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TWO NEW MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL



E. E. Harrell, from the third ward, and J. R. Manning, of the first ward, last Monday night began their first terms as members of the city council.



Local Merchants To Meet Monday

A meeting of members of the Plymouth Merchants Association will be held in the municipal building next Monday night, June 9, at 8 o'clock.

Two things to be discussed are earlier closing of stores here on Saturday nights and a rat-extermination campaign.

County Committee To Explain Cotton Stamp Plan Named

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W. F. Winslow Is Elected Chairman; Meeting To Be Held Soon

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Five Persons Hurt In Series of Auto Wrecks in County

Five persons were painfully injured and several others less seriously hurt and property damage estimated at \$950 was done in automobile accidents in Washington County last week-end, according to Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated the wrecks.

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Number Leaving For Camp Friday

Several members of the Young People's Service League of Grace Church will attend the convention of the diocesan league, held at Camp Leach, near Washington, beginning tomorrow, June 6, and lasting thru Sunday, June 8.

Services for Grace Church Outlined

Regular services at Grace Episcopal Church for Trinity Sunday, June 8, have been scheduled as follows: Church school, 10 a. m. Church service, 11 a. m. Evening prayer, 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. L., 7:30 p. m.

Creswell Stores To Close Wednesday Afternoons

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Methodist Minister To Have Assistant

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor of the local Methodist church, will have an assistant, a graduate of the Duke School of Religion, will arrive Saturday to assist Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the local Methodist church.

New Paper Machine Being Installed Here Said to Double Output of Finished Paper

When the large paper machine, being brought to Plymouth from the plant of the Cherry River Paper Company at Richmond, Va., is installed at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, the capacity of the finished paper department of the local mill will be more than doubled, and it will turn out about 250 tons of finished paper daily.

783 County Farmers To Cooperate With Plan of Conservation

Is Increase of 31 Over Last Year; AAA Lists 833 Farms in County

A total of 783 growers of Washington County will cooperate with the 1941 Agricultural Conservation program, it was learned today from H. N. Porter, chief clerk in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays, who added that the AAA lists 833 farms in this county.

The sign-up for the 1941 program represents an increase of 31 over the 752 farmers who earned payments under the 1940 program. There were 692 farmers to sign the farm plan of cooperation for 1939. Farm officials are highly pleased at the continued increase in this county.

Every farmer in the county was given an opportunity to sign a farm plan, on which he listed the soil-building practices he intends to carry out. He received a copy of the farm plan, which showed the type of practices in the program, and how much he could earn from each. The plan also listed the individual growers' allotments for soil-depleting crops, within which he must plant in order to earn payments.

It is believed this year that more farms in North Carolina will be operated under the conservation methods than ever before. The approved practices, such as the application of lime and phosphate, seeding legumes and grasses, the use of cover and green manure crops and tree planting will have their greatest use in the state this year, according to officials.

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The warrant charging malicious burning was sworn out by Forest Fire Warden S. F. Darden, with Earl Midgett, J. C. Myers, Ira Alligood, Heber Alligood, H. H. Davis and H. E. Clifton, as witnesses.

It was charged that Mr. Cahoon started the fire on Thursday, May 29. Only three-quarters of an acre of woodland was burned, as the blaze was extinguished before it got out of control by Fire Warden Darden and others. However, the fire started at a point which threatened forests on 1,600 acres of Alligood land, as well as property of the North Carolina Pulp Company and others.

The witnesses testified that they saw Mr. Cahoon either going or coming from the scene of the fire, and Warden Darden testified that a bloodhound secured from the State prison camp near Creswell trailed Mr. Cahoon for four miles. Mr. Darden also said that he had received several complaints previously about forest fires in that section being of incendiary origin.

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The office of Morning Prayer will be said each week day at 10 a. m. Services of Evening Prayer, sponsored by the Young People's Service League, in conjunction with the Junior Choir, will be held each Sunday evening throughout the summer months at 7:30 p. m.

The special offering of the men of the church, the Layman's Thank Offering, will be received Sunday, June 8, at the 11 o'clock service. The Layman's Thank Offering is to be used for the missionary work of the Diocese of East Carolina, and is patterned after the United Thank Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary.

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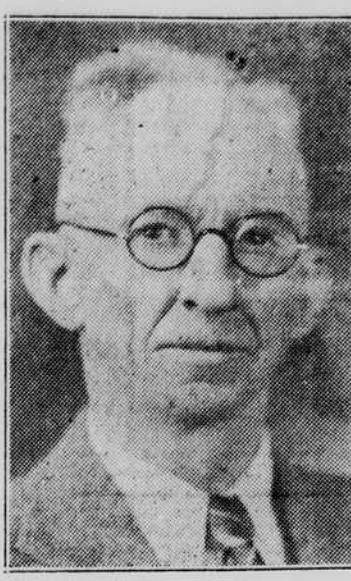
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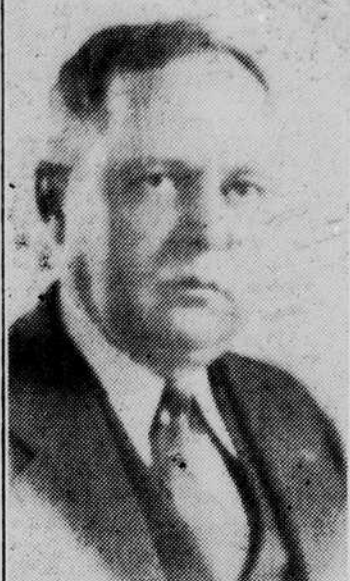
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CONTINUE IN OFFICE AS COUNCILMEN



James W. Norman and C. E. Ayers last Monday night started up on their second two-year terms as members of the Town Council, representing the second ward. No photograph was available of the other member of the old council reelected, A. J. Riddle, of the first ward.



Nearly 100 County Youths To Register July 1 for Service

Applies Only To Those Who Have Become 21 Since October 16

Approximately 92 Washington County youths who have become 21 years old since October 16, or will reach that age in the four weeks remaining, have been ordered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to register on Tuesday, July 1, for possible military training.

Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local selective service board, said that the Washington County board, composed of E. S. Blount, chairman, J. R. Manning and Clyde Smithson, had not received any information as to how this registration would be conducted.

However, it is reported that the selective service board in this county will conduct the registration and the new men are expected to be put at the bottom of the local draft list in an order of priority among themselves to be determined by a new national lottery.

In a proclamation fixing the registration date, the President said the action was "required in the interests of the national defense" and defined those who must register as all unregistered male citizens and aliens in the United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska, who have attained their 21st birthday on or before July 1.

Some of those who have become 21 since the registration last October 16 have already registered and volunteered for a year's training. A provision of the original draft law permitted voluntary service by men from 18 to 21 years of age.

The July 1 date was chosen, it is understood, in order that men registering then would have sufficient time to find out before fall whether they might be called for duty immediately. This will enable them to plan ahead for their fall and winter work or educational schedules.

Approximately 1,000,000 men will be registered throughout the nation and it is expected that thousands of them will be called for service within a few months, although they are to be placed at the bottom of the local draft lists. The local board has no direct orders yet as to the method of handling the new registration, but national officials say it is probable the lists of older registrants may be gone over quickly in order to reach men who have neither dependents nor essential employment and are at the age which the army needs most.

Five Selectees Left Tuesday For Year's Service in Army

Five young men left here for Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, for a year's training in the military forces. They were: Carlton G. Spruill, of Roper, and David Albert Hurley, of Plymouth; Elbert Forte Coates, order No. 96, and Lonnie Herman Craddock, order No. 322, both of Plymouth; and Osbourne Aldridge Marrow, of Roper, order No. 110.

Mr. Coates lives near Raleigh but was registered here, where he was engaged as a school teacher. David Hurley is making his fifth attempt to enter the Army. Mr. Marrow left after his appeal for change in classification was denied.

Louis Styons Will Hold Services at Zions Chapel

The Rev. Grover Lee Hardison, pastor of Zions Chapel Christian church, near Roper, was recently called into Army service as a chaplain, leaving the county Monday last week to begin his new duties.

It was announced this week that services will be held at Zions Chapel next Sunday by Louis Styons, student minister, who is home on vacation from the Ashley S. Johnson Bible College in Tennessee. Worship services will be held at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school will be held at 10 a. m., with J. C. Knowles as superintendent. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Registrants Warned To Answer Notices Sent by Draft Board

Severe Penalties Provided For Willfully Trying To Evade Service

Warning to selective service registrants that they must respond to notices issued to them by the Washington County Selective Service Board or become liable to severe penalties was given today by E. S. Blount, the chairman of the local board.

Mr. Blount issued the warning on the strength of a notice from General J. Van B. Metts, state director of selective service, who stated that registrants who fail to conform with the laws and regulations are liable to punishment by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by fine and imprisonment.

"Most of the cases of delinquency," according to Mr. Blount, "have been found to be due to ignorance, carelessness on the part of the registrants and it has been the policy of the board to be lenient in cases where it is apparent that there has been no willful intent to avoid service."

"But the investigation of such cases is taking up much valuable time of local boards and of Department of Justice agents, when these agencies should be devoting their time to the more urgent work of national defense," the chairman concluded.

Clerk S. A. Ward, of the board, said that there had been two appeals for deferment made which were not granted by the state board. One case of failure to return a questionnaire has been turned over the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents. The board is still trying to find three others who have failed to comply with the law by not leaving a forwarding address for their questionnaire.

Council Votes \$200 On Supplement for Director of Band

Group of Local Citizens Are Trying To Raise an Additional \$100

The Town of Plymouth Council, in session here Monday night, appropriated \$200 to supplement the salary of L. W. Zeigler as member of the Plymouth High School faculty as a teacher and band instructor. A group of local citizens also promised the councilmen that if the town would contribute \$200 to supplement the band leader's salary, they would raise another \$100, making a total supplement for the teacher of \$300 for the 1941-42 school term.

The band director and teacher receives a salary of \$110 monthly for eight months from school funds. Last season he was given a \$200 supplement, the \$200 being raised by local sources.

Mr. Zeigler's salary for the 1941-42 term will be increased by \$4 per month next term, which, together with the \$300 supplement, will give him a total of \$1,212 for the school year.

Mr. Zeigler has made great progress with the local band since beginning his work here about five years ago, and it was feared that unless his salary was supplemented he might be induced to leave by a larger salary elsewhere. For the last two summers he has been taking band instruction work at the University of North Carolina, and today he ranks among the best high-school band instructors in the state.

Mosquito Control Movie Shown Here

A group of local citizens Tuesday morning attended a showing of a sound motion picture showing the program of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the control of mosquitoes; with Donald F. Ashton, of the malaria control division of the State Board of Health, operating the machine.

The story of the control methods were somewhat like those in operation here, with the breeding places of mosquitoes being sprayed with poisonous oils, a poison dust and drainage of the swamp lands being done by drag-line dredges.

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, rounded up James W. Norman and C. E. Ayers, councilmen; Drs. E. W. Furfurson, A. Papineau, and C. McGowan; County Commissioner E. G. Arps, and several others, who enjoyed the showing.

Creswell ABC Store Robbed Of \$150 Worth of Whiskey

Thieves smashed a heavy plate-glass window in the front of the Creswell ABC store Monday night and escaped with 12 cases of assorted whiskey valued at about \$150.

Alton Ange, who for a time was engaged in the operation of a service station here, has entered the employ of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company. Mr. Ange is well known in Plymouth, where he has worked for some time.

L. J. Spear here has two small coins about the size of a dime, dated 1829 and 1830. Although they are nearly as large as present-day dimes, they are in reality only five-cent pieces. He has had them for 10 years.

Farmers in this county are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau in Williamston on Thursday, June 12. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner and state farm leaders are among the list of speakers.

Last week C. R. Bowen ran a small want ad about a dog of his which had been missing for several days. Early this week Foy Spruill, of Roper, wrote Mr. Bowen to come after the dog, which had "taken up" at his home. Mr. Bowen was quite lavish in his praise of Beacon want ads as producers of quick results.

Miss Ida S. Gibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gibbs, of Columbia, graduated Monday from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, with a B. S. degree in home economics. Miss Gibbs is well known in Plymouth.

While more rain is still badly needed, the light showers during the past several days have greatly relieved the extremely dry conditions prevailing and renewed hope among the farmers. Some farmers say that the rain was worth thousands of dollars, although more is still needed.

E. N. "Red" Meekins, supervisor of vocational agriculture teachers in 21 schools of this section of the state, passed through Wednesday enroute to Vanceboro from Hertford. Mr. Meekins said that training centers for defense workers would be located in Hertford and Vanceboro.

J. Roy Manning, chairman of the Albemarle district of Boy Scouts, said today that much difficulty was being experienced in securing a scoutmaster for the Plymouth troop. Assistant Scoutmaster Phillip Liverman has been leading the boys since Scoutmaster Jerome Frazelle left.

Mayor Jerome B. Flora, Secretary G. C. Meads, of the chamber of commerce, and other leading Elizabeth City citizens accompanied the high school band in a booster trip through this section yesterday, when local people were invited to attend the Potato Festival there next Wednesday.

Charles P. Collier presented the annual Silas Green minstrel here on Water Street last night. This show has been on the road for 53 years. Ford Wiggins, of New Bern, has played the role of Silas Green for 33 years without missing a performance.

13 Cases Called in Recorder's Court Here This Week

Five of Them for Driving While Drunk; Several Continued

Five persons were arrested in Washington County last week-end on charges of operating automobiles while under influence of intoxicants, and all five of them plead guilty in recorder's court Tuesday morning, when Recorder John W. Darden and Prosecuting Attorney S. A. Ward set about disposing of the docket. A total of 13 cases were called, with several of them being continued to later dates.

The proceedings follow: Walter S. Edwards, 50, white, driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs and license revoked.

Jesse Coleson, 23, white, drunken driving, \$50 fine and costs and license revoked.

J. W. Armstrong, drunken driving, continued to June 10. Kirby Carmack, 45, white, drunken driving, prayer for judgment continued to first Tuesday in October, 1941.

John B. Trump, 37, white, driving drunk; \$50 fine and costs, license revoked.

Felton Rodgers, 22, colored, charged with assaulting Will Holton with a knife. Found guilty of being drunk. Thirty days on the roads suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for two years.

George Wilson, colored, charged with assaulting Herman Mason, colored, with a knife, had his case continued to June 10. Lugene Mackey, 18, colored, reckless driving and damaging auto of H. G. Mizell. Not guilty.

Charlie Norman, failed and refused to answer summons to fight a forest fire. Continued to June 10. Edison Norman, failing to answer a fire summons; continued to June 10th. Herman Mason, charged with assault, continued to June 10. Charlie Bell, charged with assaulting Eli Cooper with a knife; continued to June 10. Eli Cooper, charged with assaulting Charlie Bell with a knife; continued to June 10.