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Many Applications For Tires Rejected By Rationing Board

Over One Hundred Tires Are Aborted by Board in Recent Meeting

Their tires virtually worn out, approximately 100 motorists in this county are just before parking their cars for the duration, or else, and the "else" is not always advisable. It was learned this week that approximately 100 applications for tires in this county were rejected outright, a representative of the board explaining that the applicants were not eligible for the tires and if they had been eligible the tire quota would not be sufficient to care for their demands. No late tabulation on the number of applications pending could be had, but just a short time ago there was a demand for more than 500 in excess of the allotments.

Last Friday night the board issued 105 tires, 30 for cars and pick-up trucks, eight for farm implements, 31 grade IIP's, and 27 truck tires.

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

- Abram Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.
- Richard Bryant, RFD 1, Bethel, one tire.
- J. R. Coltraine, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.
- C. T. Gaines, Jamesville, one tire.
- L. R. Andrews, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- J. W. Bland, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.
- Mrs. J. F. Wynn, Robersonville, one tire.
- Simon Ward, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and one tube.
- Fenner L. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires.
- Leon Earl Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and one tube.
- Ralph Peel, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire.
- Archie Mobley, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- C. M. Anderson, Robersonville, one tire.
- G. A. Peel, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Thomas Tice, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire grade I and one grade 3.
- Hubert Biggs, Williamston, one tire.
- John H. Everett, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- H. M. Ayers, Everetts, one tire.
- Howard Vanderford, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.
- R. L. Bryant, Oak City, one tire.
- P. M. Matthews, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- J. W. Cherry, Hassell, one tire.
- R. H. Peel, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
- E. R. Turner, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire.
- C. W. Slade, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.
- C. H. Ange, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.
- W. S. Revels, Williamston, one tire.
- C. M. Hurst, Robersonville, two tires.
- C. B. Burroughs, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.
- A. R. White, Williamston, one tire.
- R. A. Edmondson, Hamilton, one tire.

Farm implement tires were issued to the following:

- J. C. Johnson, Oak City, four tires and four tubes.
 - V. L. Roberson, Robersonville, four tires and four tubes.
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- ## Authorities Handle Pending Deferments
- Meeting last evening, the county draft board reviewed a number of deferment claims, but changed the status of only one out of fourteen as far as placing a registrant in immediate line for the draft.
- The classifications handled are, as follows:
- Dr. E. Thayer Walker, w, Williamston, 2-A.
 - Joseph Cullen Stalls, w, RFD 3, Williamston and Portsmouth, 2-B, deferred for 6 months.
 - Joseph Fernando Griffin, w, Williamston and Portsmouth, 2-B, deferred for 6 months.
 - Lornezo Leon Jackson, w, Robersonville and Wilmington, 3-A.
 - Samuel Clinton James, w, Robersonville and Wilmington, 2-B, deferred for 6 months.
 - Dr. Edward Lee Early, Jr., c, Williamston, 2-A.
 - Lloyd Cleveland Morris, w, RFD 1, Robersonville and Murfreesboro, 1-A.
 - James William Keel, w, RFD 2, Williamston and Portsmouth, 2-B, deferred for 6 months.
 - Marion Hudson Hoyle, Jr., w, Williamston, 2-A, deferred for 6 months.
 - Travis Camps Kitchin, w, Williamston and Norfolk, 2-B, deferred for 6 months.
 - Charles Delma Hopkins, w, Williamston and Norfolk, 2-B, deferred for 6 months.
 - Lester Highsmith, c, RFD 2, Robersonville and Baltimore, 2-B, deferred until October 1, 1943.
 - Gordon Manning, w, Williamston and Wilson, 4-D.
 - Rudolph Warren Hardy, w, Chapel Hill, 2-A.

Plans Going Forward for Big War Bond Drive In County

The basic organization for promoting a \$918,000.00 war bond drive in this county was perfected last Friday night, and details will be completed in their entirety Wednesday night of this week when a county-wide meeting is held in the courthouse at 9:30 o'clock, County Chairman D. V. Clayton announced. All district chairmen, their co-workers, representatives of the several county agencies, including the schools, and the general public is invited and urged to be present for the meeting in the courthouse here tomorrow night.

After the meeting last Friday night the basic organization for advancing one of the greatest pieces of financial underwriting in the history of the county was announced as follows, by districts:

Jamesville, Charlie Davenport; Williams, Joshua L. Coltraine; Griffins, Geo. C. Griffin; Bear Grass, H. L. Perry; Williamston, Herman A. Bowen; Cross Roads, Paul Bailey; Robersonville, D. R. Everett; Poplar Point, Mayo Hardison; Hamilton, H. S. Johnson, Jr.; Hassell, George Haislip, and Goose Nest, H. M. Ainsley. These men have a sizable job on their hands as district chairmen, but they will name their co-workers and with the support of the general public they are quite certain it can be successfully handled.

Mr. W. H. Woolard, Region I chairman for the War Bond Drive, and Mr. Vaden of the United States Treasury Department, were in the county last Saturday and they were greatly impressed with the tentative plans for advancing the drive. While it was admitted the \$918,000.00 quota is a sizable one, they expressed the belief and hope that the people of the county would go over the top.

At the county-wide meeting, H. G. Horton will make a short talk along with others. An open discussion will follow and district quotas will be assigned. Various supplies, including applications, bond descriptive materials and other leaflets, will be distributed at that time.

Principal D. N. Hix Announces Plans For School Opening

Adoption of "Short" Schedule Is Subject to Wishes of the Patrons

The summer vacation will end for Williamston students at 9:00 tomorrow morning when the elementary and high schools will reopen for the 1943-44 school term. School authorities anticipate a slight enrollment decrease from last term when nearly eight hundred students were in attendance at the close of the school year.

Parents are urged to have their children report promptly at the opening of the term in order that full advantage of the nine months term may be available for all. It is urged especially that parents of children entering the school for the first time accompany their children to the primary department.

Teachers were on hand this afternoon for the preliminary faculty meetings, and plans for the opening are complete.

Appointment of a fifth grade teacher, the only vacancy now existing, is pending, and it is expected that the faculty will be completed today.

In session yesterday afternoon, the local school committee considered matters pertaining to the operation of the local school. Among the matters discussed were the operation of the lunch rooms and the length of the daily schedule.

Plans for the operation of the lunch room will be announced to the pupils on opening day. With the assistance of the Federal Food Distribution Administration and the local parent teacher association, it is expected that the lunch rooms can be operated satisfactorily throughout the school year.

Principal D. N. Hix announced that present plans call for the operation of the schools on the same schedule

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All School Pupils Must Be Vaccinated

Every student in our Martin County schools must be successfully vaccinated against diphtheria, x. health officials warned today on the eve of the opening of the 1943-44 term. Evidence of a successful vaccination is a scar at the site of the vaccination.

Every pupil under ten years of age must have had the "shots" to prevent diphtheria.

If it is impossible to see your doctor or attend the nearest clinic points members of the health department will begin at the Negro schools when school opens and will continue this phase of their work until it is completed. Those children who do not meet these health requirements will be compelled to withdraw from school, the health officer said.

The warning issued by the health officer does not apply to those children who have already been successfully vaccinated.

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TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

Hershey Shows Order of Induction

"The selection of men needed for the armed forces and the deferment of men required for agriculture, war production, and war supporting activities are much more difficult than in the days when we had ample men from which to choose," said Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, in a recent letter to local boards. He said available men will be called for induction in the following order: (1) Single men without dependents; (2) single men with collateral dependents; (3) married men without children; (4) men with children (nondeferable activities and occupations); (5) men with children.

Drops Bombs—Gathers Corn

When the B-24 Liberator bomber, "Lemon Drop," of the U. S. Army Ninth Air Force came back from its mission of bombing Rumanian oil refineries at Ploesti, corn stalks were clinging to its bomb bay doors. The bombardier, Captain Herbert Light, Ames, Iowa, observed: "Why, back in Iowa you'd have to fly 25 feet off the ground to get above the corn tops. No risks involved in that. But when you're heading for a target in the Rumanian oil and corn country, you've got to tear along about six feet off the ground to skim the corn tops."

Some Boots Are Ration Free

Certain kinds of rubber boots useful in farming and similar work but no longer being manufactured for general use have been released from rationing by a recent OPA amendment. All olive drab, clay, or khaki colored rubber boots, all over-the-shoe rubber boots, and all light-weight ankle-fitting rubber boots which depend upon stretch at the ankle for fitting are included in the order. However, quantities will be small because dealers do not have complete stocks on hand.

Farm Help from Latin America

A total of 57,489 workers for Mexico, Jamaica and the Bahama Islands have come to this country for agricultural employment. Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, recently praised the ability of these workers and described their efforts as being of utmost importance to the production of food and fiber for war needs. Mexican Nationals have been employed largely in East Coast states and in the Middle West. The workers have come into this country to relieve farm labor shortages in critical areas. When the need for their services has passed, they will be returned to their home countries.

Peace to Repay for Lend-Lease

"The Congress in passing and extending the Lend-Lease Act made it plain that the United States wants no new war debts to jeopardize the coming peace," President Roosevelt declared in his letter transmitting to Congress the eleventh report on Lend-Lease operations for the period ended July 31, 1943. "Victory and a secure peace," the President said, "are the only coin in which we can

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Earns Commission In U. S. Army Air Corps

Simon W. Manning, son of Mrs. S. W. Manning, of Williamston, and the late Mr. Manning, was graduated as a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps at the Fort Sumner Air School, Fort Sumner, New Mexico, yesterday. Completing a special course in airplane mechanics some months ago, the young man entered the flying school and received his commission as second lieutenant yesterday.

Presidential Unit Citation For Late W. Thos. Sullivan

The memory of William Thomas Sullivan, Martin County youth who gave his life for his country, was honored a short time ago when the Chief of Naval Personnel forwarded the young man's mother, Mrs. Blanche Sullivan Jones, a Presidential Unit Citation awarded by the Secretary of the Navy to the officers and men attached to the USS Atlanta on November 12-13, 1942.

"For outstanding performance during action against enemy Japanese Forces off Guadalcanal Island, November 12-13, 1942. Struck by one torpedo and no less than 49 shells. The Atlanta, after sinking an enemy destroyer and repeatedly hitting a cruiser which later went down, gallantly remained in battle under auxiliary power with one-third of her crew killed or missing, her engine room flooded and her topside a shambles. Eventually succumbing to her wounds after the enemy had fled in defeat, she left behind her a heroic example of invincible fighting spirit."

The young man's body was buried on Guadalcanal where it will rest until the war is over.

Draft Board Reclassifying Men In Most Industry Before Extending Call To Fathers In Martin County

Local Tobacco Market Sets A New Sales Record Yesterday

The Williamston Tobacco Market is believed to have established a new sales record for a single day when it sold 311,482 pounds of the golden leaf, and quite a few non-descript types, yesterday. And prices held up, too, Sales Supervisor Urban Rogers stating that the day's sales stood for \$122,812.54, the official average standing right at \$40 per hundred pounds.

Prices for the better type tobaccos, including those suitable for the smoking blends, are more than holding their own and are possibly stronger than they were on opening day, a week ago. Tips are being offered in larger quantities, and they are selling all right, but their appearance is reflected slightly in the general average. The sales are running smoothly, and the operation of the market, the prevailing prices and things in general are being highly commended by the growers. Few complaints are being heard and things are going good.

UNUSUAL

For the first time in recent months not a single person was arrested and jailed in the county hoosegow last week-end. There were a few arrests made, but the victims were either recognized or they arranged bond before the iron doors were closed on them.

While officers could offer no complete explanation for the decrease in crime activities, they did say that a beer shortage prevailed in some areas and that general order and respect for common decency were better.

General Withdrawal By Nazis Underway Toward the Dnieper

Allied Air Forces Aggravating Disruption in Italy, Bomb Rhineland Last Night

Launching the fourth major attack in their general summer offensive, the Russians have smashed Hitler's southern line to score a great gain in the drive toward Stalino, important coal-producing center. Advancing approximately forty miles in a single day, the Russians are now within thirty miles of their new goal, nearly 250 miles south of Khar'kov.

Striking at Taganrog Monday, the Red Army encircled thousands of Germans whose annihilation was certain today as the advance was continued toward Stalino. The capture of that goal will give Moscow fuel for the first time in three winters and restores virtually all of the Rostov region to the rightful owners.

This smash, which left the entire southern German line crumbling, was one of two setbacks for the invaders during the day. About 400 miles to the north, another Soviet column, hitting into the German defenses south of Bryansk, advanced six to thirteen miles and captured more than fifty villages.

Southwest of captured Khar'kov, where the Russians are swinging southward in an apparent effort to encircle the railway juncture of Poltava, "our troops continued their offensive and captured several populated places," a Russian report said.

On all fronts during the early southern drive, the Russians destroyed 150 enemy tanks and shot down 68 enemy planes.

Developments in Russia are interpreted in some quarters as meaning that the Germans are retreating for a main defense along the Dnieper River. That the enemy has suffered is certain and his reverses have been hard to explain to the Germans, back home, but the German armies totalling around 200 divisions on the Russian front, are still in tact.

Activities in Denmark are encouraging to the Allied cause, but their full meaning is not yet known. It is fairly evident, however, that Germany's satellites are revolting under the oppressive yoke or the activities are a prelude to an invasion move. Open warfare against the invaders was far outnumbered and little immediate hope is held for the gallant Danish patriots who were being slaughtered in fairly sizable numbers by the enemy reinforced

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Rationing Board Allots Car In County Friday

A certificate for the purchase of a new automobile was issued by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday to Hugh Roberson, Robersonville farmer.

Deferment Based on Industrial Work Is Materially Reduced

Fathers Hardly Expected to Get Call for Induction Before Nov. or Dec.

Following recent instructions apparently designed by Selective Service to reduce the ranks of single men and married men without children to an absolute minimum before touching the reservoir of married men, the Martin County Draft Board in session here last night reclassified its 2-A and 2-B registrants and passed on deferment claims in a few cases. While the search netted about a dozen men, it will not help relieve the fathers' plight very much, it is believed, but there is a possibility that no fathers will be called before November and there is also the further possibility that the call for fathers will be blocked by congressional action. According to present rules and regulations, machinery is already being placed in motion for preparing fathers for the October call in this county and those fathers who hold such jobs as filling station attendants, ticket takers and so on—is exhausted, the fathers will be called to report for physical examination according to their order numbers.

It should be remembered that the drafting of fathers is not settled as yet, that recent instructions are literally bearing down on certain types or most types of industry. The farmer is out of the picture, but many men heretofore qualifying for deferment will be switched to the front in the draft. There are comparatively few "critical" jobs in this county now according to a revised list submitted a short time ago by Selective Service. In a recent memorandum, the draft boards were directed to seriously consider deferments for men engaged in critical jobs, but the memorandum went on to say: "Registrants who are qualified in an occupation included in the (revised) list of critical occupations but who are not engaged in war production or in support of war effort shall not be considered for occupational deferment unless prior to October 1, 1943, they transfer to employment in war production or in support of the war effort."

Taking the list of critical jobs, the draft board in this county started reclassifying those registrants who had been deferred on account of vital industrial jobs. Truck and bus drivers, certain types of mill firemen, to mention just a few, had been dropped from the critical list. Using that list as a guide, the board reclassified the 2-A and 2-B registrants. In some instances cases were referred to the United States Employment Service for a ruling as to whether this or that job could be classed as a critical one in this section.

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Local Citizen Died Sunday In Hospital After Long Illness

Funeral Services Are Held at Home on Williams Street Here Yesterday

Mrs. Mattie Brown Moore, prominent and highly respected local citizen, died in the hospital here Sunday afternoon following a long period of declining health. Several years ago, she suffered a stroke but her health improved and she was able to be up and out most of the time. Her condition became suddenly worse the middle of last week and she entered the hospital Friday for treatment. Members of the immediate family were at the bedside when the end came.

The daughter of the late John Thomas and Martha Coburn Brown, she was born near Robersonville on December 25, 1889. A few years following the death of her mother, she moved to Williamston at the age of fourteen years to make her home with her uncle, Mr. R. B. Brown, and Mrs. Brown. About thirty-two years ago, she was married to Mr. Charles O. Moore, of Pitt County, and after making their home there for about a year, they located in Williamston where she had since made her home.

Mrs. Moore had been a member of the local Christian Church for many years, remaining faithful in its service and loyal in its support during all that time. Possessed of a quiet and unassuming character, she was devoted to her family and was a loyal friend to many.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Clark, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. J. M. Boyce, of Norfolk; one

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Everetts School To Open Tomorrow

Mrs. W. R. Harrison Dies In Beat Grass

The Everetts school will open on Wednesday, September 1st, at nine o'clock. Chapel will be held in the auditorium at 9:30. Friends and parents are urged to attend.

For the first few weeks of school, the schedule will be short so that children will be able to help with farm work. After the first day school will begin at 8:00 and close at 1:15.

Parents are asked to send the children's fees as early as possible, the first day preferably. Instructional fees for all grades are 50c, and book rental fees for first and second grades are 50c; for third, fourth and fifth grades, 60c; for sixth and seventh grades, 70c.

The Everetts faculty is complete. Miss Thelma Peel, Miss Cleo James, and Mrs. Elmo James will teach grades four to seven, and Miss Anna Louise Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Bailey, and Mrs. Gentry Mills have grades one through three.

CORN CROP

Additional proof, supporting reports pointing to a record corn crop, was offered yesterday by Farmer C. B. Fagan, of Dardens, when he submitted representative samples equalling if not surpassing those displayed by Farmer Bogue Slade a few days ago.

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Mrs. Allie G. Roberson Continues Critically Ill

Forced to her bed about ten days ago, Mrs. Allie Roberson continues critically ill in a Washington hospital, according to a report reaching here early this afternoon from the institution. Earlier her condition was reported little changed from what it was when she entered the hospital Sunday morning, but shortly before noon it was reported that members of the family had been called to her bedside indicating that there was little hope for her recovery.