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## Record Number Of New Tires Issued By Ration Board

### Two Cars Are Allotted in This County At Meeting Last Friday

Applications for tires and tubes reaching the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board have been so numerous that the monthly allotment of tires was exhausted and additional tires were asked for and received from the State OPA office in time for the meeting last Friday night. The State office allowed an increase of forty Grade I tires, 25 passenger tubes, 15 truck tires and seven farm implement tires.

The unusually large number of one hundred and forty-four tires and tubes, possibly the largest on record, was allotted by the special tire panel last week. Eighty-one Grade I passenger tires were issued, 52 Grade III tires, six truck, and five farm implement tires.

The issuance of two cars and one bicycle completed the allotment made by the board. A bicycle was issued to Nicholas Ange of Jamesville of use in his work on the farm. The board approved the applications for new cars of W. C. Hopkins of RFD 1, Williamston, farmer, for his farm work, and of James H. Gray, Robersonville farmer and tobaccoist.

The following Grade I passenger car and pick-up truck tires were issued:

- John Auston, Jamesville, two tires and one tube.
- Albert Tyre, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.
- Pete Mendenhall, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.
- L. D. Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and tube.
- Smith Garage, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- Eason Lilley, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Joe Everett, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- William Perkins, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.
- Richard Raynor, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.
- Leroy Griffin, Williamston, one tube.
- Overton James, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- J. D. Suits, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.
- Sam Carey, Robersonville, one tube.
- M. E. Rogers, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Clarence Matthews, Robersonville, two tires.
- H. L. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, one tire and one tube.
- S. E. Parker, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tube.
- Garland Harris, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.
- A. T. Gurkin, Williamston, one tube.
- Tom Harris, Williamston, one tube.
- W. D. Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, one tube.
- Ira Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.
- W. H. Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire.
- Thomas Tice, RFD 1, Williamston, one tube.
- Cecil Brown, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.
- J. A. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires.
- John D. Lilley, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- J. A. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires.
- W. H. White, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.
- D. L. Hardy, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- J. H. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, one tube.
- Luther Clark, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.
- Russell Knox, Oak City, one tire and one tube.
- S. T. Barady, Robersonville, two tires.
- Hubert Biggs, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Geo. H. Leggett, Hassell, one tire.
- J. R. Fisher, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube.
- Kader Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.
- K. Roy Cullipher, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- L. T. Fowden, Williamston, one tube.
- Seth Weathersbee, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.
- Henry Griffin, Williamston, one tire.
- G. P. Hall, Williamston, one tire.
- H. L. Daniels, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Willie W. Briley, RFD 1, Bethel, one tire and one tube.
- Paul Dolberry, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire.
- J. R. Williams, Jamesville, one tube.

## Warns Against Let-Up In War Effort at Home

### McMillan Addresses Local Defense Corps In Special Meeting

#### Insignia Are Awarded Members in Courthouse Here Last Evening

Speaking to a special meeting of the local Civilian Defense Corps in the courthouse last evening, R. L. McMillan, Director of the State Office of Civilian Defense, warned against any let-up in the war effort at home. His speech, coming from a man who has not heard from a brother held prisoner by the Japs for nearly two years and who has a son on New Georgia Island, was a stirring one, and supported a plea for continued all-out efforts on the home front.

The meeting was called at the direction of John L. Goff, commander of local civilian defense, for the distribution of insignia to those who have given freely of their time in forming the backbone for a defense on the home front. A list of those who were recognized appears in this issue.

Highly commending the work done by the local civilian defense corps and expressing his appreciation as head of State Civilian Defense to those who had carried on this district had one of the best records in the State, that it had an average of 98.5 as compared with an average of 98.1 for the State as a whole.

"Our thoughts are on war, and while as Prime Minister Churchill said, 'It is a poor heart that is not made happy by good news,' we must not slacken our traces at home when good news comes," the defense director said, adding that the fighting boys in Sicily, in New Georgia and in other areas have not slackened, but are carrying on twenty-four hours a day.

"We are assembled here as fighting men in civilian clothes. There are more than ten million persons in civilian defense work in the nation, and about 200,000 in North Carolina, and I urge everyone to go forward with his work. The war continues, and as long as it does we must continue to do our part and help drive on to final victory."

"The commanding officer of the Atlantic Seaboard, General Drum, is responsible for the protection of this territory, and he is looking to civilians primarily to maintain that defense. If we do not do it, the Army will, and when we do it more men are released for other duties."

"To what extent does good news affect us?" Mr. McMillan asked. One may express his opinion freely here, but not so under Hitler and Tojo. One may say no planes will bomb us. At the same time there are those, and they have the same right to their opinion, who think enemy planes are coming sooner or later. Recognized authorities believe that the more desperate Hitler becomes, the more determined he will be to bomb America. It is believed that Hitler has two or three thousand planes that will travel 10,000 miles, that he is keeping them in reserve for suicidal work. Those men are not alarmists; they recognize the cold fact that we are still at war.

"We may say those planes are not coming, but what if they do? We must be prepared. We must consider that war, desperate war, is still going on."

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## Recognize Work In Civilian Defense

Civilian defense workers were recognized at a special meeting held in the courthouse here last evening. Commander John L. Goff explained that the insignia were just a token of appreciation offered for the willingness of the group to render whatever service they could. State Director of Civilian Defense R. L. McMillan congratulated the group and urged the men not to slacken the traces until the end.

Insignia were given to the following: G. A. Harris, D. C. McLawhorn, Willie Modlin, H. F. McKnight, Joel Muse, Samuel Zemon, H. E. Griffin, T. B. Brandon, B. F. Baidree, Carroll Jones, G. P. Hall, J. H. Ward, Asa J. Manning, W. I. Harrison, W. H. Dickens, Jr., Hugh G. Horton, Jr., J. D. Baidree, H. L. Swain, W. H. Dickens, Sr., W. L. Mizell, H. H. Taylor, Johnnie Wilder, Guy Robinson, LeRoy Savage, Carlton Lamm, R. A. Roy, Collin Peel, G. E. Moore, W. T. Stinnette, Elbert S. Peel, V. A. Lassiter, R. A. Mizelle, O. L. Willard, D. A. Roberson, J. S. Rogerson, J. M. Rawls, R. H. Moore, V. J. Spivey, F. M. Manning, R. L. Ward, J. H. Edwards, J. R. Leggett, John L. Goff, Jr., J. C. Manning, Hugh G. Horton, R. E. Manning, John L. Goff.

## Italy Likely To Get Out of War Before She Is Knocked Out

### Fight To the Death Continues Around Orel and on New Georgia Island

While there are growing signs that Italy will get out of the war before she is knocked out, the path she will follow is not yet certain. Something is brewing on the peace front, but developments are likely to follow only with great difficulty, for Italy wants peace without occupation. The Germans are still there in numbers and to get them out without trouble is another problem. The British War Cabinet was in extraordinary session this morning from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock, the group having been called supposedly for a discussion of a peace plan for Italy. A meeting of the newly formed Italian cabinet is being held today, and some definite action pointing toward peace is expected now within a short time.

During the meantime, the common Italian people are clamoring for peace at any price. They have turned on the Fascists and many killings and fights have been reported. A late dispatch states that 5,000 Fascists have been taken into custody for their own protection against the angry mobs.

The Italians have been called upon to cease their aid to Germany, and it is thought that resistance to the Allies has been reduced already.

On the battlefronts bitter fighting continues in the Orel sector of the Eastern Front and around Munda on New Georgia Island. A terrible slaughter is continually in progress around Orel where the Germans are rushing in new divisions from France and Germany to stem the Russian drive in that vital link of the long battle line. But the Russians are slaying them by the thousands, and the invaders are making no progress. It is apparent that the Germans are determined to hold Orel at all cost, but the outcome of the great battle is yet to be determined.

Over in the Pacific, there is another fight to the death, one report stating that a 100-yard gain toward Munda on New Georgia was made only after every Jap prisoner was killed. In Sicily, the Allies are now in a final march to run the Axis into the sea. They are driving forward rapidly.

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## Farm Packhouse and Much Tobacco Burn

Its origin unknown, fire destroyed the packhouse and a large quantity of tobacco on the Sam Casper farm near Oak City early last Wednesday evening. One report stated that six curings or approximately 3,000 sticks of good quality tobacco were burned. No estimate on the loss could be had, but it was learned that no insurance was carried on the tobacco.

According to information reaching here, on one had been in or near the barn since early that morning, and the owner is at a loss to understand how the fire started. No other property was damaged.

Very few tobacco curing barns have been lost by fire in the county so far this year, and Farm Casper is believed to be the first to lose a tobacco packhouse.

## Seven Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Following a week of little activity in his court, Justice J. L. Hassell handled seven or more cases during the first few days of this week.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Tom Outerbridge, Cole Cowen, Braxton Speller, Riley Price, Walter Anderson, Frank White and Elmer Clemmons were each taxed with costs in the sum of \$8.50.

In addition to the cases charging the seven defendants with being drunk and disorderly, the justice held hearing in several others that were held in the afternoon.

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## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After maintaining a perfect safety record for several weeks in a row motorists on Martin County highways started slipping back into the old rut last week when one accident was reported. No one was hurt, but two hogs were killed, and a \$200 property damage resulted.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

30th Week Comparison		
Accidents In'd	Killed	Damaged
1943	1	0
1942	0	0
Comparison To Date		
1943	25	11
1942	44	27

## First Serious Trouble On Labor Front Here Reported When Men Quit Their Fertilizer Plant Jobs

### Emergency Powers Likely To Be Invoked Against Loafing

According to reliable reports coming out of Raleigh, meaningful emergency powers are now likely to be invoked against those "united sons of rest" who insist in wallowing around in idleness when machines need to be turning and fighting men need to be supported. The action is being considered after an appeal made by Governor Broughton and urging everyone to do his part and more in the war effort had failed to bring the desired results.

According to press reports released today, the governor will ask the Council of State for authority under the Emergency Act to put "idlers" and "loafers" to work. He has declared that all available labor in the State should be inventoried, mobilized, conserved, distributed and used to the end that the same may be employed in the prosecution of the war.

Under the proposed law, special committees will take down names of persons between certain ages who are not gainfully employed during so many hours each week, or show good cause why they are not at work. The "idler" will first be questioned by a constituted authority, and if he does not answer for questioning or fails to get gainful employment he will be made subject to prosecution in the courts.

Loafers were warned in a proclamation about a month ago to lend their help to the war effort. Apparently the proclamation was treated lightly, and now something with teeth in it is in the offing.

## More Martin County Men Called By Army

### Mostly Young Boys Included In Group Leaving This Week

#### Draft Reaches Into Industry For Men To Meet The Current Quota

Martin County sent more men to the armed service induction center this week, but as far as it could be learned the current quota was not met in its entirety. Most of the group making the trip were teen-age boys who had registered within the past twelve or sixteen months, some as late as April of this year.

Approximately nineteen of the group came from the non-essential farming class and the remaining ones came from various walks in life, including seven from industry. It was about the first time that men were called directly from war industries, the Selective Service authorities having ruled some time ago that young men between the ages of 18 and 25 years could be deferred for only so long a period. As the ruling is understood here, young men in ship yards or other vital industry will receive deferments for only six months, and if they aren't replaced by older men at the end of that time they will be called into the service anyway. There are some few exceptions, however to the ruling, but very few. At least two of the men reporting this week had been to the induction center on previous occasions and had been rejected.

According to an unofficial report, those men who have been rejected and placed in the I-B classification are to be recalled at the rate of about five percent of each current call with the possibility that most of them will be retained for limited military service. It does not mean, however, that all men who have been rejected will be recalled.

The names of the men included in the current call are, as follows: Otis Hope Peele, RFD 3, Washington, transferred to Beaufort County for induction.

Lindsey Fearington, Jamesville and Richmond, transferred to Richmond for induction.

Ben Delmers Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, transferred to Adrian, Michigan, for induction.

William Carl Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, transferred to Beaufort County for induction.

Harold Briggley Lilley, Williamston, transferred to Beaufort County for induction.

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## Patrolman Recovers Stolen Auto Here

Charged with the theft of a 1940 Buick sedan in Norfolk, Pvt. Al D. Thompson, of the Fourth Coast Artillery, Regimental Headquarters, Camp Pendleton, Va., was arrested by Patrolman Whit Saunders Wednesday. The 19-year-old soldier, a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, had been absent without leave from the Army since Monday. He had been in the service only since last February.

## Thirty-Four Men In Walk-Out At Local Plant Last Tuesday

### Peaceful Efforts Being Made To Effect Resumption Of Activities

The first serious labor trouble experienced in this immediate section during the war was reported last Tuesday noon when thirty-four workers walked out of the Standard Fertilizer Company plant demanding an increase of 10 cents an hour in their wages. It was reliably learned that some of the group did not favor the action, but for one reason or another they followed the leaders and the entire plant was left idle as farmers drove their trucks there for urgently needed landplaster.

While there has been some impudent talk heard in some quarters, most of the men went peacefully out and are awaiting developments, and it is now believed that once the situation is fully understood most of the workers will return by next Monday morning. Apparently there has been some agitation outside the plant, and that angle is being investigated by the authorities with the possibility that at least one warrant will be issued either under State law or the recently-enacted Smith-Connally bill, carrying a punishment of ten years in prison or a \$10,000 fine or both. No drastic action is being proposed by the company, but the manager, C. G. Crockett yesterday and today tried to reason with worker representatives and explain the hold-the-line order and the company's position in regard to wage increases.

Possibly some of the men are not making enough money to adequately support their families, but a representative of the U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, Mr. R. T. McKeithan, of Washington, explained the Stabilization Act and advanced the same belief that a strike could only aggravate their positions.

It was pointed out to the men that the company could not arbitrarily increase wages, that only through an application to the War Labor Board could wage inequalities be adjusted. There is little doubt but what the company, if allowed to do so, would up its wage scale above the basic 40-cent rate to hold an effective working organization together.

Under the Wage Stabilization Act, the striker has little to gain through a strike. The act was passed mainly to check inflation, and while it may hardly seem fair and even may work hardships on some, the common worker stands to gain as much as anyone in the long run.

It was clearly and fairly pointed out to the men that they did not have to work for the Standard Fertilizer Company or for anyone if they did not want to. But it was also pointed out that they could not go to another job without first getting a statement of availability or a release. There are five conditions under which a release may be had, by discharge, or where employment falls under the minimum work week, or where a worker is not employed in a position requiring his best skill, and/or where health, climatic or other conditions made it impossible for the worker to hold the job. As long as a man is on strike, thirty days, six months or a year, he is not entitled to a release or statement of availability. When normally engaged he may carry his grievances to his employer, present all the facts and support those facts, and they will be submitted to the War Labor Board, and if that board rules the worker is entitled to an increase in his basic wage, the company will be directed to pay it.

Impartial reports from the plant this morning clearly indicated that the company was willing and ready to do what was right by its workers, that they were making work for them during an "off season" in order to keep their forces together, that the men possibly feel they are not getting what they think they should receive. But there is little that can be done about it, and absolutely nothing as long as the men are on strike. Labor is now acting about the same order as the employer faced a short time ago when the government fixed minimum wage scales and told the employers they had to pay it or

## More Resignations In County Schools

Several more teachers in the county schools tendered their resignations this week just before the 30-day notification clause became effective, it was learned from the office of the county superintendent.

Now teacher who would resign now must first get the approval of the school authorities.

Principal J. H. Bunn, principal of the Hamilton School for the past several terms, resigned this week to accept a position as principal of the William R. Davis School in Halifax County. Mrs. Bunn, who has taught in the school during the same period, also resigned, it was announced.

A report from school authorities today admitted that the supply of teachers was just about exhausted, and that several positions now vacant in the schools would be difficult to fill.

The two positions now vacant in the Williamston School faculty are expected to be filled within the next day or two, after an extensive search in several states.

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## Infant Badly Bitten By Rat Here Few Days Ago

The six-weeks old grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Will Baker was badly bitten by a big rat at their home here on East Main Street while sleeping one night the early part of this week. The rodent bit the child's arm in several places, making medical attention necessary. The rat was killed later.