

George Spencer Hassell and members of his family, who were severely burned—one child fatally—and all of their personal effects lost in a fire which destroyed their home near Roper recently, asked the Beacon to express their appreciation to the public for generously aiding them since that time.

A deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the office of the chief of police in Plymouth on Thursday, February 27, to assist taxpayers in preparing their 1940 income tax returns, according to C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue. Since the collectors must cover the state in a limited time, they will have only one day here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hinman, of New York City, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman here for a few days. As an executive of a mail-order house, Mr. Hinman said he had purchased millions of pairs of shoes during the 10 years or more he has been with the company.

George Powell, of Creswell, is one colored boy who has made good in his work in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Well known in the Scuppernon section, he was enrolled in the CCC 23 months ago and has worked his way up to be an assistant leader with two stripes on his sleeves.

Washington County's population of 12,323 is divided among the four townships as follows, according to 1940 census figures released this week by the Bureau of the Census: Plymouth, 5,237; Lees Mill, 3,229; Scuppernon, 2,019; and Skippersville, 1,838.

Mrs. H. A. Paramore, of Scotland Neck, is in a Rocky Mount hospital, suffering from complications incident to the infirmities of age. Mother of Walter H. Paramore, Mrs. Paramore is well known here, having visited her son regularly while she was in better health up to a few years back.

One of the oldest couples ever to secure a marriage license from Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, register of deeds, was Freeman Hyman, 76, and Mary E. Baker, 62, both of Plymouth, who applied for the permit to wed in January. The contracting parties are colored.

Roper Teacher Injured Tuesday

Miss Naomi Sommerville, a teacher in the Roper schools, sustained a broken leg Tuesday afternoon, when a horse she was riding ran into an automobile operated by Eddie Stillman, of Creswell.

The injured teacher was brought to Dr. T. L. Bray here for medical attention and later removed to a Rocky Mount hospital. It was found that Miss Sommerville's leg was broken about six inches above the knee. It was reported today that she may be able to leave the hospital for her home near Raleigh by this week-end.

The horse was the property of J. H. Gaylord. It was reported that the horse had a tender mouth, and the school teacher, having heard this, was afraid to attempt to check the animal's speed when it entered the highway from a side road in front of Miss Gussie Carstarphen's home and started for the Gaylord home at a rapid speed.

The horse was cut on the shoulder by the impact, about 40 stitches being required to close the wound.

Junior Class Play Here Next Week

The Junior Class of the Plymouth High School announces its play, the new stage success by John Hershey, "It's a Long Lane," a comedy in three acts, will be presented in the high school auditorium here Thursday night, February 20, at 8 p. m.

Miss Irene Dixon is directing the play. A strong cast has been selected for the story, which concerns the struggles of a young business girl to hold her orphaned family together and to find a place for her younger sister and brother.

The public is urged to attend.

Tax Assessors Find Still Running on Property of ABC Enforcement Officer

There is a smart bunch of moonshiners operating down in Scuppernon Township, and they might still have an ideal location if they had just happened to have thought about this being reevaluation year. Tax assessors engaged in the quadrennial reevaluation of all real property recently visited what was supposed to have been an unoccupied farm residence on the Concord road there and found a small whiskey distillery running at full blast in a poultry house.

And, of all places, the farm happened to belong to L. L. Basnight, Washington County ABC Board enforcement officer. No one lived in the dwelling on the property, as the farm land had been rented for cultivation by a farmer living near-by.

When B. A. Williams, J. A. Combs and P. B. Belanga, the

County Has Quota of Seven Men for Army This Month

Five White Men Scheduled To Leave Monday, February 24th; Two Colored Men on Thursday, 27th; All Go To Fort Bragg, Near Fayetteville

Seven more young men will leave Washington County week after next, with five white men departing on Monday, February 24, and two colored men leaving Thursday, February 27, for induction into military service for a year's training under the selective service act.

All of the men will report to Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, for induction, and then sent to other military posts for training if they are not assigned to units at Fort Bragg.

The white men scheduled to leave February 24 are as follows: Charles Freeman Lowe, Roper, order No. 23;

Infantile Paralysis Fund Collection Is Near County Goal

Total of \$146.46 Reported To Date; Quota for County Was \$150

Contributions amounting to a total of \$146.46, made in Washington County for the Fight Infantile Paralysis Fund, have been reported to Mrs. A. Papineau, county chairman. The quota set by national officials for the county was \$150, and Mrs. Papineau expressed herself as being well satisfied with the work of the local committee chairmen, Mrs. S. A. Ward, of Plymouth; Mrs. Perla S. Brey, of Roper; and Mrs. E. S. Woodley, of Creswell.

Plymouth led the list of contributions, with \$92.41, Creswell second with \$35.55, and Roper third with \$17.50.

Contributions from Creswell were acknowledged as follows: proceeds from dance, \$11.05; Woman's Club, \$5; C. N. Davenport store, \$2.05; O. D. Hatfield store, \$2; W. L. Davenport, \$1.50; E. S. Woodley, \$1; Mrs. H. W. Pritchett, 80c; emblems sold, \$5.55; Creswell white school, \$5.10; Cherry white school, 80c; Creswell colored school, 70c.

The eleventh grade in the Creswell school sold the most emblems, with the sixth grade second. The committee was composed of Mrs. E. S. Woodley, chairman; Mesdames J. B. Davenport, Clyde Smithson, and Miss Alice Hamlet.

Mrs. Papineau closed the campaign with an expression of her appreciation to the canvassers and the contributors for making the drive such a success. The campaign officially closed on Monday, but a few contributions were still being received today.

Ex-Service Men To Be Listed by Legion Post For Voluntary Service

Registration Will Be Held Saturday Of Coming Week

Commander of Local Post Requests All Veterans To Register

The James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will undertake to register all legionnaires and unaffiliated World War veterans in Washington County on February 22 for voluntary service in connection with the national defense program, according to J. B. Willoughby, post commander.

"This is a summons for possible important service to God and country who served as young men in 1917-18," said Commander Willoughby, adding "I feel certain that every legionnaire and World War veteran generally will welcome this opportunity of perhaps doing another bit for his country."

"We do not expect to be called for active military service. Most of us are beyond that age. But there are many home defense duties to be performed. I urge every legionnaire and other World War veteran in this community to register on February 22. If you are going out of town on that date, fill out your questionnaire before you leave. It is a patriotic duty, and we of the American Legion have never shirked our duty or lagged in our patriotism."

It is emphasized that the registration is entirely voluntary. The purpose is to provide local, state and national leadership of the American Legion with the assets of man-power, experience and special training that could be made available to the government if needed in the defense of the nation.

On February 22, the 11,715 posts of the American Legion are going to register all of its 1,078,119 members and other World War veterans for national defense service. The forms will be in triplicate and will chronicle every legionnaire's capabilities and talents and from the information secured by the registration the American Legion can quickly locate any member or veteran whose special services the governmental agencies may need.

A thousand cards have been prepared for those who express their willingness to serve their country by visiting the voting places in their respective townships and file their names, addresses, and other general information about themselves.

It is expected that seniors from the high schools will be asked to conduct the registration in Plymouth, Roper and Creswell. Other arrangements will be made to have a registration place and attendants in Wenona and Skippersville.

Associated with Mr. Darden on the committee to arrange for the registration are D. E. Poole, of Roper, and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell.

It is possible that some of those volunteering may be asked to conduct sewing classes or to avail themselves of training in such classes or in some other branch of work.

J. W. Darden To Head Red Cross

John W. Darden was elected chairman of the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross at a meeting held in the municipal building here Wednesday afternoon, with C. Leo Wilhelm, field representative, assisting in the reorganization of the chapter.

Other officers are Mrs. S. A. Ward, sr., first vice chairman; Mrs. P. B. Bateman, second vice chairman; Miss Helen Duvall, secretary; T. C. Burgess, treasurer; and Mrs. J. K. Reid, production chairman. Mrs. Reid has named Mrs. Bateman supervisor of sewing and Mrs. P. W. Brinkley supervisor of knitting.

It was decided at the meeting that the chapter's annual organization meeting would be held on the second Wednesday in February.

Mr. Wilhelm explained to the ladies the work the Red Cross is undertaking now, with emergencies in many countries calling for this country to help suffering and hungry people the world over.

Light Truck Crashes Into Glass Store Front

A light truck, operated by Bryant Chesson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chesson, of Roper, crashed into the glass window at Blount's Hardware and Feed Store here Wednesday afternoon. It was reported the boy lost control of the vehicle. Mr. Chesson paid Mr. Blount \$58 for installing new glass in the window.

Representative Agrees to Sponsor Bill Providing Extension of Town Limits Subject to Special Election

Methodist Women Sponsor Cooking School in March

Tickets Go On Sale Next Week for Annual Event Here

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 3, 4 and 5; V. E. P. Co. Home Economist in Charge

Tickets will go on sale here next week for the annual cooking school sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the local Methodist church, it was announced today by Mrs. E. A. Harper, chairman of the committee on arrangements. The school will be held in the community hall here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3, 4 and 5.

The ladies were canvassing local merchants today for the gifts which are distributed among those purchasing tickets. Last year more than 300 gifts were distributed and Mrs. Harper hopes to have even more this year. The gifts range in value from about 25 cents to \$15.

Miss Mary Brown Allgood, home economist for the Virginia Electric and Power Company, will have charge of the cooking demonstrations and will cook a complete meal at each of the three sessions to be held. Discussions and demonstrations will include electric cooking and party decorations.

J. W. House Is New Assistant Manager House Chevrolet Co.

Brother To W. C. House; Will Move Family Here From Robersonville

Employment of J. W. (Jack) House, of Robersonville, as assistant manager of the House Chevrolet Company here, brings to this community a hustling young business man with wide experience in dealing with the purchasing public. He comes here to assist his brother, Clayton House, who is manager of the local Chevrolet and Oldsmobile agency, at a time when the firm is expanding its personnel and constructing a new and modern garage building on Water street.

Mr. Jack House has been a territory salesman for the Standard Fertilizer Company in Henderson for eight years. Prior to that time he was a bookkeeper for seven years, having graduated from the Massey Business College in Richmond, Va. Married to Miss Lucille Murphy, of Stone Creek, Va., about 14 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. House have three children: Jack jr., 13; Ann, 11, and Jacquelyn, 3. Unable to find a residence here, the family was forced to move to Robersonville, the nearest to Plymouth that they could find suitable quarters. Mr. House plans to move here in May, if a residence can be completed for him by that time.

Funeral Held at Mt. Hermon Sunday for D. E. Davenport, 53

Was Well Known Farmer of Scuppernon Section; Died Saturday

Funeral services were held at the Mount Hermon Church, near Creswell, Sunday afternoon for Doctrine Elwood Davenport, 53, who died at his home in the Scuppernon section last Saturday as the result of a severe case of pneumonia. The Rev. R. N. Pitts and the Rev. L. B. Bennett officiated. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

A native of Washington County, Mr. Davenport had spent most of his life in the Creswell section. He was a well known and well liked farmer. Son of the late D. I. Davenport and Mrs. Charlotte Davenport, he was married to Miss Rennie Ainsley in 1904. He was a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist church. For a number of years he served as a local committeeman for the schools in his section.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Rennie Ainsley Davenport, he is survived by one son, M. J. Davenport, of Creswell, and four daughters: Mrs. Minnie L. Sawyer, Mrs. Louise Oliver, Mrs. Eugene Davenport and Miss Roslyn Davenport, all of Creswell. He also leaves three brothers, U. G., J. E. and A. W. Davenport, all of this county, and two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Hassell and Mrs. W. S. Phelps, also of this county.

Paill-bearers were Marshal Woodley, Dockie Davenport, Chester Davenport, Hilliard Davenport, Ira Phelps and Ira Ainsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bosie Horton Now Manage "The Pines"

Mr. and Mrs. Bosie Horton have taken over the management of The Pines, formerly known as Forest Inn, on highway 64 east of Plymouth. Mrs. Horton stated that she will supervise the kitchen and that real home cooked meals and short orders will be specialties at all times.

Not Effective Until Ratified by Vote of All People Affected

Darden Also Decides Not to Introduce Measure in House This Week

Representative W. M. Darden heard a lot about the proposed extension of the Town of Plymouth corporate limits while he was at home last week-end, but when he left Monday to return to the General Assembly he stated that he would not introduce any legislation in the House this week to make any changes in the present boundaries. It is understood he has agreed, however, to introduce a bill during the present session providing for extension of the limits subject to ratification at a special election by the people affected.

Mr. Darden gave two reasons Monday for delaying action on the matter. First, he said, he would like to have an opportunity to study the proposed new boundaries, and, secondly, he was complying with the urgent request of interested parties who asked that he delay action for at least one week.

The main bones of contention, he understood, were that the area proposed to be annexed by the town left out the plants of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company and the American Fork and Hoe Company and also that the boundaries were being extended too far. It is argued by some that the town is not in position to give adequate service and conveniences to many of those living in the territory proposed to be included, since it would be too expensive to make available water and sewer lines and other conveniences on account of the distance.

Mr. Darden was present at the public hearing held Friday night, when about 60 persons were present to voice their opinions either for or against the extension proposed. The speakers at that meeting included W. A. Davidson, T. P. Sanderson, J. T. McNair, S. A. Ward, and Edward L. Owens, who opposed the extension for stated specific reasons. Town Attorney Z. V. Norman took the lead in explaining the proposed extensions and citing reasons for the new boundaries. L. W. Gurkin also spoke in favor of the extension.

Meeting Held Saturday

Saturday afternoon, Representative Darden met the Town Councilmen at the municipal building for further discussion of the matter. The representative then proposed that he would introduce a bill extending the limits—after studying the proposed boundaries and reaching some agreement if changes were deemed advisable—but conditioned on the fact that the act would not become effective until after a majority of the voters in the town and in the affected areas had ratified it at a special election.

The councilmen agreed to the representative's plan, and left it up to Mr. Norman, as city attorney, to write the bill to be presented by Mr. Darden to the legislature. However, when Mr. Darden left Monday, he said that so many people had visited his home during the week-end and asked for a delay of one week in presenting the bill that he had decided to comply with their requests.

It was said at the meeting Saturday afternoon that the town board would at once begin to advertise and make ready for a special election to be held about the middle of April, if Mr. Darden would introduce the bill providing for the extension subject to ratification in a special referendum by qualified voters of the town and the areas affected.

Population Increase

During the discussion of the measure Saturday afternoon, it was pointed out that if the extension was effected, the new population of the See CITY LIMITS Page 4

Expect To Have 50 Or More in Scouts Here in Few Days

Next Meeting To Be Held in Courthouse Tomorrow Night at 7:30

Fifty or more boys are expected to enroll in the Plymouth Boy Scout troop within the next few days, according to Jerome Frazelle, new scoutmaster, who said a meeting of the boys would be held in the courthouse basement here Friday night at 7:30.

Last week there were about 20 boys present at the meeting held Thursday night, with J. R. Manning and Dr. E. W. Furgurson, district scout officials, present. The boys brought a list of several other boys who wanted to join the troop. Assistant Scoutmaster John Womble is aiding Mr. Frazelle in organizing the troop.

Mr. Frazelle said it was planned to organize a rifle team among the scouts for target shooting and to make plans for the construction of a camp at the scout camp site on Welche's Creek near here.

The scout leader also asked that particular notice be taken of the change in the weekly meetings from Thursday nights to Friday nights.

Tobacco Listed as Article Essential To National Defense in Lease-Lend Bill

Washington County tobacco growers, as well as producers throughout the entire nation, will be gratified to learn that tobacco is considered a "defense article," which President Roosevelt is authorized to lend, lease, trade or exchange with Great Britain or other friendly foreign powers under the sweeping terms of the "lend-lease" bill now being considered by the national Congress.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner, of the first North Carolina district, said this week that he had received a letter from Representative Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, stating that tobacco was definitely included in the list of agricultural products considered essential along with arms, for defense purposes.

It is believed that if England and other countries draw heavily within the next few months upon the enormous stocks of surplus tobacco in storage in this country, the increased demand will be reflected in better prices for the leaf next fall. However, officials warn farmers not to increase plantings with this in mind, since there is enough tobacco in storage to take care of the demand for several years. Prior to outbreak of the war, the British companies bought a large portion of all the tobacco exported from this section.

Representative Bloom also said in his letter to Mr. Bonner: "I want to take this opportunity to say to you that I wish every Congressman was as attentive and as interested in seeing in legislation of this kind that the interests of his constituents are protected."