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Eighty-eight Tires Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Marked Shift From Grade III To First Grade Tires Is Quite Noticeable

The Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night issued eighty-eight tires, 34 grade I's, 25 grade III's, and nine for trucks. There was a marked shift from the issuance of Grade III tires to those of first grade. This can mean one of two things, either the supply of the inferior grade is about exhausted or the supply of the better type is being increased. It has been estimated that 24 million tires will be made available to civilians this year, but that the demand will be nearer 32 million.

Grade I tires and tubes were issued to the following:

- W. E. Everett, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- Town of Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Paul Brown, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube.
- Standard Fertilizer Co., Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- John Edwin Manning, Williamston, one tire.
- J. H. Harrell, Oak City, one tire.
- W. R. Powell, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- W. T. Hyman, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.
- Nathaniel Coltrain, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.
- David Mizelle, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.
- Marion T. Holliday, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.
- Carl R. Garrett, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.
- F. W. Holliday, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire.
- Martha Osborne Harris, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- L. J. Mills, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Robert L. Ward, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Harvey Warren, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- W. B. Harris, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- J. H. Chesson, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Leo Roberson, Williamston, one tire.
- J. T. Phelps, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- G. W. Barrett, Oak City, one tire.
- John Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- L. H. Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- C. E. Jenkins, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.
- W. B. Peele, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- A. W. VanNortwick, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

Few Deferments For Men Between 18 And 26 Believed Likely

Agriculture Not Included in List of Fourteen Critical Occupations

That there will be few deferments for young men between 18 and 25 years of age, inclusive, including those engaged in agriculture; was made fairly certain this week when Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey announced that recognition will be given only those young men who hold jobs in one of fourteen critical fields. Farmers in the youthful age group have the 16-unit plan to support their deferment claims, but it is generally conceded that the requirement is almost beyond the realm of a possibility, meaning that farmers, 18 to 25, are to reasonably expect calls to report for service.

The list of fourteen critical job classifications announced by Hershey is, for the most part, foreign to this area. It deals with highly technical jobs and other fields of activities where serious shortages exist. But even in those fields the number of deferments is likely to be small. Hershey notified state draft directors that they may recommend deferments for men under 26 only if they are employed in such activities. The stringent new yardstick is aimed at providing as many younger men as possible for the armed forces.

Four Offices In This County Are 'Begging' for Candidates

While developments between now and tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock are in progress, the four offices in this county are literally "begging" for candidates. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the board of elections, stating that up until late yesterday not a single contest had been created within the county, that as far as he could learn no district contest had developed.

More Martin County Men Called By Army

Twenty-five County Men Enter the Navy and Army This Week

Twenty-five Martin County men left yesterday and today for active duty in the Army and Navy, the thirteen Army men leaving on the 13th and the twelve Navy men starting the trip about noon today for Raleigh.

Red Cross Chapter Gets Bandage Quota

The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross is being asked to prepare 25,200 surgical dressings during the month of June. No quota was assigned this chapter for either April or May, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman, explaining that material could not be had.

Three Cases Heard In Justice's Court

Only three cases were booked in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here during the past few days, the limited activities there reflecting a decrease in crime.

Russians Within 25 Miles of Sevastopol In Crimean Drive

Thousands of Allied planes steadily pounding Hitler's European fortress. Driving within twenty-five miles of Sevastopol, the Russians should have the Crimea within the next day or two, the campaign having featured the war in the south these past few days.

County's Liquor Sales Nose Dive In Past Year

Total of \$1,532,383.15 Is Spent For Liquor Since Stores Opened

Sales for last three months of 1943 \$54,146 smaller than in 1942. The gradual decline in liquor sales reported by the Martin County ABC stores during the first three quarters of 1943 was accelerated and took the form of a nose dive during the fourth quarter ending last December 31.

Aged Citizen Dies At His Home Near Oak City Thursday

Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon For J. M. C. Nelson, 88 Years Old

J. M. C. Nelson, one of the county's oldest citizens and retired farmer, died at his home near Oak City last evening at 8 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time, but was able to be up and about the home until a short time ago when he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Art Exhibit at Club Room Next Week

Beginning next week an art exhibit will be displayed in the Woman's Club Hall here. The exhibit will be held here through Friday, and the hall will be opened to school children when accompanied by their teachers from 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. each day except Tuesday when the hall will be opened to adults until six in the evening.

PT SKIPPERS ABOARD WAR PRIZE



THIS QUARTET of PT boat commanders is on board a captured Jap barge at an Allied base in New Guinea. They have accounted for 26 enemy barges among them.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Eleven Cases In Recorder's Court

Docket At Session Last Monday Morning

Calling eleven cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith cleared the docket in less than an hour and adjourned the regular session of the county recorder's court last Monday morning until May 1.

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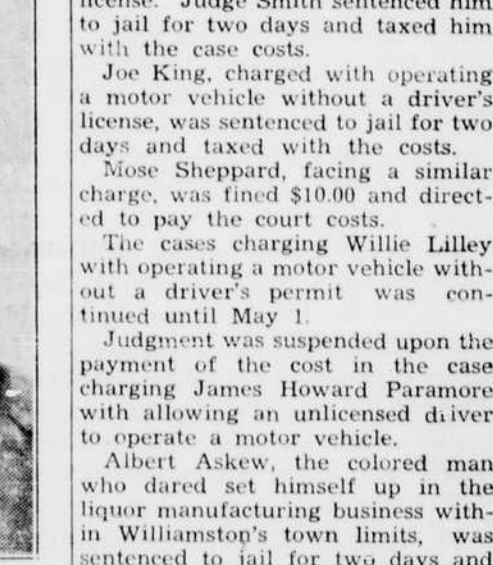
Few Applying For Absentee Ballots

Hardly more than two dozen applications for soldiers' absentee ballots have been filed in this county to date, according to a report just received from Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of Martin County's Board of Elections.

USO UNIT

Meeting with local citizens a few days ago, representatives of the National United Service Organizations have agreed to establish a unit in the American Legion Hut here, it was announced officially yesterday.

GRADUATE



Cpl. Charles Wilson Gurkin, Jr., of this county, was recently graduated from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery school, Laredo, Texas, and is now awaiting an assignment as a member of a combat crew.

Mrs. Samuel Biggs Dies After Short Illness Yesterday

Funeral Services To Be Held At Home Near Here Tomorrow

Mrs. Mary Louinda Biggs, widow of Samuel S. Biggs, died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marie Wynne Biggs, on the McCaskey Road near Williamston yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Announce Births And Deaths Of Twin Sons

Cpl. and Mrs. Warren E. Smith announce the births and deaths of twin sons in a Washington Hospital this week. Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in the Smith family plot in the Maysville Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

NEW CLERK

O. S. Anderson, local man, this week succeeded Marion Cobb as clerk of the Martin County Draft Board. Today, Mr. Anderson was literally buried in rules and regulations and changes in the draft directives.