

## HOUSE-CLEANING HELD AT MORGANTON Tire Supply Inadequate Even For "Essential" Cars



**TIRES, PROBLEM NO. 1**—In the upper picture you see the final source of rubber in these rich United States. Yep, the junkman who buys worn-out tires and sells them back to the rubber companies is almost the last link in this sad chain of affairs. It's a critical situation now. Below, you see before Miss Mary Ackerman a stack of applications which are eligible for tires in Mecklenburg County but which may never be filled—simply because there are no tires for the "essential" applicants. (News staff photos).

### County Attains Bond Quota

#### Incomplete Reports Show \$900,000 Sold

With approximately \$900,000 of bond purchases in August, the county has reached the quota set by the State Board of Finance. The county's quota for the month was \$900,000.

Blankenship said the week-end drive, started when it appeared the city-county quota would be reached, showed "very good" buying. The banks and loan associations in Charlotte remained open yesterday and today. The banks and loan associations in Charlotte remained open yesterday and today. The banks and loan associations in Charlotte remained open yesterday and today.

### Oil-Heated Homes To Be Cold This Winter

#### At Least 600 Structures Here, Heated By Fuel Oil, Affected by Shortage

A survey indicated today that 600 or more Charlotte homes and business establishments will experience a winter of discontent in consequence of the forecast strict rationing of fuel oil for heating purposes after Oct. 15 on a basis "short of comfort."



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### Quotas To Get Smaller And Smaller

#### Applications Gather Dust

By TOM FESPERMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Draw a big red circle around this date on your calendar. It marks the beginning of the end of tires for the duration of World War II, and for quite awhile after the peace terms are signed.

Bluntly, the gasoline situation is almost easy in comparison. Any surplus conveyed in that statement is not due to the concealment of facts. It's just that people lately have been so preoccupied with the rush for gas ration cards that they forgot about the immensely valuable rubber which has given them smooth riding.

That rubber is the last they'll see on their wheels. Beginning today, the Mecklenburg Rationing Board is working on the quotas which have been decreased approximately 30 percent from the August quota. The August quota was much smaller than monthly quotas used to be. And even the very first quota handed out after the rationing program started was only a drop in the bucket of needs.

#### THAT'S NOT ALL

There, you see? And that's not all. Office of Price Administration officials have already notified Rationing Administrator George O. Patterson and his associates that they may expect smaller quotas in October and each month thereafter.

Here are cold facts. Maybe they'll explain. The file drawer at the board offices, 623-1-2 E. Fourth Street, jammed full of applications for tires which are eligible for new tires or re-capped tires. Yes, sir, they're eligible. Some of them have been in that file drawer since last April, with an O. K. on them. If there were any tires to be had, these would have them.

But a good guess right now is that those applications will gather dust as long as Americans are fighting Japanese.

The Rationing Board long ago quit handing out purchase certificates to eligible applicants. Now, they mark them "essential" to have through them and pick out "very essential" ones, go back through and narrow them down until they come up with a few—very few.

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### Will Confer About Health

#### Meeting Scheduled Here for Tomorrow

Conference on the possibility of continued appropriations for local health work from the State Board of Health will be held by members of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners with Dr. H. D. Horton, head of the Health, at 5 P. M. tomorrow at the City Hall.

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### Kuester To Fete Morris Field Band

The fellows who play in the Morris Field Band are going to get a steak dinner tonight at the Club on Charlotte Street. Charlotte's bountiful Chamber of Commerce executive explained it like this today.

### Resignations Clear Staff Of Hospital

#### Most Mentioned In Hearing Gone

By PETE MCKNIGHT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A succession of resignations has practically cleared the Morganton Hospital rolls of those employees mentioned in connection with cruelty and abuse of patients, Dr. F. B. Watkins, superintendent, told The News today.

The admission came simultaneously with the announcement of the resignation of J. L. Crawley, object of many complaints during the recent trial of the institution, and George Dickson, also frequently referred to by patients.

Of the many employees mentioned during the hearings, only four or five were still working here when the investigation started. Dr. Watkins said in a telephone conversation with The News, "The others had been discharged or had resigned before the hearing started."

He said that of the four or five, three were still at the institution.

#### NO SERIOUS CHARGES

There were no serious charges against these three. However, two of them are now working outside where you don't see the patients. Only one of them is now in a ward, the superintendent said.

Referring to Crawley and Bridges, Dr. Watkins said:

"I didn't want to get rid of any of the employees during the trial. I was afraid it would look as if I were getting rid of a witness. So much had been said against them that I decided to end the charges were true or not."

The hospital superintendent also reported that Dr. J. M. Whitwell, who was on leave from his hospital, having reported for military duty at El Paso, Tex. He had been on leave from the Broad Oaks Sanatorium staff was doing part-time work at the State Hospital.

### Water Line Bids Taken

#### Boyd & Goforth Low at \$24,247.50

Boyd & Goforth, Charlotte contractors, today submitted a low bid of \$24,247.50 for construction of the five-mile line from Griffith Street and South Boulevard to the Navy's shell-loading plant.

The low bidder promised to commence work within ten days after initial delivery of the material, which has already been contracted for purchase by the City, and will complete the job in 90 days.

Superintendent of the construction "feeder lines" within the city limits to provide for adequate water when the new addition line is brought into service will be covered in later contracts and is not expected in today's quotation.

Other bidders who quoted at the bid opening today at the City Hall were John H. Ford, \$26,000; A. Ebert, \$20,245; Hobbs-Pendley Co., \$21,220; and Blythe Brothers, \$21,220.

The bids will be tabulated and formal award of the contract will be made by the City Council at its weekly session tomorrow.

### Ration Offices Go Downstairs

The sugar and gasoline sections of the local rationing system were installed today on the first floor of the building at the southwest corner of S. Alexander and E. Fourth Streets which houses the other rationing sections.

The moving process was by no means completed today, but the new sections were being moved from the second floor to the first. Other sections will be moved on Wednesday.

### Dealers Say Rationing Of Meat Unnecessary

#### Change at Post Office

Boyersky Succeeds  
Bradford Today

By C. A. PAUL  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

There was a general feeling here today that the rationing of meat is unnecessary and a result of the failure of Congress to authorize price ceilings for livestock and hogs.

In retail and wholesale circles the same comments were made. In general, here is what the retailers and wholesalers are saying:

There are selling prices on meats from the packer to the retailer and no complaints have been made because of those ceiling prices. But—there are no ceilings on cattle and livestock. As a result, prices of cattle and livestock have greatly increased over the prevailing March prices which govern wholesale and retail sales.

The retailers are willing to sell their meats at ceiling prices or less, provided they can buy from the wholesalers and packers at their March prices. But say the packers, they cannot pay prevailing prices for livestock and hogs and prepare the meats without taking a loss. And, naturally, they don't want to do business at a loss. If they can help it, they will sell higher.

#### HINT OF HOARDING

On the other hand, it was said in some quarters, there are plenty of cattle and hogs, but many growers are holding on, refusing to sell because they believe prices will go still higher.

So far, it appeared today that no immediate shortage of beef would develop in Charlotte, but pork was another story.

In some of the stores there was no bacon. Bacon, it was pointed out, is a year-around food, while the consumption of other pork products usually increases in winter. But, after Mr. Sutton's remarks, it was reason in a bag and when that is gone the man tells you he's out of it. He recommends something else.

It was reported that one independent dealer ordered bacon from every meat salesman who called on him last week. The report said he ordered 100 pounds each from ten salesmen and that he would develop in Charlotte.

### Sutton Installed In Park Office

Harry N. Sutton, engineer of the City Engineering Department, who has been loaned to the Park and Recreation Commission, today was established as recreation superintendent for Charlotte.

Mr. Sutton succeeds Marvin Bax, superintendent and will serve in that capacity during the absence of Mr. Bax who recently entered the United States Navy as lieutenant jg.

Mrs. Mary Brackman Sills, consultant to the defense recreation committee, who was appointed director of recreation activities by the Park Board will assume her duties Sept. 8.

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### "Dress 'Er Up"

#### Tattooer Would Come In Handy In Army Recruiting Office Here

Is there a tattooer in the town? One would come in handy at the recruiting station these days—no tattoo artist, these sometimes startling works of feminine art on the skins of would-be warriors. The Army is pretty liberal in its views, but there are limits. More than one would-be recruit has had the "dread" removed. "Dress 'er up, and come back."

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