

County USO Quota Has Been Oversubscribed

The campaign in Washington County for funds for the United Service Organizations for National Defense will be concluded by this weekend, with \$165 already raised, according to W. L. Whitley, county chairman of the drive. The quota for Washington County was \$150. Acting under appointment by the governor, Mr. Whitley was assisted in

the campaign for funds by J. R. Manning, P. W. Brown, W. V. Hays, J. C. Swain and Dr. E. A. Harper, representing the Lions Club and the American Legion post. The Lions Club gave \$25 and the Legion post \$10. Mr. Whitley explained that under the name of United Service Organization, a corporation has been formed by six national religious and welfare

organizations, which, with government approval and cooperation, will serve the spiritual, recreational, welfare and social needs of the men and women in the armed forces and defense industries of the United States. "This movement," according to Mr. Whitley, "was initiated at the request of the President of the United States, backed by the full support of the War

and Navy Departments, and I know you will agree with me that every man and woman who are not connected with our armed forces should have some part in supporting those who have been called to the colors. Chairman Whitley said further that this is an emergency in which America calls upon her citizens for aid, and the participation of an in-

dividual in this enterprise of United Service Organization is an acknowledgment of the debt we owe those who are guaranteeing our safety and way of life. "The need for service is great," Mr. Whitley said, "and I am sure that the people of Washington County will not fail in this patriotic call to duty."

Cotton Stamp Mass Meeting Announced For Monday Night

Retailers of American Cotton Products Urged To Attend Gathering

All retailers and their clerks, and wholesalers of American grown and manufactured cotton merchandise are urgently requested to attend an important mass meeting to be held in the Agriculture Building in Plymouth, at 8 p. m., Monday, June 16.

W. F. Winslow, chairman of the Washington County Cotton Stamp Committee, will preside. Speakers will include E. R. Willis, area representative of the Surplus Marketing Administration.

In announcing the meeting, Mr. Winslow stated that as far as possible not only merchants but their clerks should attend this important discussion of how merchants may participate in the benefits of the Supplementary Cotton Stamp Program, soon to be launched in this area.

He said that in order to be eligible to accept Cotton Stamps for redemption from the Government merchants must first complete a "Retailer's Statement" from which will be available and fully explained at the meeting.

Mr. Willis added that \$25,000,000 worth of cotton stamps are available for distribution to cotton farmers in 1941, and any merchants unprepared to accept these stamps intrude in the prescribed manner would be at a distinct disadvantage. "The simple way for merchants to fully understand the program," said Mr. Winslow, "is to attend this meeting. They will learn how they may get their share of this additional business; what goods may be exchanged for stamps; the rules and regulations they must comply with in making cotton stamp sales; and how to redeem the stamps for cash."

"By aggressive merchandising methods pushing the sale of cotton goods not only to those using stamps—but to every family in the community—retail merchants will make substantial contributions toward solving the problem of price-depressing cotton surpluses and under-consumption of cotton goods by a large part of our people."

Nine From Here at Camp Leach Meet

Miss Jane Read was elected to the office of Second Vice-President of the Young People's Service League of the Diocese of East Carolina at the organization's annual convention held last week-end at Camp Leach. Mrs. T. W. Earle, advisor to the Grace Church young people's group, was also elected to a diocesan office and will serve as one of the three adult counselors of the diocesan Y. P. S. L. for the ensuing year. Miss Read and Mrs. Earle were elected by unanimous ballot.

The Grace Church league was represented by a delegation of 9 members at the convention. This delegation included the following members of the local young people's group: Jack Horton, Zeno Lyon, Jr., Shelton McNeil, Charles Robbins, Jane Read, Tom Hampton, Junior Rath, Mrs. T. W. Earle, and Mr. W. B. Daniels. Mrs. Earle was also appointed to serve as a member of the Department of Youth of the Diocese. This department has as its function the supervision and coordination of all youth organizations within the Diocese of East Carolina.

Dr. Lewis Goes With U. S. Health Service

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, has volunteered for service with the United States Public Health Service wherever that governmental agency may send him. For the time being he has been loaned by the Federal government to the state to continue health work here.

Dr. Lewis has no idea when or where he may be called for service. In the World War, Dr. Lewis was in the Naval Medical Reserve Corps.

Within a few days after he recently volunteered his services, a representative of the government came here to administer the oath of allegiance to Dr. Lewis.

Draft Board Near End of Huge Task

Questionnaires have been sent to 1,220 registrants under the selective service act, approximately four-fifths of the county total of 1,588 men who registered last October, according to S. A. Ward, clerk to the local board. This leaves only 368 more questionnaires to be mailed out.

So far no county registrant has deliberately refused to fill out the blanks, but several have been negligent about leaving forwarding addresses and a few questionnaires have been returned, the clerk said. After a certain number of days, if the registrant cannot be located, the matter is then turned over the Federal Bureau of Investigation for action. So far, only one has been certified to the FBI from this county.

Cucumber Delivery To Local Plant Gets Started This Week

First of Current Crop Came In Tuesday; Yield Short Due To Drought

Cucumber deliveries began at the C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., receiving station here on Brinkley Avenue Tuesday of this week, with N. R. Swain bringing in 75 pounds, followed on Wednesday by Still and Hedgebeth, who delivered 35 pounds. Both received the top price. The schedule of prices being paid by the local receiving station is \$2.50 per 100 pounds for No. 1's; 80 cents per 100 for No. 2 grade; and 60 cents for the No. 3 grade.

C. W. Dinkins, former local school teacher, who has been working with the Lang organization during the summer months, recently returned from Claxton, Ga., where he has been with the company's receiving station there for the last several weeks. He will assist G. S. Respass at the station here.

Mr. Dinkins said that the general report was that there would be a scarcity of cucumbers this season, due to the extremely dry weather, and this is especially true in Washington County. The recent rains are expected to help some, but they came too late in many cases.

The Lang Company, a Baltimore concern, has about 325 acres under contract for deliveries to the local plant. The peak of the harvesting season will be reached within another two weeks.

Bible School Begins at Roper Church Monday

Roper.—The Roper Baptist church will hold a Daily Vacation Bible School, starting Monday, June 16, and running through Friday, June 20. The school will be conducted by Miss Ruth Eller, of Greensboro. It will begin at 9 o'clock each morning and close at noon. All children are urged to attend.

Rev. Frank Cale, of Edenton, will hold a series of meetings at the Baptist church each evening during the Daily Vacation Bible School, the services to begin at 8 o'clock.

Petition for Better Mail Service Here Will Be Presented Postal Authorities

A petition signed by local merchants and business men will be presented to Postmaster George W. Hardison within the next few days, with the request that he take up the matter of securing improved mail schedules for Plymouth with the proper authorities. Criticism of the mail service here centers around the departure of mail from Plymouth at 5:15 p. m. daily for Williamston, where it connects with north and south bound mail buses which take the mail to Wilson and Norfolk, where long-distance mail is transferred to trains.

President James W. Norman, of the Plymouth Merchants Association first brought the matter to the attention of the local organization, and it is hoped that the schedule may be so rearranged that the last dispatch of the day will leave this post office at 6 o'clock. Under the present schedule, the local mail is due in Williamston at 6 o'clock to connect with the buses, which must reach Wilson and Norfolk in time to meet the train schedules. Postmaster Hardison has stated that he would transfer the petition to the proper authorities who would see if a more convenient schedule can be worked out.

School Building Plans Still Up in Air; Board Studying Another Idea

Would Add 10 Class Rooms to North Side Of Present Building

Pass Up Plan of New Building On Another Site as Too Expensive

Faced with the possibility that only about \$50,000 will be available for providing additional school facilities here in Plymouth, the Washington County Board of Education is now studying another plan, it was learned this week. It was first proposed to add some classrooms to the high school building and improve the old Hampton Academy so that its use might be continued. This idea had to be abandoned, and it was next proposed to buy a site and erect a new elementary school building. However, it is believed that this will cost more than the amount of money to be made available, and so the county board is now studying plans for adding 10 classrooms to the north side of the present high school building on Washington Street.

Since a smaller amount of money will be needed to build the addition than will be required to buy a lot and erect a new building, the board of education is understood to favor the latest plan proposed.

The plan under consideration calls for construction of a two-story annex on the north side of the building, with five rooms on the first and five rooms on the second floors. The addition will be of the same general architecture as the present high school building.

The Washington County Commissioners have appropriated a total of about \$40,000 for all school buildings, and part of this money is to be spent on the Roper colored school, leaving about \$50,000 available for the Plymouth addition. It is anticipated by the board that the WPA will make a grant of some \$20,000 toward the building program here.

County officials are now understood to favor dispensing with the purchase of any additional property for the school, and do go ahead and build the annex on premises already belonging to the school. The prices quoted for available sites for a new building are regarded as entirely too high by the board, and they believe a better price may be obtained later from the owners.

Building the addition to the high school building will cause the playground to be reduced in size considerably, but school officials feel that their major objective right at the present time is to provide adequate classroom space for next term, and the plan under consideration seems to be the only way out.

14 Defendants in Recorder's Court

Seven cases involving 14 defendants came before Recorder John W. Darden and Prosecuting Attorney S. A. Ward Tuesday in recorder's court. Three of the cases were continued.

The proceedings follow: W. C. Davenport, charged with killing chickens of Walter Gilmer Bateman. Case continued.

Walter Gilmer Bateman, charged with permitting his chickens to run at large and going on the property of W. C. Davenport, had his case continued.

John Wesley Norman, 26, colored, found guilty of having non-tax-paid whiskey in his possession, was given 60 days at the county farm, suspended on payment of the costs.

Nathan Jackson, 21, colored, and Abraham (Buddy) Morgan, 18, colored, were found not guilty of assaulting each other with knives.

Robert F. Lassiter, 27, white, was given three months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs on a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants.

Ellis Taylor, charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants, had his case continued.

A nol pro was taken in the cases of Woodson Furlough, Bonnie Lilly, Rudolph Davenport, Herbert Furlough, Dennis Oliver, Alex Taylor and Durwood Sadler, charged with being drunk at Paul's Service station, engaging in an affray among themselves and using boisterous, profane and vulgar language.

Merchants Consider Anti-Rat Campaign On Big Scale Here

Committee Named To Confer With Officials of Health Department

The Plymouth Merchants Association, in session here Monday night, appointed E. H. Liverman, S. D. Davis and Joe Crowder as a special committee to confer with District Sanitary Inspector W. J. Highsmith and Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, regarding a campaign to rid the downtown area of rats. Inspector Highsmith said that an effort would be made to get John D. Faulkner, of Raleigh, head of the rodent control division of the State Board of Health, to come here sometime within the next week for a conference with the committee appointed by the merchants association.

It was pointed out that rats not only destroy property, but they spread certain kinds of disease. The control campaign will be aimed at destroying the rodents now in the buildings, rat-proofing the buildings, and making the stores more sanitary.

A. J. Byrd, Abe Adler and E. E. Harrell were named as a committee to confer with Miss Emily Waters relative to resuming the duties of operating a credit bureau for distribution of information on the credit rating of those applying for credit from local merchants.

Although it was discussed at length, no definite decision was reached as to whether stores would be closed here on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Since both Friday and Saturday are busy days here, it is not certain that the stores will be closed then. In some localities both the 4th and the 5th are to be observed as holidays, giving employees a rest from Thursday until Monday.

Tree Demonstration Near Here Shows 80 Per Cent Stand Now

1,000 Pine Seedlings Set Out In March by Local Farm Class Doing Well

An 80 per cent stand is reported today on the 1,000 loblolly pine seedlings transplanted on Tully Allen's farm, on Highway No. 32, in March by the first-year boys in the vocational agriculture department of the Plymouth High School, it was learned from W. S. Moore, instructor.

The trees cost only \$2 per 1,000, and it is estimated that they will be available for sale as pulpwood within about 10 years, according to Mr. Moore, who also said that the AAA soil conservation program paid \$4.50 to the landowner for every 1,000 trees planted.

"It seems that farmers would take advantage of this part of the soil conservation program by planting trees in straw fields or other idle land as well as in depleted forest tracts," the instructor said. Pine trees may become one of the essential crops in Washington county in the future, and those who plant them today will be regarded as smart farmers.

Mr. Moore also urges those whose forest lands have been burned over by forest fires to salvage the pine trees from which pulpwood can be made. He said that it could be sold if it was collected and delivered immediately, before the bugs and insects begin to attack it. Mr. Moore also advocates farmers making forest-fire prevention a major objective for this year.

Two Colored Men Go to Camp June 30

Receiving its fourteenth quota last week-end, the Washington County Selective Service Board is making preparations to send two colored men to Fort Bragg Monday, June 30.

The men chosen are James Lewis Nichols and Preston Moore, Jr., both volunteers of Plymouth.

Washington County has a fairly good score so far, with only 8 men rejected out of a total of 66 sent to the service from this county under the provisions of the selective service act. Of those rejected, three were white and five colored.

A total of 111 men have entered the service of different branches of the armed forces of the nation thru channels other than selective service. County has a grand total of 177 men in service, 66 selectees and 111 others.

Many Young Bicyclists Are Subjecting Selves To Great Danger, Mayor Warns

Mayor B. G. Campbell today issued a strong appeal for cooperation by parents in emphasizing safety to many young bicyclists who are subjecting themselves to great danger in riding about the streets and highways in Plymouth in a careless manner, with utter disregard for traffic rules.

"Most serious of the dangers which threaten the children are those connected with riding at night. Large groups of them get together and ride around after dark, many without lights on their bicycles, and become so engrossed in conversations with each other that they commit very dangerous traffic violations without thinking," the mayor said.

He said the youngsters should also be particularly warned not to turn corners without watching the lines of automobile or other heavy traffic, nor to dart out from behind parked cars or emerge suddenly from dark areas without lights on their bikes.

The mayor urges those who ride after dark to have lights on their bicycles and to observe all traffic regulations and rules of safe bicycle riding.

Movement of Irish Potato Crop Begun Middle This Week

Expect Peak of Season To Be Reached in Another Week or So

Carload lots of Irish potatoes began moving to northern markets from this section Wednesday, with seven cars shipped by rail during the day and six more cars booked for shipment Wednesday night. Harvest of the 1941 crop is rapidly gaining momentum in the lower part of Washington and Tyrrell Counties, and the shipments are expected to increase steadily for the remainder of the week.

Only a few hundred acres were planted in Washington County this year, most of them being in the Scuppernon and Creswell sections. In 1939 about 700 cars were shipped, and in 1940 about 800 were shipped from the two counties, most of them going from the Columbia section.

A little later than usual, it is expected that the peak of the season will be reached by June 25. Most of the carload lots shipped by rail go through Mackeys to Berkley, Va., where they are diverted to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other northern marketing centers. County Agent W. V. Hays said this morning that the latest price quotations he had heard called for \$1.65 per 100 pounds in New York, making the return about 90 cents per bag here. Today's newspapers quote the prices on No. 1 U. S. Cobblers at Washington and eastern North Carolina points at \$1.80, and \$2 in New York for unwashed stock. W. T. Freeman said today that farmers in the Columbia section were getting \$1.65 per 100 pounds Monday and Tuesday.

Doubt Feasibility of Proposal for Ceiling On Plywood Prices

Head of Local Plant Agrees With Others That Price Suggested Is Too Low

Eugene F. Still, president of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, said this week that he was in agreement with the belief of other leaders of the industry that plywood used in manufacture of furniture could not be produced for less than \$30 per 1,000 square feet, 1-4 inch in thickness, as requested by Leon Henderson, Federal Price Administrator. Mr. Henderson recently asked manufacturers of plywood to reduce prices for the quarter-inch material from \$30 to \$28 per 1,000 feet, with all other thicknesses in the same proportion. High Point furniture plywood men stated that it would be next to impossible to comply with the request, due to existing wage standards and the increased cost of all materials entering into the manufacture of plywood.

The High Point manufacturers said that costs had risen considerably, as much as 25 per cent, due to the national defense program, and that they had been operating at starvation levels for years. As plywoods are essential to the manufacture of furniture, any drastic changes in the plywood industry would correspondingly affect furniture makers. A number of the manufacturers have expressed the opinion that the imposition of a ceiling price on the industry cannot be successful.

Visit Mr. and Mrs. Magee Mr. and Mrs. Webb Stogner, of New Orleans, La., and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Magee, of Tyler Town, Miss., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Magee.

Permanent Surface On Turnpike Road Will Be Advocated

Chairman and Member of Road Commission To Be At Wenona Meeting

Approximately 75 men from communities in Hyde, Beaufort and Washington Counties will gather at the Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona between 12 and 2 o'clock on Wednesday, June 25, to impress state officials with the need for a permanent all-weather surfacing of the Turnpike road.

John W. Darden, chairman of a committee on roads, said that L. B. Prince, chairman of the State Highway Commission; Ed G. Flanagan, of Greenville, district highway commissioner; and W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, would be guests at the luncheon meeting.

It is hoped that the three state officials will arrive at the farm in time to make a trip over the entire route from Highway No. 32 to Pantego, so that they will know at first hand the need for improving the road.

Commissioner of Agriculture Scott has been present at several meetings which have been held at Wenona and in Belhaven to discuss the need for permanently surfacing the Turnpike road; and he is known to be exerting his influence for immediate improvement of the road.

Temporary improvement has been effected several times by the State Highway Commission forces topping the road with sand and gravel during the past few years, but residents along the route and those who use it extensively are anxious to get a permanent all-weather surface.

Missionary To Talk At Creswell Sunday

Creswell.—Dr. Lula Disoway, for many years missionary in Shanghai, China, will make an address at Gaillee Mission at Lake Phelps Sunday evening at 7:45. A picnic supper will be enjoyed on the lake shore at 6:30 by those taking basket lunches.

Mrs. Disoway has been heard at Christ Church, Creswell, and is remembered as a forceful and interesting speaker. She has given the best years of her life to the people of China and since her expulsion from Shanghai by the Japanese, she has been in her home land making plans for mission work in other lands. This work she says, though, shall not substitute permanently for her work in China, whose natives she loves. Dr. Disoway is well known in this part of the State where she has many friends and some relatives.

The public is cordially invited to hear her speak Sunday evening.

Officers of Local Legion Post Will Be Installed at Meeting Friday, June 20

A special meeting will be held on Friday night of next week, June 20, at 8 o'clock, in the community hall here, for the purpose of installing officers elected by members of the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion. It was announced today by J. B. Willoughby, retiring commander. This organization has 69 active members and under the leadership of recent post commanders has made much progress. It is recognized in Legion circles as one of the liveliest and most progressive posts in the state. Officers for the coming year, elected recently, follow: R. L. Tetterton, commander; B. G. Campbell, first vice commander; J. R. Carr, second vice commander; J. E. Westray, adjutant; J. R. Carr, chaplain; and J. E. Bratten, sergeant at arms. Departmental chairmen are as follows: P. W. Brown, finance; P. B. Bateman, guardianship; W. Linwood Hassell, historian; P. W. Brown, athletics; Dr. C. McCowan, child welfare; Roland Coburn, Americanism; J. B. Willoughby, grave registration; J. C. Swain, employment; Dr. C. McCowan, Boy's State; P. W. Brown, membership; A. R. Patrick, assistant membership chairman; W. V. Hays, publicity; and Dr. C. McCowan, Sons of Legionnaires.

W. H. Thompson received 300 additional head of cattle on his farms near Roper last week. He now has about 600 head of Hereford, Brahma, and native cattle on his ranch. He is one of the largest cattle producers in this immediate section.

It is reported here that some Washington County motorists are already hoarding gasoline in anticipation of the rumored shortage of the motor fuel. An unusually heavy sale of barrels has been reported for the storage of gasoline by individuals. No details could be learned.

Plymouth sponsors for the Albarnele Potato Festival coronation ball and dance at Elizabeth City last night were: Meredith Johnston, Becky Ward, Mary Lillian Campbell, Frances Jones, Mary Charlotte Jones, Jane Read, Katherine Midgett and Evelyn Arps.

Washington County farmers are expected to get about \$1,300 in government cotton stamps, which may be used for the purchase of American-made cotton goods. The farmers get these stamps for cooperating with the allotment and the soil conservation program.

A. E. Brown, of Durham, state organizer for the American Federation of Labor, was here this week on business. He said that general business conditions throughout the country are good.

Camp Charles, summer camping spot for the East Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America, near Wilson, opened last Sunday. J. R. Manning, chairman of the Albarnele district, said today that several local scouts would attend the camp during the summer.

Albarnele Beach is having the largest crowds in its history this year, according to Owner L. W. Gurkin. This beach is ever increasing in popularity, and every effort is being made to improve it from time to time, he said.

John L. Eason, of Plymouth, sustained a minor cut on his lip Saturday morning when a car he was driving crashed into a pole near Columbia. He will be tried in recorder's court at Columbia next Wednesday. Patrolman M. B. Stewart investigated the accident.

Funeral for Jordan W. Alexander Held Tuesday Near Here

Died at His Home Monday After Illness Lasting Six Months

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church in the Pea Ridge section for Jordan W. Alexander, 73, who died at his home Monday, about noon following an illness of six months. Pneumonia was given as the cause of his death. The Rev. Mr. Morris, of Elizabeth City, conducted the last rites, and an interment was made in the church cemetery.

Born in Washington County December 22, 1867, Mr. Alexander was the son of the late J. P. Alexander and Mrs. Priscilla Phelps Alexander. He was married to the late Mrs. Mary Swain Alexander, who died 15 years ago, and he was later married to Mrs. Lena Phelps Alexander. He was a member of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church for 30 years.

Surviving Mr. Alexander are his widow, Mrs. Lena Phelps Alexander, and two sons, Arthur and Thedia Alexander, both of the Pea Ridge section.

Sunday Services Outlined By Methodist Pastor Here

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor The Rev. J. Wesley Ang will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning on the topic, "This I Can Believe." Mr. Ang is in Plymouth as assistant to Rev. O. L. Hardwick for five weeks. He will make a religious census of the town and help in the vacation church school from June 23 through July 3.

Church school is at 9:45 Sunday, with Superintendent J. W. Norman in charge, and the Junior League will meet at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Ang will preach at Ware's Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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