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Red Cross War Fund Campaign Will Get Underway In County Chapter Tomorrow

Everyone Earnestly Urged To Cooperate In Humane Canvass

Chairmen Hopeful Campaign Will Be Completed Later Than Saturday

The American Red Cross 1943 War Fund campaign will get underway after a sweeping fashion in the Martin County Chapter tomorrow, reports from the various district leaders indicating that every effort will be made to handle the task by Saturday of this week. In starting the drive tomorrow, chapter and fund leaders are earnestly appealing for wholehearted and willing cooperation on the part of everyone. The general public is reminded that the canvassers are giving of their time and making contributions, too, that "call-backs" in many cases are not fair to the canvasser.

This chapter is being asked to raise \$3,900 this year, and that means the 1941 contributions will have to be doubled in most cases. Plans have been completed in the five townships comprising this chapter. Mrs. R. J. Hardison will lead the canvass in Williams; Mrs. Eason Lilley in Griffins; Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Peel in Bear Grass. The organization for Williamston was effected this morning with the following taking part: John W. Hardy, D. N. Hix, John L. Goff, W. R. Burrell, Mrs. Louie P. Martin, Mary Taylor, Mrs. Bill Howell, Edna Barnhill, Mrs. J. C. Manning, Mrs. Harrell Everett, Mrs. R. L. Coburn, Mrs. H. G. Horton, B. T. Hurley, Mrs. E. S. Peel, J. C. Manning and V. J. Spivey. Others will be asked to aid in making the canvass.

Mrs. Walter Brown and Mrs. Chas. Davenport organized their campaign plans Sunday.

The town and section will be canvassed and every home will be visited. Mrs. Davenport stated that a number of housewives would probably be very willing to help.

It will be next to impossible to call back and the individual who was canvassed but not at home is requested to see either Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Davenport or Mrs. Camille Fleming Turner, who have agreed to assist in making the local canvass.

The following will lead the canvass in the rural sections adjacent to the town of Jamesville: Dardens, Mr. Frank Jordan; Ange Town, Mr. Leo Gardner; Barber Town, Mrs. Myrtle Barber; Modlin Town, Mrs. Windell Modlin; Fairview, Mr. Johnnie Gardner; the Jamesville school and faculty will be solicited by Principal Britton and Mrs. Britton will canvass the Ballgrade section.

On the eve of the campaign, Chairman J. C. Manning and V. J. Spivey issued the following statement:

The American people are being called upon to contribute one hundred cents to the War Fund.

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Asking For More Books For Nation's Service Men

The response to the call for books for service men has been rather disappointing in this area, according to Rev. John W. Hardy who, as USO chairman, is leading the canvass. There is an urgent need for more books, and local people are urged to contribute as many as they can possibly spare. They are asked to leave them at either of the drug stores or the local library, or send them to school by the children.

Governor J. M. Broughton will address a radio appeal at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon in support of the book collection drive.

Believe Married Men Will Be Called For Service In April

The serious from its inception, has been aggravated just recently by record-size calls, meaning that married men without children will, in all probability, be included in the list of young white draftees to leave this county next month, possibly about the middle of April.

The call, said to be the largest ever received for white men in this county and understood to be no smaller than the record one calling for 100 colored draftees some time ago, has faced the draft board with its worst problems. Appeals for deferment are rolling in in numbers. The pool of available manpower among the single 1-A men is just about drained, but the call must be filled.

"It is a trying and serious situation," Draft Board Chairman R. H. Goodman said yesterday morning after receiving thirty-eight visitors in his office during the course of two hours' time. There was little the draft official could promise, but he advised the pleaders to prepare the

Red Cross War Fund Proclamation

The American National Red Cross before and since our entrance into the war has rendered untold humanitarian services to suffering humanity and to the members of our armed forces and to their families.

The demands upon this great organization are steadily increasing as it is called upon to accompany our Army and Navy to all parts of the globe and to send relief to American prisoners of war and to continue these services the American National Red Cross is under the necessity of raising further funds to carry on this work.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, do hereby designate the month beginning March 1, 1943, as "Red Cross Month," and I request that during that month our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross.


The quota for this chapter this year is \$3,900.00.

Our people have contributed generously to this humanitarian cause wherever they have been called upon and I call upon our people to again enlist under the banner of the Red Cross and to contribute as much as they can to the Red Cross War Fund.

While the month of March is given to raise this amount our people are asked to do it in one week if possible.

So let us all enlist in this great army of mercy.

JOHN L. HASSELL, Mayor



County Board Lowers Car-Truck Valuations

The work or fight ultimatum may not be law as yet, but it is being practiced. Advised that the attendance of Richard Randolph Thompson, of RFD 1, Palmyra, upon his job in the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company yards in Wilmington, was not satisfactory, the board classified the registrant in 1-A at its meeting here last night.

Blanket Reduction Will Lop \$248,000 From the Tax Book

Assessed values of automobiles and trucks, admittedly out of line as compared with other listings, were materially reduced by the county commissioners in regular session here yesterday. As a result of the order, the assessed values of all trucks and automobiles valued at \$100 or more will be reduced by twenty per cent. The order, it is estimated, will lop \$248,000 from the county tax books for the current year, the reduction being about \$60,000 greater than the increase in values assessed against the motor vehicles in January.

Education Board In Meet Monday

Members of the Martin County Board of Education were in a short meeting here yesterday, the business of the day falling mainly into the routine class.

The board passed a resolution requesting a loan of \$10,000 from the county board of commissioners. Taking \$30,000 of its own money and adding it to the loan, the education board plans to retire about the middle of this month the debt existing against the Robersonville Grammar School building, it was explained.

During the past several years, the board has reduced its building debt by more than \$100,000. But it is quite probable that before all the debt is retired, there'll be a need for new buildings or extensive repairs to old ones.

Fire Wrecks Car Here Early Saturday Morning

Thought to be a gas explosion, a short circuit, fire wrecked the coupe of Mr. Lewis Stansbury in the parking lot at the Dunning home on West Main Street Saturday morning just after midnight.

Complete figures are not available, but according to preliminary estimates released to the board by Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen, county tax values will after deducting the \$248,000 decrease allowed by the board, show a substantial gain. All the books have not been added, but the gain will possibly approximate \$200,500, Supervisor Carstarphen believes.

Four New Cars Allotted This County For March

Martin County has been allotted four new automobiles for March. But holders of purchase certificates issued last month are wondering about the value of the ration papers because they have been unable to buy cars.

Town Authorities In Regular Session Here Last Evening

Meeting in regular session for hardly more than 45 minutes, the local town commissioners last evening discussed a varied business program, but took action in only two or three cases aside from the routine duties.

Special Committee Named To The Cemetery

The cemetery project, its life fanned by a small but lasting spark, came up for discussion again, the board ordering a committee to make a study of a plan for instituting a recognized maintenance program. The appointment of an all-time keeper is expected. The cemetery, recently enlarged by the annexation of several adjoining pieces of property, has been cleared and surveyed. Barring on disgrace all these years, the cemetery is now expected to reflect a certain degree of respect on the part of the town.

Appearing before the meeting, John L. Goff, chairman of the local civilian defense corps, asked the town to appropriate \$300 needed to defray certain expenses incurred in operating the local control center. Some of the appropriation will be used for the purchase of arm bands and other insignias for the identification of the approximately 75 men now serving in various capacities at the post. The request was unanimously granted.

The increase in the number of stray dogs in the town came up for discussion, the board ordering the elimination of those canines considered so worthless by the owners that they are allowed to prowl at large all over the town. Owners who would have their dogs spayed of a shot gun death are warned to start keeping them penned or off the streets.

Warnings Featured Pleasure Ban Court

Seven Martin County motorists were called before a special Rationing Board meeting in the agricultural building here last night to answer for alleged violation of the pleasure driving ban and the 35-mile speed regulation. In only one case did the board exact a penalty, but warnings were issued in most of the others and the notations will be filed with the defendants' records in the rationing board office.

Maaman Knox, Robersonville, charged with pleasure driving, had his gas ration suspended for thirty days.

Richard Hillard, Hobgood, was warned against driving bordering on the pleasure side.

A mix-up was apparent in the case against Marion Evans, of Robersonville, and the case was dismissed when it was learned that the representative was not Evans.

The case charging Julia H. Fagan, of Dardens, with exceeding the speed regulation was dismissed when the defendant proved that the speedometer on her car was defective and maintained that she was innocent. The defendant had had the speedometer checked by an officer and his report substantiated the claim.

Tires Allotted By Ration Board In County On Friday

Distribution Based Mainly on Increased Quota of Grade II Tires

Large numbers of new truck tires and those of the Grade II type were allotted to applicants by the Martin County Rationing Board in special session last Friday. The late allotments were made possible by a last-minute increase in quotas, especially of the Grade II type.

New truck tires were allotted to the following:

- Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for meat deliveries.
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- Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., four tires for hauling lumber.
- M. T. Gardner, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires for farm.
- Noah E. Hardison, Williamston, two tires, no classification.
- R. J. Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for logging.

- Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for meat deliveries.
- Royal Baking Co., Raleigh, one tire and one tube.
- A. E. Grimes, Robersonville, two tires for common carrier.
- Foreman-Blades Lumber Co., Elizabeth City, two tires for lumber industry.

Grade II tires were issued to the following:

- Clayton Crofton, Williamston, four tires for farm supply salesman.
- W. R. Banks, Williamston, four tires.
- C. G. Gurkin, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire for farm.
- D. V. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, two tires.
- J. T. Heath, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires for defense worker.
- A. E. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, three tires.
- J. A. Gardner, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires for farm.
- W. S. Faulk, Williamston, four tires.
- Izell Brown, RFD 3, Williamston, four tires for farm.
- Nathan Wynne, RFD 2, Williamston, three tires for farm.
- Henry A. Johnson, Robersonville, two tires for farm.
- Mrs. Janie Fleming, Hassell, two tires.
- J. C. Merritt, RFD 1, Jamesville, two grade III tires and two tubes.
- A. E. Manning, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires for farm.
- J. D. Knox, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- Ben C. Peele, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire for farm.
- Sylvester Peel, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires.
- Dennis Peel, RFD 1, Robersonville, four tires and four tubes for farming.
- G. W. Hodges, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires.
- Oscar Ayers, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and one tube for farming.
- H. G. Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston.

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Appeals Perfected By Three Draft Registrants

Appeals from classifications effected by the Martin County Draft Board have been perfected and are being forwarded to the district board for consideration at the next meeting of that body in Windsor. Appeals were filed for J. A. Everett, Jr., of RFD 1, Palmyra; William Edmond Early, of Oak City; and William Jordan Smith, of RFD 3, Williamston.

These young men were placed in the 1-A classification by the local draft board.

Increased New Car Tire Quota Is Allowed County For March

Increased new car tire quotas for March are being allowed this county and the grade III tire and tube allotments are indeed liberal compared with past allowances, but county rationing board authorities find it next to impossible to reconcile the quotas with the actual supply. Only a very small percentage of the January allotments of Grade III tires has been made available to the holders of the ration certificates, and yet the county is allotted 222 additional grade III tires. "What's the use to pass out the certificates if the applicants can't buy the tires?" one irate customer appearing before the board asked.

Declaring he was in a terribly big hurry and explaining that he was a defense worker, one young man asked the board yesterday to give him a certificate for the purchase of a grade II or a new tire. "I have tried everywhere to locate a grade III tire and I can't find one," he said a bit frantically. Possibly there is something in this talk after all about

Farm Production Not Sufficient To Support Claims To Deferment

Violators of the 35-mile speed regulation can expect tailored penalties when they appear before the rationing board of inquiry, according to instructions received from the OPA office.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Caught speeding between 36 and 50 miles an hour, the violator loses his book for 30 days. It will cost him his book for 60 days if he is caught speeding between 50 and 60 miles an hour. If he is caught traveling in excess of 60 miles an hour, the violator loses his book for the duration.

Motorsists are warned to act accordingly.

Germany's Capital Burning Following Devastating Raids

Russia Starts New Offensive in North; Trouble Brewing Off Australia

Pounded by hundreds of thousands of bombs dropped by the Royal and Canadian Air Forces last night, Hitler's Berlin is seething in fires that could be seen from a distance of 200 miles. Climaxing nearly six days of around-the-clock attacks on occupied territory and on Germany itself, the bombings last night were more than a retribution, some observers going so far as to say that the continent is being softened for an invasion. Whatever the motive, it is an established fact that the raids have had marked effect. The Germans admit that vast damage was done, and since nineteen bombers were lost in the attack, the combined air forces must have gone over into enemy hands.

The following classifications were effected Monday night:

- John Walton Corey, w, RFD 1, Williamston, 1-A
- Wm. W. W. R. P. Jamesville, 2-C
- Robert Lee Everett, w, RFD 1, Robersonville, 2-C
- William Alton Beacham, w, RFD 1, Jamesville, 2-A
- Reuben Daniel Taylor, w, Hamilton and RFD 3, Williamston, 1-A
- Levi Harrison, w, RFD 2, Williamston, 2-C
- William Cortez Hopkins, w, Everett and RFD 1, Jamesville, 1-A
- William Carl Hardison, w, RFD 2, Williamston, 1-A
- Edgar Martin L. Whaley, w, RFD 1, Oak City, and RFD 2, Rocky Mount, 2-C
- Haywood Price, w, RFD 2, Williamston, 2-C
- William Beach, Jr., w, RFD 3, Williamston, 2-C
- John William Fulford, w, RFD 3, Williamston, 2-C
- Jesse Delma Beach, w, RFD 3, Williamston, 2-C

Baby Case Hearing Is Postponed By Agreement

The 18-months-old colored child "confiscated" by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck last week at the direction of a habeas corpus proceeding, is still in the officer's custody, a hearing scheduled to have been held in Nashville last Saturday to determine the ownership of the waif having been postponed. The case is to be aired in the superior court of this county week after next. During the meantime, the child is being cared for by an agent of the officer's.

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Fifty-six Of Ninety Young Men Placed in 1-A By Draft Board

Classification Work Will Soon Center on Married Men Without Children

Claims for deferment or lower classifications were ruled inadequate in fifty-six out of about ninety cases reviewed by the Martin County Draft Board in a lengthy meeting held here last evening. Every one of the ninety-one cases up for review was carefully studied from every possible angle, the board making every effort to recognize the producing power of the registrant and to weigh fairly and squarely the supporting facts. Possibly there were borderline cases in the group, but with unusually heavy calls for men pending, the board was forced to recognize only those claims that were well supported by facts and figures. Twenty-four men established claims based on farm production and were placed in the 2-C classification. One each was placed in 3-A, 3-B, and 3-C. Two were placed in the 2-B group and six, mostly youths in high school, were placed in 2-A until they complete the present term on or about May 5th.

The board is cutting deep into the list of 18-year-olds, and since they are about the last reserves standing between single men with dependents and married men without children, the classification of registrants in the latter two groups is expected to follow shortly, but hardly in time for filling the March call with single men with dependents or married men without children.

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ROUND-UP

Seven persons were arrested and jailed in the law's routine round-up here last week-end, officers stating that night riding and prowling drunks are on the increase.

Six of the seven were booked for being drunk, and the seventh was charged with drunken driving. One or two other alleged violators of the peace were cited to the courts for trial under bond.

Four of the seven arrested and jailed were white, their ages ranging from 24 to 50 years.

Forty persons were arrested and jailed here during the short month of February.