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Sixty-five of the Tires Were Grade I and for Cars and Pick-Up Trucks

Another liberal distribution of certificates for the purchase of new car and pick-up truck tires was effected by the Martin County Rationing Board at its regular meeting last Friday night. Sixty-five of the new tires were for cars and pick-up trucks, fifteen were Grade III's two were for farm implements and twelve were for trucks.

Grade I tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

H. R. Short, Oak City, one tire. Henry Myrick, RFD 1, Palmyra,

J. R. Jones, RFD 3, Williamston, G. A. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

Thurman Harrell, Oak City, one Ira Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston,

Jasper Whitfield, RFD 1, Hobgood, J. T. Alien, RFD 3, Williamston,

W. C. Hale, RFD 1, Palmyra, two

Russell Holliday, RFD 1, Oak City, Robert E. Peel, Williamston, one

Henry F. Williams, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire. A. L. Oakley, Robersonville, one

tire and one tube

H. H. Williams, Everetts, two tires and one tube. Johnnie T. Moore, RFD 1, Pal-

myra, two tires and one tube. Raleigh L. Terry, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire. W. K. Roebuck, Robersonville, one

Herbert Sexton, Jamesville, one tire and one tube. Gus Griffin, Robersonville, two

Marvin Coltrain, Williamston, one

Charlie Moore, Williamston, two tires and two tubes. Elmer N. Modlin, Jamesville, one

Parlie Thomas, Williamston, one

one tire and one tube. W. M. Oakley, Robersonville, two

ston, one tire and one tube. Danny Mobley, Everetts, one tire. G. C. Jenkins, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

Grover C. Lilley, RFD 1, James ville, one tire.

W. A. Perry, RFD 1, Williamston, Ed Warren, RFD 1, Oak City, one

Rufus Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City, (Continued on page six)

Few Marriages In County During The Month Of July Few Colored Men

Number Is Smallest For Any Month Since July Three Years Ago

Dan Cupid bumped into a miniature depression in striving to maintain his work in this county last month when the number of marin three years. Despite war, uncertainties and multiplied handicaps, the county marriage license bureau service. had up until last month reported a fairly steady business. While the bottom did not drop out, the number Junior Coburn, Roscoe L. Moore and school faculty. of marriages further reflects a con-

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, man and Ernest Roberson, were active second new teacher for the first court to which and seven to conored cepted for service in the Navy. couples, as follows: White

Willis G. Johnson, of Peterboro,

Earl Luther Taylor, of RFD, Wil liamston, and Hazel Elizabeth Roberson, Robersonville. Jesse Vernon Edmondson, Rober-

sonville, and Irma Hayes Todd, Au-Colored

Luke Biggs and Eloise Williams both of Williamston Thomas Wilford and Odell Wig-

gins, both of Palmyra. Claude Alexander Dempsey, of RFD 1, Williamston ,and Rebecca Bowen, of Washington. Julius Cherry, of Bethel, and Mar-

ion Bertha Smith ,of Hobgood. James Arthur Scott and Jessie Mae Wiggins, both of Williamston.

Geo. R. Shaw and Katherine Hagen, both of Williamston. Geo. Williams, RFD 3, Williamston, and Anna Brown, of Williams-

Ninety-Seven Tires Allotted in County By Ration Roard Workers Returning To By Ration Roard Workers Returning To Saturday Afternoon Aged Man Found In Woods Near Hassell Saturday Afternoon New Draft Rules Are Likely To Follow Call For Fathers Added Difficulties

CANNING

Despite labor shortages and the rush to house tobacco, canning projects in several of the county school centers are reporting much progress. A carload of beans is being processed by the nehroom canners at the present time.

In Oak City, Principal H. M. Ainsley announced today that fifteen women were volunteering their services today, that they plan to can 200 or more quarts today. Other volunteers are urged to report on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Their services are badly needed if a sufficient amount of food is to be preserved for the lunch room this coming term, the school man explained.

Commissioners In Regular Session Here Last Night

Action Is Expected At Special Meeting

In a short meeting here last night, the commissioners limited their work L. M. Meeks, RFD, Robersonville, to strictly routine matters, taking no official action in any matter othtion was briefly discussed, but in vagrancy laws and those who ad- lying on his back in the mud the absence of the treasurer no action was taken. It was announced had called for the names of those that a special meeting will be called men who had not returned to work. within the near future ,that appro- It was also learned that an investipriations would be proposed at that time. It was the concensus of opinion expressed at the meeting last night that a reduction of possibly 10 cents on the \$100 assessed proper-C. U. Rogers, Williamston, one tire ty valuation could be effected in the that it would be entirely up to the rate this fiscal year.

Speaking for the local public library, John L. Goff appealed to the J. G. Tyre, RFD 2, Williamsten, fraternal organizations and private do no harm to review the case, it was who reported to the induction cenapproximately \$75 a month. The li- that no wage increases are possible learned immediately how many, if knife and his pay check. While he W. H. Williams, Williamston, one has very little overhead, the rep-board.

rowers. These figures, it was ex- has no release. plained, do not include the many hundreds of volumes of bookmobile books lent the library and circulatof borrowers numbering 728.

No official action was taken on (Continued on page six)

Out of the approximately twentyeven Martin County colored men reporting to the induction center in July, very few were accepted by the correspondence by school authorities armed services. One report coming all positions in the local faculty from an unofficial source stated that have been filled according to a reriages dropped to the lowest point ten were ruled out on account of low port coming from the office of the literacy standards, and eight others superintendent today. were physically unfit for military

Six men, Nathaniel James, Levy grade was named and an English James Lynch, Henry Bullock, Clyde teacher was appointed to the high Vance Council, were accepted by tinued decrease in bureau activities. the Army. Three men, William to fill the high school position, and Owner John Wier announces. Eleven licenses were issued by Henry Jones, William Solomon Hy- Miss Frances Turnage, of Ayden is

Reporting that to the ... admetica center on July 6, the men returned employed in the office of the Federhome and those who were accepted al Bureau of Investigation during the N. H., and Mary Alice Dunning, Wil-completed their furloughs and re- past year. Miss Turnage taught in ported for active duty.

MARKETS

With encouraging reports coming out of Georgia, tobacco far-mers in South Carolina and along the border are eagerly anticipating the opening of a successful marketing season on Thursday

of this week. Last year the markets in that belt reported an opening-day price average close to 37 cents. Many farmers believe the price trend will move upward this week and hold firm at or near the 41-cent level.

Late reports from Georgia indicate that the price average has weakened a bit to hold the general price to ceiling figures.

When About Half of Men Report Monday

Federal Employment Service Is Said To Have Called for List of Transfers

The several-days-old strike at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company was virtually ended here yesterday morning when loyal workers started returning to their jobs, but a statement from the management today indicated that operations were not yet back to normal. It was explained, however, that the returning force is sufficient to carry on the most urgent operations, that a serious labor shortage is now certain when the plant tries to go on a fullscale operating basis within the next two or three weeks.

That the backbone of the strike had been broken was made virtually were followed by seven more this Adoption of Budget Delayed; morrow. However, it is fairly defi- by early afternoon, nite that some of those who quit the stored without resorting to force, but distance of about 100 yards. minister the Stabilization Wage law gation designed to search out the instigator of the work stoppage is still from the woods and medical aid was being considered, but the manage- called to him immediately ment said this morning it knew nothing officially of such proposed action, designated authorities to act.

During the meantime, the company is apparently ready to plead commissioners to increase the month- the case of those loyal workers bely appropriation for the library by fore the War Manpower Commis-\$25. The town is now appropriating sion. While records show that the the small sum of \$25 per month, do- War Labor Board is holding firm to nations from the several civic and the wage stabilization policy, it will ty-four white Martin County men he crossed the county line he was citizens boosting that amount to pointed out. It has been pointed out ter last Wednesday. It could not be The robbers relieved him of a pocket

Hugh B. Griffin, RFD 1, William- increase, the library would be able were still out of the plant shortly be- were detained at the induction cen- Apparently no one saw the attack, Reviewing the activities of the that several of them had gone to oth- sibility that some of them would be library, Goff said that 1,097 books er centers, some outside the State, in taken into the service. The names the scene when the attack was made. were now owned by it, that about search of new jobs. The action is of those detained could not be learnone-fifth of them were of fairly re- considered untimely since it is a vi- ed, and an unofficial report on the cent date. Last year, the representa- olation of the federal law for a man contingent will not be made avail-N. W. Worsley, Oak City, one tire. tive continued, the library circulat- to apply for work without a state- able for two weeks or more. ed 10,445 volumes, 6,751 among ment of availability or release or for adult and 3,694 among children bor- an employer to engage a man who

There was some talk about threats apparently agreeing to search out a remedy through designated channels while those still out of work are ap-

Accepted By Army Complete Teacher Appointments Here weeks recently.

Following months of extensive

The personnel was completed yes terday when a teacher for the first

Miss Ann Golden, of Carthage, is grade. Miss Golden a graduate of the Plymouth schools for four years.

Minor Disturbance On Main Street Saturday

A minor disturbance in the middle of West Main Street was reported at the railroad underpass last Saturday afternoon when Alton Clark, white of Greenville, and Collsie Lynch, colored ,engaged in a fist fight. At a hearing before Justice Hassell, it was said that Clark asked Lynch to let him ride his (Lynch's) bicycle, that Lynch did not use the best manners in refusing the request. Javis Harris, Clark's companion, tried to separate the two and he absorbed a few blows. One report stated that all of them had been drinking.

Clark and Lynch were required to pay \$5.50 costs each, and the case was dismissed.

Resume Operations Jesse M. C. Nelson Said To Be From Experience

> Wandering from his home near Hassell early last Friday morning, espected citizen of this county, was dition about one and one-half miles from his home. He had been exposed o a heavy rain Friday night and mosquito bites. While he is in a terribly weakened condition as a result of the experience, his attending physician believes he will recover if

pneumonia does not develop. Mr. Nelson, 82 years of age, walk ed to a tobacco field where men were o'clock. He told them he was return ing to the house, but apparently lost his way and wandered into the wood and continued into the swamp.

Relatives and neighbors starte search for him that afternoon a Others were called to assist the next Robbery and Attack teen men returned to their jobs. They no success, other officers and citizens, including a number of trusplant last week are seeking jobs first trace of the missing man was elsewhere, that they are moving con- established when his coat was found trary to the law and that prosecu- on a log. About two hundred yards itons are expected to follow in time. away his vest was found hanging The management is taking no action on a tree limb. He was trailed from in the hope that normalcy can be re- that spot by broken bushes for a er than that dealing with monthly it was reliably learned that those Vann, one of the trustees, finding bills. The possibility of a tax reduc- charged with the enforcement of the the old gentleman about 4:40 o'clock

Apparently Mr. Nelson had fallen nal was sounded, the searchers gath

Eleven Martin Men

ed States accepted eleven of the thirbrary is housed in the town hall and without the sanction of the labor any, were accepted by the Navy. It could not definitely describe the Approximately twenty-three men that several of the original group scription of the clothes they wore fore noon today, one report stating ter for an extra period with the pos- but officers learned that Jones and

The names of those men accepted

immediately by the Army are, follows: Joseph H. (Buck) Saunders, Jr. being made against those who ex- Bernice L. Rogerson, Asa J. Taylor, pressed the willingness to return to Van R. Taylor, Walter T. Mendened by the local unit. At the present their jobs last week-end, but there hall, Ernest R. Froneberger, Henry from the mill. Chief Brown questiontime, the library has an active list has been no violence and none is ex- R. Warren, Harry M. Wynne, Ned pected. The men returning to work P. Everett, Herman A. Dixon, William O. Donald, Jr.

According to the report, the men are to return for active duty on parently willing to refrain from any Thursday, August 19. Returning home early in the morning of last Friday, the eleven men accepted immediately are enjoying a three-weeks furlough instead of a twoweeks respite in effect up until just

Opening New Business Here Next Saturday

Plans were announced just about complete today for the opening of Wier's Furniture Store in the buildng recently occupied by Pittman's next to The Enterprise.

Several large truckloads of new and used furniture have already been unloaded and other shipments are due before the opening, Manager-

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

One minor accident crept into the county's highway "tear 'em up and kill 'em" record last week, boosting the total for the year to date to 26. After remaining more than 50 per cent below the figure for the corresponding period a year ago, the record has lost that advantage and is gradually gaining. Only does the favorable advantage hold in the number of injured.

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. 31st Week Comparison

Aceidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 0 000 Comparison To Date

amend the precent rules and regula- ing.

mediately following the announcement proposing the drafting of fath- service. ers on or after the first of next Occhanges in classifications for single

in some quarters today following an Those law-makers who were quick Increased Force Now Driving to the drafting of fathers on or after Service announcement, declared that October 1. While there is a possibil- those single men could be replaced ity that no fathers will be called from by older men now in non-essential this county before the latter part of jobs. It is fairly apparent that the this year, if then, there is already a drafting of fathers will come only national movement underway to after prolonged debate and wrangl-

tions to the extent that all single Along with the special announcemen, regardless of occupation, would ment, draft boards are expected to be drafted before any other fathers receive an order directing them to review the cases of all registrants, to Several members of Congress, im- dig out those single men who could possibly qualify for some type of

Instructions have not yet been retober, went on record as favoring ceived by the local draft boards, but it is understood that those fathers farmers and other single men in vi- in non-essential industry, regardless tal industry. It has been estimated of how many children they have, will that over two million farmers have be the first to be called.

Holding Two Men In FEW SPEEDSTERS County for Highway

Defendants To Get Preliminary Hearing Here Tomorrow Evening

Charged with assaulting and rob oing Lacy Steele, white pulp mill worker in the lower part of this county last Friday about noon, Ernest Jones and Levester Archie, young colored men, are being held in the jail here while officers continue to gather evidence considered of a damaging nature to the defendants'

Wandering into this county short time ago, Jones, said to be from Pitt County, and Archie, said to be from Charlotte, got a job at the plant of the North Carolina ered around and carried the man Pulp Company. They reported for work about 1 o'clock Friday morning, but left a few hours later. It is believed the men never reached their stations in the plant but spent ome time searching clothes in the Accepted By Army locker rooms and wandering around the plant yard. They were seen later in the day loafing around box cars in the wood yard. When Mr. Steele completed ficial report, the Army of the Unitabout noon he started walking the was also pointed out in the report men he offered a fairly good de-Archie were in the neighborhood of The victim was not seriously hurt.

but his injuries were painful. One report stated that Mr. Steele was straddled by one of the men who held a razor at his neck while the other searched his pockets.

Sheriff J. K. Reid and Chief P W. Brown of Washington and Plymouth were immediately notified by other workers who were returning ed the two men, but they offered a good story and they were allowed to pass. Farther down the railroad Sheriff Reid became suspicious of the two men while questioning them and he took them into custody and turned them over to Sheriff C. B. Reebuck, Patrolman W. S. Hunt and Chief W. B. Daniel.

A hearing will be given the two men before Justice J. L. Hassell here

tomorrow night. Several Hurt When three cases, charging excess driv-Car Strikes Bridge

rail on the eastern end of the Roan- til Friday of this week. No speeding oke River bridge, several persons charges were before the group. were painfully but not critically hurt about 5:30 o'clock last Sunday morn-

Plymouth sedan, was badly cut on cessive driving. his knee, his wife, Mary Sessoms, suffered deep lacerations on her charging Evelyn Lilley with driving the county not so long ago, at least face and one knee, and Fuelyn in excess of ner allotment, the board one is in six different states, and Thompson sprained an ankle. Garris rodering a control ince until Friday everyone for one has changed his Lee and Denny Lee Cherry, other of this week when complete records passengers in the car, were not in- are to be submitted for inspection. jured. The party, all colored, was from Colerain. Apparently running at a high rate

of speed ,the car tore down two or three concrete posts in the bridge and barely missed going off the bridge into the swamp below. The car was said to have been wrecked beyond repair.

Tobacco Curing Barn Is Destroyed By Fire Friday

Fire starting after the leaf had been "killed, out" and the fires drawn from the furnaces, destroyed a curing barn and some choice tobacco on the farm of Mr. J. Rome Corey in the Farm Life community of this county late last Friday night. Completing the curing process

about 10 o'clock, the barn attend-

ants retired immediately and when

they were awakened about midnight

the top of the barn was falling in.

According to Corporal W. S. Hunt and Patrolman Whit Saunders, of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, traffic for the most part in this section is moving within the 35-mile state-wide speed limit.

Soon after the law was ordered in effect by the governor, quite a few motorists were carried into the courts for exceeding the limit. Two persons were charged with violating the speed limit in this county over the week-end, but their cases were the first to reach the courts in a week or ten days.

County Authorities In Long Uneventful Session On Monday

New Fiscal Year Budget Calling for \$250,183.85 Given Final Approval

In a long and for the most part an ty Commissioners yesterday formaling for a total of \$250,183.85 for the Italy. the selection of a jury for the Sep- follow through possibly into Italy ittember term of the superior court. | self.

A few minor changes were effectuation for the 1943-44 fiscal year plus sources such as fines, fees, forfeitures and the legalized liquor business.

All land sale taxes due prior to and including the year 1939 and unpaid are to be foreclosed on or before December 1 of this year, ac cording to a direct order issued to the county attorney. No estimate on the amount could be had immediately, but whatever the amount is, the commissioners have ruled that it

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Ration Board Panel Sizable Job To Keep up With Hears Three Cases

ing, were heard by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board panels in session last Friday night, the authorities issuing warnings in Their car plowing into the guard two cases and continuing a third un-

Willie Powell of Williamston was warned against excessive driving, and similar action was taken in the James Sessoms, driver of the 1941 case charging Walter Biggs with ex-

No action was taken in the case

ROUND-UP

Following a busy period during the week ending July 24, local and county officers had it fairly quiet last week-end. Only two arrests were recorded and they were made in the lower part of the county. Not a single arrest was made locally during the period. Crime activities during July

were considerably below the record reported for the same month a year ago, but the number of arrests last month was considerably greater than those recorded in July, 1942. Thirtysix persons were jailed last month in the county, compared with 41 in July of last year and 24 in July, 1941.

On In Sicily; Russians Reported in Orel

The outlook for an immediate peace in Italy is a gloomy one today, observers new advancing the opinon that Mussolini's withdrawal, forced or voluntary, has had little situation, that the Allies where they were ten days ago in their Italian peace march. It is beginning to appear, as some predicted at first when Badoglio was termed a Fascist and Victory Emmanuel was called a "maronic little King" that Mussolini's successors, possibly at the point of the German sword, are working for the advantage of Hitler. It is also apparent that the King and Badoglio are not acting in accordance with the wishes of the Italian people who are ready for any sind of surrender just so long as it is in the direction of peace. In the face of the people's peace, one report declares that Badoglio's regime is unlikely to last more than a few days longer. The King's position is as precarious but he will be wholeheartedly backed if he is able to give tangible proof of obtain peace whatever the price. But there are those who doubt the King's power to take such

That the recent peace puff is not turning out for the sole advantage of the Axis is seen in the increasing muddle on the war fronts themselves. The Italians are still surrendering, and in occupied countries they are actually fighting the Germans. Over in Crete, the Germans

are disarming the Italians as rapidly as they can, and the action is likely to spread to other countries and even nto Italy itself. The Germans are trying to stop the transfer of Italian soldiers, but one report states that three divisions have already moved out of Greece into Albania. Rommell is now said to be in Yugoslavia to take over areas which have been occupied by the Italians. The virtual nine-day truce allow

ed Italy has given Germany just that much more time to shift her troops, one report stating that eighteen of uneventful session, the Martin Coun- Hitler's divisions had moved in to take over and to challenge the Allies ly adopted the proposed budget call- when they march northward in

current fiscal year and cleared their | Apparently recognizing the faildesk of routine matters, including a ure of the peace moves, the Allies few tax adjustments, an order call- have broken their fighting lull and ing for the foreclosure of land tax are now back in their stride with an sales, the inspection of reports, and all-out drive to knock out Sicily and

Refusing General Eisenhower's ed in the budget figures within the surrender terms and after making budget itself, but the total remains a peace feeler of his own, Badoglio, the same, the commissioners esti- unofficially is said to have received mating that a rate of \$1.20 on the a seven-point program from Presi-\$100 assessed property valuation dent Roosevelt who calls for: The would take care of the financial sit- immediate cessation of hostilities; no more collaboration with the the income anticipated from other Germans; the turning over of all war material undamaged; the use of Italy for bases of operation; the release of all prisoners.

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Country's Service Men Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

Addresses Uncle Sam's service men are on the move everywhere, in all foreign lands and in the home land. Dispatches from the war fronts tell how fast the young men are moving forward there, and the man handl-

Changes in Mailing

ing The Enterprise mailing list can well vouch how fast they are moving here. He says they are here tomorrow, some going one direction and some another, many passing each other along the way. Out of a comparatively small number of white draftees leaving

address one or more times. Approximately five hundred service men are receiving The Enterprise new ,and it is conservatively estimated that four hundred and ninetyfour of them have had their addresses changed one or more times, not voluntarily, of course, but in accordance with an old Army tradiion. It is a big job to keep up with hose addresses, but The Enterprise force is ready to make the changes. It asks that the boys send in their changes of address along with the old one as soon as possible after the new location is determined.

Telling how swiftly he is seeing the country, Pvt. Tom H. Ward writes from Sioux City, Iowa, as follows: "How is everything progressing in Martin County? Fine I hope. am doing fine. After spending two months on Miami Beach, nine days in Salt Lake City, Utah, I am now out in the corn state, Iowa, located at Sioux City. I wish to state that

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