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Fifty-Seven Tires Allotted in County By Ration Board

Gradual Reduction in Rations Reported Throughout The Country

A total of fifty-seven tires was allotted in this county by the War Price and Rationing Board last Friday. The allotment of Grade I tires for automobiles and pick-up trucks was held to nineteen. Eleven tires for trucks were issued.

There is a gradual reduction in tire rations underway for the entire country, some reports indicating that the tire problem is becoming more critical from week to week.

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

- L. L. McLendon, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- G. H. Gardner, Robersonville, one tire.
- Mrs. Carrie Godard, Williamston, one tube.
- G. D. James, Robersonville, one tube.
- J. Dawson Roberson, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.
- Will Roberson, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
- Mrs. Beatrice J. Edmondson, RFD 1, Bethel, one tire and one tube.
- W. A. Fleming, Hassell, one tire and one tube.
- Minton Beach, Oak City, two tires and two tubes.
- F. B. Worsley, Oak City, two tires.
- Jim Scott, Hamilton, one tire and one tube.
- Claud Winstead, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires.
- Bessie Malone, RFD 2, Williams- ton, one tire.
- J. F. Crisp, Oak City, one tire and one tube.
- F. L. Haislip, Hamilton, two tires and one tube.
- Truck tires and tubes were allotted the following:
 - David Grimes, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.
 - John James, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.
 - G. and H. Builders Supply Co., Williamston, three tires and one tube.
 - Overton James, RFD 1, Williams- ton, two tires.
 - Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
 - Grade III tires were issued to the following:
 - William Purvis, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires and one tube.
 - Clyde Modlin, Jamesville, one tire.
 - Ernest L. White, RFD 3, Williams- ton, one tire.
 - J. H. Land, Robersonville, two tires and one tube.
 - T. H. Lynch, Oak City, one tire.
 - Tom Godard, RFD 1, Roberson- ville, one tire and one tube.
 - M. D. Davis, Williamston, one tire.
 - Robert Jones, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.
 - James D. Roberson, RFD 1, Williams- ton, one tire and one tube.
 - Fred White, Oak City, one tire.
 - Jesse James Cogdell, RFD 2, Robersonville, two tires and one tube.
 - C. L. Tyson, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires and one tube.
 - Walter T. Cross, RFD 3, Williams- ton, one tire.
 - Mrs. Mary Harrison, RFD 1, Williams- ton, two tires and two tubes.
 - Charlie Butler, RFD 1, Williams- ton, one tire and two tubes.
 - Elmo Bullock, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
 - R. R. Thompson, Palmyra, two tires and two tubes.
 - Dave Andrews, RFD 1, Roberson- ville, one tire.
 - Leslie W. Manning, RFD 1, Williams- ton, one tire and one tube.
 - Mrs. Z. H. Beddard, RFD 3, Williams- ton, two tires.
 - John F. Thigpen, Williamston, one tube.

More Than \$11,475 Is Raised For War Fund

EARLY MAILING?

With half of the period already gone, there has been little or no early Christmas mailing at the local post office. The general public has been asked to start the flow of Christmas cards and parcels in November, but the month is more than half gone and few Christmas cards or packages other than those to service men have been mailed to date, an official in the local office declared yesterday.

The Post Office Department and transportation authorities have warned the general public that it will be humanly impossible to handle the Christmas rush in December, that packages mailed after December 1 will have no delivery guarantee.

Hitler Now Running For Refuge Within European Fortress

Russian Drive Surging Forward But Apparent Lull Reported in Italy

Spurred along at a rapid speed, Hitler is now believed running wide open for refuge within his European fortress. Observers, possibly guessing for the most part, are now predicting that the length of the war will be determined, at least in part, by the blows directed against the German war machine before it can reach its main haven of defense.

Hitler's hordes have been driven to within thirty miles of the old Polish border, and he is tasting fresh defeat in the Gomel sector and his fate in the Dnieper Bend and the Crimea is rapidly becoming more hopeless from day to day. He is receiving a pounding that will hardly heal even if he reaches his main interior fortress.

Stubborn resistance is being offered on the many fronts and the Germans are darning small offensives in the Dodecanese Islands, but their ultimate withdrawal to the interior fortress is expected. If the observers are on the right track, Hitler will establish a last-ditch line after withdrawing from much of France, Italy, a large portion of the Balkans and all of Russia. The line, it is predicted by some will have its beginning on the English Channel along the Seine River, continue southeastward to skirt Switzerland, southern Austria and Hungary, divide Hungary and Poland and run northward along the Bug River to the Baltic Sea. The work of the guerrillas behind the present lines can have much to do with the successful battering of the German armies before the retreat or withdrawal is completed.

On the fighting front outside Russia, there is an apparent lull in Italy and activity in the Pacific area is limited more or less, to patrol work and attacks on Pap shipping. Something is brewing in Italy, one report stating that a plan to land behind the present German line there is being advanced. Unofficial sources say that preparations are going forward for large-scale action possibly in other areas.

Over in Yugoslavia, the guerrillas have lost a possible invasion point to the Germans on the Adriatic, but in another sector they are reported to have about six German divisions or an estimated 90,000 men in bitter fighting.

A late report from the Italian front states that the Americans were pushed back from a hill position in one sector, but that in other sectors they were holding and making slight gains.

For the first time since last July, American bombers were over Norway today. Targets were not announced. Last night Mosquitoes were reported to have been over the country.

Youth Injured In Fall From A Mule

Larris Bonner Wynne, 15-year-old youth who lives at the Old Mill Inn, was badly hurt late Sunday afternoon when the mule he was riding stumbled and fell. The young man fell off and was pinned under the animal. His pelvic bone broken either in the fall or by the weight of the mule, young Wynne was removed to the local hospital where he is reported resting very well today. It is certain that the youth will be confined to the bed for possibly three months or more. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wynne.

The lad was riding Farmer Ira Rogerson's mule on the shoulder of Highway 17, a few miles from here. While it was no motor vehicle accident, the incident climaxed a series of auto and truck accidents reported in this county during the week-end period.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

Farmers To Get Batteries

Approximately 20 per cent of the fourth quarter production of flashlight batteries will be distributed to farmers, according to WPB. This makes enough batteries for about normal rural consumption available through farm outlets.

Fertilizer Outlook

American farmers will have more nitrogen and slightly less potash in the 1943-44 "fertilizer year" than they had in the previous year, according to testimony of WPB officials before a senate sub-committee on agriculture and forestry. Farmers should have four tons of nitrogen for every three they had last year, according to present indications. WPB is endeavoring to make additional quantities of potash available for agriculture in 1944-45.

More Hosiery for Children

Production of infants' and children's hosiery will be stepped up shortly as a result of priority assistance given to manufacturers for procurement of necessary yarn. The WPB action resulted from a falling supply of infants' and children's stockings.

Shop and Mail Early

The public is urged to complete its Christmas shopping this month and to send all packages destined to other cities, whether by parcel post or express, before December 10. Early Christmas shopping and shipping are necessary this year to enable satisfactory handling of the extra Christmas load. Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, said, "Remember," Mr. Eastman added, "that the best gifts for this wartime Christmas are War Bonds or Stamps."

Step Up Truck Production

A four-fold increase in its 1944 civilian truck production program has been announced by the War Production Board. So important is this program that it has been given priority ratings equal to aircraft and high-octane gas. Provisions are also made for production of replacement parts for civilian use. In spite of the four-fold increase, the new goal of 123,492 trucks is still far short of the pre-war production of approximately 700,000.

Urges Farmers To Cut Trees

Harvest of war-needed lumber and other wood products from the 139,000,000 acres of productive woodland on farms can be sharply increased without danger to the future supply according to the Department of Agriculture. If farmers would consider farm woodlands and farm forests as cropland, and every year carefully cut selected trees that are ripe for harvest, they would be surprised at their returns and they would certainly aid the war effort," H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, said.

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Volunteers Battle Several Fires On West Main Street

Truck Breaks Down Without Fire Protection

The origin not definitely known, a series of fires slightly damaged two houses, scorched several outhouses, burned several wrecked cars in the Williamston Parts and Metal Company yard.

Possibly started by a freight train, the fire was first discovered in a straw field. A short time later, the roof of an abandoned house started burning. Fifty yards away, three wrecked cars caught fire. Before firemen could get out the fire on the roof of the abandoned shack, the roof of a nearby house caught fire. About that time, an outhouse blazed up, and during the meantime the grass fire, breaking out in widely scattered spots, was spreading to the east of the junk yard. Firemen pumped out the water in the truck tank and then hooked up a hose line direct to a hydrant and worked up and down the highways and across almost to the railroad tracks. Traffic was blocked on Highway 64 or returned around by Skewarkey for more than an hour.

Very little property damage was done by the fires. After packing the hose on the truck firemen started in with the equipment and the truck broke down. The mechanical break is rather extensive and the town was left without adequate fire protection. Chief G. P. Hall was out of town and the assistant chief, Jas. H. Ward, was just before leaving for the hospital and no arrangements could be made immediately for providing temporary protection. It could not be learned how long it will take to repair the fire truck, but some little time will be required to get necessary parts from the factory.

Big Changes Made In 'C' Classification Rule

indications Point To Non-Productive Farm Registrants

Industrial Workers Can't Go To Farm; Diversified Farming Demanded

That some Martin County farmers will lose their "C" classifications and be made subject to the draft was considered quite likely today following the receipt of recent changes in the Selective Service rules and regulations. No official statements could be had immediately from either the Draft or County War Board authorities, but it was learned that the changes in the draft regulations were designed to "weed out" marginal producers and those who apparently used the "C" classification for dodging the draft. Congressional action is expected to support the changes, a recent report stating that Congress was distributed over preliminary reports purporting to show that some half million young men had turned to the farm to gain "C" classifications and had treated their production obligation lightly.

Questioned this morning about the changes, Martin County Draft Board Chairman R. H. Goodman would not comment directly on the changes in the rules and regulations, but he did say that the draft registrant who has seriously met his obligations and has tried to play fair with his government and the others who are fighting and carrying forward will likely retain his "C" classification if certain conditions are met.

According to a preliminary report coming from unofficial but recognized sources, some few "C" registrants have not produced the required units. They are subject to call within a short time, it is believed. Farm questionnaires or "audits" covering 1943 production records are coming in rapidly and the County War and Draft Boards are expected to start reviewing them at once. It was pointed out that the registrant had ten days in which to prepare his production report and return it to the War Board. If these reports are not back in the office by Thursday of this week, the registrant will be subject to draft call.

The first major change in the draft regulations calls for a diversified agriculture. It is understood that no one crop can count for more than 50 per cent of the production units and no two crops combined can count for more than 75 per cent of the production units. In other words, one farmer can't count more than three acres of tobacco, assuming that the required units for deferment are twelve. If the registrant has three acres of tobacco, he may have six acres of peanuts to boost his total production units to nine, but the remaining three must be based on other crops, livestock or forest products. It could not be learned immediately, but it is believed that quite a few "C" registrants in this county have more than fifty per cent of their production units based on tobacco.

It is also understood that where two men were producing say 36 units on a farm, and a third man moved in, he must account for twelve units himself. In other words, the farm must produce 48 units if the third man is to retain his "C" classification.

"C" registrants are again warned that they are not to move from one farm to another unless they get permission from the draft board. It is a fairly well established rule that a farmer will not be allowed to leave one farm and go to another unless he can increase his production units or show some acceptable excuse for doing so.

Industrial workers included in replacement schedules can no longer leave a war plant or industry and go to the farm. If he does make the change he will be made subject to the draft immediately.

It has been rumored that the recent questionnaires have been treated a bit lightly in some cases, that is, the units reported were inflated.

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SEASON'S SALES

During the season ending Friday, November 5, the Williamston Tobacco Market sold \$3,435,722.52, it was officially learned this week from W. B. Watts, government representative on the market. The price average, \$40.79 per 100 pounds, is believed to be one of the highest in the belt. Official comparisons are not available at this time, but according to the latest reports, the market here held a slight advantage in the general price picture.

While no sales record was established, the season just ended was a very successful one and possibly netted the growers their largest income in a quarter of a century.

Five Persons Hurt In Series of Motor Vehicle Accidents

At Least Five Persons Were Hurt, Two of Them More or Less Critically, in Series of Motor Vehicle Accidents Reported in the County During the Week-end Period.

Several other persons narrowly escaped injury and the property damage was not very great.

The first in the series of accidents was reported on Railroad and Roberson Streets in Robersonville when a school bus, operated by Cecil Ward, struck and pinned Rev. E. C. Wilkie's almost new car against a light pole. The car was badly smashed, but no one was hurt. Corporal W. S. Hunt of the Highway Patrol estimated the damage at about \$500 to the minister's car. It was reported that the truck had to be moved before the minister and his wife could be freed from their car.

Frankie Peel, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey Peel, suffered a slight head concussion and possible internal injuries last Saturday afternoon about 3:20 o'clock when he was struck by a car driven by Richard Corey, Griffins Township farmer, on Washington Street here. The little fellow, said to have been on his way to see his grandfather, Mr. J. O. Manning, darted into the street from the vacant lot between Modlin's filling station and Buck's Place on Washington Street. The car, traveling hardly more than 12 or 15 miles an hour, struck him and knocked him about seven feet, Corey bringing it to a stop within a few feet and without running over the child.

Knocked unconscious, the little fellow was picked up by Mr. Corey and carried to the local hospital where his recovery is expected if there are no complications. He suffered no broken bones and was unconscious only for a short while. Officer John Roebuck investigated the accident, and it is understood that no hearing in the case was considered necessary.

About two hours later a large White tractor-trailer, operated by Dempster Walter Helms, of Monroe, N. C. went out of control just this side of the river bridge and ploughed through the guard rail. Neither the driver nor his companion, Seb Helms, was hurt, and no damage was done to the truck or trailer. Helms explained to Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident, that the road was new to him, that he struck the fence on the left side of the curve and then pulled the truck sharply to the right, crashing the guard rail and continuing down the embankment. The rear wheels of the trailer were jammed in the fence at the top of the fill and the outfit was stalled there until the fence was cut and the dirt was removed from the wheels. The truck was soon freed and continued under its own power.

Little Miss Betty Ray Brown, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown, of near Williamston, was critically hurt when she fell out of a moving car on Highway 125 early last Sunday afternoon. She received a bad fracture of the skull, but her condition was described as fair by reports coming from the local hospital where she was taken for treatment.

The child, riding home from Sunday school at the Community church with her brother, Walter Brown, who

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Club Seniors To Present Annual Play

The Senior class of Oak City High School will present the annual play in the school auditorium on Friday night, Nov. 19th, at 8 o'clock. The play, Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost, is a three-act comedy and will furnish two hours of real entertainment. The climax comes when three old maids who are "dead set agin men" accidentally get a dose of love powders. You will laugh plenty when Lucien Littlefield comes to woo the fair Samantha (both are fat and forty).

The cast: Aunt Samantha, Bettie Mae Smith; Lucian Littlefield, H. M. Peele, Jr.; Serena Simpkins, Beck Worsley; Sophia Simpkins, Anna Faye Fleming; Lawrence Lovewell, Earl Faithful; Frank Fairfield, Jerry Raynor; Polly Boswell, Herman Manning; Blay, Mabel Stalls; Buddy Baskins, Edgar Lee Cox; Annie Ambrose, Idalia Oglesby; Blanche Bowers, Lurline Hyman. A small admission fee will be charged.

County Young Man Gets Two Promotions In Month

J. W. Bedwell, formerly of Jamesville, earned two promotions in a month out at Camp Phillips, Kansas, it was learned here this week. The young soldier was promoted to the rank of corporal and a short time later he was made a sergeant. He entered the service last April and he and his wife and year-old son were recently in the county for a brief visit.

Colored Citizens Of District Boost The Total Over \$9,000.00

Campaign in Five Townships Complete, Canvass Leaders Announced Today

Completing the United War Fund Drive in this district, Canvass Chairman V. J. Spivey and J. C. Manning announced today that a total of \$9,275.91 had been raised in the five townships of Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston for the relief of suffering humanity and for the welfare of United States servicemen.

Late contributions increased the totals in several of the townships, but the big increase came when the colored citizens in the five areas made a formal report. Their donations, totaling \$853.33, boosted the total to the unusually high figure. The total in Griffins Township was boosted to \$441.85 by a \$5 donation by Simon Lilley, and Williamston's total was increased by nearly \$200 since the last report was made.

The following figures show the success of the completed drive in the five townships in District I:

Township	Quota	Amt. Rais'd
Jamesville	\$ 650	\$ 667.49
Williams	150	150.81
Griffins	400	441.85
Bear Grass	500	531.64
Williamston	4221	6630.79
Colored	1000	853.33
		\$6931
		\$9275.91

A report from Canvass Chairman J. M. Perry today, stated that approximately \$2,200 had been raised in District No. 2. The county is well over the top, an unofficial tabulation placing the total at \$11,475.91 for the county.

Contributions made by white citizens in Williamston Township and not previously reported, follow: H. B. Jernigan, \$1; J. A. White, \$1; G. D. Jones, \$1; Jesse Ward Moore, \$1; Mrs. Ira L. Peed, \$1; Mrs. Henry Jones, \$1.11; Allen Williams, 35c; G. F. Lee, \$1; Luther Whitfield, \$1; Mrs. Helen Jenkins, \$2; Mrs. Annie Burroughs, \$2; Elms Wallace, \$1; J. W. Bland, \$1; D. D. Stalls, \$1; Standard Oil Co., \$25; Virginia Electric and Power Co., \$100; J. V. Champion, \$15; John Daniel Biggs, \$5; and O. L. Willard, \$5.

Hundreds of colored citizens, including large numbers of children, supported the drive, and their contributions will be acknowledged to the last penny as rapidly as possible. The first of the contributions are acknowledged today.

The Dardens area did an exceptionally good job and the contributions there are acknowledged as follows:

- Whitehurst, \$2; Rev. Earley Whitehurst, \$1; Sanford Cordon, \$1; Ralph Boston, 10c; Eddie Pierce, 5c; William Woodard, 1c; Sarah Whitaker, \$1; Leora James, \$1; Virginia Lee James, 10c; Luther Cordon, \$1; Alex Woodard, \$1; Vance Brooks, \$1; Della James, \$1; Eddie Boston, \$1; William James, \$1; Mittie James, \$1; Willis Boston, \$1; B. Frank James, \$1; George James, Jr., 50c; Jimmie James, \$1; Eber Pierce, \$1; Erwin James, \$1; Jacob Smith, \$1; Thomas Brooks, 50c; Haywood James, \$1; Rev. Claude Winstead, \$1; Robert Gree, \$1; Dollie Williams, \$1; Warren Brooks, \$1; David Brooks, 50c; Rev. Noah Boston, \$1; Bessie Boston, \$1; Alphonse Peel, \$1; Cleon James, \$1; John Barfield, \$1; Nancy Keys, \$1; Ivory Keys, \$1; Wilbert Keys, \$1; George James, \$1; Rev. William Keys, \$1; Romas Peel, \$1; Clarence Taper, \$1; Samuel Moore, Jr., \$1; Melvin Biggs, \$1; Rev. W. R. Keys, \$1; James Rodgers, \$1; Manuel Ruffin, \$1; George Moore, \$1; Milton James, \$1; Charlie Simmons, \$1; Lewis Keys, \$1; Sallie Keys, \$1; Elnoa Pierce, \$1; Joe Jefferson, \$1; Robert L. Whitehurst, \$1; Matthew Pierce, \$1; George Boston, \$1; Ella Rodgers, \$1; William S. Whitaker, \$1; Rev. L. M. Whitaker, \$1; Cora Hill, 25c; John Boston, \$1; Albert Boston, \$1; Bessie Smith, \$1; James E. Whitehurst, \$1; Sarah J. Boston, \$1; Rev. R. Butts, \$1; Abraham Pierce, \$2; Leander Moore, \$1; Girmel Smith, \$1; Cottie Peel, \$1; Mattie Biggs, \$1; Flossie Woodard, \$1; Jeremiah Peel, \$1; Newsom Boston, \$1; Rev. W. R. Boston, \$1; Arthur James, \$1; Christine Keys, \$1; Aneca James, \$1; Josephine James, \$1; Edward Cordon, \$1; Joseph James, \$1; William Cordon, \$1; Ar-

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County Youth Gets Special Recognition In War Zone

Elbert M. Harrison, young Martin County man, was given special recognition by the War Department recently for "excellent service rendered during a recent campaign in the European war area," according to information just received by the young man's mother, Mrs. C. H. Harrison. The commendation was issued by the commanding officer of the Seventh United States Army.