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Jurymen Are Drawn Big Reduction In Fire Quota Nearly Six Hundred Warning Causes Many For March Term Of For Current Month In County Tires Are Allotted The Superior County Following the wire property By Rationing Board The Seek Defense Jobs In Virginia Chapel

Wing Sand Jary and The Better rations during last money the Called To Serve For Twelve Months

Forty-five Martin County citizens tin County Superior court conven-ing the 15th of that month. Nine of the group will be chosen for a year's duty as grand jurymen, succeeding nine who are completing the long

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, is scheduled to preside over the term scheduled to last for two weeks and handle both criminal and civil cases. It will be Judge Parker's first visit to the county in several

Drawn for service the first week or for service as grand jurymen are the following:

Jamesville Township: G C Lilley, and Luther Hardison. Williams Township: Irving Rober-

Township: W. G. Hardi

Bear Grass Township: W. O. Peel, Russell L. Griffin and Cortez Bowen. Williamston Township: G. G. Woolard, G. H. Harrison, John E. Pope, Raymond D. Taylor, J. G. Barnhill, Charlie Edwards, T. A. Gray, James E. Griffin, Roger Critcher, Jr., E. E. Cox and W. H. Dickens.

Cross Roads Township: B. W. Williams and J. B. Barnhlil. Robersonville Township: Lester C. Roebuck and J. J. Williams.

Hamilton Township: J. A. Haislip, D. W. Etheridge and C. L. Nelson,

Goose Nest Township: C. H. Leg gett and J. E. Copeland, Jr. Second Week Williams Township: Lillian R.

Bear Grass Township: Claudius Rawls.

Williamston Township: H. S. Rob erson, John G. Corey, J. W. Garris. M. S. Moore, J. A. Roberson, W. Woolard and R. D. Elliott.

Cross Roads Township: Willie I Ausbon and W. B. Everett. Robersonville Township: Gray, J. P. House and F. F. Pollard.

Devastating Air Raids Directed at Source of Sub-

Hamilton Township: Dallas Pur vis and W. L. Hollis. Goose Nest Township: L. L. Keel.

Three Cases Heard By Judge Smith In The County Court

Defendant Is Sentenced to Roads for Long Term for Resisting Arrest

With only three cases on the dock- Germans in the West Caucasus. The et, Judge J. C. Smith held one of his Red Army is now within 30 miles of shortest sessions of his current term Rostov and if it continues moving in the county recorder's court last northwest along the Salsk railroad Monday. The court was in session and occupies Bataisk, last stop on the less than forty-five minutes and railroad into Rostov, the Russians there were only eight spectators in will have the city within range for a the hall, including big Will Eborn, deadly bombardment. It has been the colored character who wanders estimated that the Germans have up and down the streets of William- 250,000 men in and about Rostov. It is

Judge Smith, who with the cooperation of his prosecuting attorney, is or whether they will attempt to withrunning a good court, found it nec- draw to prevent another Stalingrad essary to talk to a member of the there. bar when the said member advised the jurist he was wrong.

The judge took a definite stand One is driving not far from Novoragainst general drunkenness and dis- ossisk apparently in an effort to cut orderly conduct during the session off the enemy at Krasnodar while anwhen he sentenced Laverne Godard to the roads for twelve months. The youthful defendant was also charged with resisting arrest. The sentence was suspended if and when the defendant is inducted into the Army, the suspension to remain in effect for and during such time as he remains in the armed services.

Outfitting his wife with new clothes and placing a sparkling red Davenport, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. hat atop of her head, John Sam Joseph Hoyle Davenport, of James-Moore won his case in a walk. He ville, was graduated from the U. S. was charged with non-support, but Naval Training School for machinthe maneuvers carefully executed ists on the campus of the University just a short time before apparently of Kansas here today with the ratsupported in part or entirely the nol ing of fireman, third class. He now pros taken by the court.

Charged with trespassing and diswith the fleet or at a Naval shore posing of mortgaged property, Walstation where he will serve as an aster Bailey was adjudged not guil- sistant to a machinist's mate.

ed today, after completing a 16-Former Local Man weeks course which included training in the operation and repair of main and auxiliary engines, drain-Dies In Richmond age and distilling plants, evaporators, pumps, and other mechanical equip-

Mark Dawes, native of Nash County and for a number of years a resident of Williamston, died at his home in Richmond last Sunday. Suffering a stroke of paralysis he fell while leaving a lodge hall in the Virginia city a few days before Christmas. His condition had been serious since that time.

Moving to Williamston about 1900. he married Miss Elizabeth Rogerson and moved to Richmond about ten the Martin County Rationing Board under the same general terms and years later. Besides his widow, he is this week to the following: survived by two sons, Irvin W. and | Willie Howard Daniels, of Rober-Raymond L. Dawes. He also leaves sonville; David Stalls, of RFD 1, Robone sister and two brothers.

and interment was in Bailey, of Williamston Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond. L. Gardner, of RFD 1, Williamston. by the borrower.

terially decreased in this county. Unless the allowance is altered, vehicle problem by any means. It is now apoperators will have to depend on parent that the supply has been exfifteen new automobile tires, 26 hausted and that even with a certifihave been called for jury service grade II, 75 grade III, 95 recaps and that even with a certification of the Marduties the March term of the Marduties the March term of the Mar156 grade II, 75 grade III, 95 recaps and that even with a certification of the March term of the Mar156 grade III, 95 recaps and attention of the March term of the Marc 56 new tires, 56 recaps and 41 tubes. tires. Apparently realizing that the the tire situation is not as bright as ing allowed four new tires during mands, authorities have ruled that it appear. There is an admitted posthe current month.

For some the tire shortage is ofrations are still riding high, wide it will become void within 30 days, and handsome. Once they have been it was officially announced. It is posarmed with rations from the liberal sible that the demand for grade III allotments advanced last month, tires will be met by the introduction quite a few vehicle owners are ex- of "idle" tires taken from owners plaining that they can operate for throughout the nation several months another six, ten or even twelve ago.

AT A GLANCE

According to official informa-

tioning board, the following oi-

fers at a glance a picture of ra-

tioning coupon values and dates:

pounds of sugar until March 15.

pound of coffee until midnight, February 7th. No. 25 stamp in

War Ration Book One will be

valid on February 8th, but the

one pound of coffee received in

exchange for No. 25 stamp is to

last for six weeks instead of five

No. 3 fuel oil coupons are good

for nine gallons until February

19th, and the No. 4 fuel oil cou-

pons in effect this week are good

More Thousands Of

marine Menace

While mystery continues to sur-

ound activities in the Southwest Pa-

gic points along the 1,800 mile east-

cutting off the last hope of escape

attempt to hold the Don River port,

The Red armies are advancing

powerful drives all along the front.

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Gets Navy Rating

awaits assignment to active duty

A class of 199 men were graduat-

ment carried aboard a modern war-

The Bluejacket is eligible for pro-

motion to a petty officer rating of

machinist's mate, third class, upon

By County Rationing Board

Five new bicycles were allotted by

passing a qualifying examination.

New Bicycles Are Allotted

or until March 21st.

No. 28 coupon is good for one

No. 11 stamp is good for three

Toming from the county ra-

iness last month has not solved the the life of the certificates will be exfering a serious situation, but in in the hands of tire dealers. If the some cases the applicants for tire certificate is held by the applicant,

> Carrell Griffin Is Fatally Injured in Accident Tuesday

Another Person Hurt When Team Crashes into Farm Tractor

Carroll Griffin, young Martin County farmer, was fatally injured and William Manning, young colored boy, was painfully hurt when a pair of horses ran away and crashed into the tractor on which the two men were riding on a farm in the Smithwicks Creek community of Griffins Township last Tuesday just before sunset. Griffin, 28 years old, had his left leg broken at the ankle and the right was broken near the

Miraculously escaping from the path of the tractor, the 19-year-old colored boy was not hurt seriously Germans Trapped In when one of the horses stepped on his leg. He is getting along very

The West Caucasus The accident, one of the most unusual ever reported in the county, took place in an open field. Mr. Griffin with his brother, J. T. Griffin preparing a tobacco bed and the there were on their way to the house, the Manning boy driving and Mr. Griffin riding on the tractor. The young Gettin boy was driving the eific and lines are being drawn more team of horses hitched to a farm wagon. The tractor was about 175 yards tightly in the Tunisian struggle, the ahead of the horses when the wa-Russians continue to offer the big ahead of the horses when the wa-gon, running across a shallow ditch, struck the horses' legs and caused attack still advancing at stratethe animals to jump and run. driver, standing to the back of the ern front. The major development of the past few days took place with the wagon, was thrown out. The horses dashed ahead in a direct line toward capture of Kushchevka and another the tractor. Looking straight ahead railroad junction at Staro-Minskaya, and unable to hear the approaching team on account of the noise of the and trapping an estimated 100,000 tractor, neither Griffin nor Manning sensed any danger until the horses were upon them. When the animals reached the tractor, one pulled to the right and the other to the left and each one tore into a wheel on the machine. Two spurs were driven into one of the horses and he died within a short time, the other one was badly hurt but he is expected to retoo soon to know whether they will

The tongue of the wagon barely missed Griffin. He was thrown to the ground and the wagon passed without running over him. Manning was thrown into the path of the tractor wheel but he rolled and scrambl-

(Continued on page four) Making Seed-Feed **Loans In County**

Applications for emergency crop loans (seed-feed loans) are now being received in this county by C. D. Carstarphen in the sheriff's office,

Williamston. Farmers who are in need of funds the purchase or poduction of feed for livestock, and who have been unable to obtain adequate financing from other sources, including a pro-

duction credit association, should see Mr. Carstarphen. Loans approved now may include funds for immediate disbursal to meet early spring needs, such as, the preparation of land, the purchase of fertilizer, or the planting of the early food or feed crops advocated by the Extension Service and the local County War Boards of the Department of Agriculture. Funds to meet later crop production expenses may

be disbursed as needed. Emergency crop loans are made to farmers, either owners or tenants. who own or can make arrangements to obtain land to fam, who own or have the use of workstock and equipment with which to farm, and who can give a first lien on the crops to be financed as security. Loans to finance the purchase or production of feed for livestock are also available conditions, except a first mortgage on the stock to be fed is required as security. The interest rate on both ne sister and two brothers. | ersonville; Bernice L. Rogerson, of crop and feed loans is 4 per cent per Funeral services were conducted RFD 2, Williamston; Shelton Eli annum and interest is charged only for the actual time the funds are used

mer was ming Colors will Be Experienced in Large **Number of Cases**

Nearly six hundred automobile and truck tires were allotted in this county during the past few days, but

the life of the certificates will be ex-tended if and when they are placed filled immediately with the added possibility that some of them will never be filled. The life of the certificates is only thirty days, but their value may be maintained if placed in the hands of the dealers along with bona fide orders for tires.

It is now quite evident that the 'idle" tires taken off of cars some

The rationing board in this counapplications are coming in fa including quite a few filed by "A" lar about the type of job just so lo gas rationing tire holders. The requests filed by "A" card holders were not recognized, but yet they were not officially rejected, meaning they may or may not be granted.

Recently the board rationed 500 grade III tires, 75 recaps, eight new ear tires and about fourteen tubes. New automobile tires and tubes were allotted to the following: Kelly

L. Rawls, Robersonville mail carrier, two tires; W. S. Hunt, State Highway Patrol, two tires and two tubes; Dr. E. E. Pittman, Oak City, three new tires, two tubes and two recapped tires; Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, one new tire, one recapped tire and one tube; Dr. Jesse E. Ward, Robersonville, two new tubes.

Certificates for recapping truck tires were issued to the following: Highway Commission, 9 tires and

One new tire and tube were alloted to W. S. Revels for farm mach-Certificates for recapping auto tires were issued to the following in

mission, 2; Frank Weathersbee, 3; Alpha Cleaners, 2; R. H. Taylor, position, as follows: J. D. Etheridge, 2; F. T. Waters, 4; Rev. John W. Hardy, 2; Glenn Da-

vis, 4; Mary W. Taylor, 3; P. C. Edmondson, 2; W. D. Jones, 2; Herbert allotted as follows: C. M. Edmond-

son, 4; Noah Boston, 2; Nora R. Chesry, 3; Elwood Ayers, 2; Ira Jones, 2; Mrs. Fred Chesson, 3; Walter Speller, 4; Theodore Warren, 4; R. E. Taylor, 5; Mrs. John Edmonds, 3; Adrow Smith, 3; J. E. Copeland, Jr., 3; Norman Bowen, 3; Hyman Woolard, 2; George F. Lee, 3; M. G. Wa-

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In Pay For Jurors

Convinced that \$2 a day is mighty ittle pay for good citizens who quit their work to serve as jurymen in the Martin County courts, Representative Clarence W. Griffin proposes in a bill he is introducing in the House this week to increase the rate of pay to \$3 a day plus the usual fee of five cents a mile for travel. The proposal has the support of not only those who are called for service but it also has the support of others who recognize the rate of pay as being absurdly low.

The bill provides no mileage for tales jurymen, or those citizens who are more or less forced into service on the spot. It is generally agreed that even with the increase, the rate for crop production purposes, or for of pay is too small for the man who stops his work to help administer aw and order.

JOIMT SESSIONS

Beginning next Monday, the fuel oil rationing board will meet at the same time the tire and gas rationing board is in session. By meeting on the same day, the boards will make it possible for those persons having business with both to handle it in one trip.

It is fairly apparent that many persons are making numerous trips to the board and actually wasting gasoline. Possibly in some cases trips are made in error, but in other instances trips are made to beg for something the beggars are not really entitled to or because some do not think about cooperating and fail to observe the office hours. Then there are those who overlook the main purpose of the ra-tioning system and think they

Persons Working At Non - Essential Jobs

Get War jobs or Fight Latest Ruling Issued by Manpower Commission

Are Subject To Call

The latest ruling isseed by the Manpower Commission, warning all persons working in non-essential industry to get war jobs or fight, is apparently getting results. The first day after the ruling was announced fifteen young men reported to the months ago will be placed in use and Williamston employment office and in filling the demand created by the made bids for war defense jobs, and wholesale rationing of a few days others were giving the order serious

ty almost caught up with the de- the draft is fairly apparent, the apmand for tires this week, but new plicants for essential jobs seriously it is now estimated that 75 requests would exempt them from the draft. for about 150 tires are now pending, Most of them were not very particuas it had deferment value.

While most of the applicants ex pressed interest in the new bargo project now getting underway Washington, several expressed in terest in farm jobs. It is possible that a few will go to the farms, but the ruling is a natural one for defense industry.

The Manpower commission in its latest **ord**er lis**ts** 65 non-essential occupations. If the order relieves the manpower shortage, no other changes are to be expected. If the order does not relieve the situation to any great extent it is considered quite likely that the list will be expanded to include many other

It was clearly explained in the order that those persons in non-essential industry cannot hide behind their dependents, meaning that a married bartender with children is in line for the draft if he does not change his job and enter some war defense job.

The list of non-essential jobs is ap-T. Barnhill, Jr., 1; J. E. Boykin, are grouped for one to determine his small number of cases, but the jobs

> elers' fixings and materials, jewelry, lapidary work, ornamental gold, silver leaf and foil (non-industrial), silverware, plated ware (non-industrial), costume jewelry and novelties, decorative feathers and plumes, artificial flowers, frames, mirror and picture, greeting cards, picture postcards, jewelry cases, signs and advertising plays.

tiques, beer, wines and liquors, cusfectionery and nuts, florists, jewelry,

Service-Automobile rental service, dance schools, music schools, theatrical schools, art studios and schools, gambling, interior decorating, night clubs, parking lots, photographic studios, Turkish baths, massage parlors, clothing rental, porter service, social escort services.

All the following occupations are non-deferable, regardless of the activity in which they may be found— Bar cashier, bar boy, bartenders, bath house attendants, beauty operators, bellboys, bootblacks, bus boys, butlers, charmen and cleaners, cosmeticians, custom tailors, custom furriers, dancing teachers, dishwashers, doormen and starters, elevator oper ators (passenger and freight, excluding industrial freight elevators related to production), elevator start-

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Insistent Violator Problem for Officer

Milton James, aged colored man f the Free Union section of Jamesille Township, is offering ABC Of-

James, owner of about a threehorse farm, is an invalid and he insists on selling liquor. Hiding behind his infirmities, the alleged violator has openly defied the law. Catching him with a quantity of illegal liquor, Officer Roebuck some time ago warned the old codger against the practice. This week the officer raided the old man's home again and found about one-half gallon of illegal liquor there along with six empty gal lon jugs, eight one-half gallon jars, and a five-gallon demijohn, all fresh

y emptied.

IMPORTANT

Vehicle owners-operators go-tag before the rationing board in the interest of gas or tire rations are urged to carry their tire inspection sheets with the tire ser-ial numbers on them. Quite a few persons have appeared before the board without the inspection records and found it necessary to make a second trip.

33. The attention of the public is again called to the hours observed by the rationing board office. Opening each morning at 8 o'clock, the office closes each afternoon at 5 with an hour off at lunch. Each Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon, the office is closed to the public while the employees handle reports. Extra trips will be made unnecessary if these hours are noted by the general public.

Raymond D. Taylor Passes Suddenly In Hospital Yesterday

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted for Local Man This Afternoon

Raymond D. Taylor, well-known and popular local young man, died in the local hospital yesterday mornng at 5:45 o'clock following a brief tion. plications, he had been in declining nealth for some time. His condition became worse last Tuesday and he entered the hospital the following two other brothers, Messrs. Lewis morning. He got up and walked around in his room for a few minutes late Wednesday afternoon to relieve his asthma. Returning to his bed a short time later he became unconscious and death came gradually as a result of pneumonia

to this section only in a lor and the late Henry D. Taylor, he was born near Williamston 44 years ago the tenth of next month. After finishing the community school, he Manufacturing-Curtains, draper- attended school here, and later comes, bedspreads, pleating, stitching, pleted business courses in a Raleigh tucking, embroidering, trimmings, College. Returning to Williamston he stamped art goods, art needlework, worked in the Crawford insurance Little, 2; Wheeler Staton, 1; J. E. cut glass, beveled glass, etched glass, office for several years before go-Johnson, 2; James Herbert Brown, cutware, glass novelties, Mosaic ing to Miami where he was employ-Jr., 4; Javin Leggett, 2; Paul Brown, glass, stained glass, leaded glass, or- ed in a bank for nearly four years. namented glass, decorated glass, jew- Returning home, he entered the em- Township Saturday afternoon at 2:30 ploy of the Harrison Wholesale Comroom on Washington Street. home here for his aged mother.

Wholesale and retail trade— An- Dr. W. R. Burrell, will conduct the run-away horses crashed into a tom tailors and furriers, candy, con- o'clock from the home. Interment a field. Removed immediately to the on the old home farm, near here.

by three brothers, Herman Taylor, Baton Rouge, La., and Harry Taylor, of Norfolk, and four sisters, Mrs. A. R. Smith, of Atlanta; Mrs. W. O. Mc-Cluskey and Misses Virginia and Vivian Taylor, all of Greensboro.

Finishes Training At Primary School

Goodfellow Field, Texas.- Aviation Cadet Marvin W. Corey, 26, of regarded as a promising young lead-Jamesville, recently graduated from primary school at Ballinger, Texas, has begun the third, and next-to-last stage of his flight training. At Goodfellow Field, Army Air

Forces Basic Flying School, San Angelo, Texas, Aviation Cadet Corey has stepped up to a fast, 450-horsepower, stream-lined, low-wing BT13A in which he is learning precision flying by instrument, formation, acrobatics and tactics to be used in combat against the Axis. After nine weeks at Goodfellow Field, which has produced many of ficer J. H. Roebuck one big problem Cadet Corey and his classmates of 43E will be ready for the finishing touches of advanced school. Then

> action in the war zones. Aviation Cadet Corey is the sor of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Corey, Jamesville. He graduated from Jamesville High school in 1934 and later attended Campbell College.

> they'll be flying officers eligible for

New Auto Is Allotted To Alleged Speed Violator

A new automobile was allotted to C. S. Vanlandingham, star route mail Yesterday, the officer swore out carrier, by the Martin County Rawarrant for the man, and the tioning Board this week. Vanlandproblem was created. It is fairly ap- ingham was called before the board

ton Cemetery for High Ranking Naval Officer

Funeral Tuesday for

Funeral services for Capton Del Godwin, native of Williamston tho lost his life along with other ligh ranking naval officers in a erash about 100 miles north of San Francisco on the morning of January 21, will be held in Fort Meyers Chapel next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, relatives and friends were notified here late yesterday. Mrs. Godwin and other members of the funeral party are expected to reach Washington from the West Coast next Monday. The service will be held in the Virginia chapel with full military honors and in-

Besides his wife, the former Miss Hazel Mae Kenney, of Washington and Connecticut, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Donnie Bingle, of Washon City, and four brothers, Chas. H., and Verner D. Gou win, of Williamston; Lewis Godwin, of Farmville, and Dr. Grover C.

terment will follow in Arlington

Godwin, of Roanoke, Va. Captain Godwin entered the Nay as an ensign out of Annapolis in 1911 and returned to the Academy as a professor about 1937 for several terms. He also taught in the University of Southern California and was promoted to the captaincy in 1939. He was a lieutenant commander in the the submarine service during World War I. Mr. Godwin lived through the Pearl Harbor attack and after seeing much action in the South Pacific was on his way to the States for shore duty and another promo-

His brothers, Messrs. Chas. H Godwin and Verner D. Godwin, and Julius S. Peel will go from here for Godwin, of Farmville, and Dr. G. C. Godwin, of Roanoke, Va.

Carroll Lee Griffin Passes In Hospital **Early This Morning**

Funeral for Well-Known Young Farmer Will Be Held Saturday at 2:30

Funeral services will be held at o'clock for Carroll Lee Griffin, wellpany and was associated with that known young county farmer who firm for nearly fifteen years. He died in a Washington hospital at 3:15 later opened and operated a pool o'clock this morning of injuries re-

cived in a tractor-team accident on never married, but maintained a his farm near Smithwicks Creek late last Tuesday afternoon. The young Mr. Taylor was a member of the man's left leg was broken near the Memorial Baptist Church here for ankle, and he suffered a crushed hip a number of years and his pastor, and other injuries when a pair of last rites this afternoon at 3:30 tractor on which he was riding across will follow in the family cemetery hospital he was thought to be getting along as well as could be expected Besides his mother, he is survived until early last night when he suffered a relapse. Reviving for a short f Williamston; Dr. Cecil Taylor, of time about 11 o'clock he recognized and spoke to his small son, his condition growing rapidly worse from

The son of A. Dawson Griffin, Jr., and wife, Mrs. Matilda Roberson Griffin, he was born in the Smithwicks Creek community of Griffins Township on September 9, 1914, and lived and farmed on the farm of his pirth all his life. A real friend to his fellowman, he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a willing and hard worker and was er in his community. He was a good young man, one who made his wants and desires second to those of others. In his patient and humble walk through life he set an example

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Whit C. Purvis Is Now Naval Cadet

Whit C. Purvis, 22, son of Mrs. Daisy T. Purvis, of 312 Main Street. Williamston, was recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and was transferred to the U.S. Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., for intermediate flight training, according to an announcement from the public relations office of that sta-

Prior to entering the Naval service, Cadet Purvis received his B.S. degree from the University of North

The last of September, he was sent to the U.S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base in Anacostia, D. C., where he successfully completed the elimination training course the middle of last month.

Upon completion of the intensive course at the "Annapolis of the Air," Purvis will receive his Navy "Wings of Gold," with the designation of Naval Aviator, and will be commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Re-Marine Corps Reserve.

parent that James will have to be just recently for allegedly violating moved on a stretcher. Before furthshould have every request granted when they could make their er action is taken, the law will await time he was warned that his rations rations last by saving a little an order from the courts directing were subject to be reduced. Howevmore and change camerold man's removal from file. er, he came back strong and claim-ed and got a new car. to the court on a stretcher.