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Sweeping Drive By People Of This Section Said **TOWN - FARM** Americans Believed To Be Facing Fuel Shortage Under Way In Italy

Russians Continue Smashing Drive Across Dnieper **Toward Latvia**

Receiving tremendous reinforcements during the past few days, General Mark Clark is believed about ready to launch a sweeping drive across the Volturno River. take one of those roads leading to Rome. A fairly sizable salient has been created by the Allies in a 13mile drive north of Benevento, aiding the fighting men in the Volturno sector. General Clark's men have opened a devastating barrage attack on the Germans entrenched along the opposite bank of the Volturno and although the crossing of the stream is regarded as a major undertaking, forward action is already being reported there. The immediate goal is Rome, but it is apparent that the enemy will offer the Allies a stubborn resistance every inch of the way

A correspondent, watching the movement, declared that the reinforcements were far greater than he had seen even at the height of the drive against Rommel in Africa. The Germans are believed to have between 80,000 and 100,000 men block ing the roads to Rome, meaning that severe fighting is in prospect. The fate of Rome still hangs in the balance.

Over on the Eastern Front, the Russians have moved at least nine divisions across the Dnieper to strengthen three major bridgeheads and continue their drive toward the Latvian and Polish borders. They are within 65 miles of the border at one or two points. German defenses along the Dnieper, recognized as a strong enemy line, are beginning to give at the seams, and the Germans are expressing great anxiety over the fight all along the line. In the Ukraine, the Germans are said to be evacuating Kiev, leaving the city in flames. Dobruzh on the outskirts of Gomel, has been captured, opening the way for a big-scale drive into Gomel and on into White Russia. Where it once appeared that the fight in the East would grind to a stop, it is fairly apparent that the Russians plan to drive onward.

A daring feat was accomplished a few weeks ago, it was just revealed, when British midget submarines entered Norwegian Fjord to damage the mighty German battleship, Tirpitz. The ship was not sunk, but it will be out of order for months, re-

leasing the British guard for action

The possibility of a fuel shortage | consumers had stocked up their birs in this section was voiced in state- but for the most part, the users are ments made today by local deck to the in. We were promised four cars in

dealers did warn that the outlook September, and got one," R. L. Ward, a bit critical. There is a shortage one of the dealers said today, adding of coal now and the supply of avail- that the companies would promise able wood is hardly half as large as no shipping dates for future delivert was a year ago, it was pointed out. ies. It has been pointed out that mil-With a normal demand, the sup- lions of tons of coal have been diply of wood will hardly last until verted to the Great Lakes region to Christmas, if that long. It was in guarantee war plants an adequate about 25 miles north of Naples, and February of last year that the sup- supply before traffic was blocked ply was exhausted and in desperate on the lakes by ice. It is possible that boards were ripped from the traffic will be shirted about the cases. and even houses for fire middle of November, but a backlog fences wood. If it was that bad a year ago, will have formed, and there is some the fuel dealers now believe that the doubt if the supply will be sufficonditions will be aggravated this cient to meet the demand.

coming winter, possibly before A year ago there was an estimated Christmas. 850 cords of wood on the yards here One local fuel dealer has been out Today, there are less than 400 cords of coal for weeks. Another has less on the yards, and the farmer movthan enough on hand to fill stand- ing a load of wood to town has gone ing orders, and neither of them is out of the picture. It is said that farcertain when other shipments will ar- mers have actually been patronizing rive. It was pointed out that many the woodyards.



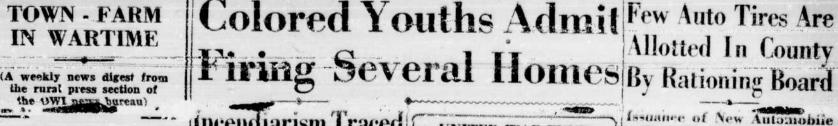
Simple Rules Laid Down for **Issuance of A Gas and**

The issuance of "A" gasoline and Ration Book No. 4 will be handled by the schools in this county beginning on October 25, Mr. C. C. Martin, chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board announced this week. Simple rules are to be ob-

their rations, it was pointed out, the chairman adding that if the rules are followed no hardship or difficulty will be experienced by any one. Ration Book No. 4, covering near-

be issued in both the white and colored schools. The "A" gasoline ration books or

sheets of stamps will be issued in the



OPA Sets Apple Ceiling Prices Apples for home consumption will sell at a season's national retail aver age of between 10 and 11 cents pound. Maximum prices for apples ware set recently as one of the first steps in OPA's program to extend control over the prices of fresh fruits and vegetables to keep down the cost of living. As in the case of eggs, prices will vary by the month to reflect storage and other charges.

The next qualifying test for the

and the Navy College Program will be given in high schools and colleges, Tuesday, November 9, according to the War Department. The test is open to male graduates and high school seniors in their last semester who will reach their seventeenth birthday but not their twenty-secthese men to qualify for college

Graduates of the program will serve afternoon, the two small colored as specialists, technicians, and offi

Restrict Feed Wheat Sales Wheat sold by the Commodity Credit Corporation to food mixers may be used only in making feeds for dairy cows and laying hens, the War Food Administration has an

Regulation of Household Auctions Auctioneers' sales for householders are no longer exempt from the

regulation, OPA announced recenty. The regulation originally exempted sales of used goods by householders, whether they were sold by the householder himseif or by a profes

sional auctioneer for the householder. At the same time, OPA brought used household sewing machines under the price regulations when sold by an auctioneer.

Farm Labor Situation Helped Three hundred thousand more men (Continued on page six)

Minister-Evangelist

The issuance of marriage licenses is conditioned in the second of marriage licenses is according to present plans, will in a series of revival series of rev elsewhere. Three British subs were last month was the smallest for any visit his respective district school in a series of revival sermons, his cers limited their questioning to re- cidents in this county. subject being, "Fishing for Men." cent and more serious fires. The boys After narrating the incident of Jesus directing the disciples to cast their net on the right side of the boat, and the subsequent success of their effort, he said that the technique of successful evangelism consists in knowing human nature, a knowledge of the scriptures, and an abiding interest in saving lost men. "Prayer has an important function," said the evangelist, "and when coupled with wise effort, will bring large results for the kingdom." Services are being held each eve ning except Saturday at 8:00 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The pastor, the Rev. John L. Goff, said that the services will last just one hour, and will be of great interest to all. Dr. Crossfield came here at noon yesterday from Robersonville, where he concluded a most successful mission Sunday night. The evangelist is President Emeritus of Transylvania College, and was introduced last night by the Rev. Mr. Goff.



To Reformatory

The origin of several local fires, one dating back to March 18, 1940, was traced to C. B. Wilson, 12, and his brother, Jesse, 8, last week-end following the virtual destruction of the kids' own home early Friday afternoon. While fire department officials and law enforcement officers advanced the belief that a wave of incendiarism had been checked, other mysterious fires broke out Sunond birthday by March 1, 1944. The tlay afternoon, causing some alarm test will provide an opportunity for and much uneasiness on the part of nany local people. Arrested and questioned by local

and county officers late last Friday boys admitted firing the home of Walter Mizelle, colored, on the cor-

ner of Church and Elm Streets early Sunday afternoon, October 3. It was also brought out that they had fired their own home on Washington Street back in March, 1940. No clear-**Reported In County** cut confession was made placing plame for the fire that wrecked the **Over The Week-end** Wilson home on West Church Street about 2 o'clock last Friday afternoon, but the younger of the two brothers used consumer durable goods price said that possibly he fired it when he struck a match and threw it into a waste basket. The older brother declared he was not at home, but a report coming from Fire Chief G. . Hall stated that the boy was at

and no great property damage re iome sulted in a series of three motor By the time the alarm was sounded and the fire-fighting apparatus vehicle accidents in the county over was carried to the scene, the home was burning from one end to the other. Part of the frame structure was saved, and most of the furniture was of military age were put to work on either burned or wrecked. Damage Friday afternoon. building was estimated at o the \$500

Cornered by the officers last Friday afternoon, the boys talked freely and went into detail about the Opens Meeting Here fires. The explained they had seen the Indians in pictures fire broom straw and then fire houses. The ex-Last night in the local Christian ble one for several mysterious fires

Final plans for conducting the \$10,500 United War Fund in this county beginning on October 25 will be formulated at a meeting of the executive committee members and canyass chairmen to be held in the county courthouse next Tuesday, it was announced yesterday by Chairman N. C. Green. An appeal is being directed to all of the committee members and canvass chairmen

to attend. Preliminary work on the drive was started in this district last Friday evening when the special gifts committee met and a short time later accounted for pledges totaling approximately

"Once the purpose of the drive is explained to the people, I sincerely believe the drive will gather momentum and progress to a successful conclusion." County Chairman Green said after the special gifts committee submitted its preliminary report.

Very Great

Two persons were slightly hurt

Issuance of New Automobile Tires Has Been Reduced **To Low Minimum**

Allotted In County

Even though the demand coninues to held up, the issuance of new automobile tires is being reduced to a new low minimum in this county. Last Friday night, the rationing board panels issued a total of forty-nine tires, but of the numher only eight were of the grade I type for cars and pick-up trucks.

Unofficial but reliable reports naintain that the stock pile of new ires has been reduced from eleven nillion to around three million or ess, that only strict rationing and a greater conservation effort on the part of the individual motorist will hold passenger travel together until the system for turning out synthetic products can be placed in full-scale operation possibly within the next en or twelve months. Confronted with a solemn warning, car owners, it has been pointed out by the government and tire manufacturers hemselves, can help solve the situation by limiting their travel to absolute needs.

Grade I tire sand tubes for cars nd pick-up trucks were issued to the following:

Three Motor Wrecks H. C. Norman, Robersonville, one W. L. Brown, Jamesville, two

tires and two tubes.

Mrs. Lula W. Coburn, Parmele, two ires and two tubes. J. Frank Bailey, Robersonville,

two tires and one tube. Alfred Taylor, Robersonville, one

No One Badly Hurt and Damube age To Property Was Not S. T. Braddy, Robersonville, one

tube

N. C. Everett, Robersonville, one tube

H. H. Williams, Everetts, one tube. Bessie Malone, RFD 2, Williamson, one tube.

Biggs Funeral Home, Williamston the week-end. However, a small one tube

child narrowly escaped with her life W. L. Lee, RFD 2, Williamston, two when a truck crashed into a school tubes bus two miles above Oak City last

Julian Fagan, RFD 1, Jamesville one tube

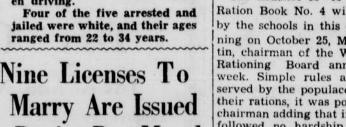
The first week in October is a dan H. A. Haislip, Hamilton, one tire. gerous travel period on the highway: G. W. Hardison, Williamston, one of this county. In 1941 two were ire and one tube. killed on the highways during the

Daniel DeMary, Hassell, one tube. Farm implement tires were rationfirst few days of October, and a year ago a young man lost his life in a d to the following:

motorcycle accident near Parmele, Jordan G. Peel, RFD 1, Williamsand a small girl in the Oak City sec ton, one tire. tion was fatally hurt when she was

D. W. Downs, RFD 1, Hobgood, one thrown from a horse-drawn cart. tire. Truck tires were released to the

following:



Marry Are Issued During Past Month

Issuance Is Smallest for Any September in the Past **Ten Years**

public drunkenness, and the oth-

er was jailed for alleged drunk-

en driving.

Week of October 25 siderably smaller than the one reported a week earlier. During the recent period only five persons were arrested and jailed by local and county officers. Four of them were booked for alleged

Ration 4 Books

served by the populace in renewing

y every item except gasoline, will

Army-Navy Test for Students

Army Specialized Training Program

training in studies for which the Army and Navy have vital needs.

cers in the armed forces.

reported missing in the raid.

September in more than ten years, and get his No. 4 ration book. He September in more than ten years, clearly indicating that Cupid is ex-periencing tough sledding on the home front these days. Several of will get this No. 4 ration book. The school and get his "A" gas rations, if he has a car. White car owners will get their No. 4 ration book and No startling developments have been reported in the Pacific area, but individual task feats are still making the headlines. American bombers fired strategic installations the licenses issued went to men in "A" gas ration tickets at their reat Macassar in the Dutch Celebes

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Thirteen Incendiary

Thirteen fires, almost certain to couples in this county. have been of incendiary origin, have been reported here during the past several weeks, according to a review of the records released yesterday by Fire Chief G. P. Hall. Two follows:

homes were wrecked, but in each of the other cases the damage was

small. Ten of the fires were in the town's backlois, three of them com-Jamesville.

ing after two small colored boys, Jesse and C. B. Wilson, had been questioned in connection with the singer, of Jamesville. virtual destruction of the two homes AmirewR. Alcox, of Beraries a few days earlier. Two of the fires C., and Ruth Evelyn Forbes, of Wil- space enough to list eight members

were duplicates, causing store ownliamston. Russell Biggs and Grace Holliday, ers in one case to build and lock boxes for their waste materials. A both of Williamston.

thirteenth fire was in a home, but it was discovered before any material damage was done.

House,, both of Robersonville. Authorities believe that fire bugs Russell Johnnie Jasper Dickens, other than the two Wilson lads have of Robersonville, and Roxana De-Mary, of Hassell. been operating.

Thos. Wiggins and Ella V. Brown, State fire officials are expected here tomorrow to make a review of both of RFD 1, Robersonville. Walter Corey and Lucy Johnson, the fires and study conditions leading up to them. During the meantime both of this county.

Benjamin Wiggins and Eloise there is an increasing demand for some action that will support the Davenport, both of Williamston. safety of property.

Local Young Man **Given High Honor**

Junie Peel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert S. Peel of Williamston, was given a high honor at the University of North Carolina a few days ago when he was tapped by the Golden Fleece. He was one of four young men to be included in the high-ranking honorary societies.

The young man, former secretary-treasurer of the Carolina student body and one of the campus leaders, is completing his course of study at the University the latter part of this week, but his graduation will be de-layed until next March. Following a special course of training following a short leave of absence, the young man is slated for active Navy duty within the near future.

the armed services. In seven of the first nine months of this year, the number of licenses issued to white couples has fallen below the num- rules: He must have his tires checkber in the corresponding months of ed up to date, that is, he must have last year, the total for this year to had them checked at some time withdate standing at fifty as compared in three months of the issuance of Fires Are Reported with 67 for the corresponding per-induction in the issuance of new rations; he must present his

White

Colored

OVER THE TOP

Given a quota of \$918,000, Mar-

tin County passed that figure more than a week ago and is

now over the one million-dollar

goal in the Third War Loan

drive, D. V. Clayton, chairman

of the drive, said today. Late

reports are still coming in, indi-cating that the total sale will ap-

proximate \$1,065,000. It was pointed out that the American

Tobacco Company had purchas-ed a block of bonds, and that the

counties where they buy tobacco

were given credit on their pur-

chases. This county was given credit for \$59,000 by the com-

A complete report on the bond

pany.

his week.

iod in 1942. So far this year, 83 li-censes have been issued to colored and, he must submit his old "A" ration book cover. Last month four licenses were is- In those cases where the car own-

sued by Register of Deeds J. Sam er has lost his tire inspection rec-Getsinger in this county to four ord he is directed to call for the white and five colored couples, as proper form at the rationing board office or to a filling station and have a duplicate made. Elbert Davenport, RFD 1, William-

To get War Ration Book No. 4, the ston, and Lillian Grace Price, of following rules are to be followed: 1. Applicants will first show at

Raleigh Thomas Harrington, of the registration sites copies of Book Williamston, and Sarah Brown Get- No. 3 already issued to them or to members of their families and will receive an application form with

> of a family. If there are more than eight members, it will be necessary to use two forms. 2. A volunteer worker in registra-

Ulysses X. Gilliam and Marie tion headquarters will accept the

(Continued on page six) Seven And One-Half **Million Pounds Sold**

Sales on the local tobacco market are nearing the seven and one-half million-pound mark today with the average for the season holding a ranking place in the belt figures. Approximately 200,000 pounds were sold here yesterday, and about 100,-000 pounds are on the floors today. Prices for the inferior grades continue to hold their own and more while the better grades are gradualy dropping in value. A few piles are selling for as much as 48 and 50 cents, but as a general rule, 45 and 46 cents seem to be the main top figures. At the same time, few piles are selling below 41 and 42 cents. There were less than half a dozen piles on warehouse floors here this

morning that went for less than 40 cents. It is estimated that between 90 and 95 per cent of the crop in this mmediate section has been sold. Through Friday of last week, the

sale will be made soon after the astern Carolina belt had sold 206,final closing date on Saturday of 223,633 pounds for an average of \$39.24.

Mizelle because ne had refused them City, William T. Pierce, 70-year-old credit for candy purchases at his lit- white man of Hobgood, struck the tle store, near the home. Mizelle had tear laft hand corner of a school bus, told officers how he had raked fire ripping off a small portion, and enfrom under his house a few nights circling the truck before coming to a stop on the right side of the road. before the one that wrecked his home on Sunday, that he had seen the boys He was said to have missed Mary run and hide in some weeds and Catherine Brown, nine years of age heard one of them remark that he only by a small margin as the truck had discovered the fire. The older continued by and almost around the had discovered the fire. The older continued by and almost around the of the two boys admitted to the officers last Friday that he went to the bus and had walked far enough for

the truck to pass between her and Mizelle home on Sunday afternoon, the bus. Mr. Pierce suffered a back October 3rd, fired some broom straw injury, but it is not believed to be in an upstairs room and withdrew. serious. Damage to the school bus A few minutes later the savings of was estimated at about \$50 by Paa life time were virtually swept trolman Saunders who investigated away for the Mizelles. Suspicion centhe accident. tered on the boys at that time, but

David Leon Stubbs, a resident of

Williamston for a number of years,

died at his home in Aurora, Beau-

fort County, yesterday morning at

8:30 o'clock of a heart attack. He

was 63 years old, the son of the late

Completing his schooling at Buies

Creek, he returned here and was

in the postal service for a time. Later

he became a student of the late W

A. Ellison and after mastering tele-

graphy he was given full-time em-

ployment by the Coast Line, spend-

ing quite a number of years in Au-

rora where he married Miss Lillian

Lewis. Besides his widow he is sur-

vived by a son, David Leon, Jr., of

Hemp; a daughter, Mrs. Ernest War-

ren, of Edwards; three brothers, W

H., of Richmond; W. Ed Stubbs, of

Mrs. Joe Gardner, of Macclesfield,

Arrangements for the funeral could

not be learned here immediately.

Ohio.

Marcellus and Elizabeth Stubbs.

Sunday morning about 12:30 o'clock, William Bryant, colored, realizing they could not arrest and jail the boys, officers took no defidrove his car down the left side of nite action but continued their investhe main street in Hamilton and tigation. When the lads were arrestcrashed head on into Rober Modlin's ed, officers had to turn them loose to car. No one was hurt. Damage to the prey on the public at their pleasure. Modlin car was estimated at \$21. In-Saturday morning, Clerk of Court vestigator Whit Saunders said. Pow-L. B. Wyone called the boys into his juvenile court. They denied their eil, charged with drunken driving,

was referred to the courts. stories of the afternoon before and Sunday afternoon, Herman Spruill the case was complicated to some lost control of his '38 model car and extent, at least, by a town family. It turned it over on a curve on the was claimed that the mother talked with the boys after they were ques-Palmyra Road about two miles from the Conoho Primitive Baptist tioned Friday afternoon. Saturday Church. Apparently he was speed-

ng. Operating the car without a driver's license, he was booked for trial in the county court next Monday. Damage to his car was estimated at \$200 by Patrolman Whit Saun-Dies In Beaufort ders who was called following a pre-liminary investigation by Officer Edmond Early

TIN HEATERS

Literally swamped with applications for heaters, the stove panel of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board this week explained that about the only solution to the stove shortage will be through the purchase of tin heaters. The tin heater stoye is not rationed and may be bought without a certificate of any kind. While such a stove is little better than a makeshift, many people have used them in the past and many others will have to depend upon them during the war emergency.

Greensboro, and Jesse Stubbs, of The quota of regular cast iron wood and coal-burning stoves is Rodgersville, Tenn., and two sisters, not near sufficient to meet the and Mrs. Ella Sprague, of Cleveland, demand.

Applications now pending out-number the county quotas for October and November.

Driving his truck on Highway 125 Adkins and Bailey Warehouse, admitted that they were angry with about two miles northwest of Oak Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, eight tires and eight tubes

Williamston Parts and Metal Co.,

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Record Run On ABC

Lines that would make the runs on banks during the depression look small, formed around the county's four liquor stores last Saturday afternoon when a small shipment of the legal spirits was received and placed on sale.

A complete report on the sales could not be had, but the Williamston store handled sales in the amount of \$1,559.30 in less than two hours that afternoon. The demand was not satisfied, but sales were stopped when the supply was ex-Radisled.

Traffic on the sidewalk near the ocal liquor store was virtually blocked and the line was lost in the Saturday afternoon shopping crowds. Three officers were called in to help maintain order and relieve the pressure of the crowd.

Most of the customers, possibly three-fourths of them, were colored. All but crowded out of the picture, quite a few local white customers ollowed the system's delivery truck o other store towns. The option was bitterly resented by patrons in those towns where the supply was exhaustd before the "home folks" could uy a pint or four-fifths of a quart. There was no haggling over price or quality.

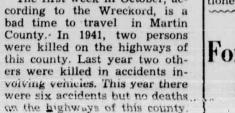
The small supply of liquor was delivered here Saturday morning about 11 o'clock. Store clerks worked through the dinner hour to tag the bottles. During the meantime, the guzzlers started gathering just as if Silas Green was going to give band exhibition.

Weekly shipments are scheduled, and while they are due here on Wednesday, sometimes it is Saturday before they are effected.

County Allotted Five Cars For Current Month

Martin County has been allotted ive new cars for rationing during the current month.

The first of the quota was rationed to G. David Grimes, Robersonville druggist and farmer, last Fri-day night by the board in its regular weekly session.



THE RECORD

While the number of fatal highway accidents has been dropping from 557 to 394 in the State during the first eight months of this year, Martin County is ahead of its last year fatality record. However, it can be pointed out that the numbermaimed and crippled has been materially reduced. Damage to property to date is greater than it was for the corresponding period, a year ago, and the number of accidents is only 14 under the figure recorded for the first 41 weeks of 1942. The following tabulations of-

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

41st Week Comparison Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1943 2 53 0 6 \$ 625 1942 4 400 Comparison To Date 1943 21 35 43 5 7075 1942 57

SPEAKS . . . The first week in October, ac-(Continued on page six) Former Local Man