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Small Number Tires Allotted In County By Rationing Board

By Board in County in Recent Weeks

The issuance of rubber tires by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night was the smallest in recent weeks. Only twenty-one Grade I auto and pick-up trucks were released. The truck tire issuance was limited to ten and there were only twenty-four Grade III tires rationed. The November quota has been almost exhausted and the issuance next Friday is likely to be small if no increased allotment is made available.

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

Williamston Package Manufacturing Co., one tire and one tube.
L. P. Holliday, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tubes.

Mrs. J. S. Godard, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

W. R. Banks, Williamston, three tires and three tubes.

Mrs. Mary Henry Kirkman, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.

Gaston James, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

B. B. Taylor, Hamilton, one tire and one tube.

J. D. Beach, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Ben H. James, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

Fenner Respass, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Smith's Garage, Robersonville, three tires.

E. V. Smith, RFD 1, Palmyra, two tires and two tubes.

W. C. Ange, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

Bithel Braddy, RFD 1, Hobgood, two tubes.

Arthur B. Slade, RFD 3, Williamston, one tube.

Will Thompson, Williamston, one tube.

Concho Gun Club, Robersonville, one tube.

John Wier Furniture Co., Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Simon Lilly, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Robert Edwards, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Woolard Furniture Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

New truck tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

Royal Baking Co., Williamston, one tire and one tube.

R. A. Critcher and Bros., Williamston, two tires and one tube.

Town of Williamston, one tire and one tube.

John Gurkin, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, four tires and four tubes.

Grade III tires were issued to the following:

E. J. Eatman, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Joe Everett, Robersonville, one tire.

Jasper J. Bennett, Everetts, one tire and one tube.

James H. Gray, Jr., Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Johnnie Mobley, Oak City, one tire and two tubes.

Delmus Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

J. D. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

Mark L. Bunting, Palmyra, one tire.

Asa R. Harris, Williamston, one tire.

Urnice Bunting, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

Noah E. Hardison, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

F. F. Edwards, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

W. H. Matthews, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

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Young Woman Is Suicide Victim

Mrs. Lillie Ausborn Powell, 36-year-old wife of Guy Powell, died in a Robersonville doctor's office yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, the victim of a self-administered dose of strychnine. Advised of the death, Coroner S. R. Biggs stated that no inquest was considered necessary.

Said to have been in ill health and possibly troubled over domestic affairs, Mrs. Powell told her mother about 10 o'clock yesterday morning that she had taken poison. Her statement was so shocking that Mrs. Ausborn dismissed it as a joke until she noticed a few minutes later that something was wrong with her daughter. She was hurried to the doctor's office where her condition was such that medical aid was rendered without effect.

According to reports reaching here the young woman was said to have threatened taking her life on previous occasions but the threats were not taken seriously by members of the family. Besides her mother, Mrs. Addie Ausborn, and husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Alana Dean Danicki of San Francisco, and two brothers, Charles M. Ausborn of Washington, D. C., and J. Robert Ausborn, of Fitchburg, Mass.

County Raises \$2,226.38 In Excess of United War Quota

In an official announcement marking the close of the United War Fund drive, Mr. N. C. Green, chairman, stated that the people of Martin County had raised a total of \$12,707.38 or \$2,226.38 in excess of the assigned quota. The splendid showing was made possible when Robersonville forged ahead during the last few days to exceed its slightly reduced quota.

The chairman stated that District No. 1 raised a total of \$9,677.16, or \$2,196.16 in excess of its \$7,481.00 quota. District No. 2, he explained, raised \$3,030.22, or \$30.22 in excess of its quota. The total for the county was boosted over the week-end when a \$500 donation, the second largest recorded during the drive, was made by the North Carolina Pulp Company whose plant is in the lower part of this county. It is understood that the company split a \$1,000 contribution between Martin and Washington Counties.

Forgetting many hours devoted to the drive despite his rushing work

and long hours necessary just at this time, Chairman Green went ahead yesterday to praise the work of his assistants and the numerous workers who so willingly responded when called upon to advance the cause of the humane undertaking. He was also mindful of the support given the drive by the contributors, expressing his most sincere appreciation for the donations even down to the nickels, dimes and pennies.

"The drive is completed in its entirety throughout the county now and the big check will be placed in the mails late tonight for delivery to the State fund office in Winston-Salem," Mr. Green said. "And now that the job is completed, everyone who participated in it as assistant, canvasser or contributor has every good reason to feel proud because the call of suffering humanity as it was heard by the good people of this county has been more than answered for the present, at least," Mr. Green said.

WARNING

Farm registrants who received statements of availability from the Martin County War Board some weeks ago for work on the tobacco markets and others to work at other tasks are warned to report to the War Board either in person or by letter when they return to the farm. It is estimated that about one hundred "C" registrants have not notified the board of their return to the farm even though their releases have or are about to expire.

It was pointed out that when a release expires and the registrant fails to notify the board of his return to the farm he is subject to reclassification, meaning that he will be placed in 1-A with the assurance that his call for induction will follow soon thereafter.

Italian Workers Will Be Moved To Martin County In Few Days

Camp To Be Located on Five-Acre Site Near Standard Fertilizer Plant

Possibly to expedite their distribution to various jobs, Italian prisoners of war will be moved from Windsor to a five-acre site near the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company within the next few days. No official announcement of the proposed change has been released, but Italian workers have about cleared the site, and it is understood that possibly representatives from a Camp Butler engineering corps will come down to set up the new camp.

Just how many prisoners or workers will be brought here could not be learned, but one report stated that the Windsor camp would be abandoned in its entirety, and that possibly 500 or more men would be stationed here. It is estimated that the camp will have a guard and officer complement of about 100 men.

The camp in Windsor was not constructed for winter use, and since many of the prisoners are employed in industry here and in the lower part of the county it is thought the location here would be more advantageous.

At the present time between 50 and 75 of the men are employed in the fertilizer plant. The Standard company was the first industrial firm in this section of the county to employ the prisoners. Since that time contracts for the workers have been made by the North Carolina Pulp Company for its plant in the lower part of the county, and by the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, and the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company for its plant here, and by a fertilizer company in Rocky Mount. It is possible that other industrial firms will make contracts for the workers.

Very few, if any, of the Italians are engaged in farm work in this section at the present time. Hundreds were engaged in digging peanuts several weeks ago, but since that time their have either been idle or employed in industry.

Farm Life Parents And Teachers Met Thursday

The Farm Life school parent-teacher association held its second meeting of the year last Thursday evening, Nov. 18th.

The local organization made final arrangements to become affiliated with the State and national organizations. Margaret Roberson and Margaret Manning, students of the Junior class, discussed, "What Students Expect of Their Parents."

The first and second grades with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Tommie Gaylord, dramatized "The Story of the Tar Baby and Rabbit."

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the War News Bureau)

To Hold Down Flour Prices

To hold flour and bread prices at present levels, the Office of Economic Stabilization has inaugurated a subsidy program that will enable wheat flour millers to pay as high as parity prices for wheat—should the market go that high—and at the same time sell flour for no more than present ceiling prices. Without the subsidy, the Office of Economic Stabilization says, it would be necessary to increase present ceilings on flour, which in turn would force an increase in bread prices.

No Increase in Butter

Butter available for civilian use will not increase during the next few months, although the federal government has discontinued all purchases of the commodity until April, according to information from OPA and the War Food Administration. Current production of butter averages about sixteen pounds a year per person, or about half a pound less than in pre-war years. Of this three and one-half pounds are being sent to our armed forces and our Allies, leaving approximately twelve and one-half pounds per capita for civilian consumption. Up to five million pounds of butter will be released to hospitals from stocks held by or set aside for the Food Distribution Administration. The butter is to supply the hospitals from November through March, and ration coupons will be required.

OPA Authority Upheld

Authority of OPA to forbid persons from dealing in rationed commodities as a result of violations of rationing regulations was upheld in a recent decision by Federal Judge Archibald Lovett of Georgia. Judge Lovett ruled that OPO does have the authority, under the Second War Powers Act, to issue such suspension orders and dismissed the complaint filed by a gas dealer who had been suspended from dealing in gasoline for 90 days because of violations of the rationing regulations.

Lift Pork, Lard Restrictions

Restrictions on the number of pounds of pork and lard made from home-slaughtered hogs that can be sold or given by a farmer to people not living on his farm have been lifted from November 17 to February 17, 1944. The War Food Administration lifted the restrictions to help handle the slaughter and distribution of this year's record hog supply. Farmers are asked to find out from their market agency or processor whether their hogs can be handled before sending them to market.

Asks Farm Workers To Help

Farmers and workers engaged in agricultural occupations have been asked by the War Manpower Commission to give all the time they can spare in the agricultural off-season to pulpwood cutting, lumbering, and other war-useful occupations. Farm workers may transfer to such employment without obtaining a certificate of availability but, if of military age, must still obtain approval from their local Selective Service Boards. Local boards have been instructed to approve transfers for periods up to four months, and registrants will be continued in their deferred classifications. Workers are expected to return to agricultural employment at the end of the off-season, or at any other time the need for them arises. Shortages in logging and saw-mill products make it imperative that workers be recruited immediately. Any farmer or farm worker who does not have ready access to logging and saw-mill operations is urged to communicate with the United States Employment Service office in his community for information. Some other industry may have greater priority in his area.

Apple Products To Cost More

Consumers will pay more for apple products because OPA has increased maximum prices for apples in sales to processors. The amount of the increase at the consumer level will vary with the product and the size of the package.

Curb Market Will Open Here Tomorrow Morning

The county curb market will be opened this week in Williamston on Wednesday, November 24, instead of Friday, it was announced today by Miss Mildred Pigg, Martin County Home Agent. The market will open at 9:30 for one hour.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Progressing

The sale of Christmas seals for the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association is progressing rapidly here, Mrs. Ben D. Courtney, chairman for the drive in this county, announced this morning. Up until early today, eleven contributors had given \$55 and the Junior Woman's Club gave \$10 to boost the total to \$65. The quota for the county outside Robersonville is \$300. Those purchasing \$5 bonds are: Belk-Tyler, Peele's Jewelers, Margolis Brothers, Woolard Furniture Co., Courtney Furniture Co., Davis Drug Store, Sam's Bargain Place, A. J. Manning, J. E. King, Kiwanis Club and Alpha Cleaners.

ROUND-UP

Following a period of little activity, the number of alleged law violations started climbing in this community over the weekend. Six persons were arrested and jailed, and several other violators escaped detection. One was arrested and jailed for failing to support his family. One was charged with assaulting another, two defendants were charged with drunken driving and two were jailed for public drunkenness.

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Berlin Subjected To Heaviest Attack Of The War Last Night

Land Drives In Russia and In Italy Moving Forward; Action in Pacific

Believed to have marked the renewal of an all-out air attack against Germany, Allied bombers pounded Berlin again last night, preliminary reports describing the raid as the most devastating of the war. The attack was centered on the heart of the city where Hitler and his henchmen had located themselves in vast state buildings. Several industrial districts within the city but nearer the suburbs were also pounded. The raid was said to have been so vast that German fighter planes found it impossible to get off the ground.

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Swedish newspaper correspondents in Berlin said this morning that it was a horrible night, that great fires were burning unchecked. Other reports indicated that Goebbels' propaganda ministry was blasted to ruins, that possibly Hitler's Chancellery was wrecked.

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Late reports state that Berlin is paralyzed, that traffic is at a standstill, and that electric and gas works are out of commission in many areas, with the people bordering on panic.

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Allied planes, possibly American, were reported winging their way over the continent this morning, and observers recognized the beginning of a relentless air drive against Hitler's fortress.

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On the Russian and Italian fronts, the Allies are resuming their drives and in the Pacific the drive into Japan's inner-circle is being extended.

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Spearheading a new U. S. offensive against the Japs in the mid-Pacific, Marine and Army troops covered by powerful naval forces have established beachheads at Makin, Abemama, and Tarawa atolls, strategic enemy outposts in the Gilbert Islands. Fighting was continuing against what Adm. Nimitz' communique described as "moderate resistance at Makin and strong resistance at Tarawa."

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Two of the landings were made at dawn Saturday when amphibious units waded ashore in the face of enemy machine-gun fire after a naval and air bombardment. During the operation, heavy Liberator bombers made diversionary raids on Jap bases in the Marshalls, north of the Gilbert group.

More Martin County Men Called By Army

The occupation followed a week-long series of assaults on the Marshall-Gilbert islands by four-motored bombers which were engaged in softening up blows as a prelude to the invasion.

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There was no report as to the size of the forces involved, but such a thrust into the heart of Japan's perimeter defenses probably would call for one of the most powerful task fleets ever assembled. Reference to "powerful units of all types" indicated that battleships, carriers, cruisers and destroyers and landing craft were engaged.

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The Gilbert islands, a group of 18 atolls lying astride the equator, were seized from Britain on the same day the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. Quickly establishing airfields on these "unsinkable carriers," the enemy incorporated these defenses into their Marshall and Caroline Islands to the northwest.

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Apparently the Allied offensive is but one step in a drive which will eventually include the occupation of points in the Marshalls to make possible a sledge-hammer aerial attack on Truk, the main enemy naval and air base in the Pacific.

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