



THE ENTERPRISE



Sixty-Three Tires Allotted in County By Ration Board

Limited Number of Vehicle Owners Eligible for Grade I Car Tires

Sixty-three tires of all types were issued in this county last Friday evening by the War Price and Rationing Board. While the issuance of Grade I tires for cars and pick-up trucks was increased, the number still holds below the average. It has been pointed out that fewer vehicle owners are eligible for the No. 1 tires. During the meantime, quite a few who are using the No. 1 tires declare they are not the best in the world, that some were worn out before they had been run eight thousand miles.

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

G. L. Brown, RFD 3, Williamston, one tube.

Perlie A. Gardner, Williamston, one tube.

William Purvis, Hassell, one tube.

Mrs. J. R. Keel, RFD 3, Williamston, one tube.

C. S. Thompson, RFD 1, Oak City, one tube.

J. Dawson Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Mrs. H. L. Hopkins, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.

Kelly Rawls, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

G. W. Ayers, Oak City, three tires and one tube.

Watsie Latham, Williamston, one tire.

P. M. Holliday, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

Leslie J. Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Dr. V. A. Ward, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

R. C. Bunting, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Raleigh W. Wilson, Williamston, one tire.

Harvey L. Warren, RFD 2, Robersonville, two tires and one tube.

Garfield Mobley, Jamesville, two tires and one tube.

J. D. Beach, Robersonville, two tires.

W. K. Parker, Williamston, one tire.

Eastern Telephone Co., Robersonville, two tires and three tubes.

Jesse W. Bright, Williamston, two tires and one tube.

Truck tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

Eastern Telephone Co., Robersonville, three tires.

Bennie Rives, Williamston, one tire.

Arthur Brown, RFD 1, Palmyra, two tires and one tube.

G. and H. Builders Supply Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Ellen Woods Carter, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire and one tube.

W. A. Mobley, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

J. C. Manning, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Farm implement tires and tubes were issued four each to John Gurkin, RFD 1, Williamston.

Grade III tires and tubes were issued to the following:

Ira Price, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

Toba Bowen, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

J. R. Cherry, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

Mervin Bonds, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and one tube.

J. W. Taylor, Robersonville, one tire.

F. C. Williams, Jamesville, two tires.

Charlie Raynor, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.

Mrs. Janie Fleming, Hassell, one tire and one tube.

J. A. Roberson, Robersonville, two tires and one tube.

Fannie Cowin Shelton, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires.

A. C. Harrison, Williamston, two tires.

Mrs. J. J. Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires.

Mrs. Grace Hand Miller, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

William J. Haislip Dies In The County

William Joshua Haislip, county farmer, died at his home near Robersonville last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He was 62 years old.

He was married when a young man, his wife dying in July of this year. Six sons survive the union, Cleavie, of Stokes; Nannie, of Everetts; Noah, Lorie and Daniel, of Robersonville, and William J. Jr., of Bethel.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, and interment was in the Robersonville cemetery.

Bond Sales In County Exceed \$1,083,600.00

Ten Of The Eleven Districts Go Over Top In Loan Drive

County Exceeds Quota By Total of \$165,630, Chairman Clayton Says

The nation's Third War Loan drive was brought to a most successful close last Saturday evening, D. V. Clayton, chairman of the huge financial undertaking in this county, announcing that Martin citizens had invested a total of \$1,083,630 in bonds or \$165,630 in excess of the quota. As far as it could be learned from available records, the drive was the greatest and most successful financial undertaking ever advanced in this county.

Ten of the eleven districts went over the top, some by over three times the original quota, and in the eleventh case, the miss was little more than \$1,000. The time and work devoted to the task by the county and district chairmen and canvassers and others are reflected in the record of figures released by Mr. Clayton after a ten-hour study and tabulation of the figures for the various districts.

Expressing great pleasure with the success of the drive and extending his most sincere thanks for the aid and support given the campaign by everyone, Mr. Clayton explained that the county was allotted \$76,000 by the State, \$30,000 by the county treasury and \$50,000 by the American Tobacco Company, but without those allotments the county exceeded its \$918,000.00 quota.

The sales are compared with quotas, by districts, as follows:

	Sales	Quota
Jamesville	\$ 23,931.25	\$ 25,000
Williams	13,553.75	13,000
Griffins	59,130.75	50,000
Bear Grass	85,212.50	25,000
Williamston	408,078.75	375,000
Cross Roads	36,101.50	30,000
Robersonville	298,088.25	275,000
Poplar Point	19,218.75	10,000
Hassell	15,881.25	15,000
Hamilton	80,227.50	75,000
Goose Nest	44,206.25	25,000

According to Chairman Clayton's records, 2,036 "E" bonds were sold representing slightly more than one-fourth of the total or \$294,577.00, to be exact. The remainder of the amount represents investments in "F", "G" and negotiables. It is quite apparent that the "E" bond purchase is the backbone of the war loan for this county.

It is pointed out that the drive was organized as a more or less permanent investment; that is, it will with some few exceptions, of course, await maturity ten years from now. Most of the negotiables are due and payable at the end of twelve months. It is interesting to note that one or two districts almost met their quotas with the outright purchase of "E" bonds. Robersonville led the county in the amount of "E" bonds purchased. Williamston was second and Griffins was third. Although Jamesville did not quite meet its quota, nearly \$18,000 was invested in "E" bonds. Williams nearly raised its quota with \$15,000.

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Pvt. Muriel Bland Post Motor Driver

Fort Moultrie, S. C.—Private Muriel B. Bland, Williamston, Route 3, has recently been assigned to duty with the WAC Detachment at Fort Moultrie as a driver with the Post Motor Pool.

Prior to her enlistment in the WAC, Pvt. Bland attended the Williamston High School. Following graduation from the school, she attended the Motor Transport School there, and with her previous training and experience as a basis for classification, was assigned to duty at Fort Moultrie, where she is doing valuable work in the war effort by releasing a man for more active duty.

Pvt. Bland has two brothers in the service, John H. Bland, Aviation Mechanist, Third Class, U. S. N., and Pvt. Alonza E. Bland, who is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

Druggist Undergoes A Major Operation

Mr. C. B. Clark, local druggist, underwent a major operation in a Durham hospital yesterday morning, reports reaching here stating that a blood transfusion was necessary before the operation was completed. However, the operation was said to have been very successful and he is expected to recover.

PACKAGES

"It is possible that some boys from this community serving in the Army overseas will not get a package for Christmas, but it is believed that something has been sent to every one of them," Mrs. Susie P. Powden, local postmistress, said last Saturday after the deadline for mailing Christmas parcels to the army men had been reached. Nearly 100 packages—or 83 to be exact—were mailed here last Friday, boosting the total close to 1,000 for the season.

While the date for mailing packages to the boys in the Army overseas is past, packages may be mailed to those young men in the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Navy until November 1.

Church Meeting Is Well Attended Here

The revival, which began at First Christian Church one week ago, continues with increasing interest, the audience Sunday night taxing the entire capacity of the auditorium. There have been a number of additions to the congregation and a perceptible uplift in the spiritual atmosphere. Other churches are cooperating.

Dr. R. H. Crossfield, the Birmingham evangelist, said Sunday evening that he hoped that every church in the city would receive a distinct blessing from the mission. A number of ministers are in the congregation from time to time, and delegations are attending from nearby cities and communities.

The revival will continue every night this week, except Saturday, and will close Sunday night. The ordinance of baptism will be administered to a number of candidates on Wednesday at the close of the services, administered by the pastor, the Rev. John L. Goff.

The music, directed by Mrs. W. C. Manning, who gives an organ recital of sacred music every evening preceding the services, is contributing much to the interest.

The following are the subjects of sermons for Wednesday and Thursday: "Why Not A Christian?" and "Unconditional Surrender."

Friday night will be High School Night, and all such students and teachers are especially invited.

The pastor, the Rev. Goff, wishes to thank the community for the hearty cooperation in an effort to lift the level of moral and spiritual life of the town and county.

Tuberculin Tests Are Free In County

By John W. Williams, Health Officer

Through a donation from the Martin County Tuberculosis Association we are prepared to conduct a pretty thorough program of case finding by early diagnosis.

We invite every one who has been or is exposed to a case of tuberculosis to call on us. We will give the skin test which is simple and can be done in a few minutes.

If this test is positive after forty-eight hours we will fluoroscope the patient and if we find even the slightest bit of suspicious shadowing we will then make an X-ray picture. This picture will be forwarded to the experts at the State Sanatorium for their opinion which we will pass on to the patient.

We are especially anxious that every school teacher in this county have this examination not only for the teacher's sake but the children. The X-ray films cost us about seventy-five cents each and if the patients will pay us the cost of these films our funds will last longer but we wish to do the work whether we get the cost of the films or not.

With the facilities in this county for combating this disease there is no need to tolerate it in this county. We are as well prepared for the fight as any county.

Parents-Teachers Will Hold Meeting Here Thursday

The general public is cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of the ninth district Parent-Teacher Association in the high school building here on Thursday of this week. Several important topics will be placed before the meeting and the public will find them interesting. Principal D. N. Hix explaining that the main events are scheduled at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Mrs. J. Mayon Parker, of Ahoskie, is district director, and she will preside.

Lunch will be served the visitors at 12:30 o'clock.

Allies Advancing In Three-Way Drive on Italy's Eternal City

Increased Power by Guerrilla Bands and Air Offensive More Encouraging

With the Allied forces advancing a three-way drive on Rome, the Russians adding to their great accomplishments, the Allied air forces pounding vital war objectives and with the guerrilla bands in Yugoslavia and Albania asserting a renewed strength, conservatives are just about agreed that the foundation of Hitlerism can hardly last into next summer, if that long. While the fighting is not over yet by a big margin, there are too many attacks gnawing at Hitler for him to hold together many more months, observers declare. Japanese militarists, according to a report released yesterday, even predict the fall of Germany within the next six or eight months, but they declare that Japan will carry on the fight for five or more years. The discouraging part of the war against Germany is that the most costly fighting lies ahead for the Allies on land and in the air.

Far-reaching developments are now in the making and despite staggering losses in recent air raids the Allies are believed to be starting a more concentrated air drive on Germany. Apparently Germany anticipates such a move, one report stating that the Nazis had withdrawn all but a few hundred planes from the Italian and Russian fronts and concentrated them for a defense from Norway to Belgium in anticipation of increased Allied air pressure.

Reinforced by men from the Seventh U. S. Army, the Allies are making slow but steady progress in three drives toward Rome. The Volturno defense line has just about been eliminated and the Fifth Army is now advancing toward the Garigliano River where the enemy is expected to make another stand. The Eighth British Army is traveling north from Campobasso and Vinchiatura while still other Allied forces are pushing on up the Adriatic Coast apparently with Pescara as their goal before turning west to join other forces for a march on Rome. The Fifth Army apparently will continue up the Mediterranean coast as the other prong in a pincer movement. The Germans are said to be retreating beyond Rome, but they are fighting a desperate delaying action. Rome's fate still hangs in the balance as the Allies push forward to cover the 80-mile gap.

Over in Russia, a collapse of the mighty German defense is now predicted as the Russians widen their bridgeheads on the western bank of the Dnieper despite German reinforcements at Gomel, Kiev and Melitopol. Even though an estimated six million soldiers have died of starvation, murder or have been enslaved in addition to six million soldier casualties, the Soviet armies have not let up in the fight.

It would appear that all the Allies are down to business now and that the powerful action is timed well with the tripartite conference now underway in Moscow.

Hitler's desperate condition is being aggravated by guerrilla bands who are rising up in increased numbers to make his stand miserable and costly in Yugoslavia. No less than 30 German divisions, it is estimated, will be able to cope with the situation there.

Freezing Weather Strikes This Section Early Monday

Following several unusually warm days, freezing weather swept over this section early yesterday morning, sending numbers of people shivering as their coats and hats were pulled over their heads. A heavy frost struck, leaving potatoes vines black. Ice was seen in water troughs by the early risers, and in a few instances pumps were frozen. The mercury dropped to about thirty degrees here about daybreak.

This morning the mercury had regained twelve or fifteen degrees, and continued to climb as the day wore on with the promise that still warmer weather was in prospect.

EIGHT MILLION

Sales on the local tobacco market passed the eight million-pound mark today to establish an all-time record for such a short selling period. The market has averaged selling about a million pounds each week since the opening on August 24.

Prices, while varying slightly on some grades, are holding up unusually well with the average for the season holding well above 41 cents, or the highest reported in the State.

Even though between 90 and 95 per cent of the crop has been sold, sales are unusually large, but there have been no blocks during the past few days.

Late Reports Point To A Low Peanut Yield In This County

Now that threshing activities are getting underway on a fairly large scale, reports coming from the peanut fields are not very encouraging in many cases. The crop is "spotted," but for the most part the production is running far below normal. In the Parmelee section last Friday, threshers were pulled out of three fields when production fell to four bags to the acre. Another report stated that one farmer harvested 25 bags from four acres, while in a few cases production as high as 25 bags per acre has been reported.

The quality of the crop, as a whole, is not up to expectations. Digging was possibly handled too early, causing the kernels to shrink. But, according to some farmers, the quality would not have been improved had they been left in the fields longer.

GINNINGS

Cotton ginnings in this county are running considerably behind those of a year ago, according to a report just released by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, through its agent, Strelsa Y. Griffin.

Prior to October 1, last year, there were 1,156 bales of the lint ginned compared with 672 bales ginned in the corresponding period from the 1943 crop.

It is believed that production this year will fall below that of last year, but not by the big margin indicated in the first comparative report.

William E. Raynor Passes In Hospital

William E. Raynor, local man and for several years an employee of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, died in a Washington hospital Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Injured while at work last spring, he continued at his tasks until a short time ago when he entered the hospital for a hernia operation. Complications resulted and he died of pneumonia.

The son of Mrs. Sarah Butler Raynor, of Washington, and the late James Raynor, he was born near Williamston on October 1, 1902. When a young man he was married to Miss Ada Wynne of Williamston and she with five children, Mrs. Sarah Wynne, of Norfolk; Mrs. Thelma Hoggard, Thurman, William Saunders and Jeannette Raynor, all of Williamston, survives. He also leaves one grandchild and a brother, Frank Raynor, of Washington.

For the past two years he was a member of the local Holiness Church, giving freely of his means in its support and taking an active interest in its work.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Pentecostal Holiness Church by his pastor, Rev. H. M. Pope. Interment will follow in the local cemetery.

Alleged Fire Bug Appeals His Case

Columbus B. Wilson, 12-year-old colored boy who was sentenced to a reformatory by Juvenile Judge L. Bruce Wynne here on October 9 for allegedly firing the Mizelle home on the corner of Church and Elm Streets, has appealed to the superior court.

In the appeal filed by his attorney, B. A. Critcher, the youth claims the judgment and sentence are contrary to the law and evidence.

The notice of appeal, filed yesterday in the clerk's office, came before preliminary arrangements could be completed for entering the boy in the correctional school at Hoffman. Welfare authorities stated yesterday they had heard nothing from the application filed with the school authorities. During the meantime, the boys enjoys his freedom and the apparent pleasure of going where he pleases. One report states that he is attending school regularly, but the report could not be verified immediately by recognized agencies.

T. C. Griffin Improving In Hospital At Richmond

Taken suddenly ill while working in a local store last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. T. C. Griffin, of Griffins Township farmer and business man, was reported much improved in a Richmond hospital today. He was said to be very anxious to return home, but his plans are being delayed pending the outcome of a conference with his doctor some time today, it was learned.

Deliveries are increasing in volume on the local market, and it is believed now that as many as 5,000 bags will be handled daily within the next few days. Prices are holding firm, one report stating that the market here is averaging right at \$7.30 per hundred with \$7.60 as a maximum to date. Few sales have been made below \$6.90 and a very, very few below \$6.50 per hundred pounds.

Picking charges are causing some fury among the growers, one report stating that the fees range up to 75 and 80 cents a bag in some sections. Some growers have balked at the price, and harvesting possibly will be delayed in some areas.

Starting the first of last week, the Williamston Peanut Company plant is now operating on a double shift to care for the increased deliveries and will possibly go on a three-shift schedule soon.

Two Young Men Are Seriously Injured In Auto Wreck Sunday

Four Others Are Slightly Hurt When Car Goes Out Of Control At Jamesville

Two youths were seriously injured and four others were slightly hurt when the car in which they were riding went out of control and crashed into an embankment on the southern approaches of Jamesville last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

His skull fractured, Ernie Mobley, owner of the car, was possibly the one most severely hurt. He was knocked unconscious and remained in that state until late Sunday evening. He has a fair chance to recover if no complications develop. Bill Martin, another passenger in the car, suffered severe head injuries. Both young men are in the local hospital for treatment, late reports stating that they were getting along fairly well.

Joshua Williams, driver of the car, was painfully but not badly cut on his forehead, and James Williams, E. H. Williams and Mack Griffin were bruised but not badly hurt.

Said to have been traveling about thirty miles an hour, the boys were driving into Jamesville on the Farm Lane road when they rounded a curve on the outskirts of the town and saw a horse-drawn cart in their path. The driver claims he turned out to pass, that a tire on the old model car blew out and caused him to lose control. He ploughed its nose into an embankment without breaking the speed of the car very much. The machine groaned and bucked and headed back toward Farm Lane before coming to a stop.

The accident was not reported immediately and Patrolman W. E. Saunders has not completed a full investigation. Williams, it was said, was operating the car without a driver's license, and it is understood that he will be called before the court to answer to that charge and possibly explain why the accident was not reported.

Damage to the car was roughly estimated at \$250 by Mr. Saunders.

Aged Citizen Died In County Saturday

Miss Fannie Williams, 75 years of age, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Z. N. Roberson, in Jamesville Township last Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some time, but her condition was considered critical following a stroke of paralysis some over a week ago.

She was the daughter of the late John D. and Mary Jones Williams. She never married and lived most of her life in Williams Township where she was born.

Besides her sister with whom she made her home, she is survived by a brother, John E. Williams, of Washington County. Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin, pastor of the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist Church. Interment was in the Williams cemetery in Williams Township.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck Returns From Hospital

Suffering mightily from a tooth infection, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck entered a Washington hospital last Friday. His condition was much improved yesterday and he was able to return home, leaving much of the swelling behind.

The attack, about the third in a more or less regular series, means the officer will be minus another tooth soon.

Young Man Tells Of His Recent Trip To Fort Bragg Center

Induction Day at Army Center Recognized as "Longest" Day of Year

In past months, sketches of activities near the firing lines have been offered by several Martin County boys and each was gladly received and read with great interest. Now, Robert Cowen, Williamston young man who had volunteered twice before he got his orders to report to an induction center, offers a picture nearer home—a trip to and from an army induction post.

His account follows: "The holders of the 'lucky' numbers met at the City Hall in Williamston at 11:15 a. m., Wednesday, October 6. The invitations made it clear that it was, more or less, imperative that you be there and on time. As a result, the forty-one who had been chosen by their neighbors and friends to be a recipient of the 'greetings' were all present.

"Wives and children of the family men were very conspicuous by their absence. The family men incidentally made up about eighty percent of the would-be soldiers going to Fort Bragg. It's very probable that the children had more important things to do than to go down and see their fathers take a trip. The wives knew the faults and physical disabilities of the 'old man'. They knew that they would be coming back, coming back, maybe a little worried and worse for wear, but coming back just the same. As a result they didn't come down to bid the old boys good-bye.

"The 'chosen few' milled around like a very orderly herd of cattle for approximately forty-five minutes waiting for the bus. The unofficial reason given for the 'cattle car' being late was that Holt Evans had it hauling a load of mules. At about twelve o'clock, it pulled up ready for its load of humanity. The men were checked in and bidden fond farewell by Draft Board Clerk Marion Cobb.

"With a lurch and a roar, the bus started up Main Street. Heads went out every window on the bus as the boys leaned out to yell 'Good-bye'. With the thump of a flat tire, we stopped at the bus station. After minutes of deliberation, we were transferred to another 'cattle car'. We were joined in this bus by three boys from Currituck County. The leader of the Currituck delegation said that thirty-one were supposed to have made the trip but only three showed up that morning.

"Shortly before the bus pulled out at 12:45, a lady came up and gave two gentlemen a parting gift, a pint of liquor. It was to be used only in case of emergency, snake bite, etc. As we pulled out of the bus station, the Robersonville contingent claimed that there could be no gambling until we had passed the Swamp. One of the Currituck boys fell to his knees in the aisle with a pair of home-made wooden dice clutched in his hands. The dice were painted red and he yelled, 'Shoot a quarter' as he bounced them on the floor. The two bits were covered immediately as the boys rallied around. Another game was started at the other end of the bus to give some of the other boys a chance. A deck of cards put in their appearance in the forward end of the bus and a swift black jack game was soon in progress.

"The bus echoed with cries of 'box cars', 'hit him a natural dice', 'you're faded', 'five cards, pay me', and so on. The bus rolled on toward whatever destiny had in store. Stopping in Smithfield for dinner gave some of the sporting gentlemen their first chance to get off their knees.

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Expect Successful United Fund Drive

Preliminary reports coming from the special gifts committee clearly indicate that the United War Fund Drive in this county will receive a liberal support among all the people when it gets underway next Monday, N. C. Green, chairman, said this morning. Approximately \$1,000 has already been pledged as a result of preliminary work handled by the special gifts committee. It is apparent however that every one will have to participate in the drive if the \$10,500 is to be raised.

Meeting in the courthouse here this evening at 8 o'clock, members of District One executive committee, leaders and house-to-house canvassers will formulate final plans for advancing the drive. Quotas will be fixed for the several districts, and every one of the five townships—Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston—is expected to be well represented. The meeting will not last very long and interested citizens in addition to the regular