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By Rationing Board

Supply of Grade III Tires Still Inadequate To Meet the Demand

The Martin County Rationing for car and truck tires and tubes. A large number of all types was allotted, especially of the Grade III type. It is understood that the supply of Grade III tires is not yet adequate

W. Bruce Johnson, Robersonville, one tube.

tires and two tubes. R. L. Ward Coal and Wood Co., two

Mrs. Mary Harrison, RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires and two tabes. Leslie J. Griffin, Williamston, one

tires and four tobes.

New truck tires and tubes were allotted to the following

Willie D. Boston, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tube. N. C. Everett, Robersonville, two

tires and two tubes. Grade II tires and new tubes for cars and trucks were allowed, as

J. Dawson Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and tube. J. D. Wynne, RFD 1, Roberson

tire and one tube. A. T. Perkins, Robersonville, one

J. T. Martin, RFD 1, Williamston

two tires and two tubes. B. B. Biggs, Everetts, two tires and

Jesse Bright, Williamston, two

Third grade tires and new tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were

ville, one tire; Will Little, Robersonville, two; John H. Lee, RFD 1, Williamston, two: Tom Sessoms RFD 1 ton, Robersonville, two tires; Wilfour tires and two tubes; Vernon H. Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville, one; Joe Mizelle, Robersonville, two; R. B.

Large Number Fires Pre-Easter Service Schedule Farmer of Augent Fifty Claims for Deferment Heard Allotted In County Announced By Local Pastors Recalls Harrowing D. D. G. D. G

The Williamston Ministerial Asso-, Tuesday, Methodist Church with ciation makes the following an- Rev. John L. Goff speaking. nouncements about the local to Wednesday, Episcopal Church with be held during Passion Week. Serv- Rev. Lewis Schenck, of Edenton, nouncements about ices will be held each morning at speaking. 10:00 in the Watts Theater for a period of thirty minutes. Rev. B. T. Hurley speaking.

Monday, Rev. Robert Cogswell of Board continued a fairly liberal pol- the Presbyterian Church, will speak, W. R. Burrell speaking. Tuesday, Hugh G. Horton, of Memorial Baptist Church, will speak. Wednesday, Elbert S. Peel, of the

Christian Church, will speak Thursday, David N. Hix, of the Methodist Church, will speak. Friday, Rev. John L. Goff

speak for the Episcopal Church. Uniting in a series of evening serv- ices: Mr. N. C. Green, chairman; N ices during this same period at 8:00 K. Harrison, Julian Anderson, Wheelthe services will be held in the fol- er Manning, Dillon Cobb, and David lowing churches led by the follow- Davis.

Monday, Presbyterian Church with rise service will be announced dur-Dr. W. R. Burrell speaking.

WORKERS

less by custom and dividing

man's work from that of the

woman's have been broken down in this section. Striking the lo-

cal fertilizer plant a severe blow,

the manpower shortage has been

partly relieved by the introduc-

ton of colored women workers

into the factory. Twenty-five of

them are employed there now,

and while they are not assigned to the most difficult jobs they

are doing well with push trucks

and the task of sewing up sacks

The arrangement is fairly sat-

isfactory, and had it not been

for the women workers the plant

would have fallen behind bad-

ly in filling its orders, Appar-

ently the manpower shortage is

offering the fertilizer manufac-

turers a greater problem than the shortage in vital materials.

Much Damage Done

To Crops By Frost

ped by a heavy frost, did consider-

was plenty of ice in

and chicken water troughs,

of fertilizer.

Those barriers built more or

Tornado Experience By Draft Board Here Last Night

Top of Arthur Ange Home Is Found Two Miles Away in Washington County

Still carrying the cuts and bruises ne received, Farmer Arthur Ange of Jamesville Township, yesterday while visiting here recalled the harrowing experiences gained by him and other members of his family during a tornado that struck his home urging the stores to work skeleton and farm early last Monday evening. 'Most of our earthly goods were wrecked and scattered for miles around, but we are indeed fortunate to come through the ordeal with our lives and without serious injury,' Mr. Ange said

> The farmer's face was well spotted with plasters covering slight but painful cuts and bruises. All mera pers of the family are able to be up except his mother. Mrs. Jesse Ange who continues in bed with severe bruises on her arm and side.

Mr. Ange said, explaining that the room and rode out the storm. The op, ripped off, was found over in Washington County or about two miles away. Most of the standing timbers were reduced to aplinters and scattered over a wide area. The floor and a few of the sills were moved quite a few feet away, the farmer and his family having been buried

Window weights were found in the field, and members of the Jamesville indirectly to the war, Dan Cupid agriculture class and neighbors and other friends, numbering forty-five or more, spent the greater part of a Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger day and a half clearing the farmer's field of broken timbers, trees and dead chickens. A small building, one of the oldest on the farm and housing the farmer's fertilizer, was left almost undisturbed. Eighteen chickens were found dead and every cat further north and about thirty miles on the plantation was killed. Residents just out of the storm path said bitter, late dispatches stating that they saw a goodly number of chick-

ens flying just ahead of the storm. Pine trees as large as a flour barrel were popped just as if they were taking the hill top of Djebel Ang, the no more than a pencil, according to Farmer Levin Ange, who witnessed draw the storm at a distance. "It sounded as if a freight train was rumbling by at a terrific speed," Mr. Ange said. On the farm of Mr. Leman Ange, nearby, the storm blew down sever

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By Superior Court So Far This Term

Judge R. D. Dixon To Succeed Judge Clawson Williams **Next Monday**

ng during the first three days of the ed themselves for a straight drive County Superior Court went into a recess Wednesday about noon. The by the Americans ten times in a sin court will reopen next Monday gle day this week. Today, American morning with Judge Richard D. Dix- Flying Fortresses, holding to low on, of Edenton, scheduled to succeed levels, are attacking the remnants Judge Clawson Williams, of San-

ford, on the bench. Members of the bar last Monday morning began to squirm when 11 o'clock came and Judge Dixon had not arrived. They did not know that MacArthur, commanding the South an exchange had been effected with Pacific war, has been assured that Judge Williams, and he caught the group slightly off balance. No di-Judge Williams ruled that they could not be tried as the bar members had denced in statements coming from planned until properly calendared. The court was then slow in getting started. A few cases were cleared, however, during a session of less than one hour. Tuesday, the court did little more, and when the recess was ordered Wednesday, only two cases had been carried to the jury and one of them was a divorce action the trial of which required only a few minutes. More time was spent arguing for continuances than was

consumed in trying the cases. In the case of Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company against F B. Birmingham, the plaintiff was allowed a judgment in the sum of \$568.39 with interest as of date.

W. Garland Perry was granted a divorce in his case against Alice Hodges Perry. The action was based on two years of separation.

The case of Lee Hopkins against Mildred Purvis was settled by agree ment out of court.

The case of Ben Biggs against the Wilson Estate administrators and others was referred to Clarence Griffin, esquire, for a detailed hearing. The referee, empowered to summor witnesses, is to report his findings to

the next term of court. The case of Mrs. Dare Brown Thomas Brown and S. L. Ellis against J. S. Godard were consolidated and continued for trial next Tuesday, the plaintiffs having appealed to the court for fire damages alleged to have resulted by the neg- no more of the plane until it had be turned in to the local rationing Williamston ligence of the defendant's agents. A fairly complete calendar has

According to fairly complete but tributors, is believed to be just

about complete.

The campaign was uniformly supported throughout the county. While County/and Robersonville-contribit is possible that some communities uted a total of \$7,506.17 to the Am- had excessive goals assigned them. erican Red Pross War Fund cam- not one failed to meet the challenge, paign recently ended. The total in the Martin chapter drive was an overwhelming success. and as far as goals are concerned the was swelled to a figure in excess of The per capita contribution amounts sion here last evening handled ap-\$5,000 this week when the Watts to about 29 cents for the county, as proximately fifty claims for defer-

Theater reported \$126.50 in volun- a whole. tary contributions made by its patrons. Assigned a quota of \$3,900, the chapters were a bit late, both of registrants until next Tuesday. Martin chapter raised \$5,038.52. The them exceeded their quotas early in Robersonville chapter, with a quota the gampain. Their chairmen, B. those directly connected with the of \$1,700, raised \$2,461.65. It is pos- L. Stokes and J. M. Perry for Rober- war effort and the put sible that a few late donations are sonville, and J. C. Manning and V. not included in the figures, but the J. Spivey for the Martin chapter, are deferment, and in accordance with report, reflecting an able work on to be commended for their leader- direct instructions from the Manthe campaign leaders and a willing ship and untiring efforts advanced in cooperation on the part of in con- behalf of the humane cause

CONVENTION

With little or no expressed op-

position, the town convention to-

night is expected to be a quiet

and short event. However, some-

thing may develop to add inter-

est to the biennial affair at the

last minute. While it is generally

understood that all the commis-

sioners and the mayor are candi-

dates to succeed themselves, on-

ly Mayor Hassell and Commis-

sioner Roy T. Griffin have for-

mally announced their candi-

dacies. Present members of the

board are, Messrs. V. D. God-

win, N. C. Green, L. P. Linds-

ley, G. H. Harrison and Roy T.

The convention to be held in

the courthouse tonight at eight

o'clock will nominate five com-

missioners and a mayor subject

to the regular election to be held

To Keep Insurance

Office Open Here

Leaving for Fort Bragg next Tues-

local office and keep intact the good

and for the duration Mrs. Simpson

will be in charge of the office ren-

company's patrons.

on May 4th.

Final Report On Red Cross Essential Industry Is Forcing Draft Into Drive Released For County Secondary Position

The campaign was uniformly sup- Farm Classifications Carried Over Until Meeting To Be Held Next Tuesday

Working until after midnight, the Martin County Draft Board in sesment, the task forcing the officials While final reports from both to delay the classification of farm Essential industry, especially

> is supporting most of the claims for industry's claim on the nation's manpower is making it quite difficult for the Selective Service System to meet the demands of the armed services. With an expected liberalization of the draft requirements when it comes to calling "necessary" or real dirt farmers, it is quite possible that future calls will hardly be answered in their entirety and that the draft will move ever closer to married men with children. No marked changes in the draft laws have been made as vet, but the board discussed at length the farm manpower problem at its meeting and in keeping with the wishes of the manpow er commission and with the farm needs, the board has expressed its willingness to do everything possible to save essential workers for the farm. It should be noted, however, that the board is strongly opposed to any plan that will support a "C" classification where production is made the secondary factor.

Several of the deferments granted last evening were renewed. A review of the classification work fol-

Harold Brinkley Lilley, w. Williamston and Elizabeth City, 1-A Samuel John Andrews, Jr., w, famesville and Mt. Gilead, 1-A

Brad Thomas Bagley, c, Williamsn, 2-A (deferred until June 1st) Navin Howard, Jr., c. Williamston.

by where he will be inducted into 2-A (deferred 6 months) Dennis Harris Leggett, w. Williamston, 2-A, (deferred 6 months) Nathaniel Augustus Mobley, c, Williamston, 3-A

James Evan Lilley, w. RFD 1. Williamston and Norfolk, 2-A, (deferred 6 months)

Joseph Roberson, c, Williamston, 2-A (deferred 6 months) Joseph Henry Everett, w. Williamston and Norfolk, 1-A

James Ernest Keel, w. RFD 1, Rob-(Continued on page six)

Despite Effects Of War Marriages Hold "The storm approached so rapidly that we did not have time to run," Up In This County

Thursday, Baprist Church with

Friday, Christian Church with Dr.

Business operators, clerks, house-

wives and others are urged to sup-

port these services during next

week. The following committee of

the local churches are cooperating in

crews so that as many folks as pos-

sible may share in the morning serv-

The program for the Easter sun-

ing the coming week.

Nineteen Certificates Issued By Register of Deeds Last Month

Even though an estimated thousand or more young men have left the county for the armed services, and in the debris. despite the vast changes in the domestic economy traceable directly or manages to struggle along very successfully with his work. Last month, issued nineteen marriage licenses in this county, seven to white and twelve to colored couples.

In March of last year there were only sixteen licenses issued in the county, twenty in March, 1941, thirteen in March 1940, and only eleven in the same month of 1939.

Licenses last month were issued to the following: White John Edgar Seaton, of Staunton,

Va., and Lucy Elizabeth Williams, Freezing temperatures, hanging of Williamston around the middle twenties and cap-Lawrence Edwin Coltrain, of Wilable damage to the fruit and field liamston RFD 1, and Mary Lou Rob-

crops in this section early yesterday erson, of Everetts. Paul Franklin Fisher and Magmorning. No cash estimate on the dalene Wynne, both of Williamston. damage is to be had, but farmers Charlie Frank Modlin, of James questioned here later in the day were ville, and Minnie Dellips, of Wash-

agreed that a greater part of the fruit crop is lost, that considerable ington, RFD 1.
damage was done to the It and obtato Floyd Ulysses

Johnnie Scott and Clara Mae Harand dison, both of Hamilton. Louis Perry, of Williamston, and Preliminary reports from the Mary Lou Dail, of Hassell.

Colored strawberry and peach producing Walter Chance, of RFD 2, Jarrett, areas were disheartening, the cold Va., and Viola Mooring, of Roberson snap coming after a 40 per cent damage had already been estimated fol- ville.

Leander Winbush and Pearline Goss, both of Williamston. James Ollie Brown and Mary E Brown, both of Williamston.

Willie H. Johnson and Annie Bell Goss, both of Williamston. Elwood Bellamy, of Hobgood and Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and Aljur-

ion Lanier, of Oak City. Lawrence Payton, of Greenville, and Greenville Armond Flying

School, Greenville, and Mary Jane Carson, of Williamston. Alfonza Jones and Maggie Fran-

William Smith and Mary Bell Daniel, both of Williamston. Cornelius Thomerson and

Johnnie Spruill and Nettie Morris, William Oscar Roberson and Alice Lee Wiggins, both of Williamston. Moses Copper and Bernice Mae

The issuance is off to a slow start this month, the bureau announces.

Call For Increases In Peanuts-Potatoes

Running about 2,000 acres short acres short in sweet potatoes, Martin County farmers are again being asked to boost the production of the crops as much as possible. With prices for peanuts-edible and for oil-fixed at a minimum of about seven cents a pound and with sweet potatoes selling for around \$4 a bushel on the northern markets at the Superior Court Judge Wilson War- present time, the production of the two crops has the appearance of a paying proposition.

received in this county where he acres planted to either peanuts or polled a large majority over Clyde potatoes will equal one production Hoey for Governor in 1936, and he unit toward a "C" classification in few farmers to earn that classifica-It is expected that Gregg Cherry, tion by either adding a few acres of

The office of the county agent is making a second survey of planned O. Max Gardner and R. R. Rey- plantings to the two crops, and the

Plane Tears Down **Rural Power Line**

ection late Wednesday afternoon bi-motor airplane ripped into and ore down an electric power line without crashing to earth. It was first thought by some in that area that the plane crashed, but witnesses right at the scene stated that the ship picked up altitude and flew away after barely missing the tops of som rees a short distance away When the plane passed over Ham-

Two colored men, working in tield and almost in the path of the plane, said they saw the ship tear into the power lines and snap them in transfer of processed foods for the wo, that they (the men) fell flat to purpose of buying needed stocks the freshly plowed ground and saw now. All over the 25 per cent must passed over them.

The Virginia Electric and Power been prepared for next week, and Company forces were almost two der should check their cases with the Oak City

Bond Sales In County **Total Nearly \$400,000** Sgt. Reddick Home | County Exceeds Its

From Frozen North

After spending some time in the frozen north, Sergeant William Louis Reddick, colored youth, is spending a two weeks furlough with relatives in this community. He had been home only a short time before he married Norma Jones, but she does not plan to accompany him on his return trip.

Stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska, Reddick has been working on the Alcan Highway. Asked how they managed to work in the cold weather, the sergeant explained that they

Flying low in the Spring Green Dealers Must Lower the bankers in the county, other financial institutions, special district

According to an announcement made by the Office of Price Administration this week, a few retail and wholesale dealers in processed foods D. R. Everett, Robersonville; Chas. have excess inventories. It was Davenport, Jamesville; Nat Johnson, pointed out that in those cases the Oak City; George Haislip, Hassell dealers will not be allowed to buy any processed foods until "their ex-

cess has been paid off." Apparently the dealer will not be chases, the order reading, "It is now permitted for both the wholesaler and retailer to use twenty-five per cent of the number of points received during March for the sale or

board. Those dealers affected by the or-

Quota By \$71,164 In First Four Days

Semi-finals and Incomplete Reports List Total Sales at \$399,964.00 To Date

Reporting on Martin County's participation in the nation's 13 billion dollar war bond drive, Chairman D. V. Clayton said yesterday that nearly \$400,000.00 in sales had been rewithdrew to their huts when the ported to him, that the original quomercury tumbled to twenty degrees ta had laready been over-subscribed by \$71,164 since the campaign got underway last Monday. Aided by all chairmen and solicitors, the chair-Excess Inventories men for the county declared that the drive was a phenomenal success, that few or none others had ever equalled it in size.

Appointed by Chairman Clayton, Messrs. H. A. Bowen, Williamston; and H. S. Johnson, Jr., Hamilton, did an able work in lining up the drive in their respective communities. Their work was ably supported by denied the right to make any pur- Mrs. Paul D. Roberson who effectively organized the drive among the

women in several parts of the coun-According to incomplete reports, \$399,964.00 worth of bonds had been purchased up until yesterday afternoon by districts and political divisions as follows:

Robersonville Hamilton

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icy this week in handling requests

to meet the demand. New auto and pick-up truck tires and tubes were allotted to the fol-

J. Carl Griffin, Jamesville, four

tires and two tubes.

tire and two tubes. W. G. Peele, Williamston, four

Pete Mendenhail, RFD 2 William-

LeRoy Griffin, RFD 1, Williams ton, two tires.

J. H. James, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes

ville, two tires and two tubes. J. O. Manning, Williamston, one

tire and one tube. G. P. Hughes, Williamston, two

D. Andrew Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, four tires.

allowed, as follows: James Spruill, RFD 2, Robersonville, three tires; G. A. Wetheringliamston, two; Tom Sessoms, RFD 1, lobersonville, three; Noah Stancill, RFD 2, Robersonville, four tires and two tubes; Hugh Pitt, RFD 1, Bethel, pumps froze. four; Watsie Latham, Williamston,

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Large Number Gounty Men Rejected by Army

About One Hundred Passes In Hospital ces Parker, both of Oak City. William Smith and Mary Be **Accepted This Week**

Next Week and 13 Will Go into the Navy

Out of approximately one hundred and one Martin County men report- this county for a number of years, ing to an Army induction center last but they moved away following the Tuesday, about 67 were rejected, 18 were accepted by the Army and 12 ing to incomplete and unofficial information passed around by the "boys" themselves following their lew in Lenoir County. return late Tuesday night, Wednestion or rejection of about four other men is pending more detailed Ralph McDonald To Running about 2,000 acres short of their peanut goal and about 750 acres short in sweet potatoes Martin

The names of the men accepted by the Navy are ,as follows: James Brasco Warren, of RFD 2

Williamston; Joseph Jackson Ed-mondson, Williamston; John Warren (Jack) Bailey, Williamston; James David White, Williamston; Cecil Ross Bullock, Robersonville; John Haywood Rogers, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston; Robert Franklin Gurganus, Williamston; Melvin Odell Crisp, Oak City; Elmer Rupert Chesson, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston; Rupert Cowen, Williamston; John Ivey Eagles, Williamston, and Roger Critcher, III,

by the Army are, William B. Wynn,
Ellis E. Chesson, William B. Lilley,
James R. Bullock, Harry Stubbs
Peel, James W. Bedwell, Joseph Paul
Simpson, James W. (Skillet) Long.
Behert Edwin (Flic) Poel Alexandrian nomination, and present indications point to a lively time. The names of the men accepted Robert Edwin (Flip) Peel, Alonza

Williamston.

Thirty Men Out Of Former County Man

Rossie Bazemore, about 35 years of age, died in a Kinston hospital Mae Keel, both of Parmele. early yesterday morning. Formerly Eighteen Will Report to Army of Robersonville, the young man had both of Oak City. been a patient in the hospital for about twenty-nine years. Experiencing bad health for years, he became Crandell, both of RFD 2, Roberson-

suddenly worse Wednesday. The young man's family lived in death of his grandmother a few years ago. A sister, Mrs. Mary How-

Funeral services are being conducted today and interment will fol-

physical examinations, it was learn- Run For Governor The first state-wide political contest was developed yesterday when Dr. Ralph McDonald, educator, announced his candidacy for governor.

> lick, of Newton, announced his candidacy for the office a few days ago. McDonald's announcement was well will of the people of this section.

nolds are gunning for the U. S. Sen- farmers are asked to revise their atorial nomination, and present in- acreage upward if humanly possible dications point to a lively time on and report their intentions to the

It has been pointed out that two of Gastonia, will also enter the race, peanuts or potatoes.

the political front during the coming months.

agent's office on the cards sent to the court is expected to at least earn hours repairing the damage to the rationing board by surrendering a them a few days ago.

Tunisia At Present Flying Fortresses Attacking Another Jap Convoy in Southwest Pacific While little land activity has been reported by the British Eighth Army

Bitter Fighting Is

Raging in North

and General Patton's Americans since the push through Sousse was announced earlier this week, the British First Army is locked in mortal combat with the enemy a little west of Tunis. The fighting there is the two forces were in hand-to-hand combat, and that the gains of each were being bitterly contested. After British were later forced to with

Evacuation by Hitler's men is now recognized as an impossibility, and the indications point to an all-out fight in the Tunis-Bizerte areas. Montgomery's Eighth Army, while making some advances on the coastal oad during the past few dayer expected to launch another strong the U.S. Army, Mr. J. Paul Simppush soon. During the meantime, the son, local representative of the Se-

other British Army, the Americans curity Life and Trust Company, has and the French are pounding the en- definitely decided to keep open his emy from the west. Figuring prominently in the Tuni- will and offer every consideration sian fighting. Allied airmen have the policy holders and friends of the softened the way for the ground Security Life and Trust Company. forces and have knocked out nearly | Mr. Simpson has ably represented

500 Axis planes since the 20th of last this agency for the past several years A report received today stated that the Britishers, using pack mules dering any service possible to the to scale the hills, recaptured the po-After doing little or next to noth-sitions last night, and had establish-

In the Pacific, Kiska was bombed of a Japanese convoy off the north east coast of New Guinea. Several ships of the convoy had already been accounted for early today, and the attack was still in progress. General sufficient planes and equipment to hold the Japs at bay would be made vorce cases were on the calendar and available to him. That the Pacific war aims are a bit muddled is evithere and those heard in Washington. It is apparent that MacArthur is anxious to start an offensive against the Japs, that he is not any

too well pleased with defensive ac-

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lton, the observation post filed a red flash" message with the filter center and was said to have stated that the plane was apparently having trouble with its engines, that hey were cutting on and off.