

Issue Certificates To County Farmers For Sale Of Meats

Have Applied For Special Certificates

More than 100 certificates for the sale of meats have been issued to Martin County farmers by the War Board, and other applications are pending. It was pointed out that a farmer who slaughters meat for his own use and offers none for sale will not have to get a permit. It was also pointed out that the farmer has to have no permit to sell live hogs to a processor. Only when he kills meat and offers it for sale does the farmer have to have a special permit. Application forms may be had at the county agent's office. The application, once prepared, will be placed before the County War Board for consideration. While the procedure is a bit aggravating, no doubt, it really isn't much trouble and the plan will help defeat the black market. The government is anxious for farmers to sell their surplus meats, but it is asking them to cooperate in reducing black market operations.

Permits for selling meat have been issued to the following in this county, to date:

W. O. Peel, RFD 1, Williamston; Pete Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston; Stephen Nicholas, RFD 1, Williamston; Perlie Rodgers, RFD 1, Williamston; Roy T. Griffin, Williamston; John A. Revels, RFD 1, Williamston; G. L. Savage, RFD 3, Williamston; Lonnie C. Gardner, Jamesville; Mrs. Ervin Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston; W. B. Harrington, RFD 1, Williamston; P. E. Getsinger, RFD 1, Jamesville; R. T. Chance, RFD 1, Bethel; Raleigh Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston; Mamie G. Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston; Simon Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston; Asa J. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville; R. T. Purvis, Jr., Robersonville; Betty S. Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston; Wheeler Latham, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston; Asa Johnson, Hamilton; N. W. Worsley, Oak City; Joe Vance Move, Robersonville; Joe Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston; C. B. Allen, RFD 3, Williamston; Edgar Davis, Hamilton; J. H. Ayers, Oak City; J. R. Coltrain, Williamston; J. G. Staton, Williamston; T. L. House, Robersonville; Everett and Williams, Robersonville; W. B. Cannon, RFD 1, Hobgood; Geo. C. Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston; R. C. Brown, RFD 1, Oak City; Johnson-Matthews and Co., Hamilton, Robersonville; Slaughter House, Williamston; Mrs. Annie Peel, RFD 1, Williamston; J. S. Ayers, Everett; Mrs. Nannie J. Haislip, RFD 1, Oak City; T. H. Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston; Mrs. Lela Britton, RFD 3, Williamston; M. B. Barefoot, RFD 3, Williamston; Charlie Ward, Robersonville; L. J. Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston.

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Alleged Speedsters Have Their Day In The County's Court

Judge J. C. Smith Adopts Regular Schedule of Fines For Speeders

Speeding cases crowded the docket of the recorder's court this week when eleven alleged speedsters were tried by Judge J. Calvin Smith. Judge Smith dispensed with the offenders by fining them one dollar per mile for excessive speed above 35 miles per hour and the costs. Other cases, alleging violations of the speed law are pending.

No court will be held on July 5th, that day being declared a holiday, but court will be held the following Monday.

There were seventeen cases on the docket this week as follows:

The case of R. S. Critecher, charged with cruelty to animals, was continued until October.

Charged with assault on his wife, Floyd Scott was sentenced to the roads for 90 days with sentence suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

J. T. Briley and Frank Williams were indicted for assault with a deadly weapon. During the assault, Frank Williams threw a stick at Briley and it struck Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Briley was sentenced to the roads for 60 days and Williams was sentenced to the roads for 60 days with sentence suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs and the sum of \$21.50 to Mrs. Taylor.

Annie Spruill, Mary Hazel Mitchell, and Billy White were charged with a violation of the health law. Each defendant was sentenced to jail for thirty days, sentence suspended upon payment of costs and taking of treatments required by the health department.

Stanley Lee MacNeill charged with assault with deadly weapon, was found guilty of simple assault. Judgment was suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs.

The following speeding cases were tried:

Edward Hollis and Mack Saunders were each fined \$10 and costs. Cleveland Pridden, Raymond Welles,

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To Hold Last Public Canning Demonstration Here July 8th

A public canning demonstration of the current season will be held at the home of Miss Mildred Pigg, home agent, a general appeal is being directed to all county women urging them to make every effort possible to attend the demonstration.

A nationally-known home economist, Miss Myron Chinnard will conduct the demonstration. Meeting similar appointments in various parts of the country in recent weeks, Miss Chinnard has had as many as several hundred women in attendance upon a single school. She carries complete equipment, and food conservation will be reviewed, discussed and demonstrated in all its phases. The demonstration will be advanced after a very practical fashion, and it is certain that the specialist will be able to help housewives save any and all canning problems.

It is fairly certain that hardly half the pressure cookers allotted this county will be made available, that more attention will have to be centered on other canning methods. This last demonstration will afford a splendid opportunity to the housewife to learn all canning methods. It is understood that the twenty-one cookers now expected to be distributed in this county will not be available before July 15, if then. It could not be learned how the distribution would be effected. During the meantime, "housewives are carrying on the food conservation program by borrowing cookers and employing other canning methods."

Virtual Embargo For Irish Potato Markets

HOLIDAY MONDAY

Stores and most other places of business will observe the Fourth of July holiday next Monday, but instead of using the day for an outing or a special trip to the resorts, business men are expected to turn their attention to other constructive tasks. Heavy industry, including mills working directly for the war program will continue operations.

Federal offices will be open as usual, and county officials will be in and out of their offices during the day. The commissioners will meet in a brief session to handle a few pressing matters before recessing for the public meeting in the court room at 11 o'clock. They are likely to return the following day for a meaningful discussion of the budget. No session of the county court will be held, but the judge, lawyers and others are expected to attend the public meeting. The ration board and county agent's offices will be open.

The local post office will be closed and no deliveries will be made in town or rural areas.

More Than Hundred Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

Issuance Is Among Largest Ever Handled in One Week in County

The special tire panel of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board set a new record this week in approving applications for one hundred and twenty-one tires, including sixty-two Grade I passenger car and pick-up truck tires, twenty-seven Grade III tires, and thirty-two truck tires. Sixteen of the Grade I passenger car tires were issued to the State Highway Patrol.

The issuance, the largest possibly on record for Grade I car tires, comes at a time when Rubber Czar Jeffers warns that the outlook for tire users in the future will not be as bright as he had once hoped for.

The following received Grade I passenger car and pick-up truck tires and tubes:

Arthur Peaks, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.

Woodrow Tyson, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

Major Hogan Hyman, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire and one tube.

Dennis Bunting, Oak City, two tires.

Clifton Dail, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Javen D. Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire.

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WORK OR ELSE

In carrying out the governor's program and in support of the war program on all fronts, county citizens in a public meeting at the courthouse next Monday morning at 11 o'clock are expected to formulate plans for eliminating idleness and loafing. Just what steps will be taken is not known at this time, but an edict will likely be issued to all united sons of rest to either work or else. Draft board officials will scan their records for vagrants, officers of the law are to take action, and special vigilance committees are expected to cooperate.

The meeting is being called by County Chairman Hugh G. Horton at the direction of the governor and is one of almost 100 to be held in the State that day.

Break In Weather Likely To Relieve Glut At Terminals

Market Here Still Receiving Potatoes for Government At Floor Price

Although the price has been checked at the \$2.25 floor level by the government, confusion and uncertainty still plague the Irish potato markets, and no one really knows what tomorrow will bring.

After starting off at a brisk pace week before last, the market for North Carolina potatoes went all to pieces when large shipments reached the markets in bad condition. Quotations held firm in other states, but it is understood that even those markets have been depressed and it now looks as if the government will find it necessary to handle the remainder of the crop.

The government went on the market a few days ago, and sales were being made fairly evenly until the terminals in various parts of the country became glutted. A shortage of cars aggravated the situation in some areas, but a report from the local market today stated that sufficient cars had been made available. Conditions became so aggravated throughout the belt that a virtual embargo has been ordered. Six carloads of potatoes made ready for shipment here day before yesterday were ordered held on the siding for forty-eight hours. Shipping instructions are expected some time today.

It is fairly certain that the government will continue on the markets until the crop is sold in its entirety with the floor price of \$2.25 less 30 cents for bagging and grading holding firm.

"We promised to handle potatoes, and we will stick to the promise until the last potato is moved," Mr. C. G. Crockett, manager, said here this morning. Deliveries are being accepted at any time, but since the government entered the market, the farmer delivers his potatoes and just as soon as the offerings are cleared, a check will be mailed to the grower, Mr. Crockett said, explaining that it was next to impossible to finance the transactions privately, and especially when the handling charges were hardly large enough to offset the expense. It is his honest opinion, however, that sales would continue to net the farmers \$1.95 per hundred.

A break in the weather, following a severe hot spell which was said to have had a depressing effect on the market, is expected to relieve the congestion to some extent and possibly boost prices. Few deliveries have been made to the local market since the embargo was ordered.

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Wounded in Action, Soldier Improving

Wounded in action somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, Pvt. Jesse "Duke" Walston, colored of Williamston, is gradually improving in a government hospital at Louisville, Ky., according to a report brought back by a brother who visited him some time ago. Suffering from minor wounds and nervous shock, Walston was returned to this country from the Pacific area about three or four months ago and has been receiving medical attention in the Kentucky hospital since that time. He is believed to be the first Negro soldier from Martin County to be wounded in action. He is also among the few Martin County men to have returned from the front for treatment.

Among the first volunteers to go from this county, he has been in the Army for about two years. Before his induction he worked at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company.

MARKET DATES

Tuesday, August 24, was fixed as the opening date for the local tobacco market by the Tobacco Association of the United States in 1943. The opening fixed by the organization is five days later than the one suggested by tobaccoists and officials in this state.

The marketing season opens in Georgia on July 27, and spreads northward to the South Carolina and Border markets on August 5th, and to this belt on the 24th. The markets in this belt opened on Tuesday, August 25th, last year.

The association called for five-hour sales, a limit of 360 piles an hour and the size of the baskets.

Lt. Marvin Roberson Tells About Alaska In A Recent Letter

Relates Almost Unbelievable Story About Hunting And Fishing

The Enterprise, always glad to hear from the Martin County young men in the service, offers another letter from a Williamston boy who is serving his country thousands of miles from home. First, Howard Cone wrote recently a very interesting description of the Fiji Islands in the Southwest Pacific. Irvin Griffin followed with a vivid story about Africa and the action there. And now, First Lieutenant Marvin Roberson offers an interesting story about Alaska.

The Enterprise welcomes news from the boys in the service, directly or indirectly, and urges more of them to write.

Lt. Roberson, son of Mrs. Annie Roberson and the late Theodore Roberson, was recently promoted to first lieutenant. It is not definitely known, but he is believed to be holding forth in or near the scene of action in the Aleutians. His letter follows:

"Thought I would dash off a few lines to keep you people on the beam about Alaska and to express my appreciation for The Enterprise, which I might add, arrives regularly. Every copy takes me right back to the great metropolis of Williamston and Martin County, and I really get quite a kick out of it. Since arriving in this neck of the woods some eleven months ago, I have discovered qualities of the home paper that I never thought existed. By gosh, I even enjoy the ads. Sometimes an issue gets mixed up en route some place and I receive later ones first, but that doesn't matter—I never notice the dates anyway. So keep 'em rolling."

"Summer is here but it seems more like April in good old North Carolina. Even so, the scenery is beautiful and you can't beat this place for fishing. I can step right out of the camp area a few feet and catch more trout than the outfit can use, and in just a few minutes, too. One of the boys killed a bear last week within sight of the camp. And in case we ever run short of fresh meat all we have to do is step off a couple of hundred yards and bring in a deer. Walter Gurganus would go crazy here with delight. We are

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Official To Inspect Draft Board Office

A ranking Army official is scheduled to inspect the Martin County Draft Board offices here tomorrow morning, one report stating that he is from the medical corps. Since he is from the medical corps, it is possible that he will review the cases of those men who were rejected for minor physical defects. While it could not be learned whether the draft board will be called into session, it is quite likely that the local medical examiners will be contacted by the official.

It has been rumored for some time that 4-F men with minor physical defects could expect a return ticket to the induction center, and possibly the time is getting short for some of them.

REPRESENTATIVE

A representative of the Office of Defense Transportation will be in the county ration board office for one day next Thursday to handle any problems truck operators may wish to discuss, it was announced this week.

Any truck operator who has a knotty problem he can't solve, is invited to see the representative. He will be in this county only one day, Thursday, July 8.

According to a report heard this week, truck gasoline rations have been materially reduced, and present indication point to a marked reduction in surplus or non-essential driving.

Lt. Thomas J. Meeks Reported Missing In European Theater

Lt. Thomas J. Meeks, of the U. S. Fortress crew, serving as navigator, is reported missing in action.

Mrs. L. M. Meeks, of near Robersonville, has been reported missing in the European war area since June 13th. He has been in the armed services since August 7, 1942.

The last message that his parents had from the missing flier was in a letter dated June 12, that reached them after the telegram from the government stating that he was missing.

Lt. Meeks, 22, was in the first class to finish at the Army Air Force Navigation School at Hondo, Texas, where he received his wings as navigator. Before entering the armed services he was a school teacher, having attended the University of North Carolina and received his A. B. degree from East Carolina Teachers College.

The young man, it is generally understood, was a member of a Flying

Allies Launch New Offensive Over In Southwest Pacific

There's Still Talk About An All-Out Drive Against Hitler's Fortress

While they are still talking invasion in the European area, General MacArthur and his Americans started a two-pronged and apparently powerful push in the Southwest Pacific this week. Aimed at the powerful Jap base at Rabaul on New Britain Island, the new offensive was centered on a 700-mile arc extending from Northeastern New Guinea to the New Georgia Islands.

The initial goal is the Munda base on New Georgia Island, and a landing was effected on Rendova Island, five miles away. The task was apparently handled without opposition on land, but heavy air action was reported in the general offensive, the Japs losing 65 out of 110 planes sent into action the first day and 55 the second day. American losses were 23 planes and an empty transport.

Late reports state that the American Marines are pushing forward on land and that casualties had been very light.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said that the American forces were making satisfactory progress, but he warned that "strong enemy reaction may be expected" now that American forces have reached the outer defenses of Japan's stolen Southwest Pacific empire.

The two-pronged American drive appears aimed at Rabaul, nerve center of Jap power in the Southwest Pacific, and eventually may smoke out the enemy's fleet for a showdown battle. The bulk of the Japanese fleet has been holed up at Truk Island, 1,000 miles to the north, licking its wounds after successive defeats at Coral Sea, Midway and Guadalcanal.

But before the American forces can reach Rabaul they will be confronted with severe resistance along both arms of the pincers now being developed.

Latest reports from Allied Southwest Pacific headquarters suggest that preliminary objectives have been achieved along the arm reaching up into Northeastern New Guinea with the unopposed occupation of the Trobriand and Woodlark Islands—between New Guinea and the Solomons—and the landing at Nassau Bay, just 10 miles south of the major Jap base at Salamaua on New Guinea.

Capture of Viru Harbor on New Georgia Island, some 30 miles below Munda, appeared to be a substantial start in the drive along the Solomons arm of the pincer. It is here that the land forces were reported

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Knocking Stuffing Out of the Japanese

"Of course you have seen in the papers that we are knocking the stuffing out of the Japs. I'm only sorry that I can't get one for you as you asked," wrote Pvt. W. W. Edwards, former local boy and a member of the armed forces in New Guinea, in a letter to his small nephew, Wilton Knox, here this week.

"I wish I could tell you a little about the natives, but that will have to wait until I come home," Private Edwards said. He added, "They are very interesting people though. Some of them speak fair English, or enough so that you can talk to them. We have one in our camp that goes barefoot and wears a sarong. He has a rather hard time talking in English, but he writes as well, if not better than I do. He's known as the Number One Boy."

Pvt. Edwards enclosed a picture of a Koolah bear for his nephew to show his pals, and advised the lad to continue his swimming and diving.

Former Williamston Girl Found Dead At Her Home At Roper

Funeral Service Being Held Today For Mrs. Doris Ballard Gaylord

Mrs. Doris Ballard Gaylord, native of this county and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ballard, of Williamston, was found dead by her husband, W. V. Gaylord, at their home in Roper about 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, the victim of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

A 38-caliber revolver, with one shell fired, was lying beside the body, discovered by her husband when he returned home from his work at the Edenton glider base. Coroner Jack Horner made an investigation, but decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Mr. Gaylord got off from his work at the glider base near Edenton about 1:30 Wednesday morning. When he reached home, the house was locked from the inside, and he had to arouse his seven-year-old daughter, who let him in. He went to his wife's bedroom, and, failing to find her there, started to the kitchen to look for her. The lights were on in the dining room, and Mrs. Gaylord was lying on her back, with the pistol beside her. The bullet entered her head just above the right eye and apparently she died almost instantly. A neighbor, Mrs. Joe Nowahar, reported that she heard a report, probably from the revolver, between 11:30 and 12 o'clock, but that she thought no more about it at the time.

Relatives and friends are unable to account for a motive. No note or message was found. It was said that she had not been in the best of health for a few days, and some of her neighbors remarked that she seemed to be unduly depressed for an unknown reason. Her home life was said to have been very happy; she had three small children, the youngest nine months old, to whom she was devoted, and none could assign any reason for her act.

Mrs. Gaylord was born in this county on October 2, 1917. She was married to Mr. Gaylord on July 30, 1934, at Suffolk, Va., and they had lived in Roper since that time. A member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Roper, she was active in the Woman's Auxiliary there, and also took a leading part in the work of the home demonstration club in Roper. She was highly regarded in the community.

Besides her husband and parents, Mrs. Gaylord is survived by three daughters, Rebecca, aged 7; Dianne, 4; and Judith Ann, 9 months old. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Plymouth, and Lieutenant Edna Ballard, of the U. S. Navy.

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Services Take Ten Out of Thirty-nine Martin County Men

Marshall Slade First County Boy To Be Drafted For Service with Marines

Calling for fifty or more colored men in June, examining physicians for the armed services examined the thirty-nine that were sent from this county about two weeks ago, accepted ten and rejected twenty-nine. Definite causes for so many rejections could not be learned, but it is believed that physical defects accounted for most of the failures while quite a percentage of the number was rejected on account of below intelligence standards. Most of the men accepted returned to the induction center this week to begin active service.

For the first time, a Martin County man was drafted into the Marine Corps. Marshall Slade, a youngster and one of the ten accepted, was selected for service with the Marines. It could not be learned immediately where he is to report for active duty.

Five of the ten, James Henry Rogers, James Rhodes, James Iver Hawkins, Elvernon Louis Moore and William Arthur Davis, were accepted by the Army and they have returned for active duty following a two weeks furlough.

The Navy accepted Joseph Jones, Leon Jones, Leonaz Williams and

SKIP EDITION

In keeping with a cherished custom, The Enterprise force will observe next Monday as a holiday and no paper will be issued the following day. Battling the labor shortage by working night and day, the force is just about run down, but they will not remain idle. F. E. Bufflap will go to Durham to be with his father who is undergoing a major operation that day. Other members of the force will spend the day digging and packing away a "big" crop of Irish potatoes.

Tuesday, the force will return and patch up and oil machines that have been badly neglected in the rush occasioned when one member was lost to the Army. Providence permitting and revenue supporting, the Friday's issue of the ole home-town sheet will make its appearance on time—we hope.

Violation Of Child Labor Law Believed General In County

Not Lawful To Employ Children Under 14 Years of Age in This State

Violations, brought about possibly in most cases by the acute labor shortage, of the child labor laws are believed to be quite general in this county, an unofficial report stating that there are approximately thirty such cases in Williamston alone. It has been pointed out that a child under fourteen years of age cannot be legally employed and worked in this State, that violators are subject to indictment and prosecution in the courts.

Numerous requests for special work permits have been received by the county welfare department in recent weeks. No permits can be issued where the child is under fourteen years of age. It is understood, however, that children under that age may work on the farms.

Commenting on the law, State Commissioner of Labor Forrest H. Shuford said in a letter to the county welfare department here this week:

"I fully realize the situation with respect to the shortage of manpower and am cognizant of the fact that we must do all things possible to get essential work done. I also realize that there are instances where the employment of younger children might not impose serious hardships upon the children. This may be the case where the child comes from a good home and where the parents are sufficiently interested to put the child above everything else."

"On the other hand, we must realize that if the laws were broken down in order to accommodate these few cases, it would lead to great exploitation of child labor and the community, state and nation would suffer as a result. Therefore, in my opinion, it is much wiser to suffer the inconveniences caused by the shortage of labor for such things as delivery service and other conveniences to which we have become accustomed rather than to destroy our child labor standards which would do far more harm, generally speaking, than almost any one thing we could do today."