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Liberal Allotment Tire Tubes Made By Ration Board

Grade III Tires, Mostly Recaps, Now Available at Local Stations and Stores

Tire rations, covering all types including vulcanized tires, were advanced after a liberal fashion by the Martin County Rationing Board this week. The allotment of tire tubes for passenger cars and pick-up trucks was unusually large compared with past rations.

Grade III tires, or mostly recaps, including vulcanized tires, are now available in limited quantities in local stores and at filling stations.

Automobile tire tubes were allowed the following:

Mary V. Walter, Williamston, one. Izell Brown, RFD 3, Williamston, four.

John H. Wynn, Everetts, two. D. T. James, Robersonville, two.

Glady Weaver, RFD, Robersonville, one.

G. G. Harris, Williamston, four. H. D. Nelson, RFD, Robersonville, three.

Geo. Daniel, RFD 1, Williamston, four.

C. B. Holliday, RFD 1, Williamston, two.

J. M. Saunders, Williamston, one. Jesse Lee, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

T. H. Brown, RFD 1, Jamesville, two.

James E. Leathers, RFD 1, Hobbogood, two.

John Q. Andrews, Parmele, one. Dennis Holliday, Oak City, two.

Robert Fleming, RFD 3, Williamston, four.

Kader Simpson, RFD 1, Williamston, three.

James Rodgers, RFD 2, Williamston, one.

Simon J. Barber, RFD 1, Jamesville, one.

Daniel G. Griffin, RFD 2, Williamston, four.

Clinton Reaves, RFD 3, Williamston, two.

Lewis Lee, RFD 3, Williamston, two.

Sallie Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston, one.

David Griffin, Jamesville, three. C. D. Bullock, RFD 3, Williamston, two.

John Robert Jones, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

Horton Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville, two.

O. S. Green, RFD 1, Williamston, two.

Eddie W. Brown, RFD 2, Williamston, two.

Coy Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one.

Carlton Reason, RFD 1, Jamesville, one.

W. M. Simpson, Williamston, one. Verble Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, two.

James Rodgers, RFD, Robersonville, one.

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NAZI GENERAL AFTER SURRENDER



FLANKED BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS, General von Danfel, one of the 23 Nazi generals captured in the battle of Stalingrad, walks up a snowy path on his way to captivity far behind the fighting lines. Behind him are many of his vanquished troops. (News of the Day, from International)

PRISONER

Reported missing in action in North Africa since about the middle of last February, Marvin Melvin Whitfield, young Martin County man, is now being held a prisoner by the Italians, according to a special message received by relatives here yesterday from the War Department. No particulars were given in the brief message addressed to his mother, Mrs. Pearl Whitfield, but it is presumed that he is now somewhere in Italy.

Prior to the message announcing him missing in action, young Whitfield was last heard from just before the enemy made a dent into the American lines at Faid Pass in Tunisia.

Students To Debate Next Monday Night

Members of the debating team of the local high school will contest for the Kappa Kappa Gamma medal in a contest scheduled to be held in the high school auditorium next Monday night at 8:30.

John L. Goff, Jr., J. D. Woolard, Bill Peele, and Richard Margolis will contest for the medal which is to be awarded this year for the first time.

Principal L. W. Anderson and teachers from the Robersonville High School will serve as judges. The public is invited to be present.

ON FREE LIST

Wire fencing has been removed from the rationing list, and all a farmer has to do now to get a roll or more is to find it, a message from the OPA today stating that fencing had been placed on the "free list" and that no certificate was necessary in making purchases in the future. Many requests for wire fencing have been filed with the county farm machinery rationing board here during the past few weeks.

Hamilton Man Injured In Unusual Accident Monday

Mr. Henry S. Johnson, Sr., well-known community man, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt in an unusual accident at Hamilton last Monday afternoon. Mr. Johnson was holding a young mule hitched to a cart while an employee was unloading corn. The mule became frightened and went out of control and turned the cart and corn over on Mr. Johnson. His face was cut and he was bruised on the neck, one report stating that he was almost suffocated before he could be removed from the wreck.

Lieutenant Goodman Gets Assignment In Air Corps

Completing an extensive training period at Atlanta and later at Jacksonville, Ray H. Goodman, U. S. Navy Air Corps lieutenant, is spending an 18-day furlough here with his parents before reporting for a new assignment at Corpus Christi, Texas. The young man, making his first visit home since early last September, will be an instructor upon reporting to his new post.

Accept Twenty Men From Martin County For Armed Services

Approximately Thirty-Five Men Rejected This Week By Army Doctors

Twenty Martin County white men out of approximately fifty-five reporting to an armed services induction center last Monday were accepted for military service, according to an unofficial report brought back by some of the youths. The group was made up principally of teen-age youths, and the apparently large number of rejections was shocking even to those who passed the induction examinations. "It was pathetic," one of the local boys declared, explaining that there were many men from various parts of the State who could neither read nor write, that the rejections on account of ignorance were numerous. Causes for rejection could not be learned, but between low literacy standards and physical defects the group was thinned out almost to a frazzle.

According to one report, several of those passing the induction examinations were rated for limited military service only. The percentage of rejections for the group was about the lowest ever reported among a white contingent moving out of this county for the induction center. It was generally believed that since the group was made up principally of youths most of the number would be accepted.

Names of the rejections could not be had, and the various service assignments could not be learned.

Names of the men accepted, according to an unofficial report, follow:

James H. Girvin, Wallace R. Bullock, Henry W. Hoell, Stator R. Williams, John E. Pope, Jr., James W. Watts, Jr., Alva R. Roberson, James M. Barelift, Walter E. Everett, William C. Wyane, James S. Roebuck, Garland B. Wynne, Henry T. Daniel, Arthur Anderson, Johnnie M. Whitaker, Marvin B. Manning, Sidney R. Lewis, Edgar J. Gurganus, Oriander S. (Jack) Green, William D. Jones, Sr.

It is possible that five or six other Martin County youths were accepted by other service branches, but their names cannot be learned until the official audit is received.

Allied Armies Make Junction As Rommel Goes Farther North

Terrible Pounding of Sardinia Adds to Rommel's Cares and Woes in Tunisia

With the joint American and British armies closing in on his rear, the British First Army, American and Fighting French picking on him from the west and north and with the Allied air forces pounding him overhead and ahead of him, the old desert fox, Marshal Rommel is moving north in Tunisia, his cause lost and his fate sealed. But the fighting there is not over as yet, and Rommel's next move can only be guessed. Evacuation was talked at one time, but the Allied air forces have pounded his landing places, wrecked a protecting air arm and destroyed a large number of ships. Present indications point to a last ditch fight in and around the Tunis-Bizerte areas and to a one-man Dunkerque. The old fox, his trails blasted in Africa, is expected to flee Africa and take charge of the Axis defenses in Italy, leaving his friend, Gen. Jutgen Von Arnim to fight it out with the combined Allied forces. Some observers are of the opinion that the African situation will not be cleared up until the latter part of May or early June, that much bitter fighting lies ahead in Tunisia.

Other than Rommel's retreat and the Allied chase, no marked developments have been reported in the land scrap in Tunisia, but American bombers moved in to make the big (Continued on page six)

NO SEINE FISHING

Hardly before the season got underway, seine fishing in the Roanoke at Jamesville was halted by high water. Reports today stated that operations could hardly be resumed before next Monday.

During the meantime, fishermen, operating on a small scale and with drift and dip nets, are reporting large catches. In some cases the catches have been so large that the drift nets sagged and sunk under the heavy load. Reaching a crest here of 10 feet and 10 inches last Friday, the river has been on a stand for a week, dropping just one inch during that time. The stream has started falling in weldon, but it is holding to flood stage here, causing some to doubt if normal fishing operations can be resumed before about the middle of next week.

Few Martin County Men Qualify For Classifications Under New Farm Production Unit Program

Varied Business Calendar To Get Attention Of Town Board

A varied business calendar is being prepared for consideration at the hands of the town commissioners when they meet in regular session here next Monday night. Involving politics, the cemetery, police, mosquitoes and taxes in addition to routine business matters, the calendar is the most extensive one prepared for consideration by the town in many months.

While all's quiet on the town's political front just now, the board will, in accordance with charter provisions, set a convention date, name a registrar and judges for the May 4 election.

The long struggle to enlarge and improve the cemetery here is now in its final stages. Mayor J. L. Hassell announcing today that the board would likely name a keeper at the

meeting next Monday night. Two applications for the job have already been filed and any others will be considered.

The position made vacant on the police force by the sudden resignation of J. H. Allsbrooks will get consideration.

Plans for advertising delinquent town taxes in May for sale will also be considered, one report stating that the authorities are inclined to follow the county tax schedule which calls for the tax advertising and sale in May and June, respectively.

Coming forth during recent warm days, mosquitoes have already warned the authorities to prepare for a concentrated attack this summer. Many local citizens are urging drastic action for the control of the pests.

Board Rejects Most Deferment Claims At Recent Meeting

Classification Pending in Few Cases; Status of Others Likely To Change

Completing their work on the former-registrant classifications last Tuesday night, members of the Martin County Draft Board reviewed thirteen claims for deferment. Out of that number only two were granted deferment and they were for short periods or until the registrants could complete their school work.

A few additional claims for deferment have been received since the meeting and they will be considered when the board holds another session, possibly some time next week or the week following. The deadline for the April draft call has been reached for the April draft call.

All married men without children or those who have a child and did not report the change in status to the board, and those who filed no claim for deferment or made no appeal to the draft board are almost certain to get a notice within a very short time, instructing them to report for induction about the middle of April.

It is understood that the April call will just about exhaust the group of non-farm registrants who are married and without children. That means that the draft is staring married men with children in the face in this county. However, it is possible that farmer-registrants who do not qualify for "C" classifications under the production unit system will be called in to fill the gap. Briefly stated, it is a race between the fathers and farmers who can hold on the longest. And then it is possible that the May call will be small and that it can be filled with men whose deferments will have expired in late April or early May, or it may be that the call will go unanswered in its entirety.

Reclassifications handled in the non-farm registrant group by the board last Tuesday night are, as follows:

Andrew Clabon Summerlin, w, Williamston, 1-A

Jack Duberry Frank, w, Williamston and Camp Davis, 1-A

Charles Brantley Martin, w, Jamesville and Pantego, 2-A (deferred until May 1st)

Roy Willis McClees, w, Williamston, 1-A

Russell Everett Williams, w, Robersonville, 1-A

Roy Fountain Harrell, w, Williamston and Norfolk, 1-A

Rufus Daling Cherry, w, Williamston (Continued on page six)

Allsbrooks Resigns From Police Force

J. H. (Ricks) Allsbrooks, for about sixteen years a member of the local police force, resigned last Tuesday night, the resignation, although expected in some quarters for a number of weeks, came as a surprise. The resignation, said to have come voluntarily, was submitted without preliminary notice, and did not mention his plans for the future.

He packed his clothes and left here Wednesday presumably for Newport News to accept employment in the ship yards.

Applications for the vacated post on the force will be considered by the town authorities at their regular meeting next Monday night. One application has already been filed, it was learned today. During the meantime other members of the force are carrying on the work.

VOLUNTEERS

Lieutenant O. B. Taylor, recruiting officer, will review young women interested in joining the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps at the post office in Williamston on Thursday of next week. It could not be learned immediately how long the lieutenant would be here, but it was pointed out that she would be glad to offer interested women information about the WAACS.

The recruiting officer is the first scheduled to visit Williamston in the interest of WAAC recruiting service.

Ten Cases Tried In J. P.'s Court Here

Justice John L. Hassell handled ten cases in his court this week, nine of the number charging the defendants with being drunk and disorderly. The tenth case charged Odesa Cordon with simple assault. She was taxed with \$7.50 costs.

In the other cases charging the defendants with disorderly conduct, the following costs were levied:

Leroy Long, \$7.50; Aled Smith, \$8.50; Joe James, \$7.50; Willie Norfleet, \$8.50; Tom Jones, \$8.50; Jeff Slade, \$8.50; David James, \$8.50; Bill Winbush, \$7.50, and Pete Cherry, \$8.50.

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Sentenced To Roads On Gambling Charge

COMMISSIONERS

Very little business is on the calendar for consideration by the Martin County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting here next Monday. The possibility of placing a ban on beer and wine sales on Sunday will likely be discussed, but as far as it could be learned no formal petition has been prepared for submission to the board. Some complaints have been heard about beer and wine sales on Sundays, but they have not taken definite form, it is understood.

Isabella Bennett Dies In Poplar Point Community

Isabella Bennett, a resident of the Poplar Point community, died suddenly at the home of her son, M. K. Bennett, at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, while eating breakfast. Her death was preceded by a severe heart attack the previous evening.

The deceased, who was 49 years old, was very influential in her community. As mother of her church she spent the greater portion of her life rendering aid and service to others. She had continued her chosen duties in spite of failing health for the past two months.

Funeral services are to be held at Poplar Point Baptist Church at two o'clock Friday afternoon.

Firemen Called To Grass Fire Off Grace Street

Volunteer firemen were called at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon when a grass fire just off Grace Street threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor. The fire was soon brought under control and no damage resulted.

More Than Hundred Registrants Rated 1-A By Draft Board

Married Men without Children Can Expect Induction Notices Soon

Meeting in joint session here the early part of this week, the Martin County War and Draft Boards found few registrants who were qualified for farm classifications under the new farm production unit program. Handling 137 cases, the authorities placed 103 in the 1-A group, twenty in the "C" lists and delayed classification in fourteen cases until more detailed information could be had.

The classification work was based on information in the 1943 farm plans filed by farmers a little over two months ago, and it is possible that the status of some of the registrants has changed since that time, enabling the registrant to qualify for a new classification. In those cases where the registrant has not qualified he has thirty days from the date of his classification notice to alter his farm schedule or residence and meet the production unit requirements. It is possible for a farmer to move to a new location and procure enough additional units to support a claim for a "C" classification, or he may add to his crops and meet the requirements. No big increase in tobacco is permissible, but the county is about 1,800 acres short of its peanut goal, and increased plantings to that crop are permissible. The War Board is charged with the duty of aiding farmers in reaching their required production units, but the task must be completed within thirty days of the time the classification notice is dated.

It is bad, no doubt, but those farmers who are unable to qualify under the production unit plan will be subject to call soon after the expiration of the thirty days allowed them to alter their status. Last year, the draft board granted many deferments, allowing farmers who had started their crops to finish them. It is understood that no such deferments are possible under the present law.

A farmer either qualifies for a "C" classification or he doesn't; if he doesn't qualify, then he can look for a call to report within a very short time after the thirty days of grace have expired.

It should be remembered that all the men listed in 1-A below will (Continued on page six)

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Fifteen Cases In Recorders Court

Big Crowd Present For Longest Session of Court Held In Recent Months

Frowning on the practice for years and years, Judge J. Calvin Smith bore down on gambling last Monday when he dished out a six months road sentence and indirectly proclaimed that there was more of the same kind of medicine on hand for those who would dare seek something for nothing. Helle Andrews, Robersonville colored man, was sentenced to the roads for six months when he appeared before His Honor for alleged gambling. It is quite certain that other factors surrounding the case supported the sentence. Andrews hadONEY Hopkins and Walter Jones out to his house for a friendly "skin game." Something went wrong and Jones hit Hopkins. The case broke into the courts, Jones drew nine months and Hopkins drew sixty days on the roads when they appeared for trial three weeks ago.

Idle for two weeks while the "big" court was supposed to have been in session, the lower tribunal found a heavy docket to be cleared last Monday. Judge Smith called fifteen cases for trial but several of them were continued when officers were called to testify in cases scheduled in the federal courts. The court was in session until 1:40 p. m., and it is possible that a greater part of the day would have been necessary for the trial of all the cases. The crowd attending the session was the largest seen in the court room in many months.

Other proceedings: (Continued on page six)