

1,551 Registered in County Yesterday

E. S. Blount Elected Chairman of County Selective Service Board at Meet Tuesday

Edward S. (Ted) Blount, local hardware merchant, World War veteran and former captain in the National Guard, was elected chairman of the Washington County draft or selective service board at a meeting of the board held here Tuesday night.

Members of the local board, who serve without pay, will be required to attend a training school within the next few days, when their duties will be outlined and explained to them, and immediately afterwards enter upon the work.

Some time between October 26 and November 2 the national lottery will begin in Washington, with men ordered to report to the local boards for classification in the order in which their serial numbers are drawn.

So far as Mr. Blount and the committee know, there will be a "most liberal" interpretation of the term "dependents" in classifying men for service, in order to avoid dislocation of the nation's social and economic structure.

It is understood that the registration cards filled out yesterday will be serially numbered and

Chairman Blount said today that the board would acquire the

School at Creswell Is Closed To Prevent Diphtheria Spread

Total of 8 Cases Reported, 7 in Creswell; One Death This Week

Health authorities today hoped the spread of diphtheria in Washington County, especially in the Creswell section, where one death has occurred, had been checked with the closing of the Creswell schools and shows and discouraging public gatherings of any nature.

Seven cases of diphtheria have been reported in the Creswell neighborhood and one case was reported in the town of Plymouth early this week. The only death reported was that of little Miss Gloria Patricia Allen, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Credle Allen, of the Creswell section, who died Monday as the result of diphtheria complicated by measles.

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, said this morning that "the health department knows that many contacts have been made with cases of diphtheria in the various neighborhoods during the past week. A period of 10 days after contact may elapse before the disease develops and it is, therefore, uncertain as to the exact date when the schools in Creswell will be reopened."

Dr. Lewis said that all children under school age who have not been vaccinated against diphtheria should be vaccinated at once, the autumn and winter months constituting the greatest danger period for the disease.

Mrs. J. T. Griffin, 68, Died Last Friday at Home in Mackeys

Had Been Ill for Only Two Days; Funeral Held Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Mackeys Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Joshua Thomas Griffin, 68, who died at her home in Mackeys last Friday morning following an illness of only two days. The final rites were conducted by the Rev. M. R. Gardner, pastor of the Roper Methodist church, and interment was made in the Saints Delight church cemetery near Mackeys.

Daughter of the late J. T. and Mrs. Mary Louisa Gibson, Mrs. Griffin was born in Tyrrell County in 1872. She was married to Joshua Thomas Griffin, who preceded her to the grave by about six years. Mrs. Griffin lived in Washington County for 25 years, coming here from Martin County.

She was a faithful member of the Mackeys Methodist church and was very active in the ladies' aid society and home demonstration club in her section.

Mrs. Griffin is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Mayo, of Plymouth, and Miss Lora Mae Griffin, of Mackeys; four sons, J. T. Griffin, J. W. Griffin, and A. W. Griffin, of Mackeys; and J. E. Griffin, of Norfolk. She also leaves four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Active pall-bearers were: W. B. Davenport, A. E. Davenport, R. J. Collins, G. S. Whitfield, W. W. Phelps and Edison Knowles. The honorary pall-bearers included John Asby, N. H. Davenport, Floyd Asby, Herbert Chesson, Harold Swain, C. B. Twiford, Glenwood Spruill, Hallett Everett, Irving Watson, William Albert, Francis Everett, J. J. Bunch, Albert Watson, and John Forbes Davenport.

Parent-Teacher Meeting At Creswell Wednesday

Creswell.—The parent-teacher association held its October meeting Wednesday. Mrs. E. S. Woodley presided. It was announced that the shades for the school had arrived and had been installed. Miss Julia Stillely and the seventh grade presented a playlet with the characters in Indian costume. Mrs. A. T. Brooks was in charge of the program.

Dr. J. M. Phelps Building New Offices at Creswell

Creswell.—Dr. J. M. Phelps has a new office building and clinic under construction near his home on Sixth Street. Included in the structure will be a reception room, office, X-ray and operating room, and a bedroom, all modernly equipped. The building will have a brick facing.

INFANT DIES.—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Spruill announce the birth and death of an infant daughter in a Columbia hospital Tuesday, October 15.

Volunteer Workers Aid in Huge Task

Picnic Is Feature Warren Day 25th

W. R. Hampton, Washington County chairman of the Lindsay C. Warren Day in Washington, N. C., Friday of next week, October 25, urges the people of this section who plan to attend the celebration to prepare picnic lunches with baskets of good things to be spread for the large crowd expected to attend the event. The occasion is to honor Mr. Warren upon the completion of his 16 years' service as Representative from this congressional district, prior to his assuming the post of Comptroller General of the United States on November 1.

Program Outlined For All-Star High School Band Meet

Parade and Concert Will Be Features of Occasion Here October 30

A program of the activities of the 90-piece Eastern Carolina All-Star High School Band, which will give a parade and concert here Wednesday, October 30, was announced this week by L. W. Zeigler, director of the local high school band, which is to be host for the occasion.

Band members will be here from the Edenton, Greenville, Rocky Mt., Washington, Plymouth, Roanoke Rapids, Tarboro, Henderson, Creswell, Roper and Oxford schools.

The musical program is outlined as follows: "American Patrol," by Meacham; "In the Hall of the Mountain King," by Grieg; "Selections Tannhauser," by Wagner; "Mantilla Overture," by Paul Yoder; "Metropolis Overture," by G. E. Holmes; "Semper Fidelis March," by Sousa; "Pop Goes the Weasel," by Paul Yoder; "Zacatecas—Mexican March," by Godina; "Star-Spangled Banner," by Key.

Band directors who will be here include C. L. McCullers, of Edenton and Columbia; H. A. McDougle, of Greenville; H. Vernon Hooker, Rocky Mt.; Floyd H. Steib, Washington; Lewis W. Zeigler, Plymouth; R. A. Martin, Roanoke Rapids; B. F. Burrage, Tarboro; H. T. Hearne, Henderson; J. Robert Merritt, Creswell; Thomas A. Furness, Roper; Willard P. Burrage, Oxford.

The order of the day's events follows: 1 p. m., practice session at the high school gymnasium; 2 p. m., parade down town and back to the school building; 2:30 p. m., band members guests at Plymouth-Windsor football game; 4:30, practice session in gym; 6:15 p. m., banquet in community hall for all-stars; 8 p. m., concert.

Local Band Will Not Go To Raleigh Next Week

For several reasons, it has been decided that the Plymouth High School band will not go to Raleigh next Wednesday to participate in a parade of other high school bands and to hear the concert by the United States Marine Band, it was announced today by Z. V. Norman, jr., director of publicity for the local band.

It was decided, however, that the band would go to Washington next Friday for Lindsay C. Warren day. Other bands from the first congressional district will be present at this event.

It was found that a bus to Raleigh would cost \$90 for the band, and Director L. W. Zeigler said that the band was not prepared to engage in the Raleigh program.

Fifty Cotton Price Adjustment Checks Are Received for Farmers This Week

The first batch of 50 cotton price adjustment checks, totaling \$725.85, was received at the office of the county agent this week for distribution to farmers operated during 1940 under the cotton allotment program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Approximately 250 more checks are expected within the next three or four weeks, as about 300 of the 500 eligible farmers in Washington County have made applications for the payments. The farmers who have a cotton allot-

Flying Squadrons Register Workmen At Industrial Plants

Total of 99 Registrars Help In Work at Five Voting Places in County

Ninety-nine registrars, working as smoothly as well-oiled machinery, handled the registration of 1,551 men between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive, in Washington County yesterday. It is estimated that about 40 of those who registered yesterday will be called in the first draft and will eventually enter the nation's armed forces as part of the first peacetime conscripts in the history of the nation.

Chairman Frank L. Brinkley, of the Board of Elections, who directed the registration activities, said that the registrars and registrants cooperated in every way possible to the success of the undertaking to secure an accurate and comprehensive record of all men within the age limits specified.

The number registering, by voting precincts, follows: Plymouth, 897; Wenona, 13; Lees Mills, 258; Skippersville, 101; Supperpong, 273; and 9 were registered at the prison camp, bringing the total to 1,551. Chairman Brinkley said the large registration in Plymouth included a number of people passing through here on trips, and there were some from precincts down the county who registered here.

Most of the registrants accepted the registration as a matter of course for the defense of the nation. A few wanted to be sent to camp immediately. Others signed knowing that their dependents, jobs, or possibly their physical condition would prevent them from ever entering upon the training program.

As soon as the registrars opened their books at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the potential soldiers began to register. In addition to the registrars at the precinct polling places, "flying squadrons" were sent to industrial plants and to the prison camp to register those there. Only employees were registered at the prison camp, as the prisoners will be registered when they terminate their stay in confinement.

Mr. Brinkley today turned over to the local draft board the registration cards. Those for registrants from other sections will be mailed to their home precincts. The local board will likely receive some cards from

Needy Families To Get Free Mattresses

Forty of the 500 mattresses to be made for low-income families and clients of the Farm Security Administration have been completed, according to Miss Annie L. Spoon, home economist for the FSA here, who with County Agent W. V. Hays and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, are in charge of the activities.

There are four tables, with three persons assigned to each table, making a total of 12 daily workers who gather in the rear of the municipal building here daily, by families, to make their own mattresses. The program has been expanded to permit a mattress being made for each two persons rather than holding the program to one mattress per family.

The Surplus Commodity Corporation provides the cotton and ticking and the needy families make their own mattress under the supervision of skilled workmen, with regular inspections made to see that each mattress is made according to certain standards.

All FSA clients are eligible and any families whose total income is less than \$600 a year may apply, and then they are assigned a date to appear at the building to make their own mattress.

OFFICIALS OF LOCAL DRAFT BOARD



Attorney Zeb Vance Norman (left) is appeal agent and Dr. C. McGowan (right) is medical examiner for the local selective service board, appointed recently by recommendation of Governor Clyde R. Hoey. Mr. Norman will be at the service of any man who wishes to appeal from decisions of the local board and Dr. McGowan will make the preliminary medical examinations. The work of these men, as well as that of the board members, is performed as a patriotic public service and none of them receive any compensation whatever for their services.

Added Water-Sewer Mains and Paving Projects Considered

Committee Named by City Council To Study Cost And Necessity

With the Works Projects Administration's approval caring for about half of the cost of the \$100,000 water, sewer and street-paving program proposed for the Town of Plymouth, P. W. Brown, A. J. Riddle and W. F. Winslow were named on a committee by the city council last Thursday night to determine what the town would do regarding the projects.

It is the duty of these men to determine areas in the town where it will be practical to spend the money. A survey has been made of the streets which do not have paving, water or sewer lines, and the committee will decide whether all, any one or none of the three types of improvements will be made.

If the town does decide to undertake the entire program, arrangements will have to be made for financing about \$45,000 of the total amount; and, since the town already has a high tax rate, it has not been determined what will be done about the matter.

In regard to street paving, the first work of this kind done here was with the understanding that the town itself would pay half the cost, the other half being pro-rated among the property owners along the streets and divided into 10 equal annual installments.

It is proposed that the water and sewer extensions will be paid for by increased revenue for water, but it is doubted that the additional income on some of the streets will be sufficient to justify the large expense necessary.

The committee will investigate the various areas under consideration and doubtless will recommend extension of water and sewer lines and paving where it is determined the property owners can and will pay for the paving and where the added water revenue will repay the expense of constructing extensions.

It will also be the duty of the committee to determine where the town can secure the funds for the projects. Local sentiment is felt to be against raising the tax rate to pay for a bond issue, even if this plan for raising the money is necessary.

Baby in Creswell Diphtheria Victim

Creswell.—Funeral services were held Tuesday for little Gloria Patricia Allen, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Credle Allen, who died in a Columbia hospital Monday as the result of diphtheria. She had been ill for one week.

Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the services at the home, and the Rev. Roy Respass, Christian minister, concluded the services at the grave in the Pungo section. The little girl was born in Creswell.

Surviving, besides her parents, are five sisters, Elva Myrle, Shirley, Nellie and Carol Allen; and two brothers, Jay and Paul Allen. She also leaves her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Allen and Mrs. Jennie Chesson, all of the Creswell section.

Baptist Women To Meet In Edenton October 25th

Women from Baptist churches in Washington County will attend a meeting of the Elizabeth City division of the Women's Missionary Union at the Edenton Baptist church Friday, October 25.

The division is composed of societies from all the Baptist churches in the West Chowan, Chowan and Pamlico associations.

Mrs. H. G. Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, an official of the organization, said it was hoped a large delegation would attend from each of the churches in the division.

Six Specialists Visit Test Farm To Begin Cattle Investigation

Work Made Available by \$50,000 Appropriation By Congress

A party of six specialists visited the Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona Monday afternoon gathering data for conferences to plan an investigation of beef cattle and related livestock problems as the result of an appropriation of \$50,000 made by Congress for this work in the South, with \$30,000 to be spent at the Washington County test farm near here.

Mr. J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director in charge of the test farm, did not know the names of all members of the party, but he said that two of the men were from the office of the beef cattle investigation division of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, two others were from the United States Forestry Service, and two, Earl H. Hostetler and Dr. John Foster, from the animal husbandry division of State College.

The men remained only a few hours securing information from Mr. Rea and making a survey of the farm and its equipment for this work. They checked on the reed pasture available, the land available and the buildings which can be used for the investigation.

The work is expected to continue over a period from seven to ten years if Congress continues to make the appropriations for it. The specialists hope to develop a grass along the coastal section of the South Atlantic States that will feed and nourish cattle during most of the year.

A definite schedule has not been arranged as yet, but the committee-men elected for 1941 will take office November 1, and it is expected that immediately afterward they will begin reviewing contracts for 1941.

Farmers who wish to know more about the program, or who have some matters to discuss with the committee-men, either community or county, are advised by County Agent W. V. Hays to see them at once.

A large proportion of the 830 farmers in the county who were eligible to vote in the election of committee-men were on hand to cast their ballots at the meetings recently held.

Several Local People at Elizabeth City Big Day

J. E. Davenport, John W. and W. M. Darden were among those from Washington County who attended the dedication of the new Coast Guard air station at Elizabeth City today, when Herbert E. Gaston, assistant secretary of the U. S. Treasury, made the dedication address.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, who will become Comptroller General of the United States in November, was the guest speaker. Thousands of people in this section attended the event.

Tyler Snodgrass, of Elway, Va., owner of the largest herd of registered Hereford cattle east of the Mississippi River, was here last week-end visiting County Agent W. V. Hays. While here Mr. Snodgrass did some fishing and also visited the herds of cattle in this county.

Nathan Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen, of Clarkton and Plymouth, was seriously hurt some time ago in an automobile wreck. He is reported slowly recovering from the injuries in a Lumberton hospital.

The valuation of property for taxable purposes in the town of Plymouth is \$1,141,352, according to Clerk M. W. Spruill, who says the Local Government Commission at Raleigh has finally approved the local tax rate of \$1.10 for general purposes and 90 cents for specials, making a total of \$2 per \$100 valuation.

Betty Lou Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davenport, took first honors in the baby contest sponsored recently by the Junior Womens Club. She received a silver loving cup. The award was presented by Z. V. Norman at the Plymouth Theatre Tuesday night.

A bicycle club has been organized in the Plymouth schools. For a small fee bicycles will be registered and a license tag issued. Corporal T. B. Brown and Principal R. B. Trotman also explain safety measures for bicycle riders.

B. Gray Willis, manager of Pender's store here, is on a vacation for several days. C. R. Barbour, of New Bern, is managing the local store while Mr. Willis is away. Mr. Willis is expected to return to work next week.

The Plymouth Junior Woman's Club won the attendance prize at the district meeting in Greenville Thursday. Miss Elizabeth Campbell, president of the club, is very proud of the record made by the local club.

Miss Mary E. Bateman, formerly of Roper, has succeeded Miss Linda Stephens as industrial nurse with the North Carolina Pulp Company. Graduate of Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, Miss Bateman has been connected with Doctors' Hospital in New York City for 10 years. She is living in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Manning.

F. Hilton Modlin, manager of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company here, spent Monday and Tuesday in Baltimore, where he and Mr. Mitchell bought a large stock of Christmas toys to be placed on display in the local store after Thanksgiving.

J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director in charge of the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona, returned last week-end from Raleigh, where he spent eight days in charge of the draft horses shown at the State Fair. Mr. Rea said there were about 50 beautiful horses shown.

An egg plant grown by Mrs. R. W. Lewis at her home at Cross Roads, near Roper, is on display in the window at the Beacon office. The plant, which weighs 4 3/4 pounds, is said to be one of the largest grown in the county in many years.

2,200 Cans of Food For Lunch Rooms

A gardening and canning project, conducted last summer by the Works Project Administration and sponsored by the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association is making available 2,200 cans of food for use in lunch rooms at the schools this term, according to Mrs. Kathleen Nobles, WPA supervisor for Washington and Martin counties.

Included in the list of preserved foods are soup mixtures, tomatoes, snap beans, lima beans, bread-and-butter pickles. Apples and pears from the surplus commodity list were also canned. Collards, carrots, lettuce, sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes were also produced.

One gardener was provided by the WPA for attending the gardens. Eighteen women in the country were employed at one time or another canning or serving in the lunchrooms.

The Plymouth and Creswell lunch rooms in the white schools have been operating since the first of the school term.

C. C. Lang & Son Planning To Operate Pickle Plant Here Again Next Season

C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., Baltimore, Md., pickle manufacturers, have brought P. H. Roberts, sr., out of retirement to take over their cucumber receiving station here and his duties include making preliminary arrangements for contracting for production of 500 acres of cucumbers in Washington County in 1941.

For about 10 years, Mr. Roberts was in charge of the Washington, N. C., plant of the Lang Company, but retired several months ago when his son, Lyman Roberts, took over management of the Washington unit. Mr. Lang prevailed on Mr. Roberts, sr., to return to work.

In addition his duties here, Mr. Roberts will be in charge of a receiving station at Claxton, Ga., where the company will also con-

tract for 500 acres to be shipped green either to Plymouth or some other preliminary processing station.

It was pointed out that Mr. Roberts would be in charge of receiving the cucumbers in Georgia, which are picked in May, and then return here by June 5, when harvesting of the local crop is usually started.

Mr. Roberts is the father of P. H. Roberts, jr., who was here for several years with the Lang Company and who is now stationed in Millford, Va., where the Lang Company has a plant.

If Mr. Roberts, sr., can find living quarters here he will live in Plymouth, but if it is impossible to find an apartment here he may make his home in Claxton.