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## Number Tires-Tubes Allotted This Week

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### No Classifications Necessary But B or C Cards Are Needed for Grade III Tires

The Martin County Rationing Board is distributing tubes and low-grade tires in fairly large numbers, but the applications are coming in in larger numbers and the rationing work continues to fall behind. It was pointed out that no classification is needed if the applicant has a gas card allowing him extra rations. Under that arrangement hundreds of motor vehicle operators are entitled to one type of tire or another. It is quite noticeable that few first-grade tires are being rationed these days. Not a single new auto tire and only a small number of new truck tires were rationed this week.

New truck tires and tubes were issued to the following:

Royal Baking Co., Williamston, one tire and one tube for delivering bakery products.

Martin County Transfer Co., Robersonville, two tires and two tubes for common carrier.

Certificates for recapping truck tires were issued to the following:

Royal Baking Co., Williamston, two tires for distribution of bread.

R. W. Salsbury, Hamilton, two tires for hauling farm produce and fertilizer.

Certificates for recapping auto tires were issued to the following:

North Carolina Highway Patrol, ten tires.

W. L. Ausbon, Robersonville, one tire for farm.

C. H. Barber, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires for farm.

G. R. Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire, no classification.

Z. D. F. White, Robersonville, one tire, no classification.

Garland Whitley, RFD 2, Williamston, four tires, no classification.

Frank Hitch, Williamston, three tires for highway employe.

Tire tubes were allowed the following:

Clinton Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, one tube for farm.

Better Chevrolet Co., Robersonville, one tube, no classification.

Mrs. J. A. Everett, Palmyra, one tube for farm.

Grade II tires and tubes were issued to the following:

A. C. Roberson Bros., RFD 1, Williamston, three tires and three tubes for farm.

John Mizelle, RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires for farm.

Saunders and Cox, Williamston, two tires for lumber mill operator.

Grade III tires and tubes were rationed.

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## Funeral Today For Esteemed Woman of Griffins Township

### Mrs. Wm. G. Hardison Dies Suddenly at Her Home There Wednesday

Mrs. W. G. Hardison, highly esteemed citizen of Griffins Township and a member of one of this county's oldest families, died suddenly at her home in the Farm Life community last Wednesday evening at 8:10 o'clock of a heart attack. She had been in declining health for several months, but was able to be up until about a week ago when she suffered an attack. Just a few minutes before her death, her condition appeared to be slightly improved and she sat on the side of the bed and ate a bite or two of a sandwich.

The former Miss Sarah Helen Daniel, she was born in Griffins Township 61 years ago last September, the daughter of the late William Harmon and Hannah Hardison Daniel. When a young woman she was married to Mr. Hardison and continued to make her home in the community where her forebears had lived for generations. Mrs. Hardison, devoted to her home and loved ones, found peace and contentment around the family hearth and in doing for others. The call of suffering humanity was always willingly answered, and many were the nights that she kept watch at the bedside of a sick relative or friend. She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church at Smithwicks Creek for 15 or 20 years.

Besides her husband she leaves four daughters, Mrs. Arthur C. Roberson, of Farm Life; Mrs. Henry Corey, of Norfolk; Mrs. Edward Corey, of Williamston, and Mrs. J. C. Gurkin, of Griffins Township, and four sons, W. Rufus, Ben Ira and Leslie, of the home community, and Daniel, of Jamesville. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. P. E. Getsinger, and Miss Mary Ann Daniel, and three brothers, Messrs. Nick, Noah, and W. Dave, all of Griffins Township, and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon at 1 o'clock by her pastor, Elder P. E. Getsinger, and Elders J. B. Lee, of Four Oaks, and S. B. Denny, of Wilson. Interment will follow in the family cemetery on the old Daniel farm in Griffins Township.

## After the Nazis Retreated



This radiophoto from Moscow shows Russian soldiers looking through the hard-packed snow for bodies of loved ones near Vertyachi, on the outskirts of Stalingrad, after Russian troops had recaptured the town. The fleeing Germans left many pathetic scenes behind them as they ran before the Russian troops. (Central Press)

## Public Drunkenness Is No County Crime

### DRAFT BOARD

The Martin County Draft Board will hold a special meeting in its rooms in the Lawyers' Building, corner Main and Smithwick Streets, here next Monday night at 8 o'clock. The board will center its work on the classification of those 18- and 19-year-old youths who registered last June, but according to the chairman, Ray H. Goodman, none will be classified who registered in December, the official explaining that questionnaires had not cleared the mails for that group. Appeals for deferment will be considered, and reclassifications will be effected where it is possible for the board to take such action.

## Britishers Express Great Appreciation For Entertainment

### Three Youths AWOL Docked 40 Days Pay and Stoppage of Leave

Williamston has got such a reputation in this ship the more of our boys are enquiring about the possibility of visiting there," Rev. Laurence Fleming, British Navy chaplain, pointed out in a letter expressing his great appreciation and that of his men to Rev. John W. Hardy and others who entertained a number of British seamen in their homes here during the holidays.

In a letter to Mrs. Wheeler Martin, the chaplain said, in part: "I do want to thank you so very much for all you did to make our boys' holiday just about the best days they've ever had in all their lives. It will always be a memory they will treasure and value, and they spoke so gratefully about all you did for them, and how nice you were to them. Your kindness and that of the others in your community has produced a really deep-rooted gratitude. When the time comes for us to go to sea again we will be fortified and encouraged by wonderful memories and the assurance of long-lasting friendships over this side."

Writing to Rev. Hardy this week, Parson Fleming again expressed appreciation for the entertainment accorded his men, and while the letter is a bit on the personal side possibly no serious objections would be registered and it is printed, in part, as follows:

"Dear John, I just can't go on calling you Dr. Hardy or Rector any longer because all our boys call you John and it would seem far too official and formal to speak of you in any other way myself. Honestly I don't know how to thank you enough for what you have done for our boys. They have

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## Bury County Boy on Guadalcanal Island

Dying of wounds received during a sea battle for Guadalcanal, November 12-14, William Thomas Sullivan, young son of Mrs. Blanche Sullivan Jones, was buried on the island, relatives here were notified by naval authorities this week. It is understood that the body would be brought home after the war.

Young Sullivan, a volunteer in the service, was believed to have been on the ill-fated "Atlanta," one of the United States cruisers sunk in the battle during the middle of November.

## Lieutenant Points Out Importance of Observation Posts

### Large Crowd Hears Appeal For Earnest War Effort At Hamilton Meeting

Supported by actual experience and recognizing the grim realities of war and its resulting sacrifices, Lieutenant Richard E. Manchec, ground observer of the Norfolk District Command, stressed the importance of the aircraft observation post and pleaded for a greater war effort along all lines in a civilian defense meeting attended by approximately 200 persons in Hamilton last Wednesday evening. The meeting, recognized as one of the most effective of its type held in this county, presented the issues clearly and forcefully, and there is little doubt that those who have maintained the faithful watches in their respective observation posts and others who have not yet found time to stand an assigned watch were impressed with the urgent need for maintaining an "effective and efficient" observation system.

The meeting was called by J. Paul Simpson, director of the aircraft observation system in this county, and was attended by several chief observers from other posts in the county, civilian defense leaders in the county and state and others.

Addressing the group, N. Y. Chambliss, of the State Civilian Defense Office, stated that the observation system was under the direct control of the Army, and that without the observation system civilian defense would be useless. He predicted a surprise test blackout would be held in the state "soon" and pictured a gloomy war future based on "secret" information or observations offered by some. W. J. Skinner, coordinator of civilian defense in this county, was recognized and he spoke quite briefly.

The main talk was made by Lieutenant Manchec and it touched "home" with the large audience. Introducing the speaker, Director Simpson explained that the officer had been in a plane crash and that his experience qualified him to speak. Attached to the Boston defense area before being transferred

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## Draft Delinquents Report To Board

Not knowing that they were in "bad standing" with their draft board, quite a few of the young Martin County men listed as delinquent a short time ago in a publication release went rushing to the office to get the records straight. Several admitted that they had not received any mail from the board and did not know they were delinquent. A few others had changed their address and failed to report the change to the draft board. Others were even more careless and forgot to follow instructions issued by the draft board.

No complete check on the delinquent list as it stands today, but it is estimated that possibly half of the 58 men reported delinquent have reported to the draft board and got their records up to date since the delinquent list was published just a week ago. Those who are still numbered among the delinquent age to expect drastic action by the draft authorities on or about the first of next month.

## Oak City Opening Observation Post

Martin County aircraft warning system was made fairly complete this week when the citizens of Oak City opened an observation post on a 24-hour basis Wednesday morning. The action was taken following a mass meeting in the school auditorium there Tuesday evening when Crief Observer J. H. Ayers and his assistant, Mayor Nat Johnson, rallied well over 100 citizens in the community behind the undertaking.

Located in the center of the town, the post is being manned from 3 a. m. to 8 p. m. by the ladies, the men taking over the night shift and breaking it down into two six-hour watches.

Mrs. J. H. Ayers was assigned the first watch Wednesday morning.

### WAR FUND QUOTA

The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be asked to raise a total of \$3,900 for the 1943 War Fund during the drive to get underway in March, the chapter chairman, J. C. Manning, was notified today by national headquarters.

Miss Juliet France, Red Cross field director, will meet with the chapter's finance chairman, V. J. Spivey, the regular chairman and other interested citizens in the courthouse here next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock to formulate plans for the campaign. All interested citizens are invited and urged to attend.

## Food Production Program Will Be Placed Before Earners In

### The County Last Of Next Week

## Tax Listing Progressing Very Rapidly In This County Now

After getting off to a slow start during the first few days of the month, tax listing in nine of the ten townships is progressing very rapidly now. While the usual last-minute rush to list is to be expected, Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen stated this morning that more owners had listed their holdings so far this month than in any corresponding period in years.

Commenting on the trend of values the tax supervisor stated that it is possible the total valuation will hold its own despite certain decreases in some quarters. In Williamston Township, however, the list will actually show a slight gain, while in others it is fairly certain the list will hold closely to the old figures. Offering a few facts to support the pre-

## Hundreds Of Items Made By Red Cross Production Forces

### County Chapter Aided by Units in Jamesville, Everetts and Hamilton

Aided by willing volunteers in Jamesville, Everetts, Hamilton and a goodly number of ladies in the rural communities, workers in the production unit of the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross here made hundreds of articles for suffering war victims and supplemented the number of special articles provided for members of the armed forces, according to a review of the work handled during last year under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman, and Mrs. N. C. Green, the succeeding chairman.

The first assignment included the manufacture of garments for war refugees in various countries, the chapter's production unit making and shipping 32 hospital pajamas for men, 30 hospital pajamas for children, 40 nightgowns for women, 66 boys' shirts, 33 pairs of rompers and 66 women's skirts. A knitting quota, calling for 32 women's sweaters, 20 men's sweaters, 64 children's sweaters, 70 mittens and 30 beanies for refugees, has been met almost, the chairman explaining that the project was discontinued to meet an urgent need for knitted articles for the armed forces. "We are anxious to get all refugee knitting completed, if possible, before the new assignment for the armed forces is received," Mrs. Green said.

The fall and winter quota for the armed forces will be met possibly by February 1st, Mrs. Green stating that the following items had already been made for the Navy men: 59 watch caps out of an 80 called for, 5 or 6 scarfs asked for, 38 or the full quota of sweaters, 61 pairs of socks or 21 pairs in excess of the quota, and 37 pairs of sea boots or 4 pairs in excess of the quota. For the Army, the unit, still with the aid of the sub-

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## Several Injured In Navy Bus Accident

Twenty-six Edenton blimp base workers miraculously escaped serious injury and death last Wednesday evening about 7:15 o'clock when the Navy bus in which they were riding went out of control and turned bottom side up between Williamston and Everetts. Only two persons, Gus Verner, colored, and Milton Joyner, white, were painfully but not dangerously cut on their heads. Others in the bus were bruised or slightly shocked, but needed no medical attention.

Driving west on Highway 64 and said to have been speeding, Horace Dorsey, of Rocky Mount, started to pass another car and to avoid striking two boys riding in the highway he pulled the bus to the side of the road. The machine plowed down the shoulder of the road for a short distance and darted for a telephone pole, crashing it and turning over. Its wheels were left spinning in the air. The men, mostly from Rocky Mount, engaged in a mad scramble, one report stating they came out on all sides. Other buses, running the same route, picked up the men and carried them to their homes.

Damage to the bus was estimated at about \$300 by Patrolman Whit Saunders who with Patrolman W. S. Hunt investigated the accident.

Another bus, operating to and from the blimp base, was wrecked in Bertie County early last night, but no one was seriously hurt, according to reports reaching here.

## Production Goals and Survey Will Likely Demand Much Consideration

Plans for the mobilization of agriculture on an all-out war production scale will be carried to the farmers in Martin County this latter part of next week, it was announced following a meeting of county and community committees held in the courthouse yesterday.

The program, although a bit detailed, is not at all complicated, and it offers a working basis for any legislation that might be necessary for maintaining record production goals on American farms this year. Briefly stated, the program calls for a definite program for each individual farm and a survey of possibilities, farm labor, machinery and so on. The farmer will be asked directly if he can and will increase production of the critical or war crops.

The thirty or more community and county committees attending the meeting in the courthouse this week expressed a willingness to support the 1943 program to the limit. One program for a fair-sized farm calls for the planting of about one-fourth of the cultivated acreage to critical or war crops. In the particular case, the farmer agreed to plant about 12 acres of soybeans, seven acres of peanuts for oil, two acres of Irish potatoes, one acre of sweet potatoes and cultivate a home garden of about one acre. The farmer also agreed to increase his cattle herd from seven to ten head and his milk cows from three to four. Other essential food and feed crops will remain about the same. This was one of the programs established at the meeting this week and is fairly representative of what President Roosevelt is asking of that farmer as his share in winning the war and writing the peace.

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## Russians Begin New Drive Against Nazis In Leningrad Sector

### Eight Other Counter Offensives Continue to Roll Germans Back on Long Line

With eight counter offensives rolling forward already, the Russians this week started still another drive against the invading German hordes along the long Eastern front, late reports stating that the latest drive is proving quite effective in the Leningrad sector. Two mighty Russian armies are converging on Rostov in the Don area, and progress is being made in the southern Caucasus. Left behind the Russian advance, the Germans at Stalingrad are being cleaned up. With their supply lines protected now across the Volga, the Russians can take their time in the mopping up operations at Stalingrad where one of the greatest fights in history took place.

It cannot be determined now whether the Russian offensive launched the latter part of November will knock Hitler out, but it is certain that the blow directed by the Soviet forces has already softened the ole boy up and is making him vulnerable on other fronts. Now that the Nazi forces have been hurled back in their drive toward Russian oil fields, the war takes on a decidedly better outlook for all the United Nations, for with vast oil supplies Hitler would have been in a greatly improved position to fling his challenge possibly to the United States itself.

On the other fronts, the Fighting French are apparently doing most of the fighting in the Tunisian area. The old Africa front is expected to show more sign of activity shortly, the Germans having announced to their people back home that General Montgomery is about ready to strike with 150,000 men. But in

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## Restrictions Placed On Mailing To Boys In Foreign Services

### Individual Copies of Newspapers Can Be Sent Overseas Only by Publishers

The War Department has informed the Post Office Department that in view of the heavy demands being made on cargo space for military shipments and because of the limited facilities available to commanders of theaters of operation for delivery of mail, the volume of mail dispatched to overseas destinations must be kept to a minimum.

Effective January 15, 1943, no parcel shall be accepted for dispatch to APO's outside the continental United States unless they contain such articles only as are being sent at the specific written request of the addressee, approved by the battalion or similar unit commander of the addressee. No parcel coming within this authorization shall exceed 5 pounds in weight, or 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Individual copies of newspapers or magazines can only be sent by the publishers.

No circular matter of the third class can be sent.

If a parcel post package is sent it cannot be insured. Letters containing money shall be refused registration, and the use of the money order system in this connection is recommended. However, valuable papers will be registered but no indemnity will be allowed in case of loss. Mail addressed to APO's outside the continental U. S. shall embrace all that is addressed to such APO's in care of Postmasters at New York, N. Y., San Francisco, Calif., Seattle, Wash., New Orleans, La., Miami, Fla., or Presque Isle, Maine. The restrictions of the order apply only to personnel of the U. S. Army and to contractors and civilians served through APO's outside the continental U. S. They do not apply to mail for personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

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