

Begin Housing Project Here For Employees of Pulp Mill

A group of recent newcomers who were unable to find suitable living quarters in Plymouth and the surrounding section have completed arrangements and are preparing to construct between 30 and 70 low-cost houses on property known as "Brinkley Woods, formerly owned by A. J. Riddle, which is located just west of the new city limits. Arrangements for financial assistance in constructing the new dwellings have been made with officials of the North Carolina Pulp Company, which employs those planning to build.

north and south and two running east and west. Some brick and building materials have already been placed on the site, and carpenters are busy today clearing away brush and preparing to lay the foundations for three houses. The plot of land includes about 30 acres and is located about 200 yards north of highway No. 64 where it crosses the abandoned Norfolk Southern railroad roadbed, which will be used as the main road entering the property. It was unofficially reported that present plans call for the construction of 41 houses. It is stated that occupants of the new dwellings will become owners of them after they have lived there for a certain period of years, the money paid as rent being applied on the purchase price. It is understood that each house will have five or six rooms. Some of the houses will be turned over unfinished to purchasers, so that they can add the finishing touches during their spare time. Each owner will be responsible for outhouses and water facilities, although a well will be put down near every house. Accustomed to having their own gardens and rural conveniences, the newcomers had been unable to find the type of homes they were looking for at low rental cost until the present plan was worked out during the past few weeks.

Scouts Will Gather Scrap Aluminum for Defense July 24-25

House-Home Canvass Will Be Made Here; People Asked to Cooperate

Washington County Boy Scouts are expected to collect old aluminum in the county Thursday and Friday, July 24 and 25, as their part of the national effort to relieve the shortage of this material for defense needs. It was stated this week by J. R. Manning, chairman of the local district. Facing a serious shortage in aluminum, airplane manufacturers in particular are looking to American homes to boost the supply, it was said.

Housewives are urged to gather up their old aluminum pots and pans and even contribute some of those still in use, in order that the defense program may not be delayed, according to Mr. Manning, who said that the need is urgent. Anyone having scrap aluminum is urged to offer it to the government, since aluminum stocks have already been recalled and made over into airplanes. A willing and effective response to the call is necessary if defense plans are to be advanced, it was said. Tentative plans for handling the collection of aluminum here have already been made, local Boy Scouts agreeing to visit every home on the dates specified, collecting the metal and depositing it in a central bin which will be arranged at the rear of the municipal building.

The scrap is to be offered free to the government, and any and all proceeds from the sale to private manufacturers will go to the Office of Civilian Defense for use in advancing the defense of the nation as a whole. People in outlying areas are requested to bring their aluminum donations to central points in Creswell, Roper and Plymouth, so that all of the metal available for use may find its way into the defense program.

July Superior Court Completes Work and Quits Late Tuesday

HEADS CAMPAIGN



Carl L. Bailey was recently appointed chairman of the drive to raise the county quota of \$100 for the Old North State Fund of \$75,000, which will be used to purchase an airplane ambulance to be donated to England.

Henry Miller Gets 12 To 15 Years for Killing in January

Nol Pros Taken in Case Of Levi Johnson; Other Proceedings

The July term of Washington County Superior Court came to a close here Tuesday afternoon at 5 p. m., after action had been taken in many of the criminal cases and several civil actions that came before Judge Henry A. Stevens, of Warsaw, who presided over the sessions, with Solicitor Donnell Gillam, of Tarboro, prosecuting the docket. Proceedings were as follows: C. Edley Hutchins, 25, white; abandoned and non-support. Attorney Carl L. Bailey petitioned the court to allow him to retire from the case as counsel for the defense. The petition was granted. The defendant was called and failed to appear. A judgment nisi sci fa and continuance was entered. Dee Rock Squires, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants; called and failed. Instanter capias issued and his \$250 bond ordered increased. Malinda Linton, 20, white, and Joe Goddard, 46, charged with hit-and-run driving; Goddard was called and failed to appear, and the case was continued. It is understood that Goddard is serving a road sentence imposed in a Martin County court. Goddard was also called and failed to appear on a charge of driving a car while under the influence of intoxicants. Levi Johnson, well-known colored merchant here, charged with fatally shooting Handy Berry Spruill, negro, who was standing outside Johnson's store during an altercation inside last winter, had a nol pros with leave entered in his case. It was said that Johnson was shooting at a man who attacked his wife with a bottle and hit the wrong man. Junior Spruill, 20, white, charged with perjury in connection with the trial of "State vs. Otis Godwin," was given five months on the roads after entering a plea of guilty. Leneth Fayette Williams, 30, white charged with breaking into the Norfolk Southern freight station at Mackeys and stealing a box of candy, had his case continued upon issuance of a new bond for \$500. He was one of the group of young men arrested last winter on charges of robbing stores, freight stations and ABC stores in this section. Henry Miller, 26, colored, was given from 12 to 15 years for killing Cheek Bowser. Bowser knocked Miller down at the home of Terry Moore, and Miller then rushed home, secured his shotgun, came back and shot thru the window of the house, killing Bowser. Officers said on the stand that this was the first time Miller had ever been in any kind of trouble. Judge Williams told the defendant that he and Solicitor Gillam would recommend a parole for him after he served about three years. James Cox, 20, colored, charged with assaulting Levi Johnson's wife with a bottle, will be tried again. The jury divided, 7 to 5, and Judge Stevens ordered a mistrial. Levi Johnson was reported aiming at Cox when he shot and fatally wounded Handy Berry Spruill. The grand jury failed to return a true bill in the case of Mary Florence Gee, 44, colored, charged with embezzlement and forgery. Levi Howard, 40, colored, who appeared from a recorder's court sentence of two months on the roads for having non-tax-paid whiskey for sale, was found not guilty. A nol pros with leave was entered in the case of Allen Rouse, 36, colored, charged with entering the home of George Bagley at night and with assault on the 13-year-old daughter of Bagley. The case was continued against C. C. Cahoon, 64, white, charged with setting fire to grass or brush lands of Ira Allgood in the Suppermong section. S. B. Davenport was given four months on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$250 and costs and good behavior for two years after he was found guilty of setting a fire without giving notice to persons on adjoining lands.

Town Council Acts To Eliminate Stray Dogs Roaming Streets Here

Nearing Finish of Compliance Check

Approximately 80 per cent of the farms in Washington County have been visited by compliance workers who are measuring the farms and checking to determine the eligibility of those applying for payments under the soil conservation plan of the AAA. It was reported at the office of W. V. Hays that the remaining farms would be visited within the next two weeks, although this will not conclude the compliance checking, as the statistics must be computed and tabulated, which will require some time. It is estimated that about 700 of the 833 farms in the county have been visited by the compliance workers.

Say Band Instructor Cannot Be Shared by Two County Schools

Had Been Suggested That Zeigler Work at Both Plymouth, Roper

School officials say a plan to have Lewis W. Zeigler, Plymouth High School band instructor, divide his time between the Plymouth and Roper schools next term is impractical. It is explained that under the present state method of employing faculty members, it is not possible to have a full-time band instructor whose salary would be paid by the state. Instead the band instructor is employed as a high-school teacher and is required to teach the subjects designated by the principal of the school in addition to band work. The same method is followed in employing athletic coaches.

Orphan Singing Class To Be At Union Chapel 17th

The Free Will Baptist Orphanage Singing Class will give a performance at the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist church, near here, Thursday, July 17, at 8 p. m. An evening of entertainment awaits those who attend, and the public is cordially invited by church officials.

Local Board Receives Instructions To Defer Registrants Over 28 Years of Age

Instructions to defer all men over 28 years of age from induction into the army for a year's military training under the provisions of the selective service act were received here Saturday by S. A. Ward, clerk of the Washington County Selective Service Board. It was estimated that about 45 per cent, or about 700, of the 1,588 men between the ages of 21 and 36 who registered last October 16 in the county were affected by the new ruling. In the nation as a whole, it was estimated that some 8,000,000 of the 16,500,000 registrants were affected by the order. All men over 28 who have been classified, will retain their same classification, it was said by Mr. Ward, but they will not be sent to camp until deferring orders are received from Washington, where a bill to defer men over 28 is said to be nearing enactment. It was believed by Mr. Ward that about 20 per cent of the men who have been placed in Class I-A in the county will be affected by the deferment order.

University Claims Remaining Funds Of Defunct Banks

Court Had Previously Ordered Money Paid To Sheriff Reid

Failure of the Branch Banking & Trust Company to pay over to Sheriff J. K. Reid certain funds in fulfillment of an order entered in Washington County Superior Court here in 1936 by Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, resulted in another claim being made for the money. W. M. Darden asking Judge Henry Stephens in superior court this week to order the money placed in escrow for the University of North Carolina. The order was originally issued to the local bank as receivers for defunct banks in the county, and no appeal was entered when the order was issued in 1936. When Judge Harris returned here for the January term this year the order was signed by him. After hearing the facts in the case again in January, Judge Harris directed the bank to pay to Sheriff Reid \$531.36, that being the amount of dividends resulting from settlement of the affairs of the defunct banks which had not been claimed by any person, according to the final audit. There was no appeal made from the second order and nothing was done about the matter until June 23, 1941, at which time a motion was filed by Attorney Darden, as counsel for the University of North Carolina, claiming that the unpaid dividends should be escheated to the University of North Carolina. Judge Stephens, after hearing the motion Tuesday afternoon, held that one superior court judge did not have authority to overrule another and left the matter as it was. However, it is expected that Attorney Darden will appeal the case to the supreme court.

Parity Payments In County \$10,088

Washington County cotton growers will receive approximately \$10,088.56 in cotton parity payments this year, according to figures compiled in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays. Payments will go to those who, in their plantings, have not exceeded the total of their cotton and tobacco acreage allotments. The 1941 payment earned by a farm is determined at the rate of 1.55 cents per pound on the normal yield set up for the farm. There were 2,557.2 acres allotted to county producers, and the poundage figure was fixed at 731,055 pounds. After the farms are measured for compliance, and the farms eligible for cotton parity payments are determined, the applications for payment will be made up and farmers notified to come in and sign them. Division of the parity check between landlord and tenant is based on the manner in which each snares in the crop.

Quiz and Answers On Defense Bonds

Q. What is a United States Defense Saving Bond? A. This bond is proof that you have loaned money to the United States Government for national defense. Your bond bears interest at the rate of 2.9 per cent a year, if held to maturity (ten years). Q. Why should I buy Defense bonds? A. Because money talks. To dictators, it speaks defiance. To friends of freedom, it says, "Here's my hand!" Note.—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Employees of Local Pulp Plant Secure Blanket Wage Raise

Also Get Week's Vacation, According to Terms of New Contract

An increase in the hourly wage and a week's vacation with pay and other considerations were granted employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company last week, when officials of the local American Federation of Labor union and the management of the plant reached a working agreement for the ensuing year, following negotiations begun several weeks ago. The blanket wage increase, applying to all workers, is said to bring the level of wages paid here to a point where they compare favorably with wages paid throughout the pulp and paper industry in the South. Effective June 15, the new wage scale was agreed upon last week, several weeks ahead of the expiration of the agreement reached last July. The old contract expires on July 30, and the new agreements holds good for one year. The management of the plant here and union workers have always settled any differences in an amicable manner and the negotiations leading up to the new contract signed last week were conducted on a mutually friendly basis.

Start Drive to Raise County's Quota for Airplane Purchase

Carl L. Bailey Heads Campaign To Raise \$100 in Washington County

Former Senator Carl L. Bailey is planning to launch tomorrow the campaign to raise Washington County's quota of \$100 toward the purchase of a \$75,000 airplane ambulance to be given by the citizens of North Carolina to the people of England. The campaign is being carried on in the state by the Old North State Fund, a division of the British-American Ambulance Corps, of which Governor Broughton is state chairman. Notice of Mr. Bailey's appointment as chairman for Washington was received last week. Members of the county advisory committee include Ernest G. Arps, W. M. Darden, W. H. Booker, J. B. Willoughby and Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, with one other member to be named. The appointments were made by Governor J. M. Broughton and Judge F. O. Bowman, of Chapel Hill, the latter being in active charge of the campaign. Under the plan approved by the state officers of the fund, the drive to raise the \$75,000 in the state will begin Friday, July 11, and persons in all sections will be called on for contributions so that a reservation for the mercy ship may be made at the earliest possible time, in view of the factory's heavy demands for planes of this type. It is emphasized that there is no cost attached to making the collection, every cent contributed going toward the purchase price of the airplane.

12 White, 10 Colored Men in County Draft Quota This Month

Ten Colored Men Named to Leave Thursday of Next Week for Fort Jackson

The Washington County Selective Service Board has completed arrangements for 10 colored men to leave here Thursday of next week, July 17, for Fort Jackson, near Columbia, S. C., for their year of training; but it will be next week before the names of the 12 white men called to enter the service July 23 will be available, it was announced today by E. S. Blount, chairman of the local board. The white men will be sent to Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, for induction. Names and order numbers of colored men to leave next Thursday are: Frank Charles Barkley, volunteer, Plymouth; Milton Henry Bateman, order No. 253, Plymouth; Henry Edward Boston, order No. 258, Plymouth; James Hoggard, order No. 261, Plymouth; Percy Jesse Exum, order No. 264, Plymouth; Ammanuel Norman, jr., order No. 304, Roper; Otis Chesson, order No. 307, Roper; Sherman Shelton Hunter, order No. 423, Plymouth; George Albert Blount, order No. 449, Creswell; Willie Lee, order No. 469, Plymouth. Clerk S. A. Ward said that practically all of the 1,588 men who registered in the county last October 16 had been classified, and there are more than enough men to take care of the July quotas. With the registration held July 1 the county list of men eligible for training has been increased to 67. There are now 179 men from this county in various branches of the armed forces of the nation, 66 having entered through selective service and 112 through other channels. When the July quota of 22 enter the service, the county will have a total of 201 white and colored men in the military service of the country.

Three Counties in Local Defense Area

State Civilian Defense Headquarters at Raleigh have decided that Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties should be grouped under one council organization, but there has been no information received here as to the local membership or chairman of the group set-up. Director Theodore S. Johnson has recommended that local councils be composed of representatives of every organization which can play a part in the civilian defense program, including city and county officials, American Legion post commanders and other civic leaders and private citizens. So far, the local councils have accepted the tasks of organizing a state wide alarm system and assisting in the gathering of scrap aluminum.

Judge Fines Man \$250 and Costs for Violation of Forest Fire Regulations

"I would like for the papers to carry this information to the public," said Judge Henry A. Stevens, presiding over Washington County Superior Court here this week, in passing sentence on S. B. Davenport, 54, white, who was found guilty of setting fire to grass lands or brush lands without giving notice to persons on adjoining lands and with failing to maintain a careful and competent watchman at the fire. He sentenced Mr. Davenport to four months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs and good behavior for two years. The judge said much property was destroyed by forest fires in this state and that every effort was being made to enforce the laws designed to protect timberland from fire.