom Roberson, Griffins Township; Russell Rogers, Bear Grass; John R. Peel, Williamston; W. L. Ausbon, Cross Roads; H. S. Everett, Robersonville; Leroy Taylor, Poplar Point; LeRoy Everett, Hamilton, and J. A. Rawls, Goose Nest.

#### GREETINGS

In these days when conditions try men's souls and when sorrow is so general in its scope, there is nothing more appropriate than the little messages or greetings extended by the various business firms and others in this edition of The Enterprise.

Coming from those who so earnestly wish to express the best returns of the season, the greetings are offered as a tonic to build stronger men's souls and prove in their humble way that the Christ Spirit still holds over things material and stress. So, from Tiny Tim's Christmas observation of long ago: "God Bless Us Everyone."

### Several Are Hurt In Falls On Ice

Several persons were hurt, some of them quite painfully but believed not seriously, on the slipper ice here last Monday. As far as it could be learned no bones were broken, but some of the victims were so badly bruised that they continued in bed today.

Mrs. John S. Cook was painfully hurt when she fell in the main street. Unable to walk after her fall she was carried to her home in an ambulance and continues in bed.

Mrs. Elbert Sherman suffered a bad bruise on her head in a fall, but she is able to be out.

Julius S. Peel fell on the main street and hurriedly crawled out of the path of an approaching car.

Gus Rigas slipped, his feet going up and his head landing on the ice, on main street.

### Mail First Applications For Soil Conservation Payments

The first applications filed in this county for soil conservation payments under the 1942 AAA program have been mailed to Raleigh for consideration. There were about 223 applications in the first batch to be forwarded to Raleigh. Miss Mary Carstarphen, clerk in the county agent's office, explaining that there were about twelve others in the office to be signed and forwarded to Raleigh and Washington for the special payments. Farmers are asked to call by the agent's office at their convenience and sign their applications. Work sheets for the 1943 crop year are about ready and they may be signed at the same time.

Cooperating with the 1941 AAA program, Martin County farmers the early part of this year received in excess of a quarter million dollars

in soil conservation and parity payments. Parity payments, it is believed, will be negligible this year, but it is estimated that the soil conservation payments will approximate \$100,000, including allowances for soil building practices.

Extensive plans for an all-out war farm program are believed in the making for 1943. Nation-wide meetings are being tentatively scheduled for about the middle of January, and it is likely that farmers will be urged to go all the way in supporting the war and a sound peace with food and feed in vast quantities. Just how the new program will work is not known just at this time, but it is believed that the government will work with the one who is willing to work with the government, and that those who choose individual plans will be turned loose to shift for themselves.

#### Holiday Season Marked By Absence Of Decorations

The holiday season in this little community is marked by the absence of vari-colored lights and general Christmas decorations. Out of respect for those who fight our war on the fronts and those who are otherwise separated from homes and loved ones, local people have, possibly more than ever before, turned the lights on in their hearts and are shedding a glow from their souls. Occasionally the lights from an indoor tree shine through the windows to remind one that this is Christmas.

#### CHEER FUND

The annual Christmas Cheer Fund attracted strong support this week when the Woold Furniture Company extended a \$100 donation to carry a bit of cheer into needy homes and to supply clothes for less fortunate tots. The donation, one of the largest recorded in charity annals here, plus a \$5 cash contribution by the Woman's Club boosts the total Cheer Fund to \$187.50.

Treasurer John W. Hardy is of the opinion that the amount on hand will amply care for the needy cases on file with the Cheer Fund committee. No general distribution of toys and direct aid is planned, but special cases are to receive attention.

### Liquor Rations Are Called In By Judge J. C. Smith Monday

#### No Session of the Recorder's Court Will Be Held Until January 4th

The State law offers a guarantee against drunken driving after one is convicted in the courts, and now Judge J. Calvin Smith comes along and is doing everything in his power to help those convicted in his court of public drunkenness to walk soberly. At the regular session of the recorder's court this week, the judge called in liquor ration books where Solicitor Paul D. Roberson scored convictions. The books will be turned over to the County ABC Board for final disposition. Appearing in court without his book, one defendant was released under the promise that he would deliver up his book and meet other terms of the judgment.

No session of the court will be held next Monday, it was announced, but the Christmas "rush" will be cleared up at the regular session to be held on Monday, January 4th.

Proceedings in the court this week: Daniel Ryan, charged with larceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

The case charging Henry Godard with drunken driving was continued until January 4 under prayer for judgment after the young man pleaded guilty.

Medrick Daniel, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his driver's license and liquor ration book revoked.

Dave O. Bowen was found not guilty in the case charging him with assaulting a female.

The case charging Laverne Godard with being drunk and disorderly was continued under prayer for judgment until January 4.

In a second case against him, Godard was charged with being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest. The action was continued until January 4th with the defendant under bond in the sum of \$200.

James Purvis, charged with receiving stolen property, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

The case charging Julius Braddy with being drunk and disorderly was continued until the next session on January 4.

Arten B. Tyson was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his driver's license revoked for one year in the case charging him with drunken driving.

#### Commissioned

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, local Presbyterian minister has been commissioned as a chaplain in the Army, and will report on January 30th for duty.

### Half Of Last Group Of White Draftees Sent Back By Army

#### Ten Were Eliminated Before They Left Home On Account of "Old" Age

Twenty-four or more than half of the last group of young white men to leave this county, were rejected, the draft board here was officially notified this week.

Twenty-one of the men accepted were placed in I-A and one was taken for limited military service only. Angelo Cus Mandos, scheduled to report for service with the group, is confined to a hospital, it was learned.

The names of the men accepted and who are now in the service are, as follows:

- John William Bellflower, Jr., Vernon Wilson Griffin, William Vernon Wynne, John Bennett Roberson, Spencer Raynor, Ernest Edward Brown, Charlie Edward Flanagan, Bennie Walton Cooper, Lenwood Stanley Weathersbee, Henry Lee Cherry, Roy Leggett, Colon Perry, John Carter Jones, Walter Glen Davis, John Foster Vanlandingham, Edward Spruill Brown, Roger Benjamin Riddick, Alton Lorenzo Croom, Fenner Toppins Waters, Delbert Leggett, Clyde Odell Cowey and Clinton Augustus Ayers. Cowey and Ayers went as volunteers.

The names of the men rejected are, as follows:

- Linwood Mayo Purvis, Claud Woodrow Hux, Marvin Melvin Hardison, Ralph Clayton Mobley, K. O. Rogers, James Samuel Meeks, Plum Jenkins, Geo. Asa Roberson, Dillon Cobb Wynne, one Bland, Clinton Hale Erving Robert Wynne, James Warren Jones, Clarence Rudolph Edmondson, James Robert Bullock, Clarence Earl Taylor, William Bruce Whitehurst, James Henry Perry, William Edgar Cross, Collin Spencer Hale, Douglas Desmond Taylor, James Devenwood Knox, Jr., Robert Roberson and Thomas McIver Vanlandingham.

Ten men, instructed to report to an Army induction center, were ruled out just as they were ready to board a bus at the draft board office. They were found to be over 38 years of age.

A large number of colored draftees are leaving the county "soon" and the next group of white men are scheduled to leave for the induction center the latter part of next month.

### Red Cross Will Help Santa Claus Handle Work in Many Lands

#### Will Carry Holiday Cheer To Servicemen and Tots Overseas

Washington, D. C.—Despite the roll of war drums, Uncle Sam and Santa Claus have joined hands to bring holiday cheer to American servicemen at home and abroad and children of distant lands.

With the American Red Cross acting as the distributing medium, contents of the immense Christmas sock have been flowing overseas in a steady stream for months.

Preparations for the observance in hospitals at Army and Navy bases at home and foreign stations were planned last summer when most people were more concerned with the heat than with Christmas.

Santa's chief worry, finding troop concentrations known only by an A. P. O. number, was solved by military authorities who provided space on freighters and government transports moving war supplies up to the fronts.

In addition to these shipments are the offerings of the American Junior Red Cross, loaded in many ships' holds and now moving across seas as another expression of America's goodwill.

The first concern of the American Red Cross field workers at Christmas time is the welfare of soldiers and sailors in service hospitals. Elaborate programs have been planned to supplement the generous celebration Uncle Sam provides for his warriors. Christmas carols will echo through hospital wards, recreation halls will resound with gaiety, whenever possible traditional holiday greenery will abound, but whether the halls are decked with holly, Spanish moss, or palm fronds, the Christmas spirit will be present.

Children of Alaska and Iceland, England, Greenland and Central and South America will receive attractive boxes of toys assembled by members of the Junior Red Cross throughout the United States. Fifty thousand have been consigned to

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## Christmas Peace In A World At War

A message by the Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, D.D., Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Those words express the Divine purpose of the event which we celebrate on Christmas day. Nearly twenty centuries after this purpose was proclaimed, war of the most dreadful kind is being waged in practically every section of the earth. Shall we say then, that the task of bringing peace on earth was too great even for God?

That question might be answered by saying that the peace conferred through Christ is an inward state of mind which enables one to remain calm and undisturbed amid the external tempests and conflicts that bring distress and agony to the outer man. Christ recognized the importance of being able to face calmly the dangers and the turmoil of earthly experience because of the assurance that "underneath are the everlasting arms."

We cannot, however, assume that when our Lord said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," He had in mind only the inner peace of His individual followers. He bade us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth. Peace in the soul if the individual is to be transmitted to the outer environment.

The mission of the Christ who was born on Christmas was not to provide an escape from earth's turmoil and tragedy. He came to transform the kingdoms of this world; kingdoms where sin and selfishness lead to conflict and agony, into the Kingdom of God. He came to bring that peace which is the fruit of righteousness.

The Christmas promise was not simply peace. Peace in a world of sin would indeed have been a task beyond the power, and contrary to the wisdom of God. The assurance contained in the song of the heavenly Host is "On earth peace, good will," or, a better translation perhaps, "Peace to men of good will." Christmas means the coming into our human life of One who purposes to fulfill the conditions upon which alone a righteous and beneficial peace is possible. No true peace is possible for those who are slaves of sin. Christ is the Prince of Peace because first of all He is our Saviour, our Redeemer. He does not force His gifts upon us. His method of saving is beautifully described in the Book of the Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." To those who respond to His offer and open the door of their hearts to Him, He gives power to become sons of God.

Peace on earth is possible only where earth's children have been born again as God's children.

The significance of Christmas in wartime is therefore an invitation to listen amidst the world's clamors for the Saviour's knock upon the doors of our hearts with the assurance that if we open them to Him, He will qualify us to receive the citation: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."