

E. F. Still left Rocky Mount today by plane for Blytheville, Ark., where he joined his wife who had been visiting there.

The Plymouth Colored School made its first canvass for the Red Cross during the present roll call drive, and turned over to the local chapter \$22.95 this week.

Joe Coker, who was driving the bus for the Arkansas A. & M. College foot ball team, of Monticello, Ark., when it struck a truck parked on Highway 32 last week, was still here today awaiting a new chassis for his bus.

Lyman Roberts and P. H. Roberts, sr., are now in the county signing contracts for cucumber and onion acreage for the 1941 growing season.

During the past week a group of hunters from Creswell and Asheville reported killing four bear while hunting in the Lake Phelps section of the Dismal Swamp.

Representative W. M. Darden, of this County, has been assigned seat No. 2 in the hall of the house, the same he occupied last year during the legislature.

Plymouth is one of several hundred towns on the line of the A. C. L. Railroad to be listed in the official directory recently issued by the company.

Shearin Harris, of Albemarle, an associate in the law firm of which Lieutenant Governor Erskine Smith is a member, visited the Lions Club here last Thursday night.

Infant Dies Here With Pneumonia

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Sneed's Ferry, in Onslow County, for Ivy Randolph Thorne, 3-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thorne, who died at the Monroe Street home of his parents Sunday night at 9:40.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorne came here in February, 1937, from Rocky Mount. They, with a small daughter, Louise, survive.

"Golgotha" To Be Shown Here 16th

The Lions Club of Plymouth has made arrangements to show on Monday, December 16, at the Plymouth High School auditorium, one of the most unusual talking motion pictures ever made, according to President P. W. Brown.

The title of the film is "Golgotha," and it is the first and only talking motion picture ever made of the famous Passion Play.

Critics have acclaimed it as the greatest picture ever made, according to the club president, who said that this remarkable film should be seen by every man, woman and child in the community.

A complete set of the finest talking picture equipment will be brought

Next Thursday Will Be Observed as General Thanksgiving Holiday Here

Practically all the stores and business establishments here, including the Branch Banking & Trust Company, the ABC stores, the post office, and county and town offices, will be closed Thursday of next week in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

At the post office next Thursday, mail will be received and put in boxes, and rural delivery will be made, but there will be no city deliveries.

Volunteer Firemen Ask for Old Toys; Will Be Renewed and Given to Poor

Decision was reached this week by members of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department to repair and paint old toys for distribution among the needy children of Washington County at Christmas, according to Assistant Chief J. B. Willoughby and Carlisle Doughtie, who were appointed a committee to make arrangements for collection and repair of discarded toys.

As their contribution toward lightening heavy hearts and preventing the disappointment of children on Christmas Day, the firemen last year "renewed" scores of discarded toys contributed by generous people here and brought cheer to the hearts of many who otherwise would have been passed up entirely by Santa Claus.

Half of Chapter Quota Raised by Workers in Red Cross Drive Here

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Meeting of Teachers And Parents Held Here Last Thursday

A profit of \$154 was made on the recent Halloween Carnival conducted by the local school, it was reported at the monthly meeting of the local parent-teacher association held in the Plymouth High School auditorium last Thursday night.

Situation Caused by Large Number of Absences Is Discussed

Due to the large number of absences in the school, the committee which has been working with the school officials in attempting to secure an additional teacher reported that this could not be done during the current term.

Principal R. B. Trotman urged the parents to have their children at school as regularly as possible, explaining that one teacher would be lost next year unless the attendance showed an improvement.

Mrs. W. A. Davidson reported on the visit she and Mrs. J. K. Reid, president of the local organization, made last week to the district P. T. A. meeting in Edenton.

Principal R. B. Trotman was in charge of the program, which was featured by declamations by Mrs. Rogers, Phillip Liverman and Margaret Bateman.

Schools of the county will close Wednesday afternoon and allow two days for Thanksgiving, reopening Monday morning.

have old or discarded toys which can be made serviceable by repairing or painting, to bring them to the fire department headquarters or to notify any of the firemen immediately, so that they may be called for and work begun as soon as possible.

Assistant Chief Willoughby said today that he hoped local people would respond immediately to the appeal for old toys, so as to give the firemen as much time as possible for the renovating task.

Campaign Will Be Brought To Close Thanksgiving Day

With only about six days left before the campaign closes on Thanksgiving Day, the annual roll call campaign of the American Red Cross in Washington County has received contributions totaling \$100, according to Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd, roll call chairman.

Mrs. Lloyd and the workers here in Plymouth, as well as in every other community of the county, were hard at work this week in an effort to top the mark of \$200 reached last year, and she urges those who can to contribute liberally.

The following workers have assisted Mrs. Lloyd in Plymouth: Mesdames E. G. Arps, Percy M. Arps, Joe Arps, Miriam Kimbrough, Jack Read, T. W. Earle, Bobby Martin, Wade Johnson, Glyde Hardison, Wilmer Chesson, D. J. Brinkley, Leroy Bateman, Ed Heritage and Miss Doris Williams.

The American Fork & Hoe Company heads the list of Plymouth contributors with a \$5 donation, and the following have purchased \$1 membership certificates:

Mrs. J. W. Rath, F. D. Simmons, Mrs. R. A. Williford, J. F. Allen, Connie White, S. H. Carrow, B. M. Lewis, H. C. Jackson, C. T. Coffield, A. J. Hutton, M. G. Waters, Ethel M. Modlin, J. C. Jones, Thomas Carrow, Arps, P. W. Brown, H. E. Beam, J. R. Manning, J. B. Willoughby, W. R. Roebuck, Pete Hampton, C. O. Kelly, S. D. Davis, Hassell Brothers Bakery, H. C. Owens, J. A. Bowden, Ed Adler, Blanche Swain, Roanoke Beacon, Dr. C. McGowan, Lloyd Owens, Dr. Wade Johnson, Harold Brinn, Maurice Smith, W. L. Riggin, Mrs. Lyman Mayo, H. A. Williford, L. H. Lowe, L. S. Thompson, J. W. Norman, H. H. Allen, Bill Davenport, Lyman Mayo, E. D. Keel, Plymouth Oil Company, Emily Waters, Sam Scherr, Dave Kullman, Raymond Leggett, M. W. Sprull, W. J. Mayo, Edwin Willoughby, Robert Campbell, E. H. Liverman, Z. V. Norman, Percy M. Arps, and Dr. T. L. Bray.

C. W. Burnham To Return Here To Live in Future

It was learned here this week that C. W. Burnham, formerly of Plymouth, and who married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bateman here, is planning to return here from Windsor, where he has been located for some time, and enter the insurance business.

Final Rites Monday For Fred J. Knight At Episcopal Church

Well-Known Local Citizen Died Saturday in Hospital at Washington

Funeral services were held at Grace Episcopal Church here Monday afternoon for Fred Jones Knight, 54, who died Saturday at noon in a Washington hospital.

A descendant of a prominent Colonial family, Mr. Knight was born in Edgecombe County July 8, 1887, but for the last 28 years had lived in Plymouth, where he married Miss Lizzie Golet about 25 years ago.

For about 30 years Mr. Knight was express messenger on the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train between Plymouth and Tarboro. Four years ago he underwent an operation from which he never fully recovered.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Lizzie Golet Knight, Mr. Knight is survived by three sisters, Mrs. C. B. Glover, Newman, Ga.; Mrs. C. L. Jenkins, of Raleigh; Mrs. W. A. Thigpen, of Glenlyn, Va.; two brothers, Will R. Knight, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Ed L. Knight, of Glenlyn, Va.; and an uncle, W. A. Jones, of Rocky Mount.

Funeral Monday for Mrs. Martha Swain At Christian Church

Native of This County, She Died Sunday at Home of Daughter in Durham

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Frances Swain, 72, who died Sunday morning at 1 o'clock in the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. P. Lucas, in Durham, were held in the Plymouth Christian church Monday afternoon, with the Rev. Griffith Hamlin, pastor of the church, officiating, assisted by the Revs. P. B. Nickens and R. H. Lucas, Baptist ministers.

Mrs. Swain, the daughter of William Sullivan and Matilda Browning Sullivan, was born and reared in Washington County. In 1886 she was married to Walter B. Swain, of Washington County, who preceded her to the grave by 12 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. P. Lucas and Mrs. Odie Lanham, of Durham; four sons, W. A. Swain, Petersburg, Va.; H. A. Swain, Charleston, S. C.; W. C. Swain, of Victoria, Va.; and Roy W. Swain, of Plymouth. She also leaves a brother, J. G. Sullivan, of Greenville; three sisters, Mrs. C. A. Nurney, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. A. Ward, of Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. W. W. Satterthwaite, of Plymouth; and 13 grandchildren.

Two Painfully Hurt When Auto Crashes Into Train

An automobile operated by Marvin Hardison, of Martin County, with Sylvester Ange, of this county, as a passenger, crashed into a freight train standing across highway No. 32 at the union station here last Friday night.

Sheriff J. K. Reid investigated the accident and reported that Hardison said he "didn't see the freight cars until too late to stop."

Beacon To Be Day Earlier Next Week

The Beacon will be published one day earlier next week, due to the annual Thanksgiving holiday falling on the regular publication date.

Advisory Committee For WPA Organized Here Last Tuesday

To Help in Planning Suitable Program of WPA Activities Here

A Washington County Advisory Committee of the professional and service division of the Work Projects Administration was organized here last Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. I. P. Hodges, district director, and Mrs. Harriett B. Harris, adult education supervisor, explained the duties of the organization to the 23 persons present at the courthouse.

Mrs. Hodges explained that the duty of the committee was to operate in an advisory capacity in surveying the county and planning a suitable program for WPA activities, as well as to present to the people the WPA professional and service division activities.

Walter H. Paramore was named chairman; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell, vice chairman; Mrs. Kathleen S. Nobles, secretary. Members of the committee are: H. H. McLean, Miss Ursula Bateman, Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Mrs. W. H. Paramore, D. E. Poole, Mrs. W. W. Bateman, Dr. S. V. Lewis, E. G. Arps, Mrs. J. K. Reid, Mrs. Lula Jackson, Mrs. Jack Reid, Mrs. C. E. Ayers, Mrs. Mary Owens, J. W. Darden, Mrs. B. G. Campbell, P. W. Brown, Mrs. A. C. Harris, Mrs. E. S. Woodley.

The WPA officials also showed the following statistics regarding the number of workers engaged in projects in the county as follows: lunch rooms in Creswell, Plymouth, Roper and Macedonia schools, 14 workers; matron service, Plymouth high, grammar and colored schools, 5 workers; surplus commodity clerk, Plymouth, 1 worker; community service: libraries, Creswell and Roper schools and Plymouth public library, 3 workers.

The number of persons awaiting assignments follow: Creswell, star route, one white woman, cook; Plymouth, three colored and one white woman, laborers; Plymouth, R. F. D., one colored and one white woman, laborers; Plymouth, route one: One white woman and one colored woman, laborers.

Mrs. Hodges explained that the professional and service division listed the following projects in the 26 counties of the district: Welfare projects: augmented service, health, housekeeping aid, lunch, canning and gardening, sewing, surplus commodities and matron service. Community projects: Adult education, art, handicraft, library, music, recreation, visual aid, writers. Records and research projects: codification, cumulative, historical records, county indexing, municipal government survey, police records.

Little Girl Dies Here At Home of Parents

Funeral services were to be held today for Patricia Elaine Hardison, 6-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hardison, of Jefferson Street, who died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock as the result of pneumonia. The Rev. E. O. Everett and the Rev. Paul B. Nickens were to officiate. Burial was to be made in the Windley cemetery. The child had been sick for only six days.

Bear Hunter Is Accidentally Shot

One of a group of hunters from the western part of the State whose name could not be learned here was reported to have suffered a severely injured leg when a shot fired at a bear ricocheted and struck him late Tuesday afternoon.

It was reported that the bullet, from a high-powered rifle, killed the bear, then hit some object, thought to have been a stump, ricocheted and struck the hunter in the leg. He was treated here and then taken to a Washington hospital. The bear, which weighed about 300 pounds, was killed by the same shot.

National Education Week Observed in Local Schools

National Education and Book Week was observed last week at the schools and public library here. New books were on display in the library and scores of posters made by school children were also shown.

Creswell Group Applies For Red Cross Chapter

Creswell.—A decision was made by those present at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. C. Harris, roll call chairman for Creswell, to petition the Red Cross for a chapter here.

County Has Quota Of 2 Men in First Draft Next Month

Ink Must Be Used To Fill Out Forms

E. S. Blount, chairman of the Washington County Selective Service Board said this week that a great many questionnaires were having to be returned to registrars because they had been filled out with pencil. The board chairman calls attention to the regulations which require the blanks to be filled in either on a typewriter or in ink, and he says the board positively cannot accept them unless this requirement is met.

It is reported that some criticism has been directed against the board because men with only one dependent have been placed in the same class as men with a number of dependents. Mr. Blount explains that men with dependents, whether one or a dozen or more, are all assigned to Class 3 under provisions of the selective service act, and the local board has no discretion in the matter. It is not considered likely that anyone in Class 3 will be called for service, anyway, so that it makes no difference whether the registrant has one or more dependents.

Two Arrested Here After Accident for Hit and Run Driving

Paul Hardison Injured Saturday Night When Struck by Car

At a hearing in recorder's court Tuesday morning, Miss Melinda Linton, 20, and Joseph Goddard, 40, of Jamesville, were released under bond of \$200 each for their appearance at the January term of superior court to answer to charges of hit-and-run driving as the result of an accident which occurred on Washington Street here Saturday night.

Miss Linton and Mr. Goddard said they became frightened and left the scene, leaving the car in which they were riding. This caused the charge of hit-and-run driving, as they failed to render assistance to Mr. Hardison, who was injured in the accident.

Another Routing for U. S. 17 Is Proposed

A report out of Elizabeth City this week has it that there is a possibility of the Federal Government routing a new path for U. S. 17 through the heart of the Dismal Swamp, eliminating Elizabeth City from the arterial highway. The report said that the new route contemplated using the Albemarle Sound bridge.

Thanksgiving Play at Creswell Wednesday

Creswell.—The children of Gallilee Mission at Lake Phelps will give a Thanksgiving play at Christ church here Sunday evening, November 24, at 7:30. Miss Lona Belle Weatherly will direct the play.

Snow Last Saturday Was Earliest Ever Remembered Here by Older Citizens

Residents of Washington County were greeted last Saturday morning by the first snowfall of the season, and while it was not sufficient to cover the ground, it was heavy enough to be recorded as the earliest snowfall in the memory of some of the oldest citizens of the town, including C. V. W. Aushon, 77-year-old clerk of the superior court.

One White and One Colored Man Will Be Called Into Service

However, Volunteers Will Take Care of Immediate Requirements

The Washington County Selective Service Board has been notified that it will be required to furnish two men, one white and one colored, for the first draft early in December, and Chairman E. S. Blount said today that Randolph Minton, white, of Roper, and Edlow Sprull, colored, of Plymouth, will likely be the first from this county to be inducted under the terms of the selective service act, if they pass the required physical examination. Both are volunteers.

It will likely be some time before anyone from Washington County is actually drafted into the service, according to present prospects, as there are more than 15 volunteers at the head of the list now. Gordon S. Stepp, white, of Creswell, and Walter Norman, colored, of Roper, have volunteered since the last list was published last week.

The board met last Friday night and classified 49 registrants, bringing to 99 the number of questionnaires that have been checked and the registrants classified. Of the 49 classified Friday, 21 were placed in class 1, including 11 volunteers; 2 in Class 2; 25 in Class 3; and 1 in Class 4. Clerk S. A. Ward pointed out today that classifications were tentative in some cases. For example, a person may be placed in class 1 and then a physical examination may result in him being placed in class 1-B, which shows he can be subject only to a limited training program.

Following is an explanation of the four classes into which registrants are placed, based on the answers in their questionnaires: Class 1—Those persons available for immediate military training and service in the land or naval forces; Class 2—Those persons deferred because the public interest is best served by them staying at their usual work.

Class 3—Those persons deferred because others are dependent upon them for support. Class 4—Those persons deferred by the law itself or for physical disability, or other reasons.

The list of the 49 men classified by the board last Friday night follows, giving order number, name, race and age: (See DRAFT QUOTA, Page 4)

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It has been reported more than once in this section that there was talk of routing the highway directly from the foot of the bridge on this side of the sound to Washington, possibly by way of Wenoona.

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