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Early Sales On Local Tobacco Market Average 42 Cents

Seventy-Four Tires Allocated In County By Rationing Board

Applications Continue to Pile Up In County Rationing Board Office

That tire rationing is again reaching serious proportions is evidenced by the large number of applications piling up in the office of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board in excess of the quotas. After issuing a total of seventy-four tires, including 31 Grade I's for passenger cars and pick-up trucks, eleven for trucks, 23 Grade III's and nine for farm implements, the board last Friday night had between five and six hundred applications to be serviced. Some of the applicants are not eligible for tires, but after their applications are thrown out, the number remaining will be so great that it will take two or three months to catch up, if then, from the regular quotas.

Tire retailers state they are able to get about enough tires to handle the current quotas with the exception of some few sizes. The tire picture is not very bright at this time, unofficial reports stating that manufacturing facilities are not adequate to meet the demand.

While most of the new types of tires are measuring up to the manufacturers' representations, many users are learning that their troubles are not over when they get a tire allotted them, that the tires won't hold up at high speed and that the life of the tire is comparatively short.

Grade I tires and tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were issued last Friday to the following:

- Mrs. J. A. Everett, Palmyra, two tubes.
- W. G. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tubes.
- W. K. Roebuck, Robersonville, one tube.
- Larry Bunting, Robersonville, two tubes.
- J. H. Terry, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires.
- W. M. Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.
- Roland Griffin, Williamston, one tire.
- V. G. Taylor, Everetts, two tires.
- J. R. Daniels, Robersonville, two tires.
- T. F. Respass, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.
- D. A. Brown, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.

Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, three tires.
J. R. Matthews, Robersonville, two tires and one tube.
J. C. Norris, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
Thomas E. Martin, Jamesville, four tires and four tubes.
Ben F. Roberson, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

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County Man Loses Arm In Accident

Elmer Bellflower, young white man who lives near here on the Slaughter House Road, lost his left arm in an automobile-truck accident near the Lucas farm on U. S. Highway 64 in Washington County last Saturday night. Badly mangled, the limb was amputated by Washington hospital doctors.

Few details of the accident could be learned here, but according to one report, Bellflower was driving with his arm sticking out the window and the body of the truck struck the limb and just about tore it from the shoulder. It was said that bones were driven into the truck body as though they were nails. Another report stated that Bellflower was not driving the car, but that report did not tell how he was hurt.

It is understood that the man's driving license had been revoked. He was employed by a Plymouth company and was on his way home when he was hurt. Very little damage was done to the car and truck.

P. A. Jackson Dies In South Carolina

P. A. Jackson, brother of Mrs. Raymond Cherry of Williamston and son of Charles F. Jackson, of near Williamston, died in a Florence, South Carolina, hospital last Wednesday following a major operation.

Mr. Jackson was the operator of one of that state's largest dry cleaning establishments. The Columbia State said of him that he was "a splendid citizen, well liked and always identified with the activities which had to do with making Harrisville (his home) a better city." He went to Hartsville from this section of the State in 1919.

Funeral services were held in Hartsville last Friday, burial following in Magnolia Cemetery there.

Besides his father and sister here, he leaves his wife and a son, Lt. Charles A. Jackson, now on foreign duty and winner of the Purple Heart.

County's Labor Mobilization Board To Meet On Thursday

Scheduled to hold its organizational meeting in the courthouse Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, the Martin County Labor Mobilization Board is expected to enter immediately upon its task of reducing idleness and vagrancy into an absolute minimum.

"We will be ready to take action at once," Chairman Hugh G. Horton said following a visit to Raleigh the latter part of last week.

Members of the board, Tom B. Brandon, county farm agent; Miss Mary W. Taylor, superintendent of county welfare; H. S. Everett, Robersonville mayor; H. S. Johnson, Jr., Hamilton merchant; J. C. Kirkman, Jamesville mill owner-operator; A. B. Avers, Bear Grass minister-farmer; R. L. Perry, county commissioner; and Oliver Carter, Negro farm owner, are being notified to attend the meeting. The board, appointed by the governor under emergency powers granted him by the last session of the State legislature, has the authority to call alleged violators of the vagrancy laws and witnesses before it at any time. It could not be learned if the board had received any reports or whether any alleged violators would be called to answer at the meeting Thursday morning. It was learned that members of the supporting committees are planning to make regular reports to the board, that unless a few persons now idle get jobs within a very short time they can well expect to be called before the board.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County's highway safety record got a severe jolt last week when accidents crept in at all hours of the day and night and in scattered places to boost the count in all columns except the one headed by death.

Two persons were hurt in three accidents and the property damage was boosted by about \$1,200.

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.

34th Week Comparison			
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1943	3	2	\$1200
1942	1	0	000
Comparison To Date			
1943	29	14	4775
1942	47	29	6243

Two Persons Hurt In Auto Accident

Two young girls, Zella Hardison and Thelma Hardison, were painfully but not seriously hurt when the car in which they were riding crashed head on into one driven by Leslie Bennett Lilley near the home of Mrs. Lydia Perry in Griffins Township last Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Young Lilley and Wilbert H. Rediker, driver of the car in which the girls were riding, escaped unhurt. The two girls were thrown against the dash board, and it is understood their heads went almost through the windshield, cutting their heads painfully. Miss Thelma Hardison also was cut on her knee.

Rediker, a native of Lincoln, Kansas, and a member of the U. S. Naval forces, was spending a short leave in the county. He told Patrolman Whit Saunders that they were driving around a curve and that he did not see the Lilley car until it was too late to avoid the crash. Lilley says he saw the car coming and had stopped that he either crawled into the back seat or was knocked there.

The 1940 Plymouth sedan, owned jointly by Rediker and D. M. Rhodes, another sailor whose home is in Kings Mountain, was damaged to the extent of about \$300. Damage to the Ford driven by Lilley was estimated at \$350.

Local Young Man Is Graduating This Week

Pfc. R. Edwin (Flip) Peele is graduating from the Army's armament department school out at Lowry Field, Colo., this week, according to information coming direct from the school's public relations department today.

The young soldier graduated from the special school on July 11, 1943.

IMPROVING

After receiving a letter written by a hospital companion, telling he was in a hospital somewhere in the South Pacific and after receiving a message from the War Department stating that he had been seriously wounded, Mrs. P. B. Cone received a letter from her son, Pfc. Howard B. Cone, in his own handwriting last Saturday.

The young soldier did not offer any detailed information other than to say that hospital doctors were trying desperately to save his middle finger for him. It was gained from three messages that Howard had been wounded and that the wound had got infected. But the most encouraging part of all the messages was the young man's own handwriting.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Urges Cut in Labor Day Travel

Stay off trains and inter-city buses over Labor Day week-end—this is the plea of Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation. Mr. Eastman, in asking the public to spend Labor Day week-end at home, said that failure to follow this advice might result in travel congestion worse than that experienced over the July 4th week-end. Mr. Eastman pointed out that transportation equipment formerly available for holiday travel is now in troop service or used to handle the greatly expanded military and essential civilian traffic.

Jobs to Go Father-Draft

After October 1st, drafting of fathers begins, those in non-deferred activities or occupations, regardless of their order numbers, will be the first fathers called for military service. Those who transfer to essential occupations and thus release single men for military service help to decrease the need for drafting fathers. Generally speaking, after October 1, the occupation of an eligible registrant will determine whether he will be inducted or deferred if his number is called. However, the question of hardship to dependents must be given consideration in each case.

Army Salvages Fats

It is estimated that enough waste fats are salvaged in Army camps within the continental U. S. to make 1,500,000 pounds of dynamite each month, and still leave a residue of rendered grease from which 5,000,000 pounds of soap stock may be made.

New Gasoline Coupons

Car owners who still hold the old type "B" and "C" gasoline ration coupon books should exchange them for the new mileage ration sheets of coupons before September 1. OPA announced recently. Old type "B" and "C" coupons become invalid September 1, and gasoline dealers cannot accept them on and after that date. The old type coupons are identified by the words "Permits delivery of one unit of gasoline." The new type says "Mileage Ration," plus a large "B" or "C."

Address Overseas Mail Properly

Because more than 10 per cent of the mail destined for overseas is incorrectly or insufficiently addressed, the War Department has asked that the sender be sure to give the soldier's rank, Army serial number, organization, and Army Post Office number. Following is a model address:

Pvt. John Doe, ASN 1234567890
Battery B, 227th Field Artillery Bn
APO 29, care Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

The War Department also asked that families and friends of soldiers send clippings instead of periodicals whenever possible to save cargo space.

Oak City Schools Ready for Opening

The Oak City High School will open for the session of 1943-44 September 1st at 9:00 o'clock. Organization, classification and assignment of textbooks will be the business of the opening day.

The school will assemble in the auditorium at 10:30 o'clock for general announcements and introduction of teachers. The faculty is complete except for a home economics teacher. The following is the faculty for the school term:

First grade, Mrs. N. W. Johnson, Oak City; second grade, Mrs. A. J. Crane, Montreat, N. C.; third grade, Miss Madeline Davenport, Oak City; fourth grade, Mrs. Ethel Leggett, Palmyra; fifth grade, Mrs. Mildred Ward Lee, RFD 2, Williamston; sixth grade, Mrs. J. S. Bledsoe, Oak City; seventh grade, Miss Mildred Manning, Bethel; eighth grade, Miss Kate Stanfield, South Boston, Va.

High School: Miss Frances Hemby, Maury, N. C., English and French; Mr. Jack Martin, Jamesville, English and history; Mr. Robert S. Garnett, Richmond, math and science; Mrs. Frances Mae Hopkins Children, Oak City, commercial; Mr. John Hassell, Jamesville, agriculture; H. M. Ainsley, Oak City, math. Home economics to be supplied.

It was announced that the school will operate on a "short" schedule during the first month, at least. The exact hours have not been determined, but it is planned to start class work at 8:30 and close for the day at 12:30 or 1:00 o'clock, giving the pupils time to engage in farm work during the afternoon.

Principal Ainsley is urging parents and other patrons to be present for the opening, and to lend their support in making the coming term as successful as possible despite war and other adverse conditions.

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More Pulp Wood Is Needed in Support Of The War Effort

Seriousness of Shortage Seen In Official Reports Just Recently Released

Wood pulp from North Carolina is playing a vital role in supplying the raw material for essential war items.

As an instance of what North Carolina wood pulp can contribute to national armament, 73 million of the "suits of armor" encasing the 105 mm. shells used with such deadly effect against the enemy in Africa could be obtained from the 179 thousands tons of the material produced annually, according to estimates approved by the American Paper and Pulp Association.

The slim-waisted 105 mm. shells were used to reduce enemy emplacements in Tunisia to rubble, stop infantry attacks and knock out the Panzer MVI tanks, regarded by the Nazis as one of their most invincible weapons, dispatches from the front stated.

The technique of developing mass production of the paper containers which guard the 105's until they go into action from the mouths of long-nosed howitzers originated in peacetime food packages, such as cartons commonly used for cocoa, salt and other products. Asked by Washington officials to develop production methods which would assure an adequate source of supply, the American Can Company reports it has designed "suits of armor" to hold as many shells to help smash the Axis war machine.

Today, wood pulp has become such an essential war material that the government is sponsoring a campaign to increase the supply.

"Pulpwood from a single tree will make enough smokeless powder to fire thirty-five shells from a 105 mm. cannon aboard a warship or on the battlefield," Mr. T. W. Earle of the North Carolina Pulp Company in this county states in an appeal to farmers and wood land owners to cut more pulpwood for war purposes.

"This equivalent in smokeless powder of one tree," Mr. Earle said, "was publicized by the War Production Board in urging greatly increased production of this vital war material."

"Not only will a tree produce enough pulpwood to hurl thirty-five armor piercing shells at our Axis enemies," said Mr. Earle, "one tree will produce enough powder for 7,500 rounds of ammunition for a Garand rifle carried by one of our boys in the battle line."

"The fact that a tree can supply such urgently needed material gives us a completely different idea of the importance of pulpwood in the prosecution of this war. One cord of pulpwood will produce powder for 1,000,000 rounds of Garand rifle ammunition—almost enough to turn the tide of a battle in the Solomons or in Europe."

Besides smokeless powder, pulpwood is used to make rayon for parachutes, plastics for airplane parts, and hundreds of types of paperboard shipping containers for ammunition, foods, medical supplies and rations, blueprints and planning boards and other products now being used in the fight against the Axis.

"Those who cut pulpwood should know also that a cord will make enough smokeless powder to propel two of the most destructive 16-inch projectiles from navy or coast defense guns," Mr. Earle continued.

"But examples of the great contribution pulpwood makes to our fighting men would not be complete without mentioning the millions of pulpwood containers which transport all types of war materials to our battle fronts."

"One small tree will make 350

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More Than Half Million Pounds Of Fine Smoking Tobacco Types Offered On Opening Here Today

County War Board Releases Over One Hundred Farmers

Over one hundred farmers have been released from sixty to ninety days from their regular work to enter employment at other jobs, according to a report coming from the office of the war board in this county today. Nearly one-half or about forty of those released are "C" classifications within the ages of 18 and 38 years, inclusive. Possibly six or eight of the group are single men who would have been in the Army for months had it not been for their farm classifications.

According to one report no official instructions have been received for handling the releases as far as the draft is concerned, but in a ruling coming from a joint meeting of the State War Board and the State Selective Service System farmers may be relieved of their farm classifications.

In addition to the draft registrants, the War Board in this county has issued statements of availability or releases to quite a few women normally engaged in farm work. They are reporting to the various industrial plants in this area.

In addition to the transfers from the farm, some few workers are being released from other jobs to center their activities on the more pressing business of handling the current tobacco crop.

Despite the transfers, it is estimated that hardly more than half enough workers are available to handle all the tasks connected with packing, redrying and shipping tobacco. Sufficient help, it is understood, has been made available to handle the marketing of the crop.

Nazis Subjected To Battering Attacks On Air-Land Fronts

Berlin Raided For 73rd Time Last Night; Russians Take Kharkov

Subjected to battering attacks on land and in the air, Hitler and his gang are reeling and rocking today, late reports stating that the Russians are pushing on through Kharkov and that Berlin was raided by a powerful Royal Air Force for the 73rd time so far during the war.

Russia's third largest city, Kharkov, fell to the Red Army yesterday and today, the Russians are continuing a drive to free the Donets basin.

German forces defending the Donets basin—great industrial area on the northern shores of the Sea of Azov—were sent reeling back from 19 to 22 miles in three days of savage fighting that saw the Red Army overrun 30 villages, including the railway station of Donetsk-Amvrosievka.

Russian forces estimated at 150,000 strong swept into Kharkov on the heels of the retreating Nazis to end a 17-day drive on that former capital of the rich Ukraine. Berlin already had announced that Kharkov had been "evacuated."

Last night, Moscow celebrated the new victory with a brilliant display of fireworks amid a clatter of machine guns and other light arms, and as heavy cannon boomed out a victory salute ordered personally by Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin.

By storming into the Donetsk-Amvrosievka railway station, the Russians cut the only rail link into German-held Taganrog about 50 miles above that city, and thus threatened the Germans' most western position in the Donets area.

Donetsk-Amvrosievka lies about 70 miles northwest of Rostov and about 40 miles southwest of Stalino.

Thus the Donets area was threatened both from Russian forces driving westward and by the Red troops which toppled Kharkov almost 200 miles to the northwest.

Soviet forces throwing heavy blows at German defenses along all active sectors of the long front Sunday, disabled 85 German tanks and shot down 134 enemy planes.

Dispatches from Moscow last night said the Russians confidently expected this second restoration of Kharkov to the Soviet Union to be conclusive.

Accompanying the great Russian victory was news telling of the 73rd attack on Berlin. Few details of the raid last night could be had early today, but it must have been a big one since fifty-eight RAF planes were reported to have been lost. And the raid, according to the beliefs of some observers, only marks the beginning of what Hitler and Goering can expect for their Berlin. In addition to the Berlin raid, Allied planes have attacked industrial centers in the Rhineland with telling effect.

While Italy ponders its fate, the Allies are giving them a good taste of what to expect. Important industrial and communications areas have been pounded. The Italians are doing all they can to make Rome an open city, and a report today stated that troops are being evacuated and that war industries are being moved out, but it was admitted that the Germans are in no hurry to clear the city and free it of danger.

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Prices Are Ranging Between Forty and Fifty-Five Dollars

Price of Inferior Grades Is Possibly Double That of A Year Ago

The hey-day marketing season of 1919 was recalled today when early sales on the local tobacco market pushed toward the highest price peak in nearly a quarter of a century, bringing general satisfaction to the growers and market operators without exception. In about one hour this morning, the market had cleared 47,372 pounds from its floors for an average right at \$42 per hundred pounds. The first row sold averaged right at \$42.62, and while there was no marked trend upward, the price broke over the \$42 mark as the sales continued, the slight gain possibly reflecting a streak of slightly better quality leaf.

Farmers registered no complaint; in fact, they were rather jubilant over the way the inferior quality grades were selling. Farmers, whose knowledge of tobacco is not questioned, advanced the opinion that the inferior grades were bringing a price twice as high as the figures prevailing a year ago for corresponding types. There is little or no change in the price for the better quality grades compared with the market a year ago. While they were not complaining and were about ready to accept the prevailing market, farmers stated they could not understand the small variation in price between the inferior and better quality grades. There were indications that farmers will hesitate before going to the expense and trouble of grading any more leaf. Some suggested that they were ready to dump it on the floor, while others talked about trying it up for sale without grading.

While the main price range was between forty and forty-five cents a pound, a few piles sold in the 30- to 40-cent bracket, and out of the first 400 piles sold one went as low as twenty cents. The first seventy-five piles show the price range as follows: two piles sold for 30 cents a pound, one for 35 cents, two for 38 cents, one for 39 cents, twelve for 40 cents, fifteen for 41 cents, two for 42 cents, twenty for 43 cents, four for 44 cents and sixteen for 45 cents. As far as it could be learned, 45 cents was apparently the legitimate top.

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Red Cross Reports On Prisoner of War

An encouraging report was received direct from the International Red Cross under recent date by Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rogers, telling about their son, Sgt. Eli Rogers, who is held prisoner by the Germans. Prior to the receipt of the message a few days ago, the son's parents only knew that he had been wounded and that he had been taken prisoner in the European war theater.

The Red Cross message reads: "The official records available list Sgt. Eli C. Rogers as prisoner of war number 112,457, Stalag 7-A, Germany. Sgt. Rogers was previously reported wounded on a list received May 27, 1943. He was later reported healed on a list received June 9, 1943. No details are available, however, but the fact that he is now in a hospital suggests that his wounds were slight, or that he has recovered in a satisfactory manner."

The letter continues, "Letters may be sent to the prisoner at his latest address from the European Area after several months in transit and the serviceman was not listed as a prisoner of war until the end of May, 1943, there probably has not yet been time enough for his family to hear from him directly."

Two Cars Allotted In County By Board Friday

Two new cars were allotted this county last Friday night by the War Price and Rationing Board, one to J. S. Bledsoe, farmer of RFD 2, Williamston.

A CHALLENGE

Martin County has gone to war with the cream of its young men, and it has made liberal contributions in other ways, but its biggest challenge comes now in the form of a quota to the tune of \$918,000 to be subscribed in the third war bond drive. It is a stupendous amount and in the language of the circus press agent it is colossal, but let no one say it can't be raised. If thousands of men you know and we know can lay aside their normal lives and part from their loved ones and leave their businesses and jobs, the approximately 24,000 people left at home can certainly handle that quota. It means that only \$38.20 per capita will have to be raised to meet the quota.

Former Local Boy Writes To Sister

Writing to his sister, Mrs. Janie Knox, here under date of July 31, Pvt. W. W. Edwards, former Williamston boy, said, in part: "You know my biggest hobby at home was seeing what other people were doing in other parts of the country. I've seen enough. If and when I do get back to North Carolina, my travels will extend no farther from home than Kill Devil Hill.

"After so long a time in these jungles, you really appreciate home and the people there. You can't understand how people living in security and luxury can forget that we are here. I don't think there is a man here that has been here a year or longer, that doesn't want to go home. But all at the same time every one of these men would give his all to help finish this war. And the sooner the people back home begin to feel that way, the sooner we can come home."

The young man, stationed in New Guinea where things have been popping these past few days, had nothing to say about the fighting. At the time the letter was written, he was looking forward to his first furlough since entering the service. Whether the young man reached Australia where he had visions of entering a cafe and ordering a steak with all the trimmings, is not known.

After directing a strong appeal for a home-made fruit cake, the youthful soldier explained that the oil in the lantern had about burned out, that he would have to end his letter.

Eight-Day Meeting Begins Sunday At Macedonia

An eight-day revival meeting will be held at the Macedonia Christian Church beginning Sunday, August 29th.

Rev. Guy Saunders, a former pastor of the church, will conduct the meeting.