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More Machinery To Be Made Available To Farmers In 1943

Production Increase To Help Relieve But Not Solve Problem Altogether

A new farm machinery distribution program which provides for actual rationing of considerably fewer items than in 1943 and sets up a much more flexible system for distributing the greater amounts of machinery to be available in 1944 has been announced by the War Food Administration, according to J. F. Crisp, chairman of the County USDA War Board.

Reflecting the prospects for increased machinery production in 1944, the new program provides for distribution control over only 46 types of farm machinery, of which only 31 actually are on the list of rationed items, Mr. Crisp said. Tight production and distribution factors made it necessary to put distribution and rationing controls in effect on 91 items of machinery for the 1943 farm machinery manufacturing year.

Although some production difficulties are expected, the machinery outlook for 1944 is much improved, he declared. "Production of new machinery under WPB order L-257 is authorized at an average of 80 per cent of 1940, which was a better than normal production year. Compare this with the authorization of 40 per cent of 1940 under L-170 for this year, and it is easy to see why we expect more machinery in the near future. The WPB recently advanced the beginning of the farm machinery manufacturing year to July 1st in order to make some of next year's machinery available this fall."

In view of the improved outlook, he said, the new distribution and rationing program is designed to place greater responsibility for distribution in normal trade relationships among farmers, dealers and manufacturers. The new program takes force under Food Production Order No. 14 and Supplement 1 to the order, both of which became effective on October 15.

"This order sets up three schedules of machinery and methods of distribution for each, and establishes a national reserve equal to 20 per cent of the authorized production of the items in each schedule," he said. "This reserve will be used to meet new needs in areas where significant shifts in crop production have taken place and to provide additional equipment in areas where seasonal conditions indicate unusually heavy production."

Schedule 1 in the new program lists 19 types of machinery which will be rationed to farmers and over which more complete distribution control is maintained because of their importance in obtaining increased production of urgently needed war crops. This schedule includes

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Registration For Liquor Books Slow

The registration for liquor ration books entering its third week here is progressing slowly, a report from the registration center back of Davis' Pharmacy yesterday stating that hardly more than 1,100 persons had signed up for the coupons. The figure represents about one-fourth of the total registration handled by the system in issuing the current books.

Scheduled to continue through the month of November, the registration has offered some unusual stories. Some persons, their registration blocked by court records, attempted to change their names, others misrepresented their ages, and still others declared they did not know why they were registering.

Approximately twenty-five persons have been denied liquor books so far because of their court records, showing they had been convicted of public drunkenness or drunken driving within the past year.

To get a liquor book, one must pay a quarter, present his No. 3 food ration book and further identify himself by submitting a draft registration card, social security card or other proof.

About 75 per cent of those registered to date were colored persons, and they were about evenly divided between the men and women. About one out of every five white persons registering for a book is a woman, it is estimated.

Undergoing Treatment In A Durham Hospital

Mr. C. C. "Frosty" Martin, Jamesville farmer and popular chairman of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board, entered a Durham hospital last Saturday for treatment. Subjected to his many duties as a farmer and as a member of the board, Mr. Martin had been in declining health for several weeks before entering the hospital.

Registration for Gas and Food Rations Off To A Rapid Start

Registrations for "A" gas and food ration books are off to a fairly rapid start in this county, preliminary reports from several centers stating that possibly one-fourth of the population in those areas was signed during the first day. However, it is fairly evident that the task will rush the registration forces almost to capacity during the two remaining days, and there is a possibility that the work cannot be completed in all centers by closing time Thursday. As far as it could be learned no provision has been made for extending the registration period. The public is again directed to apply for the No. 4 food ration book at the several school houses and for the "A" gas books at the nearest white school before closing time Thursday afternoon of this week.

During the first day of the registration in Williamston, 162 signed up for basic gas rations and 904 registered for the No. 4 food ration books. Comparable registrations were reported in most of the other districts. A complete registration schedule was published last Friday, and those in doubt about the hours for the registrations in their districts are directed to refer to that schedule.

Eighteen volunteers reported for work here yesterday afternoon and they were followed by members of the faculty a short time later. While there was a big rush during the early afternoon, it was cleared in a short time.

In registering for the No. 4 food ration book, one must present his No. 3 book. To get an "A" gas book, one must submit the cover from his old "A" book, his tire inspection record and State registration card.

THANKS

Writing from somewhere at sea, a ship crew expressed its appreciation to the ladies of the Martin County Chapter, American Red Cross, for certain gifts. Signed by "The Whole Crew," the note of thanks follows: "Dear Ladies, 'We the shipmates of the Coast Guard Cutter Mangrove wish to thank you for the gifts. They were received with great appreciation. All of the gifts (sweaters, helmets and scarfs) are really coming in handy. Especially with the cooler weather coming on. 'Thanks again for your gifts.'"

Board Holding One Hundred Fifty Men In Classifications

More Than Ninety-Nine Per Cent Are In Essential or Critical Jobs

Reviewing the classification of registrants, the Martin County Draft Board recently continued one hundred and fifty men in their classifications. More than ninety-nine per cent of the group falls in what are known as essential industry or critical jobs.

The registrants classified in the 2-A group are in what is known as essential industry, and they can expect deferments running from six months to twelve or possibly longer. The 2-B registrants are men who hold what they are known as critical jobs, meaning that they may be deferred for eighteen months. The 2-C and 3-C registrants hold permanent deferments as long as they maintain those classifications. The one or two 1-A registrants may expect calls shortly. The 1-A H and 2-A H registrants are over 38 years of age and are not subject to call to military duty, certainly not any time soon. The 1-A H registrants hold jobs not rated as essential while the 2-A H hold jobs rated essential. The 2-C H and 3-C H registrants are farmers over 38 years of age.

The 1-C registrants are those who enlisted or were inducted. The following men were continued in the classifications: Julius O. Lloyd, Jr., c, 2-B; Leo J. Everett, w, 3-C; William H. Everett, w, 2-A; John F. Wise, w, 2-A; Thomas L. Hill, c, 3-C; William L. Riddick, w, 2-A; Babe Reese, c, 2-A; Samuel L. Daniels, c, 3-C; John M. Terry, c, 2-B; Herman B. Daniels, w, 2-A; Sam H. Congleton, c, 3-C.

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PEANUTS

After establishing a record last week, peanut marketing began to slacken on the local market today as a result of rains falling yesterday and today. With favorable weather prevailing for the past several weeks, farmers were well advanced in the harvesting of the crop, and deliveries reached as high as 7,000 bags in a single day here last week. Quite a few farmers have already threshed and sold their crops, but the rains yesterday and today are likely to interrupt the harvest until the latter part of the week even with an improvement in the weather.

As the threshing work continues, it becomes more evident that the crop in this section will fall 25 per cent or more behind production figures established for last year. Prices are holding firm at around \$7.20 to \$7.40 with the maximum holding at \$7.60 to \$7.70 per hundred.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

To Provide More Soap An increase of about 9 per cent in the nation's soap supply, without using additional fats and oil, is expected under adjusted soap formulas recently prescribed by the War Food Administration. The formulas call for a larger use of domestic non-fat materials, principally rosin, as a substitute for fats.

Farmers purchasing mixed fertilizer can save money and at the same time contribute substantially to the war effort by buying higher analysis fertilizers, according to War Food Administration officials. Higher analysis fertilizers will cost more per 100 pounds than those of lower plant food content, but the cost per pound of plant food is lower. To help the fertilizer distribution program, farmers should apply for fertilizer needed for fall and next spring as soon as possible and take delivery of it during the fall and winter months.

Christmas packages for soldiers overseas which have been returned to the sender because of an improper address still may be mailed, according to the War Department. The original wrapper, bearing the indorsement, "Return to Sender, Insufficient Address," must be submitted with the correctly addressed package to prove that it originally was mailed before the October 15 deadline. Christmas packages also may be mailed to soldiers going overseas between now and Christmas. When the sender presents his package to the post office for mailing he must bring the change of address form containing the APO address to which the package is being sent.

Battle of Dnieper River Bend Is Now Nearing Last Phase

Allies In Slow March To The North In Italy; Airmen Score Against Japs

Capturing two more important cities, Dnepropetrovsk and Dniepropetrovsk-Kamenskaya, and bypassing the great iron ore center of Krivoi Rog, the Russians are rapidly closing a trap on the Germans to send the battle of the Dnieper River Bend into its final phase. Few times since entering Russia on June 22, 1941, have the Germans been in a more precarious position. It is estimated that one million Germans are retreating toward the Bug River, about 170 miles to the west. The retreat was described today as nearing the stage of a general rout, and observers believe the great battle in which four Red Armies are engaged will largely decide the war on the Eastern Front.

Brig. Gen. Horace Sewell, military commentator for the British information services, puts the position this way: "The news of a complete breakthrough south of Kremenchug, indicates that Russian strategy has won the greatest victory of the war... If Russian tanks are operating behind the last German positions, there is no hope for the German staff to re-establish its line in the southern Ukraine."

"Disaster on the shores of the Black Sea will have an immediate and far reaching effect in southeast Europe. Sateilites (in the Balkans) must realize that now is the time they must come to terms with the Allies or face the likelihood of invasion by Russia."

Late reports received this afternoon stated that one Russian column had turned and was knocking at the suburbs of Krivoi Rog. It was also stated that at least 300,000 of the approximately 600,000 Germans to the south were doomed, and that it was now possible for the Russians to drive all Germans from their territory within the next few weeks.

Over in Italy, the Allies are continuing their drive toward Rome. The campaign has been slow and somewhat costly during the past four weeks, but a late report states that the Germans had been driven out of some strong defense centers and that the way to Rome was being cleared. Allied airmen are blasting German transportation lines north of the land fighting to help clear the way.

During the next two months American air fighter strength in Britain will have been doubled, it was revealed today. While little activity was reported in the air over

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Navy Recruiter To Be Here Next Week

D. R. Taylor, Navy Recruiter, will be in the post office in Williamston on November 1st and 2nd to give special interviews to young women interested in service in the Navy, it was announced here by the New Bern Recruiting Station.

The women's reserve has a need for women with all types of training and many backgrounds of experience. Women can serve in the Waves in many scores of types of work in the Navy. Each woman that enlists releases a man from a similar job for duty at sea or overseas.

Requirements of education and physical qualifications are not beyond the reach of any average young woman. Two years of high school training and good average health will qualify any woman for service in the Waves.

All 17 year old boys seeking information about the Navy should see Mr. Taylor at once.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For the first time in several weeks no motor accidents were reported on the highways of this county last week, it was learned yesterday from members of the patrol. It is apparent that the schedule of smashing, maiming, killing and destroying is fairly well advanced.

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.

43rd Week Comparison
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge
1943 0 0 0 \$ 000
1942 1 0 0 200

Comparison To Date
1943 44 24 5 7325
1942 58 35 0 7208

Second District Building And Loan Officials To Meet Here

More than one hundred Building, Savings, and Loan Officers, Directors and attorneys, comprising District 2 of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, will meet in the Woman's Club hall here tomorrow, it was announced by Mr. John N. Hackney, secretary, Wilson Home and Loan Association, Wilson, District President, who will preside at the meeting.

Mr. Hackney states that the program of the meeting this year is a radical departure from previous years, inasmuch as all frills have been eliminated. The meeting is to be a full day affair, starting at 10 a. m. The day session will be confined to a forum discussion of questions pertaining to the present and

future interests of the Building, Savings, and Loan business and its members. The chairman of the forum will be Croson B. Miller, president of the League and secretary of the Albemarle Building and Loan Association, and the moderator will be Victor M. Stonebanks, vice president of the League and secretary of the Raleigh Building and Loan Association, Raleigh.

As an added attraction, there will be a showing of a film in technicolor, "How to Build a House in 78 Minutes." This picture depicts the advance strides and progress that have been made in the field of prefabrication, and vividly shows the home building construction procedure of the future.

War Fund Drive Gets Off To Splendid Start

Bear Grass Reports Drive Seventy-five Percent Completed

About \$3,000 Raised In First Day Here; District 2 To Open Drive Tomorrow

The drive to raise \$10,481.00 for the welfare of American servicemen and suffering humanity in war-stricken areas was off to a splendid start in this district yesterday, according to a preliminary report filed jointly by N. C. Green, chairman of the United War Fund Drive of Martin County, and V. J. Spivey and J. C. Manning, co-chairmen of the canvass in District No. 1. It was conservatively estimated that Williamston raised right at \$3,000 in its preliminary drive, including the donations made yesterday by a thoughtful people ready and willing to answer the appeals of the homeless, the needy and the starving in many lands.

While Williamston's report is of impressive size, Bear Grass is possibly leading the drive at the present time with seventy-five percent of its quota already raised and accounted for exclusive of the work unreported by several canvassers. Despite unfavorable weather, Mrs. H. U. Peel, canvasser for Bear Grass Township, and her assistants, Lewis Bullock, Mrs. Ralph Mobley, Mrs. W. M. Harrison, Mrs. J. T. Harris, Mrs. Arthur Peaks, Mrs. Noah Rogerson, Mrs. J. D. Wynne, Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, Mrs. Ella Wynne and Mrs. Leslie Bailey, started and completed their canvass yesterday, raising a total of \$375 and leaving only \$125 to be raised. Several other canvassers worked yesterday but they had not reported late last evening. The canvasser leader declared that nearly everyone participated in the drive, that they gave willingly and fairly liberally. "We sincerely hope to reach our goal by late Tuesday or early Wednesday," Mrs. Peel said.

Centering their activities at the Farm Life School, the canvassers in that district reported \$70 raised during the first day. Mrs. J. Eason Lilly, canvasser for Griffins Township, said she and her assistants were anxious to participate in the drive and that they had promised to handle the task and go over the top.

No reports could be had immediately from Jamesville and Williams Townships, but it is understood that the drive is gaining momentum there.

Given a \$1,000 quota, the colored citizens of the five townships in District 2

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Jamesville Scouts In Board of Review

The Jamesville Troop 127, Boy Scouts of America held a board of review recently before J. T. Uzzle, executive of the East Carolina Council. Those promoted were: George Beard, Life; Oliver Hamilton, Life; Billy Brewer, First Class; Kenneth Glass, First Class, and Dorman Gaines, First Class.

Those present for the review were, J. T. Uzzle, George Beard, Jr., Jerry King, Stacy King, Billy Brewer, Garland Anderson, Jr., Kenneth Glass, Oliver Hamilton, Jr., Bill Martin, Perlie Modlin, Jr., Raymond Modlin, Clarence Ange, Dorman Gaines and V. B. Hair, Assistant Scoutmaster.

ROUND-UP

Following a period of little activity, local and county police had a busy time last week-end when they rounded up and jailed ten alleged violators of the peace. One was charged with murder, two with assault with deadly weapons, six for public drunkenness and one for drunk driving.

Four of the group were white, and the ages ranged from eighteen to about 40 years.

Eighteen Car Tires Allotted in County By Ration Board

Many Vehicle Owners Are Not Eligible For Grade One Auto Tires

Fifty-four tires—eighteen for cars and pick-up trucks, four for farm implements, twelve for trucks and twenty for cars having limited mileage allotments—were issued in this county last Friday night by the War Price and Rationing Board. The action left a large number of applications for Grade I tires unfilled, the board finding that the applicants were not eligible for the better grades.

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

Ewell S. Fulton, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
Williamston Motor Co., two tubes.
J. W. Eubanks, Hassell, two tires and two tubes.

A. T. Edwards, Williamston, two tires.
Fenner Respass, Williamston, two tires and one tube.
W. C. Wallace, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire.

R. S. Bullock, Parmele, two tires and two tubes.
William H. Bullock, Oak City, two tires.

H. H. Cowan, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
J. H. Harrell, Williamston, one tire.
Albert Tyre, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
George Moore, Williamston, one tube.

Henderson Norfleet, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and one tube.
Kelly Rawls, Robersonville, one tube.

D. L. Howell, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire and one tube.
B. S. Harrison, Williamston, one tube.

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HOLIDAY

Experiencing a marked decline in prices last week, tobacco markets throughout this and the old belt will close today for the remainder of the week, at least. The action, closing the markets for the three-day holiday, was taken when governors of this state and Virginia decided to go to Washington in behalf of the growers, principally those in the old belt. While nearly all of the crop in this belt has been marketed, Governor Broughton agreed to go along with the old belt markets.

According to present plans, the market here will reopen next Monday. Prices were some higher here yesterday, but at no time in recent weeks has the average dropped below 40 cents. Approximately eight and one-quarter million pounds of tobacco have been sold here to date.

Man Admits Killing Boy Following His Arrest Last Friday

Joe Lee Andrews Will Be Given Preliminary Hearing Today in Robersonville

Admitting he struck the blow that cost Walter Wallace Bailey, 18-year-old white boy, his life in Robersonville last Wednesday night, Joe Lee Andrews, 35-year-old colored tenant of Pitt County, will be given a preliminary hearing before Mayor H. S. Everett there this evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Few details have been released by the officers since the first account of the attack was made public last week, but a complete report of the trouble leading up to the attack and details of the attack itself are expected when officers and other witnesses appear before Mayor Everett this evening. Andrews, a respected tenant on the B. B. Everett farm in Pitt County, was arrested last Friday afternoon by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Patrolman W. E. Saunders, and admitted he struck the fatal blow with a ten-foot three-quarter-inch iron pipe. "It looked as if they (Walter Wallace Bailey and another boy) were going to kill him ('William 'Boot' Everett) and I went to his rescue," Andrews was quoted as saying. He was also quoted as saying that he did not intend to kill the boy, that he did not realize the weight of the blow. The pipe with a "T" coupling on its end, was curved when it landed on Bailey's head, leaving a six-inch fracture. Bailey died in a local hospital early last Friday morning without regaining consciousness.

The first clue in the case was established Friday morning when officers arrested William "Boot" Everett and his brother James Everett and placed one of them at the scene of the trouble leading up to the attack. Andrews was arrested that afternoon.

According to one report, the Everett boys and Andrews and possibly a few other colored boys and men were standing around a "pan" game in the fair grounds when young Bailey and four companions walked up and exchanged words. One of them grabbed James Everett in the collar and William Everett swung at Bailey and struck Bill Rogers. The Everett Negro ran out of the fair grounds, across the lot in front of the high school and fell in a roll of wire just back of Worthington's service station. Bailey and a companion jumped on him and were whipping him when Andrews came up and landed the blow on Bailey. Andrews' action stopped the fight, the colored boys leaving for home immediately. Leaving Bailey behind the station, the white boys returned for a fifth companion in the fair grounds but did not report the attack to officers who saw them return to the grounds. They later returned to the scene of the attack, picked up Bailey and brought him to the hospital here.

Farm Bureau Drive Is Making Progress

The annual membership canvass for the Martin County Farm Bureau is making progress, according to a report filed by several of the membership committee at a meeting held in the agricultural building last Wednesday night. Ten canvassers reported 426 members, and it was conservatively estimated that those pledged and unreported will boost the total to at least 700.

Never before has there been more interest in a farmer's organization. Farmers and business and professional men, recognizing the need for a strong organization to represent agriculture, are taking part in the membership drive and showing a more active interest in the organization's program.

No definite date for concluding the drive has been fixed, but President Chas. L. Daniel, Sr., is asking for a complete report of the membership committee on Wednesday, November 3. It is hoped that the drive will have been completed by that time, that the total membership for the new year will exceed the 1,400 members on the rolls last season.

New canvassers have volunteered their services, and the campaign is spreading into comparatively new fields with much success.

Mrs. D. E. Darden's Father Dies In South Carolina

Mr. L. C. Ballance, father of Mrs. Dred E. Darden, of Williamston, died at his home in Charleston, S. C., last Friday. In declining health for some time, Mr. Ballance had been an invalid for many months. Mrs. Darden left for Charleston the early part of last week and was joined a few days later by Mr. Darden.

Funeral services were conducted in Charleston and interment was in the family plot in the cemetery there.