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Monthly Allowances For Dependents Of Men In The Service

Government Will Help Take Care Of Those Left Behind While Men Are Away

Facing early calls to the armed services, quite a few Martin County men are inquiring about the government's allotment—allowance act. While Congress thinks that 225 families in the country can't live off a maximum salary of \$25,000, a much lower allowance is made for soldiers' and sailors' dependents back home.

The following questions and answers review the allotment-allowance act:

What is a family allowance?
A government check sent to the soldier's dependents regularly every month. The family allowance is made up of money set aside from his pay and money contributed by the Government. It is granted only upon application. It is payable only to dependents eligible under the law.

These include, primarily, wife and child (Class A relatives); dependent parents and minor dependent sisters and brothers (Class B, dependents). How much is set aside from the soldier's pay?

\$22 a month, if the allowance is for Class A relatives only, or class B dependents only. \$27 a month, if it is for both Class A and Class B.

How much will the soldier's dependents get?

Here are a few examples: Wife, \$50; wife and child, \$62; wife and 2 children, \$72; wife and mother only, \$70; wife and parents, \$80.

How soon does a Family Allowance begin to be paid?

The allowance begins to accrue the month after he applies and is payable when that month has ended. For instance, if he applies in March, the allowance begins to accrue in April and is payable in May.

Who may apply?

The soldier may apply as soon as he is on active duty. All enlisted men in the fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh grades may apply. Dependents may apply too, but it is better for the soldier himself to do it. His wife or child (also a divorced wife to whom alimony is payable) may receive this benefit with or without his consent. But class B dependents may receive it only if the soldier agrees.

How is application made?

Application is made only on the official form WD, AGO 525. These forms are available at Reception Centers, Recruiting Stations, local chapters of the American Red Cross, Service Command Headquarters, and the Office of Dependency Benefits.

Is documentary proof of relationship and dependency required?

Yes, and soldiers or relatives should gather that proof before submitting applications and attach it to application. Documentary evidence consists of certified copies of the public or church record of marriage and of the birth of the soldier's children; two affidavits of dependency, sworn to by disinterested persons, for each class B dependent named in application. Evidence must accompany any application filed by a relative or dependent of the soldier.

All Army men may authorize a Class A allotment from their pay. For their dependents; for a civilian life-insurance premium; to a bank, for a savings or a checking account in the soldier's name or in the name of a dependent.

What is a Class E allotment?

The Class E allotment is a voluntary allotment authorized by a man.

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Local Orators Win Debates In County

Winning the preliminaries in the county on Wednesday of this week, debaters representing the local high school will the latter part of next week move into district contests sponsored by the North Carolina Debating Society. It is not certain at this time whether the young orators will go to Murfreesboro or Greenville for the district contests.

Debating the query, "Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt the Policy of Extending Federal Aid to General Public Education," Williamston's affirmative team, John L. Goff, Jr., and Richard Margolis, won a unanimous decision over Robersonville's negative team represented by Misses Alice Bailey and Margaret Johnson in the contest held in the local school. Dr. W. R. Burrell, Rev. John W. Hardy and Mrs. M. M. Levin, judging the contest here, had favorable comment for the speeches delivered by all four of the youthful debaters.

In Robersonville, J. D. Woolard and Bill Peel, representing the Williamston negative team, scored a marginal victory over Miss Peggy Gray and Gene Taylor representing the affirmative.

Coached by Miss Doris Leach and Principal D. N. Hix, the local debaters appeared before the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club last evening, and are now making ready to enter the district contests.

Consumers To Renew Their Kerosene Oil Rations By Mail

The renewal of kerosene rations for cooking, tractors and mechanical refrigerators will be handled by direct mail for the three month period beginning April 1st, it was announced this week by the Martin County Rationing Board. The rations, with some few exceptions, will be based on those granted for the three months ending the 31st of this month. Consumers, other than those mentioned, do not have to renew their ration applications at this time.

During the next day or two, the ration board will mail applications direct to consumers, directing them to offer detailed but simple information, such as the number of gallons of kerosene on hand, name, address, date. In case there has been any change in the amount of kerosene needed, the consumer will be directed to request a special application.

Few Farmers Qualify For Draft Deferment

LAST CALL

A last call is being issued for fuel oil and kerosene notes held by distributors and retailers in this county. The call affects in no way the consumer. Retailers and distributors of fuel oil and kerosene who accepted "promissory notes" from purchasers back yonder before rationing coupons were made available and who have not yet redeemed the "notes" are directed to do so by the first of next month. If they fail to redeem them by that time, the credits will be forfeited, it was officially announced by the county rationing board this week.

Liberal Allotment Of New Tires Made By Ration Board

Reports Indicate More Tires Will Be Made Available In The Future

The Martin County Rationing Board sounded a fairly liberal note this week when it issued a goodly number of new tires for automobiles and trucks. Reports indicate that new tires will be made available in larger numbers beginning next month.

New truck tires were rationed to the following:

W. K. Parker, Williamston, two tires for hauling scrap iron.

J. H. Rogers, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube for farm.

H. A. Bowen, Williamston, one tire and one tube for farm.

Highway Commission, Murfreesboro, four tires for maintaining roads.

Williamston Supply Co., one tire and tube for delivering building materials.

M. W. Bissell, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and tube for logging.

Julius M. Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for farm.

Russell Williamston, care C. R. Gray, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes for farm.

Sanford Cordon, Jamesville, two tires.

N. C. Highway Patrol, Raleigh, one tire.

William A. Peele, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires.

J. D. Knox, RFD, Robersonville, one tube, for Lt. Com., Navy.

Harold H. Blackman, Camp Lejeune, N. C., one tire and tube for U. S. Naval officer transferring un-

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CHANGED?

Ignoring repeated appeals urging them to notify the draft board of any change in their draft status or address, quite a few Martin County registrants are literally finding themselves on the "spot" at the present time.

"We had a baby at our house before September 7, 1942," more than one disturbed father reported to the draft board after they had been notified to report for the preliminary physical examination. Hurried calls were received from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Asheville, Baltimore and other cities, the fathers explaining there had been a change in their draft status. Others reported to the draft board either in person or by letter, the number adding up almost to 75.

Those who moved and left no forwarding addresses are likely to be reported to the FBI as delinquents.

Grand Jury Makes Quarterly Report To Court Tuesday

Nine New Members Added To Make Recommendations

Headed by Clifton L. Keel, newly appointed foreman, the Martin County Grand Jury submitted its quarterly report to the superior court in session Tuesday, the jury adhering to routine duties, making a few recommendations.

The report follows in detail: "We have passed upon all bills of indictment presented to us. We visited the county prison farm and found it in excellent condition, and the keepers should be commended on the cleanliness found there. We also visited the jail and found two violators lodged there, one white and one colored. It is recommended that the cells be painted. We visited the clerk's office and found the guardian and administrator accounts in good shape. We found all bonds renewed in register of deeds office. We found the sheriff's office and the tax collector's offices and records in good condition.

The county superintendent of schools and Patrolman W. E. Saunders made a detailed report of the conditions of the school buses to the jury. They have been making this check for the past ten days. They are all in good conditions with the exception of one and Mr. Saunders has been sent to correct that one.

"We checked justice of the peace reports and find them filed with the clerk and funds submitted to the treasurer with the exception of J. A. Davenport, Hamilton; A. Corey, Jamesville, and W. W. Walters, Mayor, Jamesville, all of whom have been subpoenaed. They have appeared before the jury with reports in good order.

"We have checked all school buildings in the county and all were in excellent condition with the exception of Salisbury colored school at Hasell where the water supply is bad. The condition has been reported. We found the toilets in the Jamesville white school in an unsanitary condition and it is unalterable. A substantial amount of money has been spent in trying to get a water supply there, but it has been a failure. We wish to recommend that toilet paper hangers be secured and placed in the toilet of all schools needing them. We wish to recommend that the boys' toilet in the Williamston high school be painted, and that more toilet and water facilities be provided at the Williamston colored school. We wish to recommend that if it is possible that all doors leading from school rooms be made to open outward as a control measure against fire hazard."

Adding nine new members this week, the jury now has seventeen members, one of the old group, Cartwright Taylor, having been excused some time ago. The nine new members are to serve for one year. Their names are:

Luther Hardison, Lester C. Roebuck, W. H. Dickens, Irving Roberson, Charlie Edwards, T. A. Gray, G. C. Lilley, J. J. Williams and C. L. Nelson, Jr. Old members of the board included W. M. Myers, J. E. Bullock, Clifton Keel, foreman; Malgram Barefoot, L. J. Hardison, Ben H. James, Levin Ange, W. A. Vanderford.

Production Is Not Supporting Claims In Majority Cases

Believe Only Blanket Deferment Will Save Many Farmers From Draft

Measured in the balance, most of those Martin County farmers claiming draft deferment are being found wanting, according to unofficial information coming from the office of the county War Board following a review of a fairly sizable number of appeals. No direct information could be had, but the plans and schedules offered by the farmers when they submitted their proposed 1943 farm program last January simply are not supporting the claims for deferment or lower classifications. The production just isn't there, and unless a blanket deferment is ordered by congressional act, the draft is going to overtake quite a few farmers in this county, it is believed.

It is possible, but a bit late to be sure, for farmers to make certain changes and qualify for deferment, but most of those asking lower classifications on account of farming will have to produce more than they have been producing. Quite a number of young Martin County farmers have already been drafted into the service who before they were called were producing more than many of the present appealers are claiming they produced.

It could not be learned when the draft board would hold its next meeting, but quite a few cases have been prepared by the war board for consideration, and it is likely that the draft authorities will meet and take some action on the farm classifications within the next few days.

Taking the information offered by the war board, the draft authorities will proceed with its classifications, basing their decisions principally, if not entirely upon the findings submitted by the war board. If a farmer is placed in the 1-A classification, he will be notified and allowed thirty days to alter his production schedule and advance his claim for a lower classification.

A flood of other deferment appeals is now pending, and it is fairly certain that the draft boards will not get to the farmer-registrants at a meeting scheduled for next Monday night. Most of the appeals, it is understood, are being based on occupations other than farming. With so much work on its hands, the draft board is unable to handle them.

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Shoplifter Caught Here Last Tuesday

James Earl Foreman, young Pitt County Negro, created a bit of excitement here early Tuesday afternoon when he was detected lifting goods from a local store counter. Making away with about \$38 worth of merchandise and storing it at the bus station, Foreman took time out to take another drink or two or liquor, and returned to the store in a drunken condition. He was seen taking socks from the counter, but before he could be stopped he was making his way down the street. A clerk called fire chief, G. P. Hall, and he took hold of the thief. Foreman swung, struck the fireman and knocked his glasses off. Turn about was fair play, and the colored boy was thrown to the sidewalk where he was held until police reached the scene.

At a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell, the alleged thief was charged with larceny, assault and disorderly conduct. He was bound over to the county court for trial on March 29. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Farm Representative To Make Estimate Of Machinery Needs

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Meeting here next Monday members of the County War Board, Farm Machinery Committee and dealer representatives will make a preliminary study of farm machinery needs on Martin County farms for next year. It is reasonable to believe that upon these estimates production for 1944 will largely be determined, the schedule to take into consideration urgent war demands for materials and other manufacturing problems, of course.

The Farm Machinery Committee, Messrs. Reuben Everett, Mayo Hardison and Jesse Crisp, have had one big problem trying to distribute the almost infinitesimal machinery quotas in the county this year. Regardless of the quotas that will be set up for 1944, it is believed that they can be no worse than they are this year.

Allotted about 100 pieces of machinery, including plows, the farmers early this year estimated that they would need about 300 units for re-

Farmers Who Sell Meat Must Secure Permits In April

Farmers Who Pack Meat For Their Use and Not For Sale Need No Permits

In advancing the food conservation plan and to eliminate "black market" activities, the Office of Price Administration is placing into effect on April 1st a new program for regulating the sale and distribution of meats. The program, it is pointed out, is not designed to curtail meat production nor is it designed as a measure to complicate matters; rather, it is designed in an effort to effect a fair distribution of meats. If a person who is dependent upon the markets for his meat, is allowed to buy his allotment there and then turn directly to the farm and buy extra, it can be readily seen that that person will get more than his share.

It should be noted that no permit is required by the farmer who kills and packs his own meat for his own use and for the use of his immediate family, of course. But when the farmer kills and packs meat for himself and then offers some for sale he must get a permit.

Farmers who have surplus meat or sale are being directed to apply to the County War Board for the proper permit. If he sold meat in 1941, the applicant will be asked to list or estimate as accurately as possible the amount of meat he sold in each quarter. If he sold no meat that year he will be allowed to sell as many as 300 pounds of the meat from three animals, including not more than one head of cattle. It is understood that no permit is necessary when the farmer sells live hogs on the open market. It is also understood that the farmer will not have to apply for his permit immediately, if he plans to sell no meat, that the permit is necessary only when meat is offered for sale.

After the permit is issued and the farmer sells any meat, such as a ham or shoulder, he will be asked to remove the designated number of stamps from the purchaser's ration book, to stamp or attach by using a tag his permit number on or to the meat sold and to keep a record of the sales.

While the farmer is not required to obtain a permit to buy and sell livestock, he is expected to keep records covering purchases and sales of livestock.

It is fairly apparent that the farmer is being asked to cooperate with the government in regulating the distribution of meat to non-farm consumers, that while the farmer is asked to limit his consumption to about two and one-quarter pounds per person per week, he will still be at liberty to eat as freely as he pleases from his own supply.

Urge Drive Against Mosquitoes At Once

Remembering the concentrated attacks by mosquito hordes last spring and summer, local people are earnestly appealing to the authorities to take action now against the dangerous pests.

Resorting to the oil spray at the direction of health authorities, town employees battled the peskies last summer. Possibly the attacks were of value, but there were so many of their victims were of the opinion that the sprays did little more than stir up the nests. They were here by the millions last season, the real victims declaring they had never seen the pests more numerous. Health authorities defended themselves and the spray system by declaring that the action was taken too late, that it should have been started soon in the spring.

That's what the people are urging the authorities to do now—take action and head off another seige. It has also been suggested that a concerted drive to have property owners clean up every last tin can and all rubbish from their premises and to cooperate with an all-out movement to chase the mosquito out.

New Bicycles Rationed In County This Week

Four new bicycles were rationed in this county this week by the rationing board as follows:

Geo. L. Miner, RFD 1, Jamesville, for farm use.

Irving Riddick, RFD 1, Robersonville, for travelling to doctor.

David R. Davis, Williamston, for drug and soda deliveries.

Frederick D. Lanier, RFD 1, Williamston, for use on farm.

Red Cross War Fund Is Nearly \$1,600 Over Quota For Chapter

Total Boosted by Sizable Gifts From Colored Citizens In Five Townships

The Martin County Red Cross Chapter War Fund today is nearly \$1,600 in excess of the original \$3,900 quota, Campaign Chairman V. J. Spivey stating that he believed late contributions would send the total to \$4,900.

Almost doubling their quota of \$400, colored citizens in the five townships in the chapter report a total of \$725.63 to date. On a percentage basis, these groups have by far the best record. Williams Township increased its contributions by \$3.70 to boost the total there to \$105.46. Williamston, reporting an additional \$75.35, accounts for \$2,823.59. Other townships report no changes, leaving the total for the chapter at \$4,823.02.

Contributions made by Williams Township in the sum of \$642.50 have already been acknowledged. Other contributions made in Williamston to date outside the schools are being acknowledged today. Contributions by the colored citizens will be acknowledged just as soon as Chairman Spivey can unravel the names.

Donations in Williamston not previously acknowledged, follow:

Belk-Tyler Co. employees, 37.50; C. G. Crockett, 10.00; George E. Moore, 50c; Edna Earl Rawls, 1.50; Roy C. Coltrain, 1.00; Woodrow Tice, 1.00; Mrs. Woodrow Tice, 1.00; Ann Getsinger, 1.00; Joseph A. Robertson, 1.00; J. Hilton Forbes, 1.00; R. W. Bondurant, Sr., 5.00; Mrs. Bill Howell, 2.00; W. Clarence Faulkner, 2.00; O. L. Robertson, 1.00; J. C. Cook, 3.00; Bill Griffin, 1.00; E. M. Trahey, 3.00; Mrs. E. M. Trahey, 2.00; Mrs. Tom Barnhill, 2.00; H. P. Mobley, 1.00; H. S. Manning, 10.00; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hardy, 3.00; Dr. J. S. Rhodes, 7.50; Saunders and Cox, 10.00; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Saunders, 5.00; Williamston Peanut Co., 25.00; Evelyn Lilley, 2.00; W. L. Howell, 3.00; Mrs. G. H. Harrison, 2.00; G. H. Harrison, Jr., 5.00; G. H. Harrison, 25.00; James Bailey Peel, 1.00; Guy Robinson, 1.00; H. H. Taylor, 1.00; C. R. Whitaker, 1.00; L. O. Buchanan, 1.00; Joe Everett, 1.00; Arthur Gurganus, 2.00; Paul Auto Supply Co., 1.00; Jack Daniel, 6.00; Dixie Motor Co. and employees, 30.00; Ella Mae Gaylord, 2.00; Eva Avent, 2.00; Mary T. Walter, 1.50; Mrs. Bill Woodard, 1.00; Mrs. Bill Sessoms, 3.00; B. E. Howell, 1.00; Mrs. Sylvia Clary, 30c; Dr. J. W. Williams, 5.00; C. G. Coltrain, 1.00; Harcom Grimes, 5.00; Mildred Everett, 3.00; Mrs. Edwin Holding, 3.00; T. B. Slade, 5.00; Mrs. Myrtle Bunting, 3.00; Mary Carstarphen, 3.00; Mrs. Gladys Brewer, 1.00; H. F. McKnight, 5.00; Mattie L. Keel, 2.00; Marjorie Fleming, 2.00; Mrs. Irene Blount, 2.00; Mrs. Eva Harris, 5.00;

Mrs. Blonzie Harrell, 3.00; John I. Eagles, 5.00; Lora E. Sleeper, 5.00; T. B. Brandon, 5.00; W. I. Skinner and Co. and employees, 37.50; W. I. Skinner, 5.00; Martin Elliott Co., 15.00; Julian Harrell, 2.00; H. W. Perkins, 2.00; V. D. Godwin, 2.00; Martin County FCX, 10.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrellson, 2.00; M. M. Levin, 2.00; Sarah R. Manning, 1.00; Magdalene Harrison, 1.00; Robert E. Tarkenton, Jr., 50c; E. L. Etheridge, 1.00; Jack Hardison, 1.00; Mayo Modlin, 50c; K. W. Copeland, 50c; Jessie T. Moore, 25c; Annie M. Rogers, 25c; Nina Bunch, 50c; Iris Howard, 25c; Selma Swanson, 25c; William Raynor, 25c; Tommie Whitley, 50c; Edward Fisher, 1.00; Jack Bailey, 50c; Louis Speller, 50c; LeRoy Shone, 1.00; Williamston Package Mfg. Co., 1.00; Williamston Package Mfg. Co., 1.00.

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FISHING

Forecasting those upon the opening of Spring, seine fishing will get underway possibly the early part of next week, according to reports coming from Jamesville today

Fishermen, working on a small scale, have been dipping herring from the Roanoke at various points in fairly large numbers during recent days, and while no one can predict with accuracy the prospects, Mr. Stewart Ange for 52 years the guiding hand at the Jamesville fishery, is looking forward to a good season.

Unable to get supplies, including nets, and facing other problems the owner-operator, Mr. C. C. Fleming, is not certain that the plant at Camp Point can be operated this season. "If we can overcome those problems, we will operate both at Jamesville and the point," Mr. Fleming said.

Start Offensive To Drive Rommel Off Continent of Africa

Fate of Russia Again Hangs In The Balance, This Time In Kharkov Region

While heavy rains have temporarily halted operations today, a squeeze play to drive Marshal Rommel and his German hordes off the African Continent is believed well underway. Considerable progress has been reported in the Tunisian area during recent days, and although it may take weeks or even months to complete the task there, it is quite apparent that the Allied forces are starting an all-out offensive.

To the south the British Eighth Army is battering the Mareth line, the spot where Rommel is believed to be making his main stand. In Central Tunisia, the Americans and Fighting French are staging a meaningful drive toward the Mediterranean, the Americans having already driven about fourteen miles beyond Gafsa. Further to the north, the British First Army and the Americans are pushing forward around Medjed el Bab as a unit with the possibility that the drive will divide at about Tebourba, one going toward Bizerte and the other toward Tunis, the two main strongholds of the enemy on the coast.

News of the Allied attack has come mainly from Axis sources, but Allied dispatches have reported that General Eisenhower would wait for word from General Montgomery that he was ready and then when Montgomery said he was ready he would start.

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BLACKOUT

Attention is again called to the test blackout in this district tonight—Friday. The first alarm will be sounded at 8:50 p. m. All homeowners, store operators are urged not to leave lights burning unattended. They are also asked to darken their windows on the first alarm and observe the blackout until the street lights are turned on. Don't get confused and turn lights on when signals are given over the fire siren.

In the test tonight, one long signal will call for the blackout, meaning all lights should be turned off or windows covered. Traffic will be allowed to continue under certain conditions. The second signal, several short blasts, calls for continued blackout and suspension of all unauthorized traffic. The third signal, a long blast, permits traffic to move, but lights continue blacked out until the all clear is designated by turning on the street lights.

Lift Pleasure Ban Driving Next Week

The ban on pleasure driving, recognized as being little more than a farce, is to be lifted next Monday. For many the ban had little meaning from the first. For others, it was something to observe by day and violate by night. Some few, willing to do their every bit for the war, observed the ban.

Enforcement was little more than mockery, and a short time ago drivers were placed on their honor. Traffic increased, materially, the officials apparently realizing that the ban could not be enforced and that the honor system would not work. The ban is being lifted, but pleasure driving on a large scale is still out of the question. Holders of "A" gas ration cards will be allowed, beginning next Monday, one and one-half gallons for each No. 5 coupon, meaning that they may drive for pleasure an average of two and one-half miles per day or about 90 miles a month.

Reports from recognized sources declare that driving continued about normal in the rural areas during the ban, that since the "honor system" was adopted, there was about a 35 per cent increase in traffic in towns and on the main highways.

Violators of the 35-mile speed regulation are subject to lose their gas rations, but in this State no law has been passed against speeding.

Several Cases Are Called By Justice

Following a fairly large round-up of alleged law violators, Justice J. L. Hassell had a busy time the early part of this week catching up with his docket, and then found it necessary to continue several cases until tomorrow.

Charged with being drunk, Henry Rouse was taxed with \$6.50 costs.

C. C. Berry and Hanson Eborn, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were each fined \$2.50 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with public drunkenness, Plum Leggett was taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Matthew Warren and James Earl Purvis, charged with disorderly conduct, were taxed \$8.50 costs each.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Noah Andrews, John Lyndwood Powell, Willie Keyes, Roosevelt Everett, James Blount, John Henry Keel are scheduled to appear before the justice tomorrow for trial.