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One Hundred Forty Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

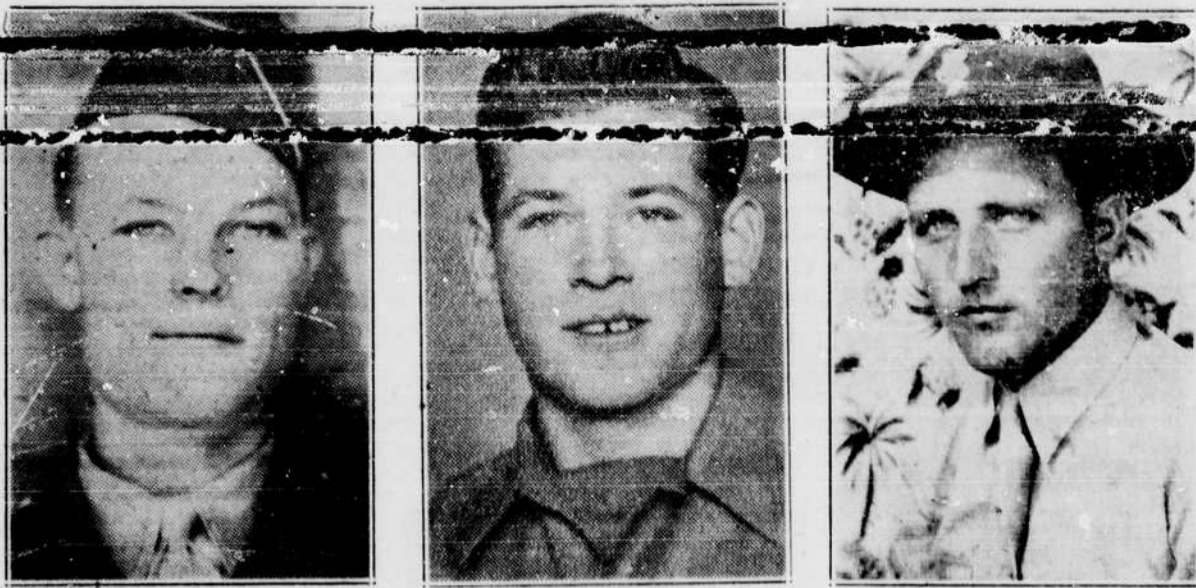
Liberal Rationing of Grade I Automobile Tires Is Made Friday

With 142 tires being issued, the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night again raised its quota. The board issued 132 Grade I tires and 10 tires for trucks. In addition to those a few of the inferior types were issued.

The following Grade I tires were issued:

- Herbert Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, two.
Thomas L. Johnson, Robersonville, two.
Robert D. Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, one.
J. A. Roberson, Robersonville, one.
Wilmer Biggs, Robersonville, one.
Dillon Leggett, Robersonville, two.
Ira Price, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
Dannie Mobley, Everetts, one.
W. E. Dunn, Williamston, one.
Jasper James, Robersonville, one.
M. W. Copeland, RFD 1, Robersonville, two.
J. G. Forbes, RFD 1, Robersonville, one.
Alvis Curtis, Robersonville, one.
Charlie Evans, RFD, Robersonville, two.
W. M. Bowen, RFD 2, Williamston, one.
H. B. Smith, Robersonville, one.
C. A. Hough, Jamesville, one.
L. K. Roberson, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
W. S. Gurganus, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
Willie Spruill, Robersonville, one.
Willie H. Modlin, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
Urban Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, two.
Mrs. Edna H. Tetterton, Jamesville, two.
John A. Ward, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston, one.
Hubert C. Smith, Williamston, two.
W. H. Modlin, Jamesville, one.
State Highway Patrol, Williamston, four.
M. D. Hardison, RFD, Williamston, one.
Eula W. Coburn, Jamesville, one.
Thomas Tice, RFD 1, Williamston, one.
Church Mobley, RFD 1, Jamesville, two.
Bert Lee Roberson, RFD, Jamesville, one.
W. M. Gardner, RFD 1, Jamesville, one.
Jasper Cowan, RFD 1, Robersonville, one.
William A. Leggett, Robersonville, one.
Brased Knox, Robersonville, one.
John H. Roberson, Robersonville, one.
Kader Lee Rawles, RFD 3, one.
Arthur Ange, Jamesville, one.
Better Chevrolet Co., Inc., Robersonville, one.
Clyde Williams, RFD 2, Williamston, two.
H. V. Jenkins, Robersonville, one.
H. J. Hardison, Williamston, two.
R. H. Barnhill, Williamston, two.
D. A. Knox, RFD 1, Oak City, one.
Ernest Beech, RFD 1, Robersonville, one.
Charlie Mills, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
T. L. Roebuck, Robersonville, one.
Robert Jones, RFD 3, Williamston, two.
Carl R. Garrett, RFD 1, Williamston, two.
William Little, RFD 2, Williamston, one.
Henry A. Early, RFD 1, Palmyra, one.
M. L. Wynne, RFD 1, Robersonville, two.
R. L. Mobley, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
J. B. Parker, RFD, Robersonville, two.
Wiley Hilliard, RFD 1, Palmyra, one.
H. R. Smith, RFD 1, Palmyra, two.
Thurston H. Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City, two.
Curly Brown, Robersonville, two.
Archie E. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, one.
Will Martin, Robersonville, two.
Mrs. W. T. Thomas, Hamilton, one.
D. L. James, Robersonville, one.
B. A. Daniels, RFD, Jamesville, one.
Floyd Melton, RFD 1, Oak City, one.
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COUNTY BOYS WOUNDED IN ACTION



Joseph Chester Lee Taylor, left, Marvin B. Manning, center, and Harold Nicholson, right, were recently wounded in action, Nicholson in New Guinea, Taylor in France and Manning in Italy. Few details could be had, but all three of the youths are expected to recover. Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, formerly of RFD 3, Williamston. Manning is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Manning, RFD 3, Williamston, and Nicholson is the son of Mr. John Nicholson, of Williamston.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Dozen Cases In County's Court

Tribunal In Session About Three Hours Clearing Docket Monday

Calling a dozen cases, Judge J. C. Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session the greater part of three hours before clearing the docket last Monday. The session attracted an unusually large crowd, a crowd that was larger than the attendance upon the superior court sessions the early part of last week.

In the absence of Solicitor Elbert S. Peel who was sick at the time, Attorneys Wheeler Martin and Clarence W. Griffin prosecuted the docket.

Proceedings: The case charging William Provens Crosland with speeding was not pressed with leave.

Charged with drunken driving, John Bryant pleaded guilty of drunken driving and operating a car without a driver's license. He was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the road sentence upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the case costs. The defendant is to be regularly and gainfully employed during the next year and he was directed to surrender his liquor book.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Cole Cowen was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

The case charging Moses Bunch with bastardy was continued until July 10.

Charged with non-support, Charley M. Bullock pleaded not guilty. A motion was made and granted for a non suit as to the support of his wife. He was found guilty of failing to provide adequate support for his two children. The court directed the defendant to pay \$7.50 a week for the children, beginning the first week in July and continue at least until the first Monday in January, 1945, when he is to appear in court and show compliance. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

DeWitt Thrower, admitting paternity and pleading guilty of failing to provide for his illegitimate child, was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The court suspended the road term upon the guaranteed payment of \$4 a week for one year for the support of the child. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

Harold Asby, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, failed to appear when called in open court, and papers were issued calling for his arrest.

Charged with forcible trespass and booked for being drunk and disorderly, Haywood Spruill was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$15 fine and the case costs. The defendant is to stay off the premises of Louis Harris and not be intoxicated for one year.

Warren H. Williams was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost for speeding. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for twenty days. (Continued on page six)

"E" Bond Quota Little Over Half Subscribed

WHOLESALE

Alleged speedsters were detained here in big numbers yesterday when Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the Highway Patrol drove eleven in one batch into Justice J. L. Hassell's court. Operating trucks for the Ballinger Construction Company, the drivers were moving from Charleston to Virginia, the patrolman explaining that over a ten-mile course they maintained a speed ranging from 45 to 50 miles an hour. They were placed under bonds in the sum of \$50 each and are scheduled for trial in the county court next Monday.

The names of the men: Charles C. Boles, John Harger, James C. Orr, Sidney W. Cook, Leon Driggers, Jr., John K. Carroll, James D. Badger, LeRoy Clark, Woodrow Locklear, Frelah D. Martin and James Allen Rudd.

Total Bond Sale To Date Is One-Fourth Short Of The Quota

"Little" Folks Again Urged To Come To Rescue of "E" Bond Quota

Late purchases — mostly in "E" bonds — pushed the total bond sales in this county to \$628,040.75 in the current fifth war loan, according to a semi-official report released by Herman A. Bowen, chairman of the drive, late yesterday afternoon. The report, despite certain weaknesses, is very encouraging and brought forth an optimistic note from the leaders of the campaign.

The sale of "E" bonds, dragging for the most part during the first period of the drive, reflected marked gains during the past few days, especially on Wednesday and yesterday. Up until last Monday afternoon, "E" bond sales totaled only \$72,851.50 in the ten townships. Since that time, sales were recorded in the sum of \$77,689.25, boosting the total sale of that type of bond to \$150,540.75. These figures are indeed impressive within themselves. But there's the "E" bond quota of \$281,000 to be met and if the people of this county measure up to the assigned task, they will raise the remainder or \$130,459.25 within the next few days or by Saturday of next week.

Leaders of the drive are appealing to the "little" folks, both white and colored, to throw their weight into the drive. It possibly is true that individual purchases will not materially boost the sum total, but combined, the individuals can carry the drive over the top in flying colors and with some to spare.

Only one township, Poplar Point, has raised its "E" bond quota, and the district is nearing its over-all goal. Several other districts have made splendid showings, and most of them have made such splendid progress during the past few days that it is believed quite possible that the quotas can and will be reached. Bear Grass has reached and more than doubled its over-all quota, but two-thirds of its "E" bond quota is yet to be raised.

Total bond sales in the county up until yesterday were \$628,040.75, divided \$150,540.75 in "E" bonds and \$477,500 in negotiable bonds. The following table lists the original quota and the total amount of all bonds sold and reported up to Thursday afternoon of this week, by townships:

Table with 3 columns: Township, Quota, Sales. Includes Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton, Goose Nest.

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"E" bond sales, totaling \$150,540.75 were reported by townships as follows: Jamesville, \$7,785.75; Williams, \$3,353.00; Griffins, \$14,680.75; Bear Grass, \$3,079.50; Williamston, \$68,680.00; Cross Roads, \$2,448.25; Robersonville, \$34,897.00; Poplar Point, \$4,734.25; Hamilton, \$8,090.25; Goose Nest, \$2,892.00. These "E" bond figures include \$30,877 invested by the county and \$8,877 invested by men in the armed forces from this county. The totals have been broken down and credited on a proportionate basis to each of the townships.

The next bond sale report will be released on Friday of next week, and it is hoped by the chairman that the quotas will have been reached and passed by that time. Robersonville is staging a big bond rally in front of the Guaranty Bank there Saturday afternoon, and the predictions are that the people of that township will push hard toward the "E" bond goal.

German Prisoner Said To Have Tried To Escape

According to unofficial reports, a German war prisoner stationed at the local camp, tried to escape from the job at a lumber plant in Washington Wednesday. Seeking permission to go swimming in the Pamlico, the prisoner swam toward the railroad bridge after coming ashore at one point. He was overtaken and returned.

The report stated that the prisoner foreman and other prisoners were greatly worried over the alleged escape attempt. The prisoner maintained that he wasn't trying to escape, that he was merely enjoying a swim. He was returned to the camp here immediately.

County Youth Killed Somewhere in Pacific

WARNING

Comparatively few motor vehicle use stamps have been sold in this section, according to a report from the local post office yesterday. Anticipating a sale of more than 1,000 of the small \$5 windshield stickers, the local post office yesterday had sold less than 200, it was learned.

No immediate action is to be expected, but an indirect warning was received, stating that seventeen special deputies were being assigned to certain areas to make a check on those vehicles operating on the highways after today without the windshield stamps.

First Lt. Jack Riley Killed In Action In France On June 11th

Message Received Here Yesterday by His Widow, Former Miss Mae Anderson

First Lieutenant Jack O. Riley was killed in action in France on June 11, his widow, the former Miss Mae Anderson, was notified here yesterday afternoon by the War Department. No details of the young man's death were offered, but the message stated that a letter would follow. A member of an airborne artillery outfit, Lt. Riley is believed to have been among the first American forces to land in France on June 6th. His last letter to his wife was written under date of June 1. Lt. Riley entered the service on July 15, 1942, and was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, during the year, going to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, at that time for advanced training. He was commissioned there in February of last year and returned to Fort Bragg where he remained until he was transferred to England last September. In January of this year he was promoted to first lieutenant in England where he, a promising young officer, was held in high regard by his men and the acquaintances he made there.

The son of Mrs. John Riley, 701 Kenan Street, Wilson, and the late Mr. Riley, he was born in Wilson on February 20, 1915. He attended the schools there and was graduated from A. C. College, Wilson. He was (Continued on page six)

IN INVASION

Individual reports from the invasion front have been limited. While it is fairly certain that Martin County was well represented on that hot spot, the first direct information telling about a county boy being in it was received here only yesterday. An indirect report stated that Lt. Hardy Rose, Williamston boy, was in the first phase of the push.

A message states that William R. Rawls, motor machinist mate first class, was a member of a U. S. Naval crew in the assault force which invaded France. It was his first action against the enemy, and apparently he went through the ordeal without being hurt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rawls, of Williamston.

WOUNDED



Pfc. Cecil B. Bonds Killed During Early Part of This Month

Had Not Returned Home for A Visit Since Entering the Service Last October

Cecil B. Bonds, private first class in the United States Marine Corps, was killed in action somewhere in the South Central Pacific the early part of this month, according to a message received by his wife near here late yesterday afternoon from Gen. A. A. Vandergrift of the United States Marine Corps.

The message did not disclose the date or place of his death, but it did say that a letter would follow. The telegram reads in part: "Pfc. Cecil B. Bonds was killed in action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. No information available at present regarding disposition of remains." The family was asked not to reveal the ship or station. It would seem that the young man was on the seas at the time, but it is possible that he had a part either in the land fighting in the Marshalls or Marianas Islands.

Entering the service on October 6, 1943, the young man was transferred to San Diego, Calif., where he was confined by illness to a hospital for more than a month. After completing his basic training, he went to Honolulu in January, and it is believed that he moved on toward the Marshalls or Marianas Islands. He never returned home on a furlough, and the last word received directly from him was written under date of June 5. In that letter he told his wife that he was getting along fine, and asked her not to worry about him. He expressed the sincere hope that the war would soon be over and that he and the other boys could return home.

The son of John and Ella Allen Bonds, he was born near Williamston on May 22, 1923, and spent his early life on the farm. His relatives, overcome with grief, deeply regretted his being unable to visit home before he went overseas. His mother and wife are confined to their beds, suffering from severe shock.

The young man was married to Miss Mildred Bowen of near Williamston on September 28, 1943, or just about one week before he entered the service.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves four brothers, Mervin, Fenner, Earl and U. A. Bonds, all of near Williamston, and three sisters, Mrs. Jesse Clark of near Everetts, and Mrs. Herman Moore and Miss Virginia Bonds, all of near Williamston.

Tuesday, July 4, To Be General Holiday

Next Tuesday, July Fourth, will be observed as a general holiday in Martin County, according to fairly complete reports coming from representative sections. No general celebration has been planned, but individually the people will arrange an observance program of their own.

A plan to suspend business Saturday night until the following Wednesday morning was ruled out, but it is understood that quite a few are making arrangements to turn the July 4th period into a three-day and in some cases a four-day holiday. No edition of The Enterprise will be issued next Tuesday.

Seven Are Injured In Car-Cart Crash

Seven persons were hurt, one critically, about 7 o'clock yesterday morning when a car driven by LeRoy Pitt, Hassell colored man, crashed into a mule and cart driven by Tom Stalls on the dirt road leading from Wallace's Store on the Robersonville Stokes Highway to Cross Roads.

Pitt, driving along in his 1938 Chevrolet, had the right side of his face ripped off and his eye was torn out. He was trapped in the car and rescuers had to use an axe to free him. He was said to have cursed several who first tried to help him. Tom Stalls suffered a broken shoulder and lacerations on his head and leg. Other passengers in the cart and their injured were listed by Cpl. Bill Hunt of the Highway Patrol, as follows:

Mrs. Lee Whitley, hip injury and lacerations on her head.
Ona Cross, minor cuts and bruises on her head.
Marjorie Stalls, cuts and abrasions about the face.
Roy Bullock, right knee cap badly crushed.
James Bullock, cuts on the right knee and leg.

Said to have been drinking and driving recklessly, Pitt will face the courts if he recovers. The mule belonging to Farmer John Henry Roberson was so badly hurt that he had to be killed. The animal was only recently bought for \$400. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 and that to the cart at \$130.

There was a heavy fog in that area at the time, and that contributed to the danger, it was stated.

ACCEPTED

According to unofficial reports, approximately 145 of the 196 young Martin County men reporting to a service center the early part of this week passed their pre-induction examinations. Official figures will not be available until an "audit" is returned here within the next few days.

It was learned from one of the men making the trip, that twelve were examined the first day, that only three were accepted at that time. After rejecting three-fourths of the number examined the first day, the services accepted three-fourths of those examined the following day, according to the unofficial reports.

Native of County Dies In Florida

Noah T. Riddick, native of this county and a prominent citizen of Gainesville, Florida, died suddenly at his home there Wednesday evening of last week of a heart attack.

The son of the late Henry Thomas and Cynthia Ann Riddick, he was born in this county near Williamston 84 years ago, the 14th of next month. Reared on a farm, he married Miss Charley Ann Roberson of this county and engaged in the timber and lumbering business, spending part of his early life at Pine-town. He then went to Pennsylvania and engaged in the same business for a few years, returning to this State to operate a farm near Rocky Mount. About thirty years ago he located in Florida where he handled a truck farming project until his retirement some years ago.

Mr. Riddick was a member of the Christian Church for many years. He made his last visit to relatives and old friends in the county about three years ago, and was unusually active for his advanced age.

Beside his wife, who is now seriously ill, he leaves six children, Henry Thomas of Cleveland, Ohio; Sgt. Claudius B., of Jacksonville, Fla.; Sgt. John F., of Fort Blanding, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. E. L. Exum, of Moultrie, Ga.; Mrs. J. B. Barnhill, of Everetts, and Mrs. R. H. Brumby, of Gainesville, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Lula Craft, of Roper, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Five of his grandsons are now in foreign service.

The last rites were conducted last Friday afternoon at the Thomas Funeral Home in Gainesville, by Rev. U. S. Gordon. Burial was in the family plot in the Gainesville Cemetery.

Local People Purchase Nags Head Beach Hotel

Purchasing the Arlington Hotel at Nags Head a short time ago, Mrs. D. L. Hayman announced the reopening of the hostelry today. The new owners have just finished painting and furnishing the hotel and have completed arrangements for immediate operations.

It was unofficially stated that Mr. Hayman planned to continue his work with the Highway Commission, but a report from Manteo indicated that he might resign that post and devote his attention to the co-operation of the hotel.